

Recess 4 Grownups

CAPTIVATING IRELAND TOUR JULY 2022



Travel Dates: July 12 – 23, 2022

Your Ireland Trip Includes:

- Ten (10) nights' accommodations at 4-star hotels based on double occupancy with private bath
- Buffet breakfasts daily, five (5) dinners and three (3) lunches, including dinner and entertainment show at Merry Ploughboy's Pub.
- Special experiences including Killary Fjords cruise, sheepdog demonstration, and walking tour of Belfast
- Sightseeing and visits per itinerary, including the Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Titanic Belfast, Trinity College/Book of Kells, Kylemore Abbey, Adare, and Dublin.
- Trail of Saint Patrick, including Down Cathedral, Saint Patrick Centre, Saul Church, and Inch Abbey
- Day tour to Inis Orr, in the Aran Islands, with pony and trap ride tour around the island

Day 1 - Tuesday *Depart The US for Ireland*

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

Day 2 - Wednesday *Dublin*

Land at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting your CIE Tours driver/guide, who will welcome you to Ireland. Take an orientation drive around Dublin city center. See the main thoroughfares of O'Connell Street, Nassau Street and some lovely public parks as you pass by many historical sites.

Enjoy lunch at The Bank Restaurant, located in heart of Dublin, College Park. Next, visit EPIC Ireland, which celebrates the dramatic story of the spread of Irish culture around the globe, and how Ireland has changed throughout the years. Finally, make your way to your nearby hotel to check in and settle into your room. Enjoy dinner tonight at the hotel restaurant. (Lunch, Dinner)

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin

Day 3 - Thursday *Dublin Guided Tour*

Set off this morning with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture.

Stop at Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript of the gospels and the Old Library. Next, tour the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world-



famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, where you can sample a draft of Guinness.

This evening, drive to the Merry

Ploughboy Pub for dinner followed by a lively show of traditional Irish songs, dancing and music. (Breakfast, Dinner)

OVERNIGHT: Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin

Day 4 - Friday *Irish National Stud & Adare*

Depart Dublin and travel inland to Kildare to visit the Irish National Stud, which will show you the history and current trends of horse-breeding in Ireland before viewing the magnificent horses. Take a walk around the truly spectacular Japanese Gardens, an artistic representation of the "Life of Man" from cradle to grave.

Stop in Adare to enjoy free time to wander about. You may like to visit the Adare Heritage Centre, Holy Trinity Abbey Church or even Desmond Castle. There are also many specialty shops and traditional pubs that you might like to stop at.

Continue to Ennis, where you will check into your hotel and settle into your room. Afterwards, enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening free to discover the lively shops and dining options in town. (Breakfast)

OVERNIGHT: Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 5 - Saturday *Aran Islands & Cliffs Of Moher*

Set out this morning to take a ferry from Doolin to Inis Orr, the smallest of the three

Aran Islands. Enjoy a Pony & Trap ride around the island to take in the



beautiful landscape and spectacular views the island has to offer. Also enjoy some free time to explore Inis Orr before taking the ferry back to the mainland.

Then, drive along the coast of County Clare to visit the Cliffs of Moher, which overlook the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince along with the Princess Bride have scenes that were filmed at this stunning landmark. On your way back to Ennis, stop in Liscannor to view St. Brigid's Well, located within a stone well house where pilgrims leave offerings and perform other ritualized activities. Return to Ennis for a free evening. (Breakfast)

OVERNIGHT: Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

Day 6 - Sunday *Rathbaun Farm & Galway*

Leave Doolin after breakfast and travel to Ardahan to visit the Rathbaun Farm, a picturesque 150-year old farmhouse. See a variety of animals and learn about traditional farming practices before enjoying a skilled sheepdog demonstration.

Continue to Galway and embark on a panoramic tour to see the principal sights of the city. See the Spanish Arch in the Claddagh area, the City Museum and the Cathedral of Our Lady, which is built on the site of the former county jail. After your tour, visit the Micil Distillery, a distillery that produces a range of traditional potins and an award winning gin made using local Connemara botanicals. Learn about the Micil family distilling history that dates back to 1848 and enjoy a tasting of their products. Head to your Galway hotel to check into your room and enjoy dinner tonight. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: Galmont Hotel, Galway

Day 7 - Monday *Kylemore Abbey & Killary Fjords*

This morning, visit Kylemore Abbey for a tour of the elegant mansion and church, set beside a tranquil lake. Learn of the tales of tragedy, romance and royal visits. Also, walk through the magical Victorian walled garden and enjoy free time to explore and have lunch.

