



The Traveling Professor Presents

DUBLIN AND THE WILD ATLANTIC COAST OF IRELAND

TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Day 1, Monday

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](#).

Day 2, Tuesday

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 finishing at St. Patrick's Cathedral. In between the plan is to walk about town in the morning hitting spots like the General Post Office, Italian Quarter, The Millennium Bridge & the River Liffey, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, and Smock Alley Theatre. We finish up at lunchtime for a tour and pint at the Guinness Store House. There's lots more to do there than raise a pint, it's an exciting and interesting history of Dublin.

Day 3, Wednesday

Another walking tour this time to look at the history of Dublin. We plan to visit Christ Church Cathedral and Dublin Castle. We stroll over to the famed Trinity College for a view of the Book of Kells. Free time in the afternoon. We have plenty of suggestions and recommendations.

Day 4, Thursday

Before heading out for our Wild Atlantic Irish Adventure, travelers have the full day to explore Dublin on their own.

Day 5, Friday

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 Gougane Barra forest park. Overnight in the stunning lakeside [Gougane Barra Hotel](#) with dinner included and served by our hosts, Neil and Katy.

Day 6, Saturday

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. Lunch at the famed McCarthy's Bar. Stop in beautiful Kenmare on the famed

ring of Kerry. See why Ireland is called the Emerald Isle with photo stops at Ladies View and a gentle stroll to the majestic Torc waterfall. Finish the day in Killarney at the luxurious [Aghadoe Heights Hotel & Spa](#) (Spring 2022 tour) or the [Landsdowne Kenmare](#) in Kenmare (Fall 2022 tour).

Day 7, Sunday

Killarney is glorious. Visit Muckross Abbey and stroll the gardens around Muckross House. A photo stop at the lakeside Ross Castle. There is time for a lunch stop and free time in Killarney before checking in for 2 nights at the historic [Dingle Benner's Hotel](#) in the center of town, there is the chance to dip our toes into the Atlantic at Inch Beach.

Day 8, Monday

A great day exploring Dingle and the peninsula. Join us on a tour of the picturesque Sleah Head peninsula, possibly the most scenic drive in Ireland. Optional activities include kayaking in Dingle Bay (about 45 euros per person), horse riding on Ventry Strand (about 30 euros), surfing on the Inch Strand (about 35 euros), go for a walk along the Dingle Way (free), 18 holes at Dingle Golf Links (greens fees apply). But then again, if all you want to do is chill out, there are PLENTY of shops, galleries, pubs, and restaurants in Dingle, home to 2,000 people and 54 pubs.

Day 9, Tuesday

We leave Dingle in the late morning and go north. Visit a farm to see the amazing sheep dogs do their work. Pass through North County Kerry before ferry crossing the River Shannon into County Clare. It is known for its music, magic, folklore and the unique Burren Landscape. An unforgettable stay at the seaside [Spanish Point House](#).

Day 10, Wednesday

First stop of the day is at the 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Afterwards a drive around Galway Bay through the moonscapped Burren region. We go to the seaport of Kinvara with its colorful sailboats and Dunguaire Castle and finally into Galway itself. For 2 nights we stay at the formidable [The House Hotel](#) in Galway.

Day 11, Thursday

It's a full and fun day in Galway. Join our walking tour or venture out on your own, there are plenty of options. Spend the day enjoying the food, music, and culture of enriching Galway. Another fantastic stay at The House Hotel.

Day 12, Friday

Still lots to see and do on our way back to Dublin. No trip is complete without a whiskey tasting at Tullamore D.E.W. and scenic stops on the way. Travelers can opt to stay tonight in Dublin or at a hotel closer to the airport.

Day 13, Saturday

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

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 8-14 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.

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.

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.

Due to COVID and travel restrictions in Ireland for the last 2+ years, many things have regarding travel. Although we will make the scheduled stops each evening as shown on the itinerary, during the day we may need to adjust the itinerary. We ask travelers to be flexible and patient with us as we resume travel in this era of COVID.

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