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# Glimpse of Ireland

a Brendan Vacations tour

May 4-13, 2012

## Price Per Person

\$2795 Twin

\$3245 Single

Insurance \$169

## Includes

Round trip air Chicago/Dublin

Round trip transfers Rockford/O'Hare

Round Trip transfers in Dublin

8 Nights hotel

Breakfast daily

5 Dinners

Services of a professional Irish tour director



## Payment

Deposit of \$300 plus insurance per person

Final due by Feb 14, 2012

## Highlights of the tour

Awaiting you is St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Strokestown Park House estate and museum, and Kylemore Abbey in Connemara! Watch the sunset over Galway Bay and visit Galway Cathedral, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, and much more.



## Lindstrom Travel

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#### **May 4 Rockford - Dublin**

Depart Rockford to O'Hare then board flight to Dublin.

#### **May 5 Arrive in Dublin, Ireland**

Welcome to Dublin, you will be transferred to your hotel and have the rest of the day to explore.

#### **May 6 Dublin**

The morning is free and then at 200pm your discovery of Ireland begins with a tour of Dublin. Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1190, tour the beautiful Georgian squares, walk the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College to its famed library and its truly unique world treasure-the 8<sup>th</sup> century Book of Kells. This evening, join your tour director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink to toast the start of a great vacation.

#### **May 7 Dublin/The Midlands/Ballina**

Cross midland Ireland and visit one of the country's fine old manors, Strokestown Park House in County Roscommon. This grand estate, built in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, has been carefully restored and still has its original furnishings. The Famine Museum is located in the former stable yards of the house. It was designed to commemorate The Great Irish Famine of the 1840's, now regarded as the single greatest social disaster of 19<sup>th</sup> century Europe. Continue on to County Mayo to visit the Shrine at Knock. In 1879, the figures of Mary, St. Joseph and St. John are reported to have appeared here in a vision to 15 local people. Dinner at your hotel is a perfect end to the day's sightseeing. (B,D)

#### **May 8 Ballina/Connemara**

Travel to the picturesque town of Westport. Enjoy some free time to browse before setting out for Connemara, Ireland's historic western province. Next visit the beautiful Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied since 1920 by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns. Continue your tour of splendid Connemara, where whitewashed cottages are scattered over a land of rocky mountains, sparkling brooks and rivers. This evening, dine at your elegant hotel as the sun sets over Galway Bay. (B,D)

#### **May 9 Connemara/Galway/Cliffs of Moher/Killarney**

This morning visit impressive Galway Cathedral, set on the River Corrib, before dropping in for refreshments at Rathbaun Farm. Meet the farming family as they carry out their everyday chores. Next, cross the Burren, a suddenly dark and barren landscape. Travel west to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, rising approximately 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic waves. Later, take the Tarbert Ferry across the Shannon estuary and continue on to Killarney. (B,D)

#### **May 10 The Ring of Kerry**

Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry. It is undoubtedly one of the most magical places in all of Ireland. Here the mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend in to a landscape that is often breathtaking beyond words. Stopping at Torc Waterfall for photos, there is a chance to join a leisurely hike with a qualified guide. You will walk along the lake shore and past the farmlands of the Muckross Estate, admiring the scenery. For those who do not want to join the hike, the motorcoach will return to Killarney. The rest of the day is free (B)

#### **May 11 Killarney/Blarney/Waterford**

Your first stop today is in the village of Blarney. There is time to browse through Blarney Woolen Mills. Don't miss the chance to walk across to Blarney Castle and kiss the famous stone that bestows the gift of eloquence. Then on to the ancient Viking town of Waterford. Visit the House of Waterford Crystal for a visual journey of over 225 years of glassmaking. See how each individual piece of crystal is created by highly skilled craftsmen. (B,D)

#### **May 12 Waterford/Dublin**

Meet local Jack Burtchaell for a stroll around Ireland's oldest city. See the cathedrals and national monuments, and hear about a gallery of rogues and rascals, all delivered by a master storyteller. Return to Dublin. This evening join newfound friends for a Farewell Dinner with traditional Irish entertainment. (B, D)

#### **May 13 Dublin - Rockford**

Transfer to the airport and fly back to O'Hare and then back to Rockford

#### **Cancellation Fees**

Based on days prior to departure.

45 days \$200

44-22 days 30%

7-1 day 50%

On day of departure 100%

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