Travel with Scott and Curtis

Ireland In Depth

April 2029

🍀**Ireland:** Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Galway

Discover the magic of Ireland, where breathtaking landscapes, centuries of history, and legendary hospitality come together for an unforgettable journey. From the lively streets of Dublin and Galway to the charming medieval towns of Kilkenny and Cork, experience the rich heritage, colorful traditions, and captivating stories of the Emerald Isle. Marvel at magnificent castles, ancient monasteries, and the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, while taking in the spectacular coastal scenery of the Ring of Kerry and the rugged beauty of the Irish countryside. Along the way, explore the country's literary and cultural legacy, discover traditional craftsmanship, and experience authentic Irish life through a home-hosted meal, a visit to a working sheep farm, and a performance of traditional Irish dancing. With opportunities to enjoy local pubs, lively music, and warm conversations with the people who call Ireland home, this journey offers a wonderful blend of history, natural beauty, culture, and genuine Irish charm.

What to Expect On This Incredible Trip

An unforgettable journey through Ireland's legendary landscapes, historic cities, and rich cultural traditions, where ancient castles, dramatic coastlines, and the warmth of Irish hospitality come together. You will experience…

- Breathtaking scenery along the Ring of Kerry, the towering Cliffs of Moher, and the rugged limestone landscapes of the Burren
- Historic castles, ancient monasteries, and medieval landmarks, including Kilkenny Castle, Blarney Castle, Cahir Castle, and Glendalough
- Guided explorations of Ireland's vibrant cities and charming towns, including Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Cobh, Killarney, and Galway
- Authentic cultural exchanges, including a home-hosted lunch with a local Irish family and a visit to a working sheep farm featuring skilled border collies
- Traditional Irish music, dancing, and storytelling, along with opportunities to experience lively pubs and local hospitality
- Fascinating cultural discoveries, from Ireland's literary heritage and emigration history to traditional handweaving, Waterford Crystal, and whiskey-making
- A wonderful blend of guided sightseeing, scenic countryside journeys, meaningful local encounters, and free time for personal exploration

It balances:

- Ancient Celtic heritage, medieval castles, and centuries of Irish history
- Dramatic Atlantic coastlines, rolling green countryside, and breathtaking natural wonders
- Vibrant city life, charming villages, and traditional Irish pub culture
- Rich literary traditions, local craftsmanship, and Irish music and dance
- Authentic cultural connections and the warmth of Irish hospitality
- Scenic adventures, historical discoveries, and relaxed exploration



📌 Trip Overview

Ireland: *Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Galway*

Exact site order and itinerary subject to final G.C.T. itinerary for the year.

Dates: April 2029
Trip Price (includes airfare from DTW): $6,749 per person*
Duration: 15 Days

!!Please note: *Prices are subject to change**

🗓️ Expected Itinerary Overview

Day 1: Depart USA

Depart the United States on your overnight international flight to Ireland.

Begin your journey to the Emerald Isle, where ancient castles, breathtaking landscapes, rich traditions, and legendary Irish hospitality await.

Day 2: Arrive Dublin, Ireland • Welcome Dinner

Arrive in Dublin, Ireland's vibrant capital and the starting point of your Irish adventure.

Upon arrival:

- *Meet your local representative at the airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel in Dublin*
- *Settle in and relax after your international journey*
- *Enjoy an optional orientation walk with your Program Director*
- *Meet fellow travelers, including those arriving from the optional Northern Ireland pre-trip extension*

Evening:

- *Welcome Drink and introductory briefing*
- *Welcome Dinner at your hotel*
- *Time to get acquainted with fellow travelers*

Meals: *Dinner*

Day 3: Dublin • City Tour • Irish Immigration Museum

Discover Dublin, a city celebrated for its literary heritage, historic architecture, and lively Irish culture.

Morning guided exploration:

- *Enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin*
- *Discover the city's historic landmarks and cultural treasures*
- *Learn about Dublin's famous literary figures, including James Joyce, Oscar Wilde, and George Bernard Shaw*
- *Explore the city's fascinating political and cultural history*

Visit EPIC, the Irish Immigration Museum:

- *Discover the stories of Irish emigrants throughout history*
- *Learn about the challenges and opportunities faced by those who left Ireland*
- *Explore the lasting influence of Irish communities around the world*

Enjoy lunch at a traditional local pub.

