



# Ireland in Depth:

Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Killarney, Galway

## August 6-20, 2022

Welcome to the enchanted and enchanting island of Ireland. As you travel through this magical country, you'll delve deeply into a land rich in history, legend, stirring music, and verdant landscapes. Begin your journey in Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital, before continuing on to the historic city of Kilkenny. From there, you're off to Cork and its nearby seaport of Cobh, from which thousands of Irish emigrated during the Potato Famine.

You'll also visit Killarney and the 110-mile Ring of Kerry, boasting some of Ireland's most astonishing scenery, before exploring the eerie landscape of the Burren and the captivating Cliffs of Moher. Finally, end your Ireland guided tour in lovely Galway, where there's a tune playing around every corner. This Ireland tour is an in-depth discovery of the Emerald Isle—its lore, its lands, and above all, the gregarious charm of its people.

**REMINDER:** Space for this special journey is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is truly limited. To reserve your place today, call Curtis Whitaker at (269) 209-5889. Or reserve online at [www.TravelwithScottandCurtis.com](http://www.TravelwithScottandCurtis.com). If you haven't experienced a Scott & Curtis travel adventure before, feel free to ask questions or meet with our staff. *Welcome!*



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**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Your health and safety is our #1 priority. In partnership with our travel providers Great Circle Travel and OAT, we are monitoring the COVID-19 situation daily, including how it may impact future travel plans in 2021 and 2022. If any changes are made, we will do our best to alert you as soon as possible. If you have questions in the meantime, please call Curtis Whitaker during regular business hours at (269) 209-5889. Thank you!





## **Detailed Itinerary: Ireland in Depth, Aug. 6-20, 2022**

### **Day 1 – Depart U.S.**

Depart from the U.S. today and travel to Ireland, arriving on Day 2. Please refer to your individual air itinerary for exact departure and arrival times.

### **Day 2 – Arrive Dublin, Ireland**

Activity Note: Your Program Director may be traveling on the Northern Ireland pre-trip extension, in which case you will be assisted by a Grand Circle hotel representative until your Program Director arrives with the rest of your group.

Morning/Afternoon: Arrive in Dublin today and begin your Ireland tour. A Grand Circle representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to your hotel, where you'll meet your Program Director and your fellow travelers, including those returning from their Northern Ireland pre-trip extension. After your arrival, your Program Director will take you for a vicinity walk to explore the area around your hotel, and provide suggestions on how to maximize your day and explore on your own.

Tonight, get to know your fellow travelers over a Welcome Drink and briefing.

Dinner/Evening: Tonight is yours to relax or explore independently, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations.

### **Day 3 – Explore Dublin**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Begin your discoveries of Dublin, Ireland's political and cultural center. Dublin is amazingly rich in literary history—Yeats, Shaw, Beckett, Joyce and other literary immortals have walked its streets—and its architecture and museum collections are second to none.

Begin your discoveries with a guided panoramic tour of the city's sights, which will include a stop at Trinity College to view the ancient Book of Kells. Believed to have been crafted in AD 800, the Book of Kells is a stunningly illustrated

collection of the four Gospels of the New Testament. After your tour, you'll have the rest of the day to spend in Dublin as you wish.

Lunch/Afternoon: Yours to do as you please. Your Program Director will be happy to recommend a spot for lunch and free time activities.

Dinner: Get to know your fellow travelers during an included Welcome Dinner at your hotel.

Evening: You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

#### **Day 4 – Dublin • Visit Guinness Storehouse • Optional Traditional Irish Night**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Learn about the history of Ireland's famous brew during a tour of the Guinness Storehouse, a seven-story museum located in a former brewing factory inside the St. James's Gate Brewery. You'll also have a chance to observe the technique behind pouring a perfect glass of "the black stuff" during a pint-pulling demonstration, and enjoy a glass on the house at the Storehouse's Gravity Bar at the top level, which features 360-degree panoramic views of Dublin.

