

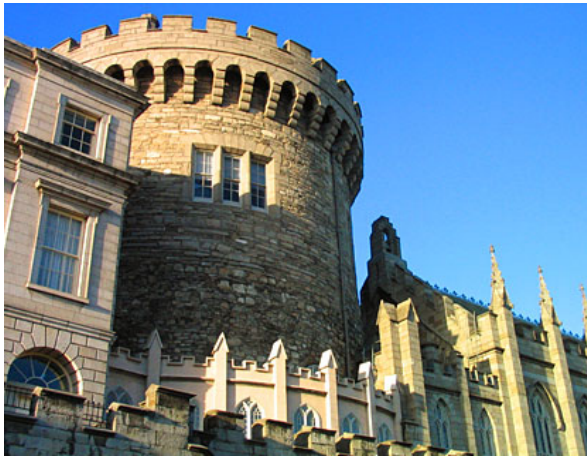
Trip #1 Emerald Isle Tour

7 Day / 6 Night



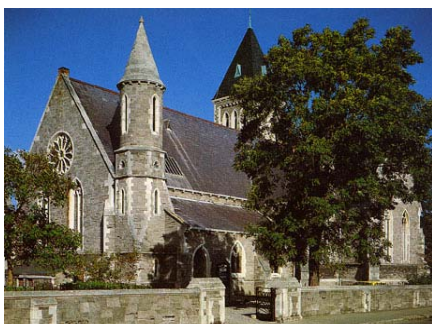
Day 1

- ACES guests leave the United States.
- Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel on your overnight Flight to Dublin, Ireland.



Day 2

- Arrive in Dublin early in the A.M.
- Board the coach with the guide and take an orientation drive around Dublin. This city is one of the liveliest capitals in Europe. There are plenty of historical areas to see as well. See the main thoroughfares of O'Connell Street and Nassau Street, the shopping streets and some public parks. Stop and tour Dublin Castle to see the state apartments where many state functions are held in the richly decorated chambers. Next, visit 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, Gravity, overlooking the city center where you can sample a draft Guinness and enjoy the view of the city.
- Board the coach with the guide and head to the Davenport Hotel in Dublin.
- After you settle in your room, rest or take some time to explore the city on your own.
- This evening, join us for dinner in the hotel restaurant.



Day 3

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- This morning your drive takes you across the Wicklow Mountains to see the 6th century monastic ruins of Glendalough, where the peacefulness of the valley conjures up the spirit of the monks. The visitor center explains how St. Kevin founded this settlement at a time when Christianity was burgeoning throughout Ireland. Today the monks have long gone, leaving the ruins of numerous churches and a round tower.
- Return to Dublin where the balance of the day is at leisure for independent activities.
- Tonight, attend Doyle's Cabaret in the Burlington Hotel. Start with a four-course dinner of Irish specialties and then sit back and enjoy a wealth of traditional Irish music, dancing, singing, and storytelling.



Day 4

- After breakfast, put your bags on the coach and say goodbye to Dublin.
- Today, you will travel to Naas and through Kildare, which is prime horse-breeding country. Drive south through pleasant farmland to the marketing town of Carlow and on to Kilkenny. Enjoy some free time to browse around the town, which is known for its winding streets and medieval merchant houses. Then continue your drive south to Waterford, home of the famous hand-cut crystal. Upon arrival, visit the Waterford Crystal factory to see how skilled craftspeople create masterpieces of glass. Watch all stages of production from the blowing of molten crystal to the final polishing. In the showrooms you will see a wide range of tableware and special trophies that you may purchase.
- Board the coach with the guide and head to the Faithlegg House Hotel in Waterford.
- This evening, join us for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

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Day 5

- After breakfast, put your bags on the coach and say goodbye to Waterford.
- Today, you will travel along the south coast through Youghal and Cork to Blarney to visit Blarney Castle. Here you may kiss the "Stone of Eloquence" which is located in the battlements and enjoy a stroll through the grounds. Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. They will ship and insure goods such as Waterford Crystal for you. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Then journey west, through rugged countryside to Killarney, widely celebrated for its setting overlooking lakes and mountains.
- Board the coach with the guide and head to the Malton Hotel in Killarney.
- After you settle in your room, take some time to explore some of the city on your own.
- This evening, join us for dinner.



Day 6

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Today, explore the ring of Kerry, 100 miles of marvelous scenery consisting of the highest peaks in Ireland on one side and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. Enjoy plenty of stops to view the scenery and take photographs. Travel through Glenbeigh and Cahirciveen and on to Waterville and the colorful village of Sneem. Stop at Moll's Gap for a view of the three lakes of Killarney with the mountains and the town in the background.
- Return to Killarney with some free time to look around before dining in the hotel.

Day 7

- Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.
- Put your bags on the coach this morning and say goodbye to Killarney.
- Today, you will travel via Tralee and Listowel to Tarbert where you take the ferry across the wide mouth of the River Shannon. Drive via Lahinch to view the Cliffs of Moher. The impressive wall of rocks rises to a height of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic ocean and stretches for five miles along the coast. See part of the Burren Country, a region of limestone hills containing a wealth of rare flowers and prehistoric stone monuments on the way to Bunratty.
- Check into the Bunratty Castle Hotel in Bunratty
- After you settle in your room, take some time to explore some of the city on your own.
- This evening, join us for fun and feasting at the Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which the lords and ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories.



Day 8

- Enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the resort.
- Transfer to Shannon airport for your flight back to the US.

