



*The Traveling Professor Presents*

## **DUBLIN AND THE WILD ATLANTIC COAST OF IRELAND**

### **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

#### **Day 1, Friday**

Arrive in Dublin. After a long overnight flight from the U.S., let's meet in the lobby at 6 p.m. for a traditional Irish get-together and introductions. We'll get to know each other, talk about what to expect during the week, and perhaps raise a pint or two. Hotel: [Brooks Hotel](#).

For those who are on the Dublin pre-tour, this is a free day in Dublin.

#### **Day 2, Saturday**

Depart 8.30 am from The Brooks Hotel. Pass through the Curragh Racecourse - the Braveheart film set. On the itinerary is the Magnificent Rock of Cashel. Then it is on to Cork to visit Blarney Castle with an opportunity to kiss the famed stone. Follow the Lee Valley to the source of the River Lee or walk in the forest park or along the Beara Way in Gougane Barra. Overnight in the elegant lakeside [Gougane Barra Hotel](#) with dinner included and served by our hosts, Neil and Katy.

#### **Day 3, Sunday**

An action-packed day as we journey down the Atlantic Coastline to the "undiscovered" Beara Peninsula. It's rugged, wild and scenic. A 15-minute walk along the shoreline for seal-spotting at Glengarriff. Hike past the castles of Dunboy at Bullig Bay. We suggest lunch at the famed McCarthy's Bar. We finish the day in Kenmare with good friends, good music, and traditional dancing presentation at the [Landsdowne Arms Hotel](#).

#### **Day 4, Monday**

This morning we do an off-the-beaten path jaunt along the Ring of Kerry on the Iveragh Peninsula. Our small van gets us past the typical tourist spots and to places many travelers never see. Visit a farm to see amazing sheep dogs do their work with a tour of the farm afterwards. Walk with our guide to waterfalls and the ruins of Muckross Abbey. Before checking in for 2 nights at the historic [Dingle Benner's Hotel](#) in the center of town, pass by the Inch Strand, one of the best beaches in Ireland.

#### **Day 5, Tuesday**

A great day exploring Dingle and the peninsula. The options are many: chill out in Dingle or join a tour of the picturesque Slea Head peninsula. Optional activities include kayaking in Dingle Bay (45 euros per

person), horse riding on Ventry Strand (30 euros), surfing on the Inch Strand (35 euros), go for a walk along the Dingle Way (free), 18 holes at Dingle Golf Links (greens fees apply). There are PLENTY of shops, galleries, pubs, and restaurants in Dingle, home to 2,000 people and 54 pubs.

### **Day 6, Wednesday**

We leave Dingle and go north. Pass through North County Kerry before ferry crossing the River Shannon into County Clare. Known for its music, magic, folklore and the unique Burren Landscape, the 700 foot Cliffs of Moher await your discovery. An unforgettable stay at the seaside [Spanish Point House](#).

### **Day 7, Thursday**

We get up and go to the seaport of Kinvara with its colorful sailboats and Dunguaire Castle. A drive around Galway Bay through the moonscaped Burren region and finally into Galway itself. For 2 nights we stay at the formidable [The House Hotel](#) in Galway.

### **Day 8, Friday**

It's a full and fun day in Galway. Join our food walking tour or opt to take the ferry over to the Aran Islands. Spend the day enjoying the food, music, and culture of enriching Galway. Another fantastic stay at The House Hotel.

### **Day 9, Saturday**

Still lots to see and do on our way back to Dublin. No trip is complete without a whisky tasting at Tullamore D.E.W. and scenic stops on the way. We arrive in Dublin late in the day with a convenient stay tonight at a luxurious airport hotel. Travelers also have an option to stay additional nights at the Brooks Hotel.

### **Day 10, Sunday**

It's departure day. Remember, travelers can clear U.S. customs in Dublin. However, schedule extra time at the airport.

## **DUBLIN ADD-ON**

### **Day 1, Tuesday**

After arrival and getting settled in at the centrally located and comfortable [Brooks Hotel](#), let's get to know each other in the lobby over a Guinness or wee dram. We will chat about the days to come in Ireland.

### **Day 2, Wednesday**

After a hearty Irish breakfast, meet our professional local guide to show us all the good spots in Dublin. Our plan is to walk about town for half a day and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. Then let's go over to the Guinness Storehouse. There's lots more to do there than raise a pint, it's an exciting and interesting history of Dublin.

### **Day 3, Thursday**

Our Irish guide joins us again to complete our walking tour of Dublin including Trinity College and the Book of Kells.

### **Day 4, Friday**

A free day to enjoy Dublin on your own. This is **Day 1** for travelers joining us for the Wild Atlantic Coast tour.

## ABOUT OUR SMALL GROUP TOURS

Since each tour is planned with traveler input, your tour may be slightly different. We always add in "off the itinerary" sites of interest. Adjustments may be made for crowd management, weather, special events, or conditions beyond our control.

We travel with a small group of 8-12 active adults. This offers the flexibility to do what we want to do, on our own schedule. We are proud to say that with our smaller size van, we can follow routes and see special sites those larger tour busses simply cannot get to. We give our guests a better travel experience with only 14 travelers instead of those big bus tours with 40 travelers.

Breakfast is included each day of the tour. Dinner is included at the Gougane Barra hotel. Every day we plan a relaxing lunch and dinner. Please join us or go out on your own - we are glad to offer our best recommendations.

Our licensed guide/driver is with us during the day. Tour leaders are with the group 24/7. Unless otherwise noted, we ask travelers to be ready to go at 8:30 a.m. for a full and active day of touring.

Tips are included for guides and drivers. Steve and Linda do not accept tips.

Well before departure date, each traveler is supplied with an updated itinerary along with a complete and detailed information packet. It has advice on packing, money matters, passports, weather, etc. We make sure travelers are well-prepared. And of course, we are always available to personally answer any questions you may have.

Extra nights in Dublin are available upon request.

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