After your tour, the rest of the day is yours to spend discovering Dublin at your own pace.

Lunch/Afternoon: Yours to do as you please. Your Program Director will be happy to recommend a spot for lunch and free time activities.

#### **Important Travel Notes:**

- For your comfort and safety, we recommend this tour for individuals in good physical condition. If you have difficulty walking, this may be a difficult trip for you.
- We reserve the right to cancel this tour due to insufficient registration. Full refund will be given if tour is canceled due to insufficient registration.
- If traveling alone, we will match you up with a roommate (this tour is double occupancy only).
- Please read the "What to Expect" box on the next page carefully. If you have further questions, call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

Perhaps you'll wander to St. Stephen's Green, a 22-acre public park designed in the Georgian era. Its history is as rich as its landscaping. Among many points of interest, a memorial garden to W. B. Yeats features a Henry Moore sculpture.

Or maybe you'll visit the National Library of Ireland, whose collection includes manuscripts spanning a thousand years. The library regularly exhibits selections from its archive of historic and modern Irish photographs, prints, and drawings. You could also choose to follow the enlightening route walked by Leopold Bloom in Joyce's *Ulysses*, including Eccles Street and Bachelor's Walk.

Dinner/Evening: Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations. Or, join us for an optional Traditional Irish Night, for a hearty three-course meal accompanied by lively tunes from local musicians. Feel free to raise your voice and join in the chorus as the merriment takes you away into the evening.

#### **Traditional Irish Night - \$95/person**

Enjoy a night of craic (a ubiquitous Irish word with no real English equivalent, loosely translated to "having a good time") at a local restaurant as you savor a hearty three-course dinner, followed by an evening of lively entertainment. A group of local musicians takes the stage after dinner to play some traditional Irish music into the night.

#### **Day 5 – Dublin • Visit Glendalough • Avoca Handweavers • Kilkenny**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Depart for Kilkenny, stopping along the way at Glendalough to tour the ruins of the monastery, founded in the sixth century by St. Kevin.

Among the monks' great achievements was manuscript writing and copying, including the creation of the spectacular Book of Glendalough around 1131. Now at the Bodleian Library at Oxford, the book—containing historical chronicles, genealogies, and religious poems—is one of the most important and beautiful Irish manuscripts from the pre-Norman period.

Then, continue on to the river town of Avoca, made famous by the Avoca Handweavers. This clothing manufacturer is Ireland's oldest line of business, active since the early 1700s. Here, you'll meet with some of the handweavers when you visit Avoca's mill, which happens to be the oldest of its class in all of Ireland.

Lunch: On your own in Avoca—ask your Program Director for local restaurant recommendations.

Afternoon: Continue on to Kilkenny, where you'll arrive later today and check into your hotel.

Dinner: Included at your hotel tonight.

Evening: You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

### **Day 6 – Explore Kilkenny • Hurling demonstration**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Partake in an exclusive Discovery Series event as you learn about hurling, an energetic and uniquely Irish sport similar to field hockey or lacrosse, with traditional Gaelic roots. The Irish have been playing the game since the Celts invented it 2,000 years ago, and take an immense amount of pride in the game.

You'll learn all about the game as a former player demonstrates his skillful moves, and you'll watch as an expert craftsman masterfully transforms a plank of ash into a hurley (the stick used to play the game) in his workshop.

Then, explore Kilkenny, a medieval city straddling the banks of the River Nore, on an included walking tour with your Program Director. Your tour will take you to the sprawling gardens of Kilkenny Castle, an 800-year-old stronghold that lords over the city center. Though originally designed to defend a crossing over the River Nore, the castle's grounds today provide a peaceful place for locals and visitors alike to stroll about and admire the impressive artisanal floristry on display.

Lunch: Conclude your tour of Kilkenny with an included lunch at a local restaurant.

Afternoon: Free for your own discoveries—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

Dinner/Evening: Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations.

