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Spirit of

Ireland

July 25 - August 6, 2020

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Blarney Castle



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Cliffs of Moher

Day 1: Saturday, July 25, 2020 • Depart USA

Our adventure begins as we depart Minneapolis Airport on our international flight, and wing our way over the Atlantic to Shannon, Ireland! **In flight meal**

Day 2: Sunday, July 26, 2020 • Galway

Upon arrival in Shannon, we meet our coach and driver. We start with a scenic drive through some of Ireland today, as we drive a short distance to see the **Cliffs of Moher**; dark, limestone cliffs that stretch for five miles dropping down to the raging, foaming sea! Later we head north through the "moonlike" Burren area and break for a country lunch at a local farm and see the Irish farmers at work. We stop at **Galway Cathedral** before checking into our hotel in Galway. **D**

Day 3: Monday, July 27, 2020 • Galway

After breakfast, we stop for a visit at Flaherty Castle, ancestral home of the Donnelly family. Next we explore the unspoiled island of Inishmore in the **Aran Islands**, ranked as #11 by National Geographic. The islands are dramatic, wind-blown and spectacular! After our sightseeing we take the ferry back to the mainland and investigate more of the breathtakingly beautiful **Galway Peninsula**. This evening we have dinner and Irish music and dance at a local pub/restaurant. **B/D**

Day 4: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 • Killarney

We depart a bit early this morning making a fun stop at **Bunratty Castle** to stroll in the **Folk Park**. A living reconstruction of the homes and lives of Ireland a century ago, we delight in the rural farmhouses, village shops and **Bunratty House**, all furnished as they were then. We have time for a picture stop in the village of **Adare**. Adare is one of the area's unique villages with several thatched cottages on the wooded banks of the River Maigue. Our scenic drive through Ireland's "west country" continues, when we drive south towards the **Dingle Peninsula**. After free time in Dingle, we follow the coastline and stop for a break at the South Pole Inn, dedicated to explorer Tom Crean, who made several expeditions to Antarctica in the early 1900's. After a photo stop at **Inch Beach**, we then drive to Killarney for overnight. **B/D**

Day 5: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 • Killarney

We continue on to the **Ring of Kerry**, one of the most



Muckross House

spectacular drives in Europe. Names such as Ladies' View, McGillicuddy Reeks, and Cahirciveen come to life as we negotiate several hours of never to be forgotten views! We see **Torc Waterfalls** and all the beauty of **Killarney National Park**. We visit **Muckross House**, situated close to the shores of Muckross Lake, amidst the beautiful scenery of Killarney National Park. The house is a focal point within the Park and is the ideal base from which to explore its terrain. We return to Killarney for dinner with music and dancing at a **local pub (Molly Darcy's is now Major Colgan's)**. **B/D**

Day 6: Thursday, July 30, 2020 • Cork

This morning we depart to **Cork** stopping first at **Blarney Castle**. Each of you is more eloquent as you receive the "gift of gab" when you kiss the Blarney Stone. Even the non-shopper enjoys a trip through the **Blarney Woollen Mills** which has a very large selection of Irish sweaters and other Irish made items. Next, we drive to Midleton for a tour of the **Jameson Distillery**. **B/D**

Day 7: Friday, July 31, 2020 • Cork

Today we visit the **Queenstown Exhibit** in Cobh. Between 1840 and 1950 over six million men, women and children emigrated from Ireland. The Queenstown Story is a museum about that wave of emigration, including the story of Annie Moore, the first emigrant to be processed at Ellis Island when it opened in 1892. There's information too, on the Titanic, and the Lusitania, as well as the maritime history of Cork. After spending some time learning about this small and quaint maritime harbor, we head back to Cork for free time (and lunch) at the **English Market**. We have the afternoon free for shopping, and perhaps we can catch a *Gaelic football game and meet some of the players. **B**

Day 8: Saturday, August 1, 2020 • Waterford

We continue driving East along the Irish Sea marveling at the views and making fun, shorts stops in towns like Youghal and Dungarvan as we make our way to Waterford. Our first stop is at the elegant **Curraghmore House & Gardens**, a beautiful country estate comprising over 2500 acres of formal gardens, pastures and woodlands. Later we arrive in Waterford and tour the lovely **Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre**. We have a factory tour and take the opportunity for shopping (and buying!) this fine crystal. We check into our hotel for overnight and dinner. **B/D**

Day 9: Sunday, August 2, 2020 • Waterford

We begin our exploration of the **Waterford Viking Triangle**. These three museums, within a few paces of each other, tell the 1100-year-old story of Waterford from its foundation in 914 by Viking sea pirates. After visiting one of the museums, we have a short tour of the city. We have the remainder of the day free for individual exploring and shopping. **B**

Day 10: Monday, August 3, 2020 • Dublin

After breakfast we head northeast towards Dublin. Enroute we stop for lunch, on our own, in the medieval city of **Kilkenny**. With free time, we can stroll through **St. Canice's Cathedral** and admire the high crosses found in the cemetery, and the round tower adjacent to it. We continue north and visit the **Japanese Gardens & Irish National Stud Farm**, where we can learn how the lands around Tully have been associated with the breeding of horses since about 1300, when it is likely that war horses were bred here for the Knights of Malta. The gardens are a living monument to the meeting of Eastern and Western cultures in a Western setting and tell of "The Life of Man" from The Cradle to the Grave. We drive to **Dublin** for overnight. **B/D**

Day 11: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 • Dublin

This morning, we try to catch Father Ray Kelly (the singing priest from *Britain's got Talent* 2018 season) as he celebrates daily Mass in a small town outside of Dublin. After lunch, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Ireland's fair capital. During our tour we also visit the impressive St. Patrick's Cathedral and visit the **Book of Kells** in the Old Library at **Trinity College**. We have a tour of the **Guinness Brewery and Hopstore Museum**. We return to our hotel to freshen up before we go out for our farewell dinner at the **Abbey Tavern**. Our guide joins us for dinner tonight and tells us of a few sights we can do tomorrow on our free day in Dublin. **B/D**

Day 12: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 • Dublin

Our hotel is within a short walking distance of **Temple Bar District** and the famous **Dublin Hop on Hop off Bus Tour** with 24 different points of interest. This day is totally free in Dublin to shop, meet the locals or experience the many museums and attractions. **B**

Day 13: Thursday, August 6, 2020 • Return to the USA

After breakfast, we are transported to the international airport with fond memories of a delightfully entertaining, educational and adventurous tour in the Emerald Isle. **B**

*NOTE: *Gaelic Football is finishing up their season now with quarter- and semi-finals. Final rounds are at the end of July through beginning of September. We will be working on a local team visit and player meet-up, and include a pub visit with fans!*

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast, D=Dinner

TOUR COST: \$4,549* per person
Includes estimated air from Minneapolis

*Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying participants, double occupancy
Single supplement = \$750

Your Tour Includes:

- **Roundtrip Airport transfers** from Hampton Travel Planner, IA to MSP airport
- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Minneapolis to Shannon and return from Dublin, related taxes and fees (\$1,070)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as listed below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager & coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (\$328 per person, based on double occupancy. *This insurance is offered by Ed-Ventures*)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$600 per person
Final payment due March 27, 2020: Balance per person

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 121 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 120 - 91 days, a \$250 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 90 - 14, a \$600 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 14 days will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

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Please register me for:

- HTI20: July 25 - August 6, 2020 • \$4,549 land & est. air from MSP
- Single Supplement • \$750

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of your passport with the application.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: Male Female

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information (payments made by credit card will incur a 3% fee)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.*
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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