



Grand Tour of Ireland

September 23 – October 3, 2021

Escorted by **Bill McKinney**

Highlights:

- ▲ Historic site visits including Cliffs of Moher, Giants Causeway, Blarney Castle and Newgrange.
- ▲ Tours of Titanic Belfast, Beleek Pottery Factory, and the Dingle Peninsula.
- ▲ Guided walking tours of the Walled City of Derry, "Quiet Man" of Cong and Galway.
- ▲ Memorable sites of Knock Shrine, Killarney National Park, and the Irish National Stud.
- ▲ Horse-drawn jaunting car ride and Sheepdog trials.
- ▲ Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit to either Guinness Storehouse, Epic Ireland and General Post Office.

Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.
Epic Journeys LLC reserves the right to adjust tour price due to unforeseen circumstances.
Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.
Single supplement: \$917 per person. Travel Protection: \$239

Travel Dates
September 23 –
October 3, 2021
\$2,645
double occupancy + air
single supplement \$917

Travel Protection \$239
(double occupancy)



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Thursday, September 23 – DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Friday, September 24 – DUBLIN ARRIVAL & BELFAST

Land at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting your CIE Tours driver/guide, who will welcome you to Ireland. Have breakfast at a local venue with your group before traveling into County Meath to visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre. Learn about the nearby passage tombs of Newgrange and Knowth constructed over 5,000 years ago. Also, visit the actual tomb of Newgrange, which is aligned to the mid-winter sunrise so that the beam of the rising sun falls directly into the chamber. Next, embark on a panoramic tour around Belfast before checking into your nearby hotel. You may wish to relax or freshen up before dining on our own. *OVERNIGHT: BELFAST*

Saturday, September 25 – TITANIC BELFAST & GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Today, visit Titanic Belfast to embark on a journey through the life of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast to her tragic end. Next, travel through the Nine Glens of Antrim en route to visit the Giant's Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava. Continue to Derry, where you will join a local guide for a walking tour around the ancient city to see the Guildhall, St. Columb's Cathedral, the Diamond and the 16th century walls. Then check into your hotel for your overnight stay. You may wish to relax in your room or explore some of Derry before dining on your own. *OVERNIGHT: DERRY*

Sunday, September 26 – BELLEEK POTTERY & GALWAY

Leaving Derry, drive to Belleek so you can visit the Belleek Pottery Factory. While here, see how skilled craftspeople form and decorate clay to produce delicate porcelain masterpieces. Continue to the pilgrimage town of Knock to visit Knock Shrine, one of the world's leading shrines where the Virgin Mary appeared to 15 people on August 21, 1879. Then embark on a walking tour of Cong, a place made famous by the 1952 movie of "The Quiet Man" featuring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Discover places featured in the movie and see some of the movie memorabilia in the Quiet Man Heritage Cottage. Afterwards, drive to Galway and check into your hotel. Once you settle in, you can dine at one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout Galway. *OVERNIGHT: GALWAY*

Monday, September 27 – GALWAY WALK

After breakfast, join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of Galway. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. Then spend the balance of the day free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own. *OVERNIGHT: GALWAY*

Tuesday, September 28 – CLIFFS OF MOHER & KILLARNEY

Depart Galway and pass through the Burren, an area of rocky limestone hills where a number of unique flowers thrive. This region also contains many dolmens, prehistoric monuments formed by large limestone slabs. Next, drive along the coast of scenic County Clare to visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most beloved, natural landmarks. See magical vistas, overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's Western coastline. Then take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary before heading to Sleat Head at the western tip of the Dingle Peninsula. This excursion will give you excellent views of mountains and coastline and looking over to the Iveragh Peninsula. Afterwards, drive to the charming town of Killarney and check into your hotel. This evening, dinner will be at Killarney's famous singing pub, Danny Mann, which has been in business for over 70 years. You will also enjoy live entertainment with lots of character and charm. *OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY*

Wednesday, September 29 – JAUNTING CAR RIDE

Today, take a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the grounds of the Killarney National Park. Next, tour the Brendan Ferris Farm, where you get the opportunity to see some sheepdogs, working in their natural environment. Return to Killarney, where the remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure. *OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY*

Thursday, September 30 – BLARNEY CASTLE & KILKENNY

Leaving Killarney, journey through the rugged countryside to Blarney, where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Afterwards, travel to Kilkenny and check into your hotel. Once you settle in, you are free for independent pursuits and dining. *OVERNIGHT: KILKENNY*

Friday, October 01 – NATIONAL STUD & DUBLIN

Leave Kilkenny and head to Kildare so you can visit the Irish National Stud. During your visit, you will learn the history and current trends of horse-breeding in Ireland before viewing the magnificent horses. Then take a walk around the truly spectacular Japanese Gardens. From Kildare, motor a short distance to Dublin and set off on a guided city tour. Afterwards, check into your hotel and spend the balance of the day at leisure. *OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN*

Saturday, October 02 – HOP ON HOP DUBLIN

Today, enjoy the day at leisure in Dublin, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. Also using your vouchers you may either visit the Guinness Storehouse (includes drink), Epic Ireland or the General Post Office. In the evening, you are free to dine at one of the many traditional or modern dinner venues located within the city. *OVERNIGHT: DUBLIN*

Sunday, October 03 – RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States

Visits

All visits are outlined on the above itinerary and included in the cost unless otherwise stated.

* Prices are land only. Epic Journeys LLC reserves the right to adjust tour price due to unforeseen circumstances. Itinerary subject to change due to availability and weather conditions.
Tips to driver, Tour Director and local guides are not included.



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