Then drive to Leenane and take a short catamaran cruise aboard the "Connemara Lady" through Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Enjoy the onboard commentary as you admire the views from this narrow inlet, which is surrounded by hills and cliffs. Return to Galway and spend the remainder of the day at leisure to sightsee, shop and dine at one of Galway's many lively pubs or restaurants. (Breakfast)

OVERNIGHT: Galmont Hotel, Galway

Day 8 - Tuesday Clonmacnoise & Athlone

Depart Galway and head to the center of the country to visit Clonmacnoise. This monastic settlement was founded in 545 AD by St. Ciaran and is set on the banks of the mighty River Shannon.



See elaborate High Celtic crosses decorated with biblical scenes and explore the grounds. The site includes the ruins of a cathedral, seven

churches, two round towers, three high crosses and the largest collection of Early Christian graveslabs in Western Europe.

Head to the nearby Athlone and enjoy time exploring this town in the midst of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. This town is filled with shops, restaurants and pubs, and is the perfect place to wander. During your leisure time you may want to visit Sean's Bar, which has a history going right back to 900 AD, and is featured in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest pub in Europe.

Then travel to Cootehill to check into your hotel for your overnight stay. Enjoy free time this afternoon before dinner at the hotel. After dinner, transfer into town to enjoy a night out. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: Errigal Country House Hotel, Cootehill

Day 9 - Wednesday Belfast Panoramic

Make your way to Belfast this morning and set off on a panoramic tour to see some of the principal sites of the city. Travel along such routes that may include Donegall Street, the famed Great Victoria Street and even along the waterfront.

Visit Titanic Belfast to learn about the evolution of the Titanic from concept until her ill-fated end in 1912.



Then, set off with a local guide on a walking tour of Belfast. See the Albert Memorial, Opera House, Crown Liquor Saloon and many other buildings that are in the historic city center. Check into your Belfast hotel, which will be your home for your final three nights in Ireland.

Enjoy down time before joining your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant this evening. (Breakfast, Dinner)

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: Europa Hotel, Belfast

Day 10 - Thursday Giant's Causeway & Nine Glens Of Antrim

Drive along the coast today to experience one of Ireland's popular scenic routes. Here, you'll see the "Nine Glens of Antrim", a scenic region with lovely views of mountains, valleys and coastline where scenes from the "Game of Thrones" were filmed.

Stop at the Causeway Coast Discovery Centre for some Irish hospitality and fun with tea and home-made scones followed by a turf-cutting demonstration, where you will visit a peat bog to learn about this natural fuel with its fragrant smoke that has been used to heat Irish homes for years.

Next, visit the Giant's Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava, which has given rise to many legends. Return to Belfast to enjoy a night at leisure. (Breakfast)

OVERNIGHT: Europa Hotel, Belfast

Day 11 - Friday Trail of St. Patrick

Today, visit the Saint Patrick Centre, which tells about his life, work and the founding of many monasteries which had a profound influence on Ireland's development in the early Christian era. Then stop at the Down Cathedral, where you will see the reputed grave site of Saint Patrick.

Enjoy lunch at a local venue before you motor a short distance to visit Saul Church, which was built in 1932 to commemorate Saint Patrick's first church in Ireland.



You will then visit Inch Abbey, a 12th century massive monastic ruin site on the bank of the River Quoile. Most recently the site has been used as a filming location for the Game of Thrones. Finally, make your way back to Belfast to do any last minute sightseeing and shopping. You may like to dine at one of Belfast's many local traditional pubs for dinner and entertainment this evening. (Breakfast, Lunch)

OVERNIGHT: Europa Hotel, Belfast

Day 12 - Saturday Return To The US

Sadly, today your vacation has come to its final day. 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. (Breakfast)



PAYMENTS AND SCHEDULE:

Reservations and Deposits: All prices are in U.S. Dollars, and based on double occupancy.

- \$600.00 per person and a completed Guest Reservation Form ("Reservation Form") are required with this Participant Agreement to reserve space for the Tour.
- Full payment is due April 01, 2022

Client Cancellation & Refund Policy: If you choose to cancel your reservation, we must receive written notice of said cancellation either via certified mail, overnight courier, or e-mail sent to Change@Recess4Grownups.com (with confirmation of receipt from us in order to be effective), and you will be subject to the following cancellation fee schedule:

- If we receive written notice on or before January 13, 2022, we will retain \$350.00 per person.
- If we receive written notice on or after March 31, 2022, you will incur a cancellation fee of \$500.00 per person.
- If we receive written notice on or after April 01, 2022, or if you are a no-show, you will incur a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the Tour price. If a flight or other delay for any reason prevents you from joining the Tour on the Tour start date, you will be considered a no-show, and we cannot provide a full or partial refund or credit toward a future Tour, but you may join the Tour late if you wish.

Name Changes: We cannot change names on airline reservations or tickets. For the Land/Cruise Tour:

- If we receive written notice on or before December 15, 2021, there will be no fee or charge.
- If we receive written notice on or after December 16, 2021, but on or before February 05, 2022, you will incur a fee of \$200.00 per name change.
- No name changes will be allowed after February 06, 2022.

For questions, please contact:

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