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Every Trafalgar tour incorporates:

- Fabulous sightseeing
- First Class hotels
- Feature packed itineraries
- Luxury transportation
- Delicious cuisine
- Expert Tour Directors
- Local Guides
- Friendly travelling companions

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Tour Summary

10 day tour

Tour Type: Regional

from Our First Class Europe & Britain 2009 BROCHURE

Highlights

Dublin
Kilbeggan
Kylemore
Killarney
Galway
Blarney
Kildare
Kilkenny



What's Included

Sightseeing Highlights

Dublin: Views of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin Castle and visit Trinity College.

Kilbeggan: Visit Locke's Distillery.

Galway: See the cathedral.

Kylemore Abbey: Visit this Benedictine foundation.

Co. Clare: See the Burren and Cliffs of Moher.

Foynes: Walking tour along the City Walls including views of St. Columb's Cathedral.

Killarney: Ring of Kerry excursion including Dingle Bay, Ladies View and the lakes of Killarney.

Blarney: Visit the castle.

Kildare: Visit the national Stud Farm.

Kilkenny: Medieval city walking tour.

Dining Highlights

8 full Irish breakfasts.

Irish morning coffee with Irish farming family.

1 light pub lunch.

2 three-course dinners.

Farewell Dinner with wine and entertainment in Dublin.

12 meals in total (see day-by-day itinerary)

First Class Travel Highlights

All hotel service charges and tips, baggage handling fees and local taxes included.

Touring by luxury air-conditioned coach with reclining seats and a washroom onboard.

The services of one of Trafalgar's top professional Tour Directors.

Stay in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities.

A qualified local city guide in Kilkenny.

Airport transfers are provided on Day 1 and Day 9.

A stylish wallet, tour documents and map book journal.

Airport Transfers

London Gateways: Transfers can be expensive, particularly between the airport and your London hotel. But when you book your Trafalgar tour and take advantage of our land and air packages, we have included a FREE transfer to and from London's airports and your Trafalgar London hotel. For passengers who have their own flight arrangements we offer you the opportunity to purchase inexpensive transfers to and from London's Heathrow – Trafalgar has negotiated special rates for the Dot2Dot transfer from London's Heathrow

Important – Please Note: Passengers will only be entitled to transfers to and from London Airports providing the following conditions are met:

For included transfers: Your flights must be booked directly by Trafalgar no fewer than 21 days prior to departure. For chargeable transfers: Your Travel Agent provides detailed flight information to Trafalgar no fewer than 21 days prior to departure. Once transfers are booked they cannot be changed.

For London arrivals, you must stay at a London hotel booked by Trafalgar on the night of arrival and the night prior to your departure date.

Trafalgar only includes one inbound and one outbound transfer.

In the event of flight delays outside of Trafalgar's control, the transfers will be deemed to be cancelled.

All transfers are based on group transfers. No refund is therefore available for missed transfers, or passengers not using this service.

In the event of unforeseen events (such as road or rail works, strikes or demonstrations), Trafalgar will not be responsible for delayed or cancelled transfers.

Heathrow Airport: National Express Dot2Dot will pick up and drop off in time to meet all flights to/from London's Heathrow Airport. For guests arriving at the Dot2Dot desk after 22.00 hrs please make use of the courtesy phone to arrange your transfer to your Trafalgar hotel.

Gatwick Airport Passengers who have booked Trafalgar's Land and Air packages arriving at London's Gatwick Airport are provided with a Gatwick Express train voucher. The Gatwick Express train journey from Gatwick Airport to London's Victoria Station takes 30 minutes. Guests then need to make their way from Victoria Station to their Trafalgar hotel.

European Gateways: With Trafalgar all passengers will receive complimentary arrival and departure transfers on the scheduled arrival and departure day of their tour at the times specified below. Please ensure your Travel Agent reserves your flight to co-ordinate with the transfer times shown.

