Legendary Ireland
9 DAYS: Wednesday, September 4–Thursday, September 12, 2019

“THE PIPES, THE PIPES ARE CALLING, from glen to glen, and down the mountain side....” Next September you can answer on this week-long jaunt that offers a bit of history, loads of hospitality and a countryside full of charm and beauty. We’ll delve right in when upon arrival, we head directly to the amazing 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher and later arrive at our accommodations in Galway. In Connemara, we’ll visit the gothic revival lakeside castle of Kylemore Abbey with its Victorian Gardens and have leisure time to explore Galway. Enjoy a visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park and a drive through the lovely village of Adare before arriving in Killarney where we’ll have a two-night stay. An amazing excursion is in store as we wind along the Ring of Kerry, see the Gap of Dunloe and enjoy a visit to Muckross House. Journey to world-famous Blarney Castle and earn the gift of gab by kissing the Blarney Stone, before a walking tour of Kinsale. Visit Cork’s English Market, tour Old Jameson Distillery and see the famous Rock of Cashel. Our last stop will be Dublin where we’ll spend two nights and see Trinity College and St. Patrick’s Cathedral on a guided tour with free time to explore on our own.

INCLUDES
• Round-trip regularly scheduled flights from Boston to Dublin or Shannon
• Seven nights’ accommodations
• Thirteen meals: seven breakfasts, six dinners, including dinner and entertainment at Merry Ploughboy’s Pub
• Escorted, private, round-trip airport/hotel transfers
• Services of professional local Tour Manager

RATES
$2,999 per person double occupancy
$2,999 per person triple occupancy
$3,599 for single reservations
Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. TripAssure Protection Plan is $175. Although not required, we recommend purchasing the insurance. Purchase must be made at time of booking. Passport required. Per person deposit is $450.

ACCOMMODATIONS
DAY 1  Overnight flight from Boston
DAYS 2–3  Menlo Park Hotel, Galway
DAYS 4–5  Randles Hotel, Killarney
DAY 6  Maldron South Mall Hotel, Cork
DAYS 7–8  Wynn’s Hotel, Dublin
DAY 9  Return flight to Boston or similar hotel accommodations

FEATURES
Cliffs of Moher, Connemara region, Kylemore Abbey, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Ring of Kerry, Gap of Dunloe, Muckross House, Blarney Castle and Blarney Stone, Blarney Woollen Mills, Kinsale, Old Jameson Distillery in Midleton, Rock of Cashel, Dublin Tour including Trinity College and St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Day 1: Fly overnight to Shannon or Dublin, Ireland.
Day 2: Upon arrival in Shannon or Dublin your first taste of Ireland is a visit to the majestic Cliffs of Moher. From here the only land one could reach is the eastern seaboard of the United States. Later you'll arrive in Galway, the City of Tribes, where accommodations for the next two nights are provided at the Menlo Park Hotel. (D)

Galway

Day 3: Today we discover the beauty of the Connemara region, home to windswept mountains, sparkling lakes and a dramatic Atlantic coastline. See the gothic revival lakeside castle, the magnificent Kylemore Abbey. The stone mansion dates back to the 19th century when it was built as a private residence. It is now home to an order of the Benedictine nuns who have run a girls boarding school for years. We will also explore the beautiful Victorian Gardens, the largest of their kind in Ireland. Back in Galway, don't forget to explore Eyre Square and the Latin Quarter. (B, D)
Day 4: This morning we visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Built in 1480, Bunratty Castle offers a wonderful insight into the life of these times. You’ll view tapestries and furniture hundreds of years old. Your journey continues through the beautiful thatched village of Adare, past Limerick and on into Killarney, where you will stay for the next two nights. Impressive hotel accommodations are provided at the Randles Hotel located in the heart of the downtown area. (B, D)

Day 5: The spectacular sights and sounds of the Ring of Kerry are included today, the center piece of Killarney National Park. See the famous Gap of Dunloe and take time to soak up the scenery at “Ladies View,” one of the most beautiful view points along this famous route. This afternoon visit the 19th century Muckross House and enjoy a personal guided tour of the classic interior before exploring the beautiful limestone gardens that sweep down to the banks of Muckross Lake. (B)
Day 6: Today you'll head for the village of Blarney where you have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone at the top of Blarney Castle. It is said that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. Time is allowed for shopping at the Blarney Woolen Mills before traveling to the picturesque fishing village of Kinsale. Here enjoy a walking tour of this lovely town as well as free time to savor one of its many cafes, pubs, and restaurants. Later check into the Maldron South Mall Hotel in Cork. (B, D)

Day 7: This morning discover Cork's English Market before traveling to the Old Jameson Distillery in Midleton for a fabulous tour of the famed Irish whiskey brand. You'll love the tasting opportunity here. This afternoon visit the historic Rock of Cashel where St. Patrick preached. Accommodations are provided for the next two evenings at the Wynn's Hotel in Dublin. (B, D)
Day 8: This morning enjoy the sights and sounds of Dublin as your tour director takes you on a guided tour of the city. You’ll see Trinity College and the Book of Kells, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the National Gallery. The remainder of the day is free for you to continue exploring the city on your own. This evening enjoy one of Dublin’s best evenings of Irish food and entertainment at the Merry Ploughboy Music Pub. (B, D)

Day 9: Today you’ll be transferred to Dublin airport for your return journey home. (B)

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid Passport for travel with at least 6 months’ validity. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.