

Ireland in Depth

IRELAND: DUBLIN, KILKENNY, CORK, KILLARNEY, GALWAY



Arrival/Departure ✈️
 Nights at destination ②
 Included Tour △
 Optional Tour ○
 Motorcoach Route —
 Air Route - - -



15 days from **\$5,935**
 Including international airfare from Sacramento

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Northern Ireland
 5 nights pre-trip from \$1,295 per person

DEPARTURE AUGUST 9, 2025

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION:
 Northern Ireland

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-4 • Dublin, Ireland

Included Tours Dublin, Guinness Storehouse
Optional Tour Traditional Irish Night

Day 5-6 • Kilkenny

Included Tours Avoca Handweavers, Glendalough, Kilkenny

Day 7-8 • Cork

Included Tours Waterford Crystal factory, Cahir Castle, Cobh

Day 9-11 • Killarney

Included Tours Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry
Optional Tours Dingle Experience, National Folk Theatre Performance

Day 12-14 • Galway

Included Tours Cliffs of Moher & the Burren, Galway
Optional Tour Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

Day 15 • Return to U.S.

IT'S INCLUDED

- Choose to **purchase Grand Circle's airfare**, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements
- **Accommodations** for 13 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- **25 meals:** 13 breakfasts, 6 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** (for no more than 24 travelers)
- **Gratuities** on your main trip for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- **Personal headset** for all included and optional tours on your main trip
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips
- **5% Frequent Traveler Credit** toward your next trip

RETURN AUGUST 23, 2025



PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size

- A maximum of 24 travelers, led by a local Grand Circle Program Director

Pacing

- 5 locations in 14 days

Physical Requirements

- 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
- Please use caution when interacting with animals on this trip: Keep a safe distance, stay alert, and respect the animals

Terrain & Transportation

- Uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones
- Travel by 45-seat motorcoach, ferry, and boat

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

ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart from the U.S. today and travel to Ireland.

Day 2 • Arrive Dublin, Ireland

Your arrival time will depend on your departure city. A Grand Circle representative will meet you at the airport and assist you to your hotel to meet your Program Director and fellow travelers arriving from their optional *Northern Ireland* extension.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening at the hotel's restaurant.

D—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 3 • Explore Dublin

After breakfast today, you'll begin your discoveries of Dublin, Ireland's political and cultural center. Discover the city on a guided panoramic tour, including a stop at EPIC, the Irish Immigration Museum. Set in Dublin's docklands, this was the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. Here, you'll be able to discover the stories of Irish emigrations around the world to modern day.

B,L—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 4 • Dublin • Visit Teeling Whiskey Distillery • Optional *Traditional Irish Night*

This morning, visit Teeling Distillery for a behind-the-scenes tour of one of the only operational whiskey distilleries in Dublin. The rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure, with lunch and dinner on your own. This evening, you may join us for an optional *Traditional Irish Night*, which includes 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.

B—Clayton Hotel Cardiff Lane or similar

Day 5 • Dublin • Visit Glendalough • Avoca Handweavers • Kilkenny

This morning, depart for Kilkenny, stopping along the way at the rustic monastic site of Glendalough, founded in the sixth century by St. Kevin. Next, continue on to the river town of Avoca, made famous by the Avoca Handweavers. During your visit, you'll hear about what it's like to work at the oldest clothing manufacturer in all of Ireland. Then, travel south to Kilkenny, where you'll arrive later today and check into your hotel before an included dinner with your fellow travelers.

B,L,D—Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel or similar

Day 6 • Explore Kilkenny

Discover Kilkenny's well-preserved medieval ambiance on an included walking tour. You'll wander the compact city's narrow lanes, and visit the immaculately manicured, sprawling gardens of Kilkenny Castle. Built around 800 years ago, the castle remains a delightful destination for locals and visitors alike today.

After an included lunch this afternoon, the rest of the day is yours to discover Kilkenny at leisure.

B,L—Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel or similar

Day 7 • Kilkenny • Visit Waterford Crystal factory • Cahir Castle • Cork

Travel from Kilkenny to Cork today, stopping en route to visit Waterford and Cahir Castle. You'll visit the Waterford Crystal factory, renowned globally as the standard for the highest quality lead-cut crystal. After your tour and free time to shop, depart for Cahir Castle. Situated on a rocky island in the River Suir, Cahir Castle once featured a state-of-the-art defensive design, and is now one of Ireland's best-preserved castles. Later today, transfer to Cork, where you'll enjoy an included dinner at your hotel.

B,D—Maldron Hotel South Mall or similar

Itinerary continued

Day 8 • Cork • Explore Cobh • Home-Hosted Lunch

This morning, enjoy an included tour of Cobh, a seaside town that served as a major emigration point for families leaving Ireland during the Great Potato Famine. The city was also the last port of call for two famously doomed ships: the RMS *Titanic* and the RMS *Lusitania*, the sinking of the latter being the event that brought America into World War I. This afternoon, learn about contemporary life in Ireland while savoring a traditional meal during a Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family.

The rest of the day is yours to make your own discoveries.

B,L—Maldron Hotel South Mall or similar

Day 9 • Cork • Visit Blarney Castle • Killarney

After breakfast this morning, bid Cork farewell and begin your transfer to Killarney.

On the way, stop in Blarney, a village nestled in the Irish countryside. Atop the south battlement of its famous castle, you'll find the Blarney Stone, reputed to bestow eloquence on those who manage to kiss it—a feat that can only be accomplished by hanging upside down. Then, stop to view Ireland's finest border collies in action during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** visit to a working sheep farm (weather permitting).

