DEPARTURE JULY 13, 2024

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Northern Ireland
5 nights pre-trip from $1,295

Bath & London, England
7 nights post-trip from $2,495

IT’S INCLUDED

• Choose to purchase Grand Circle’s airfare, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements

• Accommodations for 13 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths

• 25 meals: 13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)

• 16 included features: 12 guided tours and 4 exclusive Discovery Series events: Hurling demonstration • Home-Hosted Lunch • Irish history & culture discussion • Sheep farm experience

• Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)

• Gratuities on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers

• Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip

• Private motorcoach land travel

• Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

• 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip

BOOK BY 11/30/23 AND PAY IN FULL USING A CHECKING ACCOUNT WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF MAKING YOUR RESERVATION, OR BY 11/30/23, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST, AND SAVE 10% USE BOOKING CODE G428-354

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PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:
Northern Ireland
Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-4 • Dublin, Ireland
Included Tours Dublin, Guinness Storehouse
Optional Tour Traditional Irish Night

Day 5-6 • Kilkenny
Included Tours Avoca Handweavers, Glendalough, Kilkenny

Day 7-8 • Cork
Included Tours Waterford Crystal factory, Cahir Castle, Cobh

Day 9-11 • Killarney
Included Tours Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry
Optional Tours Dingle Experience, National Folk Theatre Performance

Day 12-14 • Galway
Included Tours Cliffs of Moher & the Burren, Galway
Optional Tour Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Day 15 • Return to U.S.
Day 1 • Depart U.S.
Depart from the U.S. today and travel to Ireland.

Day 2 • Arrive Dublin, Ireland
Your arrival time will depend on your departure city. A Grand Circle representative will meet you at the airport and assist you to your hotel to meet your Program Director and fellow travelers arriving from their optional Northern Ireland extension.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening at the hotel's restaurant.

D—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 3 • Explore Dublin
After breakfast today, you'll begin your discoveries of Dublin, Ireland's political and cultural center. Discover the city on a guided panoramic tour, including a stop at EPIC, the Irish Immigration Museum. Set in Dublin’s docklands, this was the original departure point for so many of Ireland’s emigrants. Here, you'll be able to discover the stories of Irish emigrations around the world to modern day.

B,L—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 4 • Dublin • Visit Teeling Whiskey Distillery • Optional Traditional Irish Night
This morning, visit Teeling Distillery for a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the only operational whiskey distilleries in Dublin. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure, with lunch and dinner on your own. This evening, you may join us for an optional Traditional Irish Night, which includes a hearty three-course meal accompanied by lively tunes from local musicians. Feel free to raise your voice and join in the chorus as the merriment takes you away into the evening.

B—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 5 • Dublin • Visit Glendalough • Avoca Handweavers • Kilkenny
This morning, depart for Kilkenny, stopping along the way at the rustic monastic site of Glendalough, founded in the sixth century by St. Kevin. Next, continue on to the river town of Avoca, made famous by the Avoca Handweavers. During your visit, you'll hear about what it's like to work at the oldest clothing manufacturer in all of Ireland. Then, travel south to Kilkenny, where you'll arrive later today and check into your hotel before an included dinner with your fellow travelers.

B,L,D—Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel or similar

Day 6 • Explore Kilkenny
Discover Kilkenny's well-preserved medieval ambiance on an included walking tour. You’ll wander the compact city's narrow lanes, and visit the immaculately manicured, sprawling gardens of Kilkenny Castle. Built around 800 years ago, the castle remains a delightful destination for locals and visitors alike today.

After an included lunch this afternoon, the rest of the day is yours to discover Kilkenny at leisure.

B,L—Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel or similar

Day 7 • Kilkenny • Visit Waterford Crystal factory • Cahir Castle • Cork
Travel from Kilkenny to Cork today, stopping en route to visit Waterford and Cahir Castle. You'll visit the Waterford Crystal factory, renowned globally as the standard for the highest quality lead-cut crystal. After your tour and free time to shop, depart for Cahir Castle. Situated on a rocky island in the River Suir, Cahir Castle once featured a state-of-the-art defensive design, and is now one of Ireland's best-preserved castles. Later today, transfer to Cork, where you'll enjoy an included dinner at your hotel.

