



Best of Ireland w/ Optional Scotland (Group Tour)

**DUBLIN – GALWAY – CONNEMARA – CLIFFS OF MOHER – LIMERICK
- KILLARNEY – CORK – CASHEL – EDINBURGH***

September 12th – 21th (or 25th), 2023

10-14 days

Cost: \$2795 total (based on double occupancy). Scotland extension costs \$895

Includes: all international flights, nightly 3-star accommodations, roundtrip shuttle service from West Michigan to the O'Hare airport, all ground transportation in Ireland, 2 full time travel directors and local tour guide, private bus & driver, & all listed admissions & tours. Other expenses **not included** are: most meals, checked baggage, optional excursions, and travel insurance.

Travel Insurance available through our affiliate program at World Nomads. More information at <https://percussive.org/insurance>

Signup Deadline: May 12, 2023 - checks made payable to Percussive Tours, LLC - Cash, Venmo (@percussive), & Credit Card also accepted. 3.5% processing fee added to all credit card transactions



DAY 1, Tuesday, September 12 - Depart for Ireland

Fly out of either Grand Rapids or Chicago this evening to the capital of magical Ireland. Our flight will include all meals, beverages, and entertainment. If Chicago option is decided, we will provide roundtrip private shuttle transportation from West Michigan to O'Hare Airport.

Overnight: Airplane

DAY 2, Wednesday, September 13 - Arrive in Dublin

Arrive in Dublin in the morning. After clearing customs, collecting luggage, and exchanging currency; we will proceed to our private bus that will take us to our centrally located hotel. After settling into our rooms, we will meet our local Irish tour guide in downtown Dublin! They will take us on an in-depth walking tour and explain the history and culture of Ireland's amazing capital city. Visit sights such as:

- Dublin Castle
- Temple Bar
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Chester Beatty Library
- And so much more!

Afterwards, enjoy free time in the area and opt for lunch in a traditional pub!

Overnight: Dublin

DAY 3, Thursday, September 14 – Dublin & Galway

This morning, enjoy a visit to the impressive Trinity College and see the famous Book of Kells; an impressive 9th century gospel manuscript, as well as the picturesque Trinity Library with your VIP skip-the-line ticket.

Afterwards, head over to St Patrick's Cathedral for a visit inside to see the amazing stained glass and ornate decorations.

Next, say goodbye to Dublin as we head westward to Galway, a seafaring town steeped in tradition and a cultural center for the west of Ireland. See the medieval city walls and colorful streets between the River Corrib and Eyre Square.

Enjoy a visit to the ornate Galway Cathedral, one of the largest icons of this city. This stone behemoth features an octagonal copper dome that pierces the city skyline. Rose windows and vivid murals echo the tradition and stories through Christian artwork.

After checking into our hotel, enjoy free time in this bohemian town.

Overnight: Galway

DAY 4, Friday, September 15 - Connemara National Park and Kylemore Abbey

Today, enjoy a full day excursion into the Irish Countryside. Travel west towards Clifden before a visit to Kylemore Abbey in the heart of Connemara National Park. There, admire the lakes, mountains, and calm shades of green for which Ireland is renowned. Take a stroll through the Victorian Gardens before heading back later to Galway for a free evening.

Overnight: Galway

DAY 5, Saturday, September 16 – Cliffs of Moher and Bunratty Castle

Today, we will check out of our hotel in Galway and head south through the beautiful terrain of "the Burren" to the magical Cliffs of Moher; an impressive wall of rock that towers 700 feet above

the Atlantic Ocean! Take plenty of time to walk around the many scenic trails along the cliffsides and later travel to Limerick to visit the fun-filled Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, offering a unique insight into Irish life around the turn of the century. A drive through the pretty town of Adare brings us at last to scenic Killarney.

Overnight: Killarney

DAY 6, Sunday, September 17 – Ring of Kerry

This morning, opt for a jaunting carriage tour of Killarney. In the afternoon, we will pass through Killarney National Park and the world-famous "Ring of Kerry," which is perhaps the most picturesque locale in all of Ireland. We will pass by the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Sneem, which are full of traditional colorful houses. Admire the Torc waterfall and its tranquility. Later, stop in the Blarney Woolen Mills for some shopping time to pick up amazing Irish wool products!

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

- **Jaunting Carriage Ride**

Begin your day with a charming Jaunting Carriage Ride! See the countryside in style by horse and carriage as you pass lush green pastures and cottages on the way to Ross Castle.

Overnight: Killarney

DAY 7, Monday, September 18 – Killarney Free Day

Today, enjoy a free day in Killarney, or opt for one of our amazing excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Dingle Peninsula Tour**

Are you are feeling adventurous? Head westward to the Dingle peninsula, where you will have a chance to explore through many beautiful seaside villages such as Dun Chaoin. Take a lovely hike along the coast and enjoy the fresh air on this fun tour.

- **Horseback Riding Tour**

Imagine trekking on horseback along vivid green trails with beautiful views of Killarney pastures, lakes, and mountains ranges on a 1-hour tour with your expert Irish guide.

Overnight: Killarney

DAY 8, Tuesday, September 19 – Cashel Castle

After breakfast, travel eastward back towards Dublin, stopping at small towns along the way including the ancient Cashel Castle, which is nearly 1000 years old! Once back in Dublin, *Opt to visit the world's oldest pub!*

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

- **Traditional Irish Dinner Show**

Feast on a 3-course dinner of the finest traditional Irish dishes, while watching an internationally renowned troupe perform spectacular dances to live music on this thrilling night of entertainment.

Overnight: Dublin

DAY 9, Wednesday, September 20 – Dublin Free Day

Today is a free day to explore Dublin at your own pace or opt for one of these fun excursions.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Full Day Northern Ireland Tour**

Adventure across the border to Northern Ireland to see some of the most stunning views in the country on this full day tour by luxury coach. See the charming town of Belfast and explore the rugged landscaped of Giant's Causeway. Take photos at the Dunluce Castle, view the Titanic's Dock, and so much more on the jam-packed experience.

- **Guinness Storehouse Tour**

Discover the fascinating 250-year-old story of the world's most beloved stout with rich flavor and smooth foam. Your ticket will grant you access to a seven-floor interactive experience. After, savor a pint with panoramic views from the Gravity Bar overlooking Dublin.

Overnight: Dublin

DAY 10, Thursday, September 21 – Fly Home or Extension to Scotland

Today, you will either head back home or choose to continue your journey on to the amazing neighboring country of Scotland!

We will arrive to Edinburgh, Scotland in the afternoon and after arriving, we will check into our hotel and later join our local Scottish expert to learn about the fascinating city of Edinburgh! On this walking tour, we will visit sites such as:

- Edