

## **ALL AROUND IRELAND 09 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS**

### **Day 01 Arrive Dublin**

Arrive at Dublin International airport. Dublin is also known as “The Emerald Isle” and is the capital of the “Republic of Ireland”. On arrival you will be met by our local representative and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax in the Irish capital city. The city has a feel of both traditional and contemporary character. There are various literary associations, pubs, shopping centres etc. Dublin has over 50 attractions with outdoor activities, festivals, arts and entertainment. Most places and events have child friendly exhibitions where they can learn while they play. Even museums have workshops for children and there are lots of sporting activities like go-karting, bowling etc. Walk down Grafton Street which contains everything that gives Dublin a special atmosphere. It is a popular and stylish shopping district, full of designer labels and boutiques. Have dinner at one of the many Indian restaurants or try some Irish coffee at a café. Overnight at the hotel.

### **Day 02 Dublin – City Tour**

After breakfast, proceed for a half day panoramic city tour of Dublin. Visit the Guinness Storehouse where you can tour the process of making Guinness. We will visit the Trinity College, home of the Book of Kells and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. We’ll pass O’Connell Street, Europe’s widest street, Christchurch Cathedral and the Bank of Ireland, which is formerly the Irish House of Parliament. Our tour concludes with a visit to Jameson’s Distillery where you will learn about the distilling process and conclude with a tippie in the Jameson’s Discovery bar. Later at night opt for a traditional Irish night with traditional Irish food and entertainment at one of the many popular cafes or restaurants. Overnight at Dublin hotel.

### **Day 03 Dublin – Cashel – Blarney – Killarney**

After breakfast check out and we leave the city behind and travel through the gentle hills of Ireland. We travel South through Kildare. Kildare has Ireland’s National Stud, home to some of Ireland’s finest thoroughbreds. You can visit the „Horse Museum” and Portlaoise to Cashel where we will stop to visit the Mighty Rock of Cashel. Continue on your journey and visit the village of Blarney where you will have the opportunity to enjoy shopping at the Blarney woollen mills or visit Blarney Castle and kiss the Blarney Stone which will give you the gift of the gab. We arrive in Killarney in the late evening. Overnight at Dublin hotel.

### **Day 04 Killarney – Ring of Kerry Excursion**

After breakfast proceed for another exciting day as we drive around the famous “Ring of Kerry” showcasing some of Ireland’s most breathtaking scenery. We will head along the coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula through the towns of Glenties, Cahirciveen, Waterville and Sneem. Complete the tour via the “Ladies View” back to Killarney. This is Ireland as you have always imagined it! Take A tour of Killarney National Park – an hour’s guided ride through parts of Ireland’s most acclaimed scenic spot at the “Killarney Riding Stables”. In the afternoon step back in time and opt to take a ride in a traditional horse drawn cart around the lakes of Killarney. Start by viewing the Essence of Kerry audio visual show at the Gap of Dunloe. Visit the Skellig Experience to learn about the rocky islands off the end of the peninsula where monks lived in early Christian times. Today the islands form a protected bird sanctuary. Stop in the colourful village of Sneem and also at Moll’s Gap to view the Three Lakes of Killarney. Enjoy an optional jaunting cart ride. Proceed back to your hotel in the evening. Overnight at Killarney hotel.

**Day 05 Killarney – Cliffs of Moher – Galway**

After breakfast we depart Killarney and travel northwards through Adare, known as Ireland's prettiest village. We continue onto the "Cliffs of Moher". Get spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and Galway Bay. Rising 214 metres up from the Atlantic Ocean, the Cliffs stretch for 8 kms. along the coastline. We then proceed to proceed towards Galway called "The City of Tribes" after the fourteen families who originally settled in the area. Galway city, today is a buzzing vibrant place with pubs, clubs, restaurants and two big festivals. Arrive at Galway and check in at hotel. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the place on your own. Enjoy this historic city with its museums, historic buildings and art galleries. Galway also has a wide range of shops with a unique shopping experience. The shops can be found in the main shopping area in the city including its famous bustling market. Enjoy the night at a comedy club or at a lively night club with traditional Irish music or at a theatre or wine bar. Overnight at Galway hotel.

**Day 06 Galway**

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of the city visiting the "Galway Cathedral", "The Galway City Museum" with the Spanish Arch, "St. Nicholas Church" which is the largest medieval parish church in Ireland, "Lynch's Castle" which now houses the Allied Irish Bank. Rest of the day at leisure free to explore on your own. Overnight at Galway hotel.

**Day 07 Galway – Belfast**

After breakfast check out and transfer to the airport for your flight to Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom. Belfast was a major shipping centre from where the famous ship "The Titanic" was launched. The place has scenic beauty and has sprawling woods and parks rich in heritage. The city has irresistible shopping, a myriad of bars, pubs and nightclubs and a variety of different restaurants. There are traditional food and garden markets with stalls of crafts and antiques. The city is full of greenery and accessible to beaches and meadows. Today Belfast is a modern, thriving city. Rest of the day at leisure to explore the city on your own. Belfast has many attractions to explore. You can visit the "Dundonald International Ice Bowl" which is Ireland's only Olympic – sized ice rink able to take 1,000 skaters. There is also an amazing indoor, jungle-themed play world, bowling alley, pool tables and is a great place for indoor skiing and to chill out. Overnight at Belfast hotel.

**Day 08 Belfast – Giants Causeway – Antrim Coast – Belfast**

After breakfast, we proceed for exploring some of the rugged scenery of Northern Ireland. Today we visit the "Giants Causeway" often described as the "eighth wonder of the world" and the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in Ireland. This is Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. You can see the thousands of many – sided columns marching along the Antrim Coast bunched together to form a tall plateau. You can clamber over it to see spectacular views of sea and land. These columns were created 60 million years ago. There is a wonderful array of over 40,000 basalt columns. The awe inspiring majestic cliffs and the breathtaking landscape, you will find echoes of isolated ruins. Dotted around the coast, you will find small sheltered harbours. During summer season, thousands of people walk upon the stones. The walk down the columns is over a kilometer. Staying on the coastal road, we shall enjoy the stunning scenery of the Antrim Coast before returning back to Belfast late evening. Overnight at Belfast hotel.

**Day 09 Belfast**

After breakfast, visit some of Belfast's attractions like W5 (Who, What, Where, When, Why). This world – class interactive scientific centre fascinates the adults and kids and has over 160 different exhibits and activities. Then visit the "Belfast Zoo" which also has a "Children's Zoo" and "Lemur Woods". As many as 160 species of rare and endangered animals are found here as the zoo focuses a lot on conservation. You can find a variety of monkeys, big cats, giraffes and emus, frolicking otters and sea lions, a replication of wetlands with many different birds. The Zoo is a good educational as well as a learning experience place. After that visit "Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory" – it recreates an iconic candy store of the 1950's. Aunt Sandra will show the kids how chocolates and candies were once made and you get to taste

some of these delights which are not commercially available in the stores. Then visit the Titanic Dock and Pump House. The kids will be awestruck to know that they could actually be standing on the same place as the legendary Titanic since this former dry dock was where the ill-fated liner was built. It is part of Northern Ireland's Science Park. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at Belfast hotel.

**Day 10 Depart Belfast**

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your departure flight back home.