Afternoon free for independent exploration.

Evening at leisure to experience Dublin's vibrant restaurant and pub scene.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 4: Dublin • Teeling Whiskey Distillery • Free Exploration

Discover one of Ireland's most famous traditions with a behind-the-scenes look at Irish whiskey production.

Morning visit to Teeling Whiskey Distillery:

- *Tour one of Dublin's working whiskey distilleries*
- *Learn about the history of Irish whiskey-making*
- *Explore the distillery's production areas and barrel rooms*
- *Discover the differences between single-malt, small-batch, and single-grain whiskeys*
- *Enjoy a sampling of locally produced whiskey*

Afternoon free to discover Dublin at your own pace.

Independent exploration ideas:

- *Wander through beautiful St. Stephen's Green*
- *Explore historic Georgian neighborhoods*
- *Browse local shops and museums*
- *Enjoy Dublin's cafés, restaurants, and lively streets*

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 5: Dublin • Glendalough • Avoca Handweavers • Kilkenny

Journey south through Ireland's picturesque countryside, discovering ancient monastic ruins and traditional Irish craftsmanship.

Morning visit to Glendalough:

- *Explore the ruins of a sixth-century monastery founded by St. Kevin*
- *Discover the area's rich religious and cultural heritage*
- *Learn about Ireland's early monastic communities and their contributions to medieval manuscripts*
- *Admire the historic setting of this ancient religious center*

Continue to Avoca:

- *Visit the historic Avoca Handweavers mill*
- *Discover one of Ireland's oldest continuously operating businesses*
- *Meet local craftspeople and learn about traditional handweaving techniques*
- *Explore the mill's heritage and beautiful woven products*

Enjoy lunch at the mill's café.

Afternoon:

- *Continue through the Irish countryside to Kilkenny*
- *Check into your hotel*
- *Enjoy time to relax or begin exploring independently*

Dinner at the hotel.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 6: Kilkenny • Medieval City • Kilkenny Castle

Step back in time in Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming medieval cities, known for its historic architecture and lively cultural atmosphere.

Morning walking tour:

- *Explore Kilkenny's winding medieval streets and narrow passageways*
- *Discover the city's colorful shops, traditional pubs, and historic landmarks*
- *Learn about its fascinating history along the River Nore*
- *Experience the atmosphere of a city famous for traditional Irish music*

Visit Kilkenny Castle:

- *Explore one of Ireland's most iconic medieval landmarks*
- *Discover more than 800 years of history*
- *Admire beautifully restored rooms filled with paintings, tapestries, and historic furnishings*
- *Stroll through the castle's landscaped gardens and grounds*

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon free to explore Kilkenny independently.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 7: Kilkenny • Waterford Crystal • Cahir Castle • Cork

Discover Ireland's renowned craftsmanship and medieval heritage while traveling toward the southern city of Cork.

Morning visit to Waterford:

- *Tour the famous Waterford Crystal factory*
- *Learn about the company's history dating back to 1783*
- *Watch a glassblowing demonstration*
- *Discover the artistry and precision behind fine crystal production*
- *Enjoy time to explore the showroom and shop*

Continue to Cahir, with free time for lunch.

Afternoon visit to Cahir Castle:

- *Explore one of Ireland's best-preserved medieval castles*
- *Discover its impressive defensive architecture*
- *See the historic keep, towers, and original stone structures*
- *Learn about the castle's role in Irish history*

Continue to Cork:

- *Arrive and check into your hotel*
- *Enjoy an optional orientation walk*
- *Relax or explore the city independently*

Dinner with fellow travelers.

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 8: Cork • Historic Cobh • Home-Hosted Lunch

Explore Ireland's maritime history and enjoy an authentic cultural encounter with a local Irish family.