### **Day 7 – Kilkenny • Visit Waterford Crystal factory • Cahir Castle • Cork**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Travel from Kilkenny to the city of Cork today, stopping en route to visit Waterford and Cahir Castle.

## **What's Included in the Package**

- International round-trip airfare from Detroit Metro Airport to and from Ireland, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements.
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Accommodations for 13 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- 22 meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 6 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Lunch)
- 16 included features: 12 guided tours and 4 exclusive Discovery Series events: Hurling demonstration • Home-Hosted Lunch • Irish history & culture discussion • Sheep farm experience
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)
- Gratuities on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- Personal headset for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

In Waterford, you'll tour the Waterford Crystal factory, prized the world over as the standard for the highest quality lead-cut crystal. Founded in 1783 by George and William Penrose, the Waterford branch of the company is now part of a worldwide operation that includes such notable brands as Wedgwood and Royal Doulton.

You'll learn about the organization's history, and witness a glassblowing demonstration before free time to explore further or shop their fine products.

Lunch: Depart for Cahir, and enjoy an independent lunch upon arrival. Your Program Director can offer a number of restaurants to choose from.

Afternoon: Enjoy a tour of Cahir Castle. In its time (13th-15th centuries), Cahir Castle featured a state-of-the-art defensive design, and is now one of Ireland's best-preserved castles. Situated on a rocky island in the River Suir, the castle still boasts its keep, tower, and much of its original structure. The last Lord Cahir died in 1961, at which point the castle came into state stewardship. Arrive in Cork late this afternoon, where, after checking in to your hotel, you may choose to relax, explore independently, or join an optional orientation walk around the city with your Program Director.

## What to Expect: Ireland in Depth

■ **Physical Requirements:** Be able to walk 2 miles unassisted and participate in 1.5-2.5 hours of physical activities daily, including stairs. Agility, balance, and stair-climbing are required to kiss the Blarney Stone. Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters. Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them. We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group's experience

■ **Terrain & Transportation:** 5 locations in 14 days. Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones. Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, ferry, and boat.

■ **Accommodations & Facilities:** Hotel rooms are smaller than those in the U.S. and offer basic amenities. Some hotels do not have an elevator. All accommodations feature private baths.

■ **Climate:** Daytime temperatures range from 48-67°F during touring season. June-August are the warmest months. Weather in Ireland can be unpredictable and change quickly. Rain is common and should be expected.

Irish weather is traditionally fickle, even in summer—when temperatures usually range from the low 50s to the upper 60s. Chilly east winds may blow through, so come prepared for anything. Autumn generally comes early, bringing mist, showers, and brisk weather in the 40s. Except for a strip along the east coast, the country receives some rain at least 200 days a year. This wet climate is responsible for Ireland's verdant beauty.

## Passport & Visa Information

Your U.S. passport should meet these requirements for this itinerary: It should be valid for at least 6 months after your scheduled return to the U.S. It should have the recommended number of blank pages (refer to the handbook for details). The blank pages must be labeled "Visas" at the top. Pages labeled "Amendments and Endorsements" are not acceptable. Visas: U.S. citizens do not need a visa for this trip.

## Vaccinations Information Vaccinations Information

Our travel partner GCT requires a valid Covid-19 vaccination **plus** booster shot for all travelers. For other vaccinations that **may** be recommended for this trip, please visit the CDC's "Traveler's Health" website at [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

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We also recommend the following further steps

**Dinner:** Enjoy an included dinner with your fellow travelers tonight.

**Evening:** You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

**Day 8 – Cork • Explore Cobh • Home-Hosted Lunch**  
Breakfast: At the hotel.

**Morning:** This morning, ride to Cobh (pronounced "cove"). This picturesque town long served as the main harbor for the city of Cork, and is dominated by the spire of St. Colman's Cathedral, which contains the largest carillon in Ireland. A local historian will give you some insight into Cobh's history during an included tour this morning.

