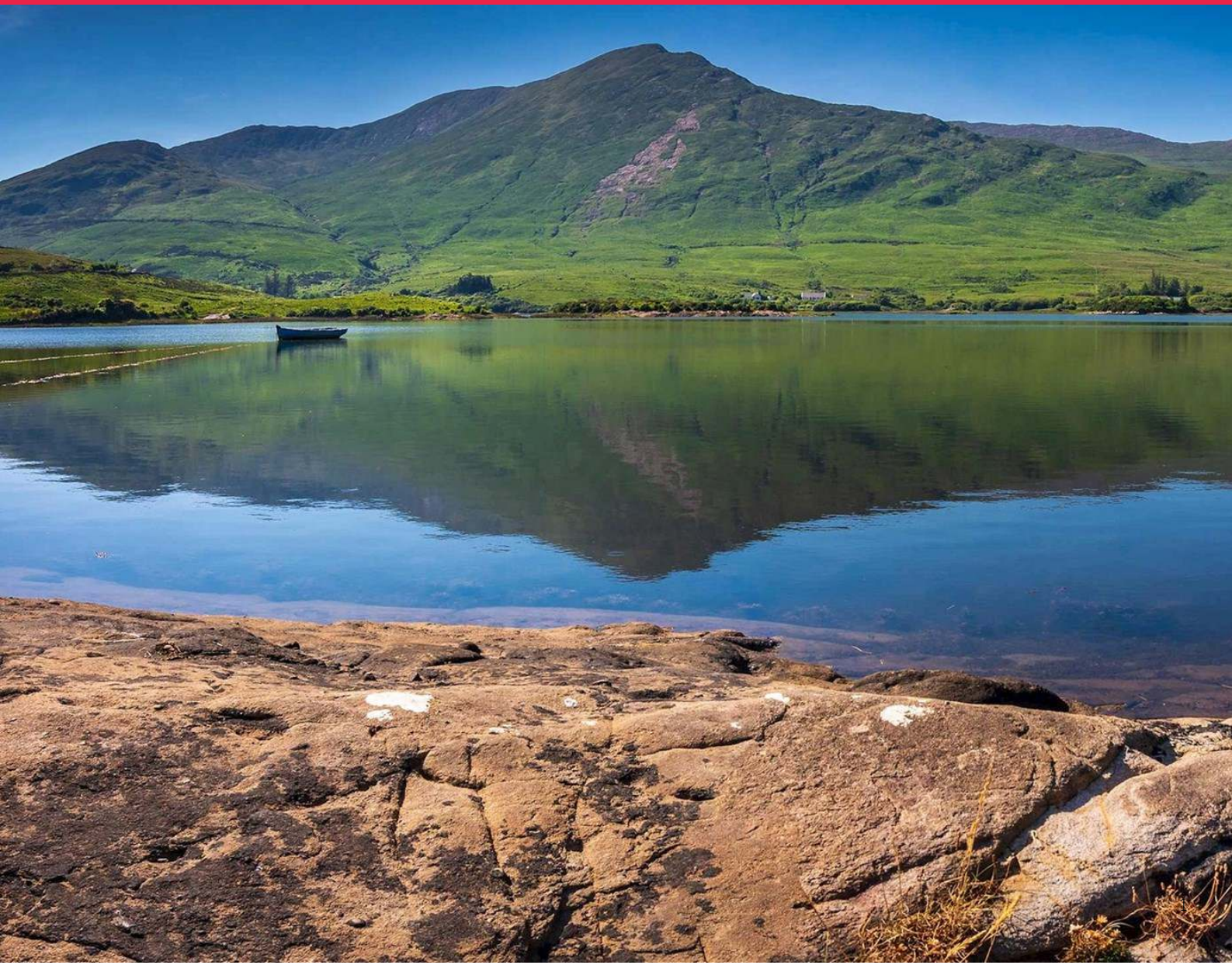


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Day 1 | Hello Dublin



A warm welcome to Dublin, a modern multi-cultural city that embraces its past and exudes an enduring sense of fun. Meet your Local Specialist this afternoon for a guided city tour to view the elegant Georgian Squares and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, said to be the world's most famous medieval manuscript. A special Welcome Reception this evening sees you visiting EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum.

Meals: Welcome Reception

Hotel: Clayton Cardiff Lane

Day 2 | Experience Irish history and on to Ballina



Journey through the lush green countryside before your first stop at Strokestown where we will Dive Into Culture at the Irish Famine Museum, delving into the stories of the 1840s famine. See the haunting pleas of starving tenants on the estate and the response they received, before continuing to Ballina.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Great National Ballina

Optional Experiences:

Luxurious River Shannon Cruise - The longest river in the British Isles, the River Shannon is immortalised in songs and legends. Come with us for a cruise on this majestic river, through the beautiful rolling countryside of counties Leitrim and Roscommon. You'll also enjoy refreshments on the luxurious Moon River Pleasure Cruiser.

Adult: 33.00 EUR

Poitín, an old Irish Tradition - Join us on a visit to a boutique distillery, where Poitín and Irish Whisky are crafted using the traditional Irish pot still. Our private guide will explain the process as you walk through the working distillery, which uses the best traditional methods. You will then be guided through a tasting of these two sought-after spirits.