Morning excursion to Cobh:

- *Visit the picturesque harbor town overlooking Cork Harbour*
- *Admire the impressive St. Colman's Cathedral*
- *Learn about Cobh's role as a major departure point during the Great Potato Famine*
- *Discover stories of Irish emigration to North America*

- *Explore the town's connection to the great transatlantic ocean liners*

Historic Maritime Discoveries:

- *Learn about Cobh's connection to the RMS Titanic, which made its final port call here in 1912*
- *Discover the story of the RMS Lusitania*
- *Visit the quayside memorial honoring the Lusitania's victims*

Exclusive Cultural Experience:

- *Visit a local Irish family's home*
- *Enjoy a traditional home-hosted lunch*
- *Share stories and conversations with your hosts*
- *Gain firsthand insights into contemporary Irish life and customs*

Return to Cork in the late afternoon.

Evening free for independent exploration.

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 9: Blarney Castle • Working Sheep Farm • Irish Dancing • Killarney

Experience Ireland's legendary folklore, rural traditions, and vibrant cultural heritage.

Morning visit to Blarney Castle:

- *Explore the famous medieval fortress built in the 15th century*
- *Discover the legendary Blarney Stone, said to bestow the "gift of the gab"*
- *Opportunity to climb the castle tower and kiss the famous stone*
- *Wander through beautiful gardens, ancient trees, and historic grounds*
- *Discover the castle's caves, dungeons, and fascinating legends*

Continue to Killarney for lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon Exclusive Discovery:

- *Visit a traditional working Irish sheep farm, weather permitting*
- *Meet the farm owner and learn about rural life in Ireland*
- *Watch highly trained border collies demonstrate their impressive herding skills*

- *Discover the important role of sheep farming in the Irish countryside*

Traditional Irish Dance Experience:

- *Meet instructors and students from a local children's dance school*
- *Enjoy a lively performance of traditional Irish dancing*
- *Learn about the passion, dedication, and cultural significance of Irish dance*
- *Speak with the performers about their traditions and aspirations*

Dinner at your hotel in Killarney.

Meals: *Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

Day 10: Killarney • Free Exploration • Optional Dingle Peninsula

Enjoy a day at leisure in charming Killarney or venture out to discover the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula.

Independent exploration:

- *Discover Killarney's inviting streets, shops, and cafés*
- *Enjoy the town's lively atmosphere*
- *Relax or explore the surrounding countryside at your own pace*

Optional Full-Day Dingle Peninsula Excursion:

- *Visit the Kerry County Museum in Tralee*
- *Discover a fascinating recreation of a medieval street*
- *Travel along the rugged and beautiful Dingle Peninsula*
- *Admire dramatic coastal cliffs, wild mountains, and sweeping Atlantic views*
- *Enjoy views of the Blasket Islands, weather permitting*
- *Discover one of Ireland's important Irish-speaking regions*
- *Learn about the area's connections to literature, art, and famous films*

Those joining the optional tour will enjoy an included lunch.

Return to Killarney in the late afternoon.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 11: Killarney • Scenic Ring of Kerry • Optional Traditional Irish Evening

Experience one of Ireland's most spectacular scenic drives along the famous Ring of Kerry.

Morning scenic journey:

- *Travel along the breathtaking coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula*
- *Admire panoramic views of mountains, lakes, islands, and the Atlantic Ocean*
- *Discover charming villages and picturesque landscapes*
- *Pass through Killorglin, known for its historic bridge spanning the River Laune*
- *Enjoy scenic stops for photographs and sightseeing*

Continue through the beautiful Irish countryside.

Midday:

- *Travel through the picturesque village of Sneem*
- *Enjoy an included lunch along the route*

Afternoon highlights:

- *Stop at the magnificent Ladies View overlook*
- *Admire sweeping vistas of Killarney's lakes and mountains*
- *Return to Killarney for free time*

Optional independent activity:

- *Enjoy a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the beautiful surroundings of Killarney National Park*

Optional Evening at Kate Kearney's Cottage:

- *Visit a historic, family-run Irish pub and restaurant*
- *Enjoy traditional Irish music and songs*
- *Learn about authentic Irish musical instruments*
- *Savor a three-course dinner*

Meals: *Breakfast & Lunch*

Day 12: Killarney • Cliffs of Moher • The Burren • Galway

Discover two of Ireland's most extraordinary natural wonders as you journey along the dramatic Atlantic coastline.