Cobh was a major emigration point for families who left the country during the Great Potato Famine, when some two-and-a-half million emigrants departed this port for North America. Here you'll discover the story of Irish emigration and the era of the great ocean liners, when Cobh was a very active port. This was the last place the RMS Titanic dropped anchor before heading across the Atlantic on her tragic journey in 1912.

Here you can also pay tribute to the victims of the RMS Lusitania at a quayside memorial. In 1915, this ship was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Cobh, with a loss of 1,196 passengers, including 127 Americans. This action helped bring America into World War I.

**Lunch:** Learn about contemporary life in Ireland—and savor a traditional meal—during a Home-Hosted Lunch in a local home, an exclusive Discovery Series event.



Afternoon: In the late afternoon, return to Cork, where the rest of the day is yours to explore independently.

Dinner/Evening: Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations.

**Day 9 – Cork • Visit Blarney Castle • Sheep farm experience • Irish history & culture conversation • Killarney**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Bid Cork farewell and begin your transfer to Killarney.

On the way, stop for a visit to Blarney Castle, where a 129-step staircase leads up a tower to the famed Blarney Stone. According to legend, anyone who manages the backward lean to kiss it receives the “gift of the gab”—a smooth, soothing way with words that at best mean nothing.

The word “blarney” was coined by Elizabeth I to describe her endless and fruitless discussions with Dermot McCarthy over his surrender of the castle to the Crown. The McCarthys built the present castle with its 85-foot-high keep in 1446, replacing an earlier castle. Though the Blarney Stone gets all the publicity, the castle’s tower house and surrounding gardens are superb

in their own right. The castle’s grounds also include caves, dungeons, and a rock garden of ancient trees and weathered stones.

After your tour, you’ll set off for an exclusive Discovery Series event at a working sheep farm, where you’ll chat with the owner about rural life, and get a chance to see Ireland’s finest border collies in action.

Lunch: Arrive in Killarney this afternoon and enjoy an independent lunch.

Afternoon: You’ll have some free time to relax or explore independently in Killarney.

Before dinner, enjoy an exclusive Discovery Series discussion with a local resident for a personal perspective on rural Irish life and growing up on a small farm in the 1950s.

Dinner: Included at your hotel this evening.

Evening: You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

**Day 10 – Killarney • Optional Dingle Experience tour**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Free for your own discoveries—ask your Program Director for recommendations.



Or, join a full-day optional tour as we venture out along the Dingle Peninsula. You'll stop first at Tralee's Kerry County Museum, where you'll enjoy the fascinating experience of a recreated medieval street. Then follow the rugged Dingle Peninsula, tracing a path of wild mountains and some of the most spectacular coastline Ireland has to display.

On a clear day, you can see the famed Blasket Islands, rising like jewels from the Atlantic Ocean. One of Ireland's largest Irish-speaking areas, the peninsula has attracted many writers and artists for the inspiration the wild landscape offers. The movies *Ryan's Daughter* and *Far and Away* were filmed here, as well as scenes from *Star Wars: The Last Jedi*.

**Lunch:** On your own—ask your Program Director for local restaurant recommendations. Or, if you've chosen to join our optional tour, you'll stop in the fishing town of Dingle to enjoy an included lunch of locally caught fish and chips.

**Afternoon:** Free for your own discoveries—ask your Program Director for recommendations. If you've chosen to explore the Dingle Peninsula today, you'll enjoy more of the Wild Atlantic Way's stunning scenery as you make your way back toward Killarney, arriving late this afternoon.

**Dinner/Evening:** Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations. Dingle Experience - \$95/person  
Venture out along the Dingle Peninsula, stopping at Tralee's Kerry County Museum, where you'll experience

a re-created medieval village. Then follow the rugged peninsula, tracing a path of wild mountains and some of Ireland's most spectacular coastline. One of Ireland's largest Irish-speaking areas, the wild landscapes continue to inspire writers and artists. We'll stop in the fishing port of Dingle, to enjoy locally caught fish (and chips) for lunch.

