

**For those who consider travelling to Ireland Independently this is the DEAL for you**

## **The 7-Night Endless Possibilities Package!**



~Tour the modern and cosmopolitan city of Dublin with the Hop-On Hop-Off Bus Pass. This sightseeing bus stops at all of Dublin's major attractions. St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Zoo, the National Museum and Dublin's most fashionable shopping district Grafton St. are just a couple of options for your Dublin A Go-As-You-Please Vacation Package with an amazing price tag and endless possibilities...

With this package the choice is yours:  
City Stay.

~Enjoy 4-nights B&B accommodations throughout Ireland - offering over 1700 B&B and farm homes to choose from.

~Enjoy a 1-night luxurious stay at the Ballynahinch Castle in Connemara, County Galway (Other Castle choices available).

~Tour Ireland with a 6-day compact automatic car rental - *Includes* CDW Insurance!

~Take advantage of our optional tours of the Aran Islands and the Ring of Kerry. Or we can arrange a round of golf or other tours for you.

This package includes full Irish breakfast and hotel taxes!

**Prices are based on Land Only Twin/Double Per Person Cost**

Airfare is not included - but can be added to your package at the current airfare rates.

Hotel availability is on a first come first serve basis and is on request. Should the need arise, based on demand, substitute hotels may be offered.

### **This package includes:**

- 4-Nights open B&B vouchers, 1-Night Deluxe Accomodations, 2-Nights Dublin City Stay
- Full Irish Breakfast Daily (except day of arrival)
- 5 Day Car Rental-Compact, Automatic, Includes Insurance (Larger groups will need to upgrade to larger vehicle)
- 1 Hop-On Hop-Off Dublin Bus Pass
- 1 Transfer from Hotel to Airport

**April to October '15**

**FROM Air and Land \$1239\* Land Only \$499**

## 8 Day Affordable Ireland \$899 \$1,649

### Escorted Package Includes

- Round trip flights New York-Dublin, Dublin-New York  
Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Dublin
  - 1 night Kilkenny or 1 night Waterford
  - 2 nights Killarney
  - 1 night Galway
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers
- 9 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

### Special Features

- View the magnificent 8th century Book of Kells at Trinity College
- Visit the House of Waterford Crystal to see the glittering collection
- Travel along the world-famous Ring of Kerry with its astonishing views
- View the mighty Cliffs of Moher, a rock wall rising 700 feet above the ocean
- Visit Bunratty Castle, the restored medieval fortress
- Walk through the delightful Folk Park dedicated to Irish life in 19th century
- Enjoy dinner in a typical tavern, with traditional Irish music, dancing and great Irish food

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## 8 Day Ireland Fly & Drive \$449 - \$1079

### Independent Vacation

DAY 1, Wednesday - Depart for Ireland  
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DAY 2, Thursday - Arrive in Dublin  
Arrive in Dublin and pick up your vehicle at the airport. Balance of the day at leisure  
**Overnight:** Dublin

DAY 3, Friday - Drive to Blarney Castle En Route to Killarney  
This morning, depart Dublin and drive through the scenic south of Ireland. Perhaps travel through County Kildare to Kilkenny, a small city located on the banks of the River Nored. Visit this historic town, and see the 12th-century Kilkenny Castle. Another suggested stop is the town of Blarney to visit the 15th-century Blarney Castle. Kiss the famous Blarney Stone and enjoy some free time for shopping at the Blarney Woollen Mills where you can buy Irish garments and souvenirs. Continue on to your hotel in Killarney

**Drive Time:** 4 hours\*

**Distance:** 211 miles\*

**Overnight:** Killarney

**Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 4, Saturday - Killarney

Enjoy a full day to explore the town of Killarney. Sightseeing may include a visit to the three lakes, ruined castles, and Torc Waterfall all found within of Killarney National Park. Travel through the world-famous "Ring of Kerry" and pass the small villages of Cahirciveen and Sneem, which are full of traditional colorful houses. This evening, take a jaunting car ride and view the sights of downtown Killarney

**Overnight:** Killarney

**Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 5, Sunday - Drive to Cliffs of Moher En Route to Galway

Depart Killarney and travel north to Galway. Suggested sightseeing includes a visit to Bunratty Folk Park, which offers an insight into Irish life around the turn of the century. Also not to miss are the Cliffs of Moher, an impressive wall of rock that towers some 700 feet above the Atlantic ocean. Continue north to County Clare and travel through the vast limestone plateau known as the Burren. This unique and rugged environment has been compared to the surface of the moon. Then, on to your hotel in Galway, a bustling university city