Morning:

- *Depart Killarney and travel toward County Clare*
- *Cross the River Shannon by ferry*
- *Enjoy scenic coastal views along the way*

Visit the Cliffs of Moher:

- *Marvel at towering sea cliffs rising more than 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean*
- *Take in breathtaking panoramic views of the rugged coastline*
- *Watch for seabirds nesting along the cliffs*
- *Admire the historic O'Brien's Tower*
- *Experience one of Ireland's most famous and awe-inspiring natural landmarks*

Free time for lunch at the Cliffs of Moher.

Afternoon exploration of the Burren:

- *Discover a unique landscape of vast limestone formations*
- *Learn about the region's unusual geology and natural history*
- *See a landscape where Alpine and temperate plant species grow side by side*
- *Enjoy scenic views of this remarkable region*

Continue to Galway:

- *Arrive and check into your hotel*
- *Enjoy dinner with fellow travelers at a local restaurant*
- *Evening at leisure*

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 13: Galway • Free Exploration • Optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Enjoy a leisurely day in Galway, one of Ireland's liveliest and most charming cities, or explore the wild beauty of Connemara.

Independent discoveries in Galway:

- *Wander the historic streets surrounding Eyre Square*
- *Explore colorful shops, cafés, and traditional Irish pubs*
- *Discover the city's artistic and musical atmosphere*
- *Enjoy live street performances and local entertainment*
- *Stroll through the winding lanes toward the River Corrib and harbor*

Optional Full-Day Connemara & Kylemore Abbey Excursion:

- *Journey through Connemara's spectacular landscapes of mountains, lakes, and bogs*
- *Explore the scenic Inagh Valley*
- *Discover the Gothic beauty of Kylemore Abbey*
- *Wander the abbey's historic mansion and Victorian gardens*
- *Learn about the Benedictine nuns who call Kylemore Abbey home*
- *Enjoy a scenic cruise along Killary Fjord*
- *Savor an included lunch and Irish coffee during the cruise*

Return to Galway in the late afternoon.

Dinner on your own. Evening at leisure.

Meals: *Breakfast*

Day 14: Galway • Historic Walking Tour • Farewell Dinner

Discover Galway's fascinating history and vibrant cultural traditions during your final full day in Ireland.

Morning walking tour:

- *Explore Galway's charming historic center*
- *Wander narrow medieval lanes lined with colorful shops and traditional pubs*
- *Learn about the city's Anglo-Norman and merchant heritage*
- *Discover Galway's history as an important trading port*
- *Hear stories of the Spanish ships that once visited Galway Bay*
- *Experience the lively atmosphere of this artistic and cultural hub*

Afternoon free to explore independently.

Enjoy time to:

- *Browse local shops for authentic Irish gifts and crafts*
- *Relax in one of Galway's inviting cafés*
- *Listen to traditional Irish music*
- *Take a final stroll through the city's picturesque streets*

Evening Farewell Celebration:

- *Gather with your Program Director and fellow travelers*
- *Enjoy a special Farewell Dinner at your hotel*
- *Share stories and favorite memories from your journey through Ireland*

Meals: *Breakfast & Dinner*

Day 15: Galway • Return Home

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before transferring to Shannon Airport for your return flight to the United States.

The airport transfer takes approximately two hours. Depending on your flight arrangements, an early departure from the hotel may be necessary.

Return home with wonderful memories of Ireland's spectacular landscapes, historic treasures, captivating traditions, and warm hospitality.

Meals: *Breakfast*

***Exact details for this tour will be updated on the G.C.T. travel site once the official itinerary is confirmed. This more detailed G.C.T. itinerary can be found by [clicking here](#).*



✅ What's Included

- 13 nights' accommodations
- 25 meals—13 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- All transportation and transfers
- International airfare, airport transfers, taxes, fees & fuel surcharges
- Services of a local Program Director
- 16 activities, including a hurling demonstration and a sheep farming experience
- Gratuities for local guides and drivers

✈️ Flight Booking Notes

When confirming your deposit, please specify:

- Travel class preference (Coach, Premium Select, Business)
- Aisle or window seating
- Any special requests or meal preferences

ℹ️ Additional Notes

- **Prices subject to change**, especially airfare and fees.
- Customizations and optional extensions are available.
- Physical Requirements: Activity level is **easy (Level 1 out of 5)**





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