### **Day 11 – Killarney • Explore Ring of Kerry • Optional National Folk Theatre performance**

**Breakfast:** At the hotel.

**Morning:** On this morning's included tour, you'll discover the Ring of Kerry, a drive that traces the coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula and offers breathtaking views. There is always something new to appreciate in the combination of ocean, islands, mountains, light, and ever-changing weather patterns. We ride most of the way, making scenic stops.

The first town along the route is Killorglin, where an elegant eight-arched bridge crosses the River Laune. Then you'll advance to the water's edge at Kells, an attractive fishing village with panoramic viewing points.

**Lunch:** On the return to Killarney, your route takes you through the picturesque village of Sneem, where you'll have an included lunch.

**Afternoon:** Make your way back to Killarney, pausing along the way to enjoy the scenery of Ladies View, named after Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting. The vistas of lakes and mountains remain magnificent today. Upon returning to Killarney, you'll have the rest of the day at leisure to explore independently. Perhaps you'll choose to ride on a jaunting car (a traditional Irish horse-



drawn carriage) for a tour of the lush forested environs of Killarney National Park.

Dinner/Evening: Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations. Or, join us for an optional performance by the National Folk Theatre, the country's only repertory company, with an included three-course dinner. Using traditional Irish disciplines, the group offers a cultural experience dramatizing the essence of Irish culture. Please note: This optional tour is available on late May-early September departures only.

National Folk Theatre performance - \$95/person  
Enjoy a performance of Siamsa Tíre—the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, and the country's only repertory company. Using traditional disciplines, Siamsa Tíre offers a cultural experience dramatizing the essence of Irish culture. You'll also enjoy a three-course dinner before the show.

Please note that this optional tour is available on late May-early September departures only.

## **Day 12 – Killarney • Visit Cliffs of Moher & the Burren • Galway**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Bid farewell to Killarney and begin your transfer to Galway, stopping along the way to discover a

few more treasures of the Emerald Isle.

First, ferry across the River Shannon and drive along the coast of County Clare to visit the majestic Cliffs of Moher. These precipitous rock formations—towering more than 700 feet above the crashing ocean surf at their highest point—offer breathtaking panoramic views of Ireland's Atlantic coast, and provide nesting sites for tens of thousands of seabirds. If the wind is strong, the sea foam and spray flies up and over the cliffs along with the rain; while on clear sunny days, fantastic views can be seen from every angle.

Over the centuries, people have also made their mark with towers, quarries, and well-worn paths, but they're almost lost in the scale and grandeur of the sea cliffs. One that does stand out is O'Brien's Tower, a huge structure built to house the guests of Cornelius O'Brien, County Clare's legendary Member of Parliament from the 1830s until he died in 1857.

Lunch: You'll have time for lunch on your own at the Cliffs of Moher.

Afternoon: Depart the cliffs and travel along a scenic coastal road to discover another natural Irish wonder, the Burren. Its name is derived from a Gaelic word meaning "stony place," and it is like no other place in Ireland. Instead of peat bogs and pastures, you'll find a surreal moonscape full of huge limestone crags.

Despite this seemingly inhospitable setting, a diverse array of plant life—including wild orchids and rock rose—thrives here. Alpine plants nestle in crevices beside temperate species. The white, deeply crevassed limestone conceals “micro-environments” rich in potholes and hollows. The ample rainfall and strange topography have resulted in a paradoxical profusion of arctic and semi-tropical vegetation growing side by side.

Finally, you’ll arrive in Galway later today, where, after checking into your hotel, you’ll set out with your Program Director on an orientation walk.

Dinner: Included at a local restaurant with your fellow travelers.

Evening: You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

### **Day 13 – Galway • Optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Spend the day at leisure, exploring Galway on your own. The city’s compact center spans both sides of the River Corrib. In the center of Eyre Square stands the Quincentennial Fountain, constructed in 1984 to mark the 500th anniversary of the Royal Charter granted by King Richard III that created Galway as a city-state.

