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JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

A Taste of Ireland

with Dublin City Stay

DURATION:

10 days / 9 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights into Shannon Airport [SNN] on Day 1 and returning from Dublin Airport [DUB] on Day 10

PICKUP LOCATION:

Shannon Airport [SNN]

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OVERVIEW

Aug 28 - Sep 06, 2025

“One Hundred Thousands Welcomes” to Ireland! Enjoy the timeless historic landscape and witness the legendary shades of green.

Starting at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park we'll be introduced to the legendary hospitality and history of Ireland as we begin our time in Irleand with a medieval banquet. Next we'll travel South to Bantry whose history streches back to Neolithic times. Extremely beautiful scenery to enjoy as we explore around the Beara Peninsula, with views of its dramatic intricate coast and mountains around every turn. A step back in time to see Charles Fort, the best preserved and most extensive star-shaped fort in Ireland dating back to the 17th Century. We couldn't leave Ireland without sampling some Irish Whiskey and a visit to Blarney Castle with the opportunity to kiss the Blarney stone and as legend has it, receive the 'gift of the gab'. The Dunbrody Famine Ship provides us with a world class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience and an insight into the bravery and fortitude of the Irish people. Before heading up to County Wicklow, known as 'The Garden of Ireland' we will witness Ireland's team of skilled workers and their world-renowned crystal at Waterford Crystal. Our final nights will be spent in and around the captivating capital city of Dublin, with a visit to the Guinness Storehouse and Malahide Castle & Gardens being just a couple of the highlights.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Ceád Mile Fáilte

DAY 2 - Limerick, Killarney Scenic Drive & Bantry Bay

DAY 3 - The Beara Peninsula & Ferry Round Garnish Island

DAY 4 - Blarney Castle & Charles Sea Fort

DAY 5 - Historic Cobh & Jameson Whiskey Distillery

DAY 6 - Waterford Crystal & Dunbrody Famine Ship, Wexford

DAY 7 - County Wicklow - the Garden of Ireland

DAY 8 - Discovering Dublin

DAY 9 - Guinness Storehouse & Malahide Castle

DAY 10 - Farewell to Dublin & Home...

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DAY 1 - CEÁD MILE FÁILTE

As the Irish say, Ceád Mile Fáilte! One Hundred Thousand Welcomes to Ireland. You will be met at Shannon airport for transfers to check in to our hotel in Bunratty. You will also meet your Big Journey Company Tour director for more info about the tour

For those arriving in time, visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park at your leisure this afternoon after check in. Bunratty Castle is the most complete medieval castle in Ireland. Built in 1425 and restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour, the now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings and works of art, capturing the mood of those times. The castle and park are within easy walking distance of the hotel. Here you will enjoy the sights and sounds of Ireland's history as you stroll from house to house and around the charming village streets complete with school, post office, doctors house, hardware shop, printers from the past. You may catch a glimpse of the farmer's wife baking griddle bread or making some home-made butter. McNamara's pub is definitely worth a visit.

This evening we'll enjoy a welcome dinner to start our week in Ireland

Included meals: Dinner
Accommodation: Ennis

DAY 2 - LIMERICK, KILLARNEY SCENIC DRIVE & BANTRY BAY

Today is it a fusion of traditional and modern streetscapes and offers delights for every visitor. After breakfast you will leave the village of Bunratty for Limerick City. As well as giving its name to witty, five lined poems, this compact old town is known for the medieval-era St. Mary's Cathedral and St. John's square, which is lined with Georgian townhouses. Limerick is a picturesque town standing along the River Shannon.
Travel through the pretty towns of Adare and Abbey Feale for our next stop in Killarney. Killarney has had a strong tradition of welcoming visitors for almost three centuries. Many writers and artists have visited this area and been inspired by the majestic mountains and mystical lakes. During your stop here you will take a jaunting car ride to enjoy the scenery and have a chat with your 'jarvey' (driver) as you take in the beauty of this place. Continue your journey south through the charming town of Kenmare, one of Ireland's designated heritage towns towards the famous Bantry Bay where you stay this evening. Dinner this evening is in the hotel dining room.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Killarney

DAY 3 - THE BEARA PENINSULA & FERRY ROUND GARNISH ISLAND

The tour today will take you around the Beara Peninsula. Bounded between the Kenmare river and Bantry Bay to the south, this area has two mountain ranges running down its centre, the Caha Mountains and the Slieve Misk Mountains. This intricate coast and the mountains makes for dramatic scenery at every turn on the road.
We will enjoy a traditional pub lunch in O'Neill's Bar in Allihies before continuing your journey through Eyeries, Ardroom and ending in the town of Glengarriff. Here you will board the 'Harbour Queen' Ferry for your journey over to explore Garnish Island. Garnish Island, 'IIlnacullin' in Gaelic, is a beautiful island garden located in the sheltered harbour of Bantry Bay. Returning from your ferry trip you will be transferred back to your hotel where you are free this evening to dine at leisure in the town.

Included meals: Breakfast & Lunch

DAY 4 - BLARNEY CASTLE & CHARLES SEA FORT

We enjoy breakfast this morning before continuing our journey to Blarney Castle.

Blarney Castle is most famous for the Blarney Stone, which has the traditional power of conferring eloquence on all who kiss it. The word "Blarney" was introduced into the English language by Queen Elizabeth I and is described as 'pleasant talk, intended to deceive without offending'. Nowadays it is more commonly referred to as 'the gift of the gab'. The stone is set in the wall below the battlements, and to kiss it, one must lean backwards (grasping an iron railing) from the parapet walk. In the grounds of the castle, Rock Close is a curious place of ancient trees and far more ancient stones, by legend a garden of druidic origin and a centre of worship in pre-Christian days. The place has an aura of magic and mystique with Wishing Steps, the Witch's Kitchen, Druid's Cave and many other delights telling a story of centuries past. Blarney Castle also offers you the chance to stroll in one of the country's most spectacular gardens.

