



# Irish Explorer

Starting at \$2,235\*

## Discover the unexpected

Adventure through the most spectacular parts of Ireland, from emerald green farms to seaside cliffs and vibrant towns

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Dublin**

**9** ☀  
Days



**8** 🌙  
Nights

Tour end  
**Dublin**

**15** 🍴  
Meals

\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$620



## Trip Highlights:

- Slieve League Cliffs – CIE Tours Exclusive
- Dan O'Hara's Homestead
- Blakes of the Hollow Pub – CIE Tours Exclusive
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Belleek Pottery
- Cliffs of Moher
- Blarney Castle
- Strokestown Park
- Glasnevin Experience

## Hotels:

- Clontarf Castle Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- The Hardiman Hotel
- Killarney Plaza Hotel
- Herbert Park Hotel

# 2023 Irish Explorer - 9 Days/8 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Dublin City Tour | Glasnevin Cemetery Museum | Clontarf Castle

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from the Clontarf Castle Hotel lobby, a short ride from Dublin Airport and a few miles north of Dublin city center. Head out for a tour of central Dublin with a local guide to see elegant Georgian squares, public buildings, and monuments. Visit Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, Ireland's national cemetery - it's a fascinating "who's who" of modern Irish history. Join your group for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the castle hotel. (D)

### Day 3 Slieve League Cliffs | Triona Design | Nancy's Bar

Head to Teelin to reach the best viewing point of the Slieve League sea cliffs, the highest in Europe. Enjoy a CIE Tours Exclusive experience: sip an Irish coffee as you take in the view from these impressive cliffs. Travel up through beautiful views of Donegal to reach Triona Design Donegal Tweed Center in Ardara, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, where spinners and weavers will demonstrate their crafts. Head to the popular Nancy's Bar in Ardara for dinner before returning to your hotel in Donegal town, a busy little town that was once a Viking port. (B, D)

### Day 5 Connemara Celtic Crystal | Dan O'Hara Homestead | Connemara

Explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes, and peat bogs an added dimension. Stop at the Connemara Celtic Crystal factory to watch skilled artisans demonstrate fine glass-cutting. Travel on through spectacular scenery to visit Dan O'Hara's Homestead, where you'll discover traditional farming methods, see Connemara ponies, and have a light lunch. Return to Galway and enjoy an evening free for independent dining and exploration. (B, L)

### Day 7 Ring of Kerry Tour | Sheepdog Demonstration

Head out to the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most famous and popular scenic drive. Stop at Moriarty's in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Immerse yourself in farm life with a demonstration of sheepdogs herding flocks. Continuing on the scenic drive, pause for panoramic mountain views at Moll's Gap. Your evening is free to explore in Killarney tonight, as you dine independently and perhaps discover some of the town's lively pubs. (B)

### Day 9 Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >

### Day 2 Strokestown Park | Blakes of the Hollow Pub | Donegal

Visit Strokestown Park to explore Ireland's tragic history. Tour the National Famine Museum and then Strokestown House; the grand Georgian mansion will reveal the contrast between the luxurious lives of its residents and the destitution of their tenants. Stroll the park to see the walled gardens and woodlands. Next, a CIE Tours exclusive: visit Blakes of the Hollow Pub, a Victorian bar that retains many features original to its founding in 1887. Famed author John McGahern, a regular visitor, described it as "one of the happiest and most beautiful bars in the whole of Ireland". Take a photo by its official "Game of Thrones" door highlighting the series' sixth season. Continue your travels north to Donegal. With its windswept hills where only sheep can thrive, Donegal is renowned for woolen production and tweeds. (B, D)

### Day 4 Belleek Pottery | Galway

Discover the secrets that have made Belleek Pottery one of the most enduring success stories of Irish craftsmanship during a tour of Belleek Pottery. You'll go behind the scenes to see how this world-famous fine china is made. Travel south to Galway and take a walking tour with a local guide; explore this vibrant city's medieval past and artistic, musical present. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Killarney

Drive through Co. Clare to visit the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Walk along the cliffs to see spectacular vistas, including Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. Embark on a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Arrive in Killarney, where you will dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

### Day 8 Blarney Castle | Abbey Tavern

Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone or take a gentle walk through the lovely parklands and colorful gardens. Head to the Abbey Tavern for Irish cuisine, and an evening of lively entertainment. (B, D)



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