

St. Patrick's Week - Ireland

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the year 2004 festivities in Ireland on this scenic and historical tour. Added features include traditional entertainment and visits to heritage sites.

March 13-20, 2004

Tour Cost Per Person Sharing

\$ 889 Land Only

Single Room Supp \$259

Itinerary

Saturday, March 13: USA to Ireland. Departure from the U.S. for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner, cocktails and continental breakfast are served on board.

Sunday, March 14: Early morning arrival at Shannon Airport, where after clearing customs, we are met by our friendly Celtic Tours driver guide. Transfer by coast to our nearby hotel. Some free time to rest. Optional afternoon sightseeing tour to the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Tonight enjoy a 16th Century Medieval Castle Banquet and entertainment at Bunratty Castle. Overnight Shannon/Limerick.

Monday, March 15: Limerick - Galway - Athlone. Morning departure from Limerick. We travel via Ennis to Galway for sightseeing in the Gaelic speaking Connemara area, visiting Moycullen, Spiddal, Galway Bay and Salthill. Leaving Galway, we travel via Loughrea to County Westmeath and Athlone, situated on the scenic River Shannon. Dinner and overnight in Athlone.

Tuesday, March 16: Athlone - Dublin. Morning departure for Dublin. On Arrival in Dublin, we enjoy a 2-hour city tour which includes a visit to historic Kilmainham Jail, which covers the many heroic and tragic events in Irish history from 1780 to the 1920's. Some free time in Dublin. Tonight enjoy dinner and Irish entertainment at the famed Dublin Pub, Taylor's. Overnight in Dublin.

Wednesday, March 17: ST. PATRICK'S DAY! After breakfast, we are transferred to the parade route where we can enjoy the festivities. Remainder of the day is free to browse, visit some of the famed Dublin pubs or visit the theatre. Overnight in Dublin.

Thursday, March 18: Dublin - Cashel - Killarney. Morning departure from Dublin. We travel via Counties Kildare, Kilkenny and Tipperary for a photo opportunity stop at the historic Rock of Cashel, the ancient Castle home of the Kings of Ireland. We continue on to Killarney for dinner and overnight. Optional pub entertainment in Killarney tonight.

Friday, March 19: Ring of Kerry - Killarney. "Heaven's Reflex", Killarney, we will see is one of Ireland's loveliest districts. Poets, painters, writers and musicians have all tried to convey its beauty of mountains and lakes. A delightful day includes a drive along the coastline of the broad Iveragh Peninsula through the villages and towns of Killorglin, Cahirciveen, Waterville and Irish speaking Sneem. Dinner and overnight in Killarney. This evening optional pub visits in Killarney.

Saturday, March 20: Shannon Airport - USA. Morning departure from Killarney. Travel via the old world village of Adare to Shannon Airport, where we arrive at approximately 11:30a.m. Check in for our return flight home to the U.S. Arrive back in the U.S. the same day.

Includes:

- Superior First Class and First Class hotels throughout.
- Full Irish breakfast daily (except day of arrival).
- Dinner and entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock Pub.
- Medieval Castle Banquet and entertainment.
- Three hotel dinners.
- Transportation and sightseeing by Deluxe Motorcoach throughout.
- Professional Irish driver/guide to escort you throughout your tour. (Note: tip to the driver/guide is not included.)
- Visits to Kilmainham Jail, Galway Bay and the Cliffs of Moher.
- Opportunity to view St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin.
- Portage of one (1) suitcase per person.
- Service charges and local taxes in Ireland.
- Celtic International Tours flight bag and portfolio of travel documents.

Hotels or similar:

Limerick: West County Hotel / Clare Inn (1 nts)
Athlone: Hodson Bay Hotel (1 nt)
Dublin: Burlintong / Montrose Hotel (2 nts)
Killarney: Killarney Towers / Killarney Court / Riverside Hotel (1 nt)