Nearby are some of the oldest streets in Galway, narrow winding lanes that curve in and around old wooden buildings, often meandering off toward the Corrib and the docks. Yet turn a corner and you will find modern Galway—certainly one of the liveliest cities in Europe. Artists and musicians crowd the sidewalks and almost every pub seems to offer live music.

Or, join us for an optional full-day journey through the Connemara region of Galway. Once home to more than two million Irish, it still retains its regional heritage, as you will discover while we ramble around its lakes, mountains, and bogs.

You’ll visit the former Gothic mansion of Mitchell Henry, now the home of Benedictine nuns and better known as Kylemore Abbey. You’ll have time to wander both the mansion and the Victorian gardens. Then cruise Killary, a charming fjord.

Lunch: On your own—ask your Program Director for local restaurant recommendations. Or, if you’ve chosen our optional tour, you’ll enjoy an included lunch and Irish coffee during your fjord cruise.

Afternoon: Today’s optional tour continues as you travel through the Inagh Valley to the coast, where you’ll see the deserted village of Clough Na Mara and discover a sense of the hardship the Irish experienced during the famines of the 18th and 19th centuries. Today, only the



shells of their homes remain—set amidst hundreds of miles of stone walls.

Return to Galway late this afternoon.

Dinner/Evening: Continue making independent discoveries this evening, with dinner on your own. Ask your Program Director for restaurant recommendations. Connemara & Kylemore Abbey - \$95/person  
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Visit the former Gothic mansion of Mitchell Henry, now the home of Benedictine nuns and better known as Kylemore Abbey. You will have time to wander both the mansion and the Victorian gardens. Then enjoy lunch as you cruise Killary Harbor, a charming fjord-like inlet. Lastly, you'll see the deserted village of Clough Na Mara, where only shells of 18th- and 19th-century houses remain—set amid hundreds of miles of stone walls.

## **Day 14 – Explore Galway**

Breakfast: At the hotel.

Morning: Join your Program Director on a walking tour through Galway. This enchanting city is a medley of narrow lanes, wood and stone shop fronts, and bustling restaurants and pubs. Originally presided over by the local O'Flahertys, Galway was taken over by Anglo-Normans and became a thriving center of trade and commerce by the 14th century.

Your tour will take you to Galway Bay, which Spanish galleons once regularly called “home” during their western voyages. Galway declined after being damaged in battle with the forces of Oliver Cromwell in the mid-17th century, but regained its prosperity and vitality in modern times. Today, Galway remains a merchant town, but it is also a burgeoning center for technology and a lively bohemian mecca.

Lunch/Afternoon: Yours to spend in Galway as you please. Your Program Director will be happy to recommend a spot for lunch and free time activities. Dinner: Gather with your Program Director and fellow travelers at your hotel for an included Farewell Dinner. Evening: You have the freedom to spend the rest of your evening as you wish—ask your Program Director for recommendations.

## **Day 15 – Galway • Return to U.S.**



## Pricing Summary & Trip Dates

**Trip Name:** Ireland in Depth

**Trip Dates:** Aug. 6-20, 2022

### Trip Prices:

Base Trip: \$3,495 per person (double occupancy)

**Airfare from Detroit (DTW):** \$1,400 per person

**Travel Protection:** Not required but is highly recommended. For details, please call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

**Reservation Deposit:** The deposit to reserve your space on this trip is \$500 per person fully refundable until 65 days prior to departure. Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

**Need Help?** For personal assistance or more information about this trip in the meantime, please call Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**.

## TOUR RESERVATION POLICY:

Reservations can be made by calling Curtis Whitaker at **(269) 209-5889**. A \$500 deposit is required to guarantee your place (credit cards accepted). Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

**Note:** The information, dates and prices provided in this document are estimates only based on currently available information. Pricing and itinerary are subject to change.

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