B,D—Maldron Hotel South Mall or similar
Day 8 • Cork • Explore Cobh • Home-Hosted Lunch
This morning, enjoy an included tour of Cobh, a seaside town that served as a major emigration point for families leaving Ireland during the Great Potato Famine. The city was also the last port of call for two famously doomed ships: the RMS Titanic and the RMS Lusitania, the sinking of the latter being the event that brought America into World War I. This afternoon, learn about contemporary life in Ireland while savoring a traditional meal during a Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family.

The rest of the day is yours to make your own discoveries.

B,L—Maldron Hotel South Mall or similar

Day 9 • Cork • Visit Blarney Castle • Killarney
After breakfast this morning, bid Cork farewell and begin your transfer to Killarney. On the way, stop in Blarney, a village nestled in the Irish countryside. Atop the south battlement of its famous castle, you’ll find the Blarney Stone, reputed to bestow eloquence on those who manage to kiss it—a feat that can only be accomplished by hanging upside down. Then, stop to view Ireland’s finest border collies in action during an Exclusive Discovery Series visit to a working sheep farm (weather permitting).

Arrive in Killarney in the afternoon. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at your hotel. This evening, you’ll also learn about rural Irish life during an Exclusive Discovery Series conversation with a local resident who grew up on a small farm in the 1950s.

B,D—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 10 • Killarney • Optional Dingle Experience tour
After breakfast, join our optional Dingle Experience excursion. First, you’ll travel to Kerry County Museum, where you’ll enjoy a re-created medieval street in Tralee. Then visit the rugged Dingle Peninsula, known for its spectacular coastline, where you’ll stop for a fish-and-chips lunch in the fishing town of Dingle.

B—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 11 • Killarney • Explore Ring of Kerry • Optional National Folk Theatre performance
On this morning’s included tour, you’ll discover the Ring of Kerry, enjoying breathtaking views of Ireland’s majestic mountains and rugged coastline. We ride most of the way, making scenic stops and disembarking in the picturesque village of Sneem for lunch.

After, return to Killarney, where the afternoon is yours to explore on your own. This evening, join us for an optional performance by the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, including dinner.

B,L—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 12 • Killarney • Visit Cliffs of Moher & the Burren • Galway
This morning, set off for Galway, stopping along the way to discover the majestic Cliffs of Moher, precipitous rock formations towering more than 700 feet above the ocean. Next, travel up the coastal road to the Burren, a surreal moonscape full of huge limestone crags, massive dolmens, and ancient stone forts known as cahers. Despite the seemingly inhospitable climate, a diverse array of plant life thrives here.

Arrive in Galway later today, where you’ll enjoy an included dinner.

B,D—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 13 • Galway • Optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour
Enjoy a full day to explore Galway at your own pace. Or, join our optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour today. You’ll explore the former Mitchell Henry mansion before enjoying lunch onboard The Connemara Lady cruise boat while viewing the spectacular scenery of Ireland’s only fjord. Then move on to Clough Na Mara, where you’ll learn about the hardships of life in early Ireland.

B—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 14 • Explore Galway
This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Galway, a burgeoning center for the technology industry and a lively bohemian mecca, with your Program Director, followed by time to explore at your own pace. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers at your hotel tonight.

B,L,D—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 15 • Return to U.S.
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or cross the sea to join our optional post-trip extension in Glasgow, Scotland.

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GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES

The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. 

Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing.

Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger.

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2024 DEPARTURES
LAND TOUR PRICES

| Land Tour only | $3,495 |
| DEPART FROM: | JUL 13, 2024 |
| Atlanta (ATL) | $1,500 |

Deposit: $350 per person.

Travel Protection: $599 per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

2024 DEPARTURES
LAND TOUR PRICES

Tailor your vacation with our optional tours

Traditional Irish Night  Day 4, $95 per person

Dingle Experience  Day 10, $95 per person

National Folk Theatre performance  Day 11, $95 per person

Connemara & Kylemore Abbey  Day 13, $95 per person

Optional tour prices include gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers, are U.S. dollar estimates determined at the time of publication, and are subject to change. Optional tours may vary.

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