Trafalgar Bonus - Passengers who book Trafalgar's Land+Air package and who arrive or depart outside of these specified times on the scheduled arrival and departure day of the tour will also be provided with a transfer.

Passengers arriving before or leaving after the scheduled tour days are not entitled to a transfer but may book and purchase one through Trafalgar providing that they also purchase the additional pre and/or post tour hotel night(s) from Trafalgar. Please ask for prices of transfers at the time of booking your extra night accommodation.

Land only passengers arriving or departing on the scheduled tour arrival or departure days but whose flights don't coincide with the listed transfer times below may also book and purchase these transfers. Flight details must be provided to Trafalgar not less than 21 days before the flight departure.

[Click here to see scheduled transfer times.](#)

Itinerary

Day 1- Depart Canada

Overnight flight to Dublin.

Day 2- Arrive Dublin

Welcome to Dublin! After hotel check-in, time to relax and unwind. Spend the afternoon relaxing or travel to the Guinness Storehouse and discover what goes into making a pint of Guinness – the ingredients, the brewing process, the time, the craft and the passion. Learn also how Guinness has travelled to 150 countries and how the famous brew has been advertised over the years. The journey ends on the roof in the Gravity Bar with a pint and a spectacular view of Dublin. Welcome Drink tonight at the one of the most traditional Irish pubs number one bar, the Mont Clare Hotel. A well-known Dublin landmark was much frequented by the renowned Irish writer James Joyce during his early writing career.

Hotel: Alexander (2 nights)

Day 3- Dublin sightseeing & at leisure

Glimpse Viking and medieval times as you pass by Christ Church to stately St. Patrick's Cathedral, a legacy of religious power from the 12th century. On then to the seat of learning at the heart of Dublin – Trinity College. Walk across the cobbled squares to the old library and see one of Ireland's greatest treasures – the famed 8th century Book of Kells. Then our Tour Director reveals a Hidden Treasure of the city to us! This evening, meet at 7.15 pm in the Duke Pub and join the "Dublin Literary Crawl." You are transported away from everyday life to the richness of Ireland's famous writers including Joyce, O'Casey, Yeats and Behan. Each group is led by actors on a trail from pub to pub – no props, no lights, no make-up, just the voice and personality of the actor. Nothing like it exists anywhere else in the world. (Full breakfast)

Day 4- Dublin – Galway (2 nights)

Depart Dublin and travel through the midlands via Kilbeggan, Tyrellspass and arriving in Kilbeggan, at Locke's Distillery. Established in 1757, Locke's Distillery is the oldest licensed pot still distillery in the world. Locke's produced triple distilled malt whiskey for nearly two hundred years. Now open as a museum, guided tours follow the process from the grinding of the grain to the casking of the final product. Peer down into the 28ft deep solid oak vats to where the yeast and worts fermented. Over 90 per cent of the original machinery is now restored and can be seen working daily. Learn about the lives and the working conditions of the people who worked here. At the end of the guided tour, you are treated to a complimentary sample of the six-year Lockes Irish Whiskey. Next, on to tour Galway, "City of the Tribes," including lovely Galway Cathedral. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Jurys Inn (2 nights)

Day 5- Galway sightseeing & at leisure

In the west of Ireland, the starkly beautiful mountains of Galway and Mayo drop down the coast. Little whitewashed cottages are scattered over a land of mountains, brooks and rivers. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. The balance of the evening is free to explore Galways' pubs which are legendary and hum with energy all year round. (Full breakfast)

Day 6- Galway – Killarney (2 nights)

