

A PORTRAIT OF IRELAND

featuring DUBLIN, BELFAST, DONEGAL
& GALWAY

**August 21-
September 1, 2017**

\$4,195

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include the AHI FlexAir (unless otherwise stated). Single accommodations are an additional cost (limited availability).

Discover Irish history and culture as you travel the breadth of Ireland and Northern Ireland, enjoying stays in vibrant Dublin, historic Belfast, coastal Donegal and verdant County Galway. In Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital, visit treasured sites and stroll along its bustling streets.

At the Bend of the Boyne, visit a prehistoric monument older than Stonehenge. Explore pretty Donegal in Ireland's remote, northwest corner and the rugged landscape of Connemara. In Northern Ireland, discover the history of Belfast. Learn about the Troubles, the struggle between Catholics and Protestants in the city. Take a scenic drive along the pristine Antrim Coast and Giant's Causeway. Take advantage of this special opportunity to enjoy the whole of Irish heritage as you journey across these two countries.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



- Your exclusive **Small-Group experience** is limited to 28 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- **Hotel accommodations**, renowned for every modern convenience and amenity, in four locations in **two countries**.
 - Uncover fascinating history and heritage on your journey through **Ireland's Ancient East** and **Wild Atlantic Way**.
- **A uniquely designed itinerary** provides exceptional opportunities to experience the history and culture of **Dublin, Belfast, Donegal** and **Galway**.
- Explore the following **UNESCO World Heritage sites**: Brú na Bóinne (Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne), in Ireland and Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast, in Northern Ireland.
- Enjoy an adventure through the **unspoiled landscape of Connemara**.
- Stroll along the **Slieve League Cliffs** and take in splendid coastal views. At 2,000 feet (598 meters), they are the highest seaside cliffs in Ireland.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- **Three nights** in Dublin, Ireland, at **The Westbury Hotel**, a first-class hotel.
- **Two nights** in Belfast, Northern Ireland, at the first-class **Culloden Estate & Spa**.
- **Three nights** in Donegal, Ireland, at the deluxe **Lough Eske Castle**.
- **Two nights** in County Galway at the deluxe **Glenlo Abbey**.

Transportation

- All deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program itinerary and baggage handling on these transfers are included.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- **Personal VOX listening device** to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception** and **Dinner** and gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Dinner**.

Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 10 breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides & drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart for Dublin, Ireland.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ DUBLIN

Upon arrival, transfer† to The Westbury Hotel.

Excursion: Orientation Walk. Take an orientation tour of this vibrant Irish capital with your Travel Director. Join a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ DUBLIN

Educational Focus: Story of the Irish.

Excursion: Dublin. Explore the city of Dublin and admire its Georgian architecture. Visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Stroll down Grafton Street.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy an afternoon at leisure.

DAY 4 ~ DUBLIN

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Dublin today.

DAY 5 ~ DUBLIN/BELFAST

Excursion: Prehistoric Ireland. En route to Belfast, visit Brú na Bóinne, the Bend of the Boyne, for a closer look at the early history of this region along the Boyne River. View the prehistoric monument at Newgrange, a burial mound built more than 5,000 years ago.

Local Flavor: Enjoy a local lunch.

Continue to Northern Ireland. In Downpatrick, visit the burial site of St. Patrick. In Belfast, check in to the Culloden Estate & Spa and enjoy a tea tasting served with delicious treats.

DAY 6 ~ BELFAST

Educational Focus and Excursion:

Belfast. Explore the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland. Admire the Victorian architecture, a legacy from the city's heyday. Discover how this city became a hotbed of sectarian strife.

Excursion: The Titanic. The RMS Titanic was built in Belfast. Visit an interpretation center to learn about the ship's construction and its tragic end.

DAY 7 ~ DERRY/DONEGAL

Excursion: Giant's Causeway and County Donegal. Drive along the Antrim Coast to Giant's Causeway, a spectacular sight of 40,000 black basalt columns rising from the sea. Cross into Ireland and check in to Lough Eske Castle in Donegal.

DAY 8 ~ DONEGAL

Independent Exploration: Enjoy a day at leisure to discover Donegal.

DAY 9 ~ DONEGAL

Excursion: Glenveagh National Park. Set on more than 16,000 hectares of mountains, lakes and woods, Glenveagh is Ireland's largest national park. Take a tour of Glenveagh Castle and admire its impressive gardens.

Local Flavor: Enjoy lunch at Leo's Pub, owned by the family of singer Enya.

DAY 10 ~ SLIGO/DRUMCLIFFE

Educational Focus: Irish Authors. Head to picturesque Sligo, which boasts views of mountains on three sides and a lake to the south. Visit Lissadell House, once home to Irish nationalist Constance Markievicz.

Local Flavor: Eat lunch in Drumcliffe.

Excursion: Yeats. Visit the grave of W.B. Yeats, the great Irish poet.

Continue to County Galway and check in to Glenlo Abbey Hotel.

DAY 11 ~ CONNEMARA

Excursion: Connemara. Journey through one of Ireland's most rugged and scenic regions. Described by Oscar Wilde as "savage," admire this starkly beautiful landscape. Continue to Kylemore Abbey, a Benedictine convent originally built as a castle by an English businessman in the late 19th century. Benedictine nuns purchased the castle in 1920 to establish a school. Enjoy a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

DAY 12 ~ IN TRANSIT

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to your gateway city.†

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules, are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Available at an additional cost

Ireland's Ancient East. On Day 4, discover Ireland's Ancient East. Explore the monastic grounds of Glendalough, roam the stately Russborough House and stroll 47 acres of beauty at Powerscourt Gardens.

Donegal. Cruise Donegal Bay on Day 8. Visit the Irish-speaking community of Glencolumbkille, stroll along Ireland's towering seaside cliffs at Slieve League and enjoy lunch on the excursion.

ACCOMMODATIONS



THE WESTBURY HOTEL

Dublin

Just off of Dublin's Grafton Street, the hotel is near retail and cultural centers, as well as many popular tourist attractions, including Trinity College and Dublin Castle. The hotel has three dining areas and a bar. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

CULLODEN ESTATE & SPA

Belfast

Not far from the center of Belfast and situated on the slopes of the Holywood hills, the Culloden Estate & Spa was built as a Gothic mansion in 1876. Beautifully decorated rooms feature views of the hotel's beautiful gardens. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

LOUGH ESKE CASTLE

Donegal

Lough Eske Castle is an imposing Tudor castle, lavishly refurbished to create the modern comforts of a world-class boutique hotel. Enjoy a pint of Guinness at either of two bars or savor delicious Irish cuisine at Cedars Grill. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

GLENLO ABBEY HOTEL

Galway

Indulge in the cozy ambience of the deluxe Glenlo Abbey Hotel. Overlooking the River Corrib, the property features charming walled gardens and spacious, luxurious rooms. The unique Pullman Restaurant offers Irish and international cuisine while the Oak Cellar Bar welcomes guests for pre-or post dinner drinks. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

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