Adult: 31.00 EUR

Day 3 | Journey to Westport and Galway



Travel to Westport and meet your Local Specialist for a walking tour during which you'll learn about the town's heritage – from its settlement 5,000 years ago to modern-day times. Later, visit the Benedictine monastery of Kylemore Abbey, set against the striking backdrop of Lake Kylemore, and stroll through its walled Victorian gardens. We continue to Galway, the 'City of Tribes', where we'll see Galway Cathedral and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Connacht

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

City of Tribes Walk and Dinner - Join us in the centre of Galway for a stroll with our Local Specialist who will enthral us with stories of this bustling medieval port, as we meander through the streets while taking in the main historical sights. Later we'll enjoy a meal, with a choice of classic dishes and an included drink.

Adult: 63.00 EUR

Galway Castle Banquet - Join us on a drive to Galway Castle where you'll begin your evening of medieval entertainment. This will be accompanied by a delicious dinner where wine will flow, and you'll be treated to songs and the marvellous Irish art of story-telling. *Please Note: this Optional Experience may operate on an alternative day, depending on availability.*

Adult: 72.00 EUR

Day 4 | The Iconic Cliffs of Moher and Onwards to Killarney



Our first stop today is the Cliffs of Moher, you'll remember for years to come as you watch the cliffs plunge dramatically into the Atlantic waters below. Beyond the endless views and the opportunity to capture on film the colonies of curious-looking puffins that find sanctuary in its nooks and crannies, you'll have an opportunity to visit the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience which really brings this natural phenomenon to life in an interactive way, leaving you with a deep understanding of this special place. Later, we cross the Shannon Estuary by ferry to Killarney, our home for the next two nights. Spend a free evening soaking up some unforgettable Irish craic or delve into the town's centuries-old history.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Killarney Towers

Optional Experiences:

You will be offered one of the following three optional experiences which may take place on different days.

Gaelic Roots - A tour de force of traditional Irish song, music and dance, Gaelic Roots showcases Ireland at its best. Using traditional instruments, Irish dance and time-honoured folk songs, this energetic show will have you tapping

your feet and singing along in no time.

Adult: 34.00 EUR

Celtic Steps - Enjoy a spectacular evening of Irish music, song and dance performed by champion dancers and musicians and showcasing the music of Kerry and beyond.

Adult: 37.00 EUR

Irish Ceilidh Evening - The Irish Ceilidh epitomises how music and dance were enjoyed in rural Ireland, especially on festive occasions. The craic - welcoming, jolly, fun and informal - is accompanied with plenty of food and drink. There's no more enjoyable way to understand Irish culture.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

Day 5 | A Day on the Ring of Kerry



Dramatic vistas are ours to enjoy as we circle the achingly beautiful Ring of Kerry – one of the most scenic drives on the 'Emerald Isle'. Meet John, a seaweed advocate and educator for a seaweed foraging walk, a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. See a soul-stirring landscape that has inspired poets, artists and writers for centuries, before returning to Killarney where you have the rest of the afternoon free to explore on your terms. Next, a leisurely guided walk at Torc Waterfall with a Local Specialist taking you along the lakeshore and past the farmlands of the 19th-century Muckcross Estate.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Killarney Towers

Optional Experiences:

Experience a Jaunting Cart Ride - Enjoy a traditional pony and trap ride through the beautiful Bourn-Vincent National Park. During your journey, your Local Specialist will share fascinating anecdotes about the area and Ireland.

Adult: 23.00 EUR

Day 6 | Venture to Blarney and Medieval Kilkenny



Kiss the famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle and receive the 'gift of the gab'. Travel to County Kilkenny to discover the 12th-century town of Newtown Jerpoint and hear about the saint buried there, who inspired the legend of Santa Claus. Later, we meet local farmers Joe and Maeve O'Connell at their home, Belmore House, to Connect With Locals at a Be My Guest experience and hear the tale of the 'lost' town over dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest

Hotel: Kilkenny

Optional Experiences:

An Afternoon of Irish Fun and Music (Craic agus Ceol) - Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the ancient sport of hurling at a local pub. Moving outside, you'll enjoy a live demonstration by village locals and even have a chance to try your hand at this game, said to be the oldest and fastest field sport in the world. Later, live music

and a drink will greet you on returning to the pub.

Adult: 29.00 EUR

Day 7 | Return to Lively Dublin



Kilkenny holds a long history for Ireland's national sport - hurling. Meet an experienced player to gain exciting insight to this unique Irish cultural experience and have a go for yourself to pitch. Returning to the Irish capital, enjoy some free time to take a walk down Grafton Street or stroll along the Liffey. All that's left to say is a rousing sláinte or two while you indulge in a memorable Farewell Dinner, enjoying a fun night out at a classic public house in the city. Admire the authentic Victorian bar and walk up the original staircase from Trinity College, which was featured in the Michael Caine film 'Educating Rita'.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Hotel: Clayton Dublin Airport

Day 8 | Farewell Ireland



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Meals: Breakfast