Enjoy morning coffee at Rathbaun Farm. Here we see an Irish farming family carrying out their everyday chores. The farmer will shear a sheep and manoeuvre his flock with his dog. You will also have an opportunity to meet the lady of the house, Frances, and share in her secret recipes. Continue to the Burren, a lunar-like area petrified in carboniferous limestone, stop next at the Cliffs of Moher, one of the outstanding features of County Clare. Moving on we cross the wide Shannon estuary on the Tarbert Ferry and visit the Flying Boat Museum at Foynes, which was the centre of the aviation world from 1939 to 1945. On July 9th 1939, Pan Am's luxury Flying Boat, the "Yankee Clipper" landed at Foynes. This was the first commercial passenger flight on a direct route from the USA to Europe. Local folklore tells us that Foynes is the birthplace of Irish coffee. Time to sample the infamous beverage before continuing to Killarney for dinner at our downtown hotel. (Full breakfast / Dinner)

Hotel: Killarney Towers (2 nights)

Day 7- Killarney sightseeing & at leisure

Killarney "Heaven's Reflex" is one of Ireland's loveliest districts. Poets, painters, writers and musicians have all tried to convey the beauty of this area. Travel the road that winds around the beautiful Iveragh Peninsula, better known as the Ring of Kerry Mountains, valleys and lakes blend into a palette of scenic splendour through the charming, colorful villages of Killorglin, Cahirciveen, Waterville and Irish-speaking Sneem. Claiming the best views in Ireland, stop off at the Scarriff Inn, half way round the Ring for a light lunch. Later, take a jaunting car ride along the lake to the 19th century Muckross House and Folk Museum. (Full breakfast / Lunch)

Day 8- Killarney – Kilkenny

Travel to Blarney Castle with its magical stone that gives the gift of eloquence for a kiss. Stroll across to the Blarney Woollen Mills to shop for fine Irish knitwear and handicrafts. Next on to Kilkenny, undoubtedly Ireland's loveliest inland city. This afternoon walk with our local guide for a concise introduction to this wonderful medieval city's many historic, cultural and architectural attractions. Stop in at Langton's Bar known throughout Ireland, having won the award of 'National Pub of the Year' a record four times along with 'Super Pub of the Year'. The balance of the evening is at leisure. (Full breakfast)

Hotel: Pembroke

Day 9- Kilkenny – Dublin

Travel through Ireland's horse country to the National Stud Farm. A guided tour shows you the stallion boxes, foaling unit and museum. Return to Dublin with some time for last-minute shopping or sightseeing. Tonight enjoy a Farewell Dinner with traditional Irish entertainment. (Full breakfast / Farewell Dinner)

Hotel: Radisson SAS St. Helens

Day 10- Depart Dublin

This morning, after breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your Tour Director and new-found friends as our Irish tour comes to an end. (Full breakfast)

Free airport transfers:

Transfers on Day 2 at Dublin Airport will operate at 08.00, 11.00 and 13.30. Passengers arriving later should make their own way to the first hotel. Return transfers on the last touring day will arrive at Dublin Airport at 07.30, 09.30 and 11.30.

Optionals

No optional excursions detail available. Thank you for enquiring about the optional excursions available on this tour. Please check back at a later date or make enquiries via your local travel agent.

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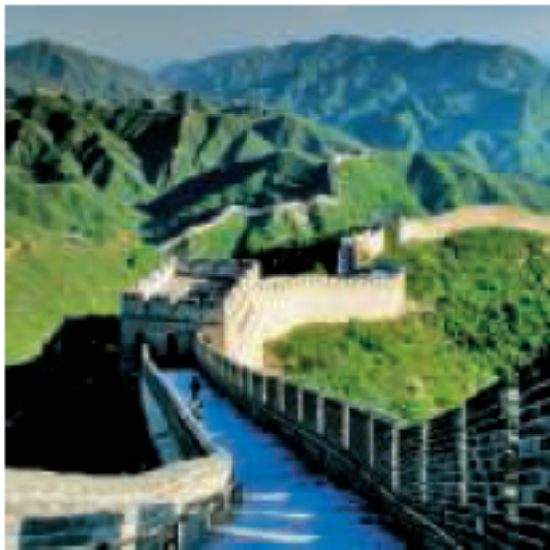
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