

Tour Code: GVIR25



*The Landscapes and Leprechauns of*

# *Ireland*

*June 16-26, 2025*

*Giant's Causeway*



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*St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin*

**Day 1: Monday, June 16, 2025 • Departure**  
We depart Chicago for Dublin.

**Day 2: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 • Arrive in Dublin, Ireland**  
Upon arrival we check into our hotel and meet our traveling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statue-lined O'Connell Street and elegant Georgian squares to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College. We end the day with dinner at our hotel. **D**

**Day 3: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 •**  
**Dublin–Downpatrick, Northern Ireland–Belfast**  
On our northbound route today, we pass Drogheda, scene of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, then through the fertile landscape of the Boyne Valley, known for its prehistoric passage graves. We cross the border into Northern Ireland and drive past the Mountains of Mourne to Downpatrick, the burial place of Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint. Next it's to the vibrant city of Belfast, where the Titanic was built. We join a "living history" tour including a visit to the fascinating Titanic Exhibition. **(B,D)**

**Day 4: Thursday, June 19, 2025 •**  
**Belfast–Giant's Causeway–Derry–Donegal–Sligo**  
First stop this morning is the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Let the province's story unfold as we head for the city of Derry before returning to the Republic to visit Donegal, the ancient town founded by Danish Vikings and home of the O'Donnell Clan. We drive along Donegal Bay with its small fishing ports and hidden beaches before arriving



*County Donegal*



*Cliffs of Moher*

in Sligo, tonight's destination. **(B,D)**

**Day 5: Friday, June 20, 2025 •**  
**Sligo–Knock–Galway–Cliffs of Moher–Ennis**  
Today we continue south to Knock, a village that has attracted pilgrims from all over the world since the townsfolk saw apparitions. We arrive for lunch in Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan center with cobblestone streets, colorful shops, and a busy café and bar culture. We cross the limestone plateau of The Burren to visit the spectacular 668-foot Cliffs of Moher. Tonight we enjoy a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle. **(B,D)**

**Day 6: Saturday, June 21, 2025 •**  
**Ennis–Adare–Dingle Peninsula–Killarney**  
Skirting the city of Limerick, we head to Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages. We delight in breathtaking scenery this afternoon on the Dingle Peninsula, where the 32-mile Sleat Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. We see the Blasket Islands and hear about the way of life and unique literary achievements of its inhabitants prior to their evacuation in 1953. The next two nights are spent in the popular resort of Killarney. **(B,D)**

**Day 7: Sunday, June 22, 2025 •**  
**Killarney–Ring of Kerry–Killarney**  
At Killarney, we join the road known as the "Ring of Kerry" for a 100-mile coastal panoramic drive: sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly colored farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and spectacular



*Bunratty Castle*



views of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Next, we take a horse-drawn jaunting car along the national park lakeshore for pictures of Ross Castle back to Killarney. **(B,D)**

**Day 8: Monday, June 23, 2025 •**

**Killarney–Blarney–Waterford**

More scenic splendor awaits us as we head over the Kerry Mountains into County Cork. We stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time at our leisure to see the castle and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. After lunch, we drive past Cork, the country's second-largest city. Youghal and Dungarvan are further milestones on our way to Waterford, where a guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal is included. Before checking in at our hotel and dinner, we stop to partake in a traditional pub experience at a local favorite watering hole. **(B,D)**

**Day 9: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 •**

**Waterford–Enniscorthy–Avoca–Glendalough–Dublin**

Highlights on our northbound journey today include Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798 and a visit to Ireland's oldest handweaving mill at Avoca. We enjoy views of the Wicklow Mountains and Glendalough with its ruins of a center of Irish Christianity, founded by St. Kevin. Back in Dublin tonight, we celebrate the success of our tour with dinner out on the town. **(B,D)**

**Day 10: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 • Dublin**

After breakfast we visit Trinity College and the Old Library to view the ancient Book of Kells, the manuscript of the four gospels in Latin on vellum dating back to the year 800. Next we visit the wonderful National Museum of Ireland at Collins Barracks, a converted (and historic) housing area for the Irish military until the 1990's. Nearby is the Guinness Brewery Museum and Hop Store. After viewing the displays that chronicle a humble beginning over 200 years ago of brewing at St James Gate, we finally have a chance for a taste. We have the remainder of the day free to purchase last minute souvenirs or explore a final time on our own. **(B,D)**

**Day 11: Thursday, June 26, 2025 • Return to USA**

Our vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Then we transfer to the airport for the return flight home. We return with great memories of a fantastic tour of the Emerald Isle, and the smiles and embraces of new friends. **(B)**

**Abbreviations for Meals**

**B=Breakfast, D=Dinner**

**TOUR COST: \$5959\* per person**

*Includes estimated air from Chicago*

\*Price is based on a minimum of 15 paying participants, double occupancy

**Single supplement = \$850**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Chicago to Dublin, related taxes and fees (\$1,350)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **professional tour manager**
- 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 when available
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except end of tour tips to coach driver and tour manager

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver (\$4 per person/per day) and tour manager (\$5 per person/per day)
- 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. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior (March 8) to departure date. Invoice 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 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From Final payment due date until 31 days before departure, a \$500 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

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

## Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we reserve the right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

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# Ireland

Please register me for:

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### Passenger Information (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (*required by airline*)

**Special Dietary Needs:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 #:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**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; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

### Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make check 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 1<sup>st</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of 2<sup>nd</sup> traveler:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