**Drive Time:** 4 hours\*

**Distance:** 165 miles\*

**Overnight:** Galway

**Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 6, Monday - Galway

Enjoy a full day to explore Galway, a seafaring town steeped in tradition. Take a stroll through the narrow, winding streets downtown and visit the many shops and historic sights. Stop by Eyre Square and the lively Latin Quarter, where you can view Lynch's Castle. Head north to the Cathedral of St Nicholas, built out of Ireland's famous Connemara marble and limestone. Walk to The Quays and pass the Spanish Arch. Then, stroll down toward the river docks and view Galway's traditional wooden sailboats, known as hookers. Spend the evening in one of the many pubs and restaurants throughout the city

**Overnight:** Galway

**Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 7, Tuesday - Drive to Dublin

Depart Galway and travel to Dublin, the capital of Ireland. Spend the balance of the day visiting famous sites throughout the city including Dublin Castle, St. Stephen's Green, Phoenix Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College, home to the Book of Kells. Perhaps purchase some souvenirs on Grafton Street, the city's stylish and popular shopping district, or take a tour of the Guinness brewery. In the evening, stop by one of the lively pubs in the Temple Bar district

**Drive Time:** 2 hours\*

**Distance:** 128 miles\*

**Overnight:** Dublin

**Meals:** Breakfast

DAY 8, Wednesday - Depart Ireland

Drive to Dublin airport and return your vehicle prior to your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

\*Please consider that the driving times and distances are estimated and that they can vary because of many circumstances, such as, specific route taken, hotel location, traffic, weather, road conditions, etc.

**For those who would like an ESCORTED tour – many to choose from**

**HOW ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S 2015 OR 2016**



**Celebrate St. Patrick's 2015 - in Ireland**

**Limited Space on this trip for this year – THINK ABOUT NEXT YEAR - get a group together and SAVE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Call for Availability 530-676-7430**

It's never too soon to start planning. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day festivities in Ireland on this scenic fun filled tour!

***Your St. Patricks Week 2015 Tour includes:***

- First Class Hotels with private bath or shower for six nights
- Full Irish breakfasts daily, except day of arrival
- Four hotel dinners
- Dinner and entertainment in Dublin
- Opportunity to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin
- Daily sightseeing by luxury coach with the services of a Celtic Tours driver/guide
- Visits to Whitefriars Church, Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Glendalough, House of Waterford, Blarney Woollen Mills and Irish National Stud
- Scenic drive of the Ring of Kerry
- Optional pub entertainment
- Portage of one suitcase per person. Optional pub entertainment.
- Tips and taxes in Ireland. Gratuities to the driver/guide not included
- Celtic Tours flight bag and portfolio of travel documents

**Airfare:** Air is not included in the package price. Celtic Tours offers a wide range for air options. Visit [www.celtictours.com](http://www.celtictours.com) for the latest airfare from your home city.

***PLEASE NOTE: Single rooms are now sold out on this tour for this year. !***

**THIN IRELAND FOR 2016 – CALL FOR A GROUP QUOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**530-676-7430**

**Ask for Gwen**

## TALKING POINTS FOR IRELAND AND St. Patrick's Day 2015 and 2016



1. Still may have space for this years' St. Patrick's Day
2. Lots of availability throughout the year - \$\$\$ May through Aug.
3. Euro vs USD\$ is favorable
4. Aer Lingus has non-top out of SFO now DAILY
5. How to approach a trip to Ireland: Ask
  - a. What is it you want to experience? Culture, Scenery, Castles/Cottages/Farmhouse/B&B/Manor Homes
  - b. Independent, Hosted or Escorted? Large Group, Small Group
  - c. Special Interest: Shopping (Blarney), Golf, Pubs and Pub foods, Guinness and/or Jameson, Events- Cultural parades and celebrations
6. No smoking in the Pubs
7. What is St. Patrick's Day and why go then?
  - a. Started in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century – 1917 in County of Wexford historically significant
  - b. Commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland
  - c. Celebrates heritage and culture of Irish
  - d. Parades and festivals throughout the country.
  - e. Lenten restrictions such as drink and food are lifted for that day
  - f. Public Holiday not only in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Newfoundland, Labrador and Montserrat. But Celebrated also Great Britain, Canada, US, Argentina, Auzzie land and New Zealand.
  - g. Some Counties celebrate for 4 days – Green attire and Shamrocks
  - h. Annually throughout the year 5.5M pints of Gunnies is consumed daily but on St. Paddy's Day 18M is consumed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
  - i. Churches have candlelight ceremonies during this time.
  - j. In Limerick – Band Parade and competition
- k. In Cork – City festival with food and crafts market etc. Every Town and village does something.