Arrive in Killarney in the afternoon. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at your hotel. This evening, you'll also learn about rural Irish life during an **Exclusive Discovery Series** conversation with a local resident who grew up on a small farm in the 1950s.

B,D—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 10 • Killarney • Optional Dingle Experience tour

After breakfast, join our optional *Dingle Experience* excursion. First, you'll travel to Kerry County Museum, where you'll enjoy a re-created medieval street in Tralee. Then visit the rugged Dingle Peninsula, known for its spectacular coastline, where you'll stop for a fish-and-chips lunch in the fishing town of Dingle.

B—Killarney Towers or similar

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

On this morning's included tour, you'll discover the Ring of Kerry, enjoying breathtaking views of Ireland's majestic mountains and rugged coastline. We ride most of the way, making scenic stops and disembarking in the picturesque village of Sneem for lunch.

After, return to Killarney, where the afternoon is yours to explore on your own. This evening, join us for an optional performance by the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, including dinner.

B,L—Killarney Towers or similar

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

This morning, set off for Galway, stopping along the way to discover the majestic Cliffs of Moher, precipitous rock formations towering more than 700 feet above the ocean. Next, travel up the coastal road to the Burren, a surreal moonscape full of huge limestone crags, massive dolmens, and ancient stone forts known as *cahers*. Despite the seemingly inhospitable climate, a diverse array of plant life thrives here.

Arrive in Galway later today, where you'll enjoy an included dinner.

B,D—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 13 • Galway • Optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour

Enjoy a full day to explore Galway at your own pace. Or, join our optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour today. You'll explore the former Mitchell Henry mansion before enjoying lunch onboard *The Connemara Lady* cruise boat while viewing the spectacular scenery of Ireland's only fjord. Then move on to Clough Na Mara, where you'll learn about the hardships of life in early Ireland.

B—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 14 • Explore Galway

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Galway, a burgeoning center for the technology industry and a lively bohemian mecca, with your Program Director, followed by time to explore at your own pace. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers at your hotel tonight.

B,L,D—Galway Bay Hotel or similar

Day 15 • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or cross the sea to join our optional post-trip extension in *Glasgow, Scotland*.

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Ring of Kerry, County Kerry, Ireland

PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

Northern Ireland

Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland

5 nights from **\$1,295 per person**

Travel from only \$259/night

Single Supplement: FREE

YOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart from the U.S. today on your flight to Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Day 2 • Arrive Belfast, Northern Ireland

Arrive in Belfast today, and join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink and briefing, and then a vicinity walk. The rest of the evening is yours to relax.

Leonardo Hotel Belfast

Day 3 • Explore Belfast

This morning, you'll see the sights of Belfast on a panoramic tour, as you drive by the city's elaborate Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Then enjoy the time to explore Belfast on your own before an included Welcome Dinner this evening.

B,D—Leonardo Hotel Belfast

Day 4 • Belfast • Explore Derry

Depart this morning for Londonderry, or simply Derry, as the locals call it. Along the way, you'll visit the stunning lunar landscape of the Giant's Causeway. Upon arriving in Derry, you'll tour the city and its walls on a guided walk.

B—City Hotel Derry or similar

Day 5 • Derry • Ulster Scots optional tour

Enjoy a free day in Derry. Or, join an optional tour to the remote Inishowen Peninsula, an unspoiled treasure trove of natural beauty.

B—City Hotel Derry or similar

Day 6 • Derry • Visit Belleek Pottery • Athlone

This morning, enjoy a visit to Belleek Pottery, the manufacturing hub for famous Irish chinaware. Then, continue on your journey to the picturesque town of Athlone. Lunch and dinner are on your own.

B—Sheraton Athlone Hotel or similar

Day 7 • Explore Athlone • Dublin • Join main trip

After breakfast, explore the town of Athlone, including the historic Clonmacnoise Monastery and fascinating Lough Boora Discovery Park. Later, transfer to Dublin to begin your *Ireland in Depth* vacation.

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IT'S INCLUDED

- **Accommodations** for 5 nights
- **6 meals:** 5 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- **6 included tours:** Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Londonderry, Belleek Pottery, Clonmacnoise monastic site, Lough Boora Discovery Park
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle Program Director
- **Gratuities** on this extension for local guides and motorcoach drivers
- All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL



City Hotel Derry Moderate First Class • Derry Ireland

Located on the banks of the River Foyle, Hotel Derry offers a restaurant, bar, and health club. Each room includes a telephone, TV, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.

This extension may not be available on all departures. Select departures feature similar accommodations. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. This extension may not be available on all departures.

For reservations and information **1-800-221-2610**

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Blarney Castle, County Clare, Ireland

2025 DEPARTURES LAND TOUR PRICES

Group Supplement: a \$600 per person supplemental cost is included in the below price. This supplement is for limiting the maximum group size to 24 travelers.

Land Tour only	\$4,195
DEPART FROM:	AUG 9, 2025
Sacramento	\$1,740

Deposit: \$350 per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. **Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee** of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one take-off and one landing. **Passenger Facility Charge (PFC)** of up to \$18 per passenger. **Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee** of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). **U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges** of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. See www.gct.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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Here's how you will save
based on a trip value of \$6500:

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in Full)	Percent You Save:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 months or more	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 months prior	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 months prior	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% OFF	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% OFF	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% OFF	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% OFF	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% OFF	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days**	\$50 OFF	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost

**You will save a minimum of \$50 when you pay in full by check within 120 days and prior to your final payment due date (90 days prior to departure). All figures and savings shown are examples only.

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