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From here we continue to Charles Fort. Situated outside the town of Kinsale, Charles Fort once protected the sea approach into the town which is now one of Ireland's finest yachting grounds. The fort is the best preserved and most extensive star-shaped fort in Ireland and covers 12 acres. It was built in the time of Charles II, hence the name. It is an almost unaltered example of 17th century fortification which follows the pattern of other fortified structures in Europe.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Cork

DAY 5 - HISTORIC COBH & JAMESON WHISKEY DISTILLERY

Our first stop this morning will be to the Cobh Heritage Centre to learn about the Irish Emigration story. Follow the story form the 1600's when transportation to the British overseas colonies was commonplace, from Virginia and New England to Barbados, Jamaica, and Monserrat. This beautiful, informative, and sometimes emotive Exhibition is situated within Cobh's beautifully restored Victorian railway station, a building with its own historic story. Cobh is a town in Ireland, on an island in Cork city's Harbour. It's known as the Titanic's last port of call in 1912.

The tour continues to visit the Jameson Whiskey Experience at Midleton Distillery. Step through the doors here and you step back in time. Carts are piled high with sacks of grain, and you can smell malted barley drying in closed kilns. Thousands of casks housing ageing whiskey are on show, as well as original kilns. Pride of place for the exhibitions here goes to the largest Pot still in the world, which has a capacity of more than 30,000 gallons and has been used for more than 150 years. You learn about "the angel's share" (the amount of alcohol that evaporates from the cask during maturation) and the fascinating story behind the creation of one of the most well-known Irish whiskeys in the world.

We return to Cork where you will be free this evening to choose your own Irish Pub or Restaurant in which to dine!

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Cork

DAY 6 - WATERFORD CRYSTAL & DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP, WEXFORD

This morning your coach travels out of Cork, through Youghal and into County Waterford where our first stop of the day is at the world famous 'House of Waterford Crystal'. The world-renowned crystal is made here in the city by a skilled team of workers. You will be guided through the production area to see the birth of crystal from a white-hot furnace, and then to witness its transformation by dedicated blowers, cutters and engravers into beautiful sparkling crystal. You will be shown around the Crystal Gallery, which houses one of the world's finest displays of crystal and have time to browse the crystal shop before you continue your journey to County Wexford.

Stopping in the New Ross, you will visit The Dunbrody Famine Ship, one of Ireland's premier tourist attractions. This experience is centred on an authentic reproduction of an 1840's emigrant vessel and provides a world class interpretation of the famine emigrant experience, an important and formative event in both Irish and American history. The visit includes costumed performers and themed exhibitions to provide a unique insight into the bravery and fortitude with which the Irish people faced a desperate situation which sent its people across the globe and devastated family life here at home.

Continue on to Wexford town where dinner is included this evening

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Wexford

DAY 7 - COUNTY WICKLOW - THE GARDEN OF IRELAND

This morning we travel through Enniscorthy and up through the east coast of Ireland into County Wicklow, also known as 'The Garden of Ireland'.

Our first visit will be to Avoca. We will then visit the stunning Russborough House & Gardens. We will have time to enjoy the stunning Georgian house and explore the parklands. Our visit will also include the Birds of Prey centre. Here we will have a guided talk and tour followed by the chance to handle some of their hand reared owls.

Afterwards you continue on to Dublin City for the evening, Ireland's friendly capital

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Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Dublin

DAY 8 - DISCOVERING DUBLIN

This morning we will unlock the treasures and stories of Ireland's capital city. We take a short panoramic drive through Dublin with a local tour guide. A visit to Christ Church Cathedral is included. Dublin's oldest building, this has been a place of Christian pilgrimage for almost 1,000 years. Renowned for its beauty, architecture and exquisite floor tiles, it is home to the famous 12th Century crypt, one of the oldest and largest in Britain and Ireland.

The rest of the day is yours to explore Ireland's bustling capital city and there's much to see and do!

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: Dublin

DAY 9 - GUINNESS STOREHOUSE & MALAHIDE CASTLE

After breakfast this morning the tour will travel directly to visit Malahide Castle & Gardens. Set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, was both a fortress and a private home for nearly 800 years. It is an interesting mix of architectural styles.

We return into the city as no visit to Dublin would be complete without a visit to the Guinness Storehouse. As you make your way through the impressive storehouse, discover the age-old art of brewing that makes Guinness so distinctive; discover what goes into the making of each and every pint, and learn about the incredible brand history stretching over 250 years. Visit the Tasting rooms, a multisensory tasting experience designed to help you appreciate the distinctive taste of the iconic stout, from the very first velvet sip to the last lingering drop.

There will be some free time for any last-minute shopping or sightseeing before our farewell dinner this evening.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation: Dublin

DAY 10 - FAREWELL TO DUBLIN & HOME...

After breakfast we will arrange for your transfer to the airport in time for you to catch the departure flights from Dublin Airport.

Included meals: Breakfast
Accommodation: none

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet at the airport on arrival
- Transport as detailed in the itinerary
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Tour Director from The Big Journey Company as well as the local tour guide (subject to minimum group size being reached)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Please arrange your flights into Shannon Airport [SNN] on Day 1 and departing from Dublin Airport [DUB] on Day 10
- Drinks
- Gratuities
- All entrance fees to non-stipulated attractions
- Visas, travel insurance
- Any personal items and anything not mentioned under included in price above
- Any meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Any optional activities offered
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2:00 - 3:00 pm and check out is before 10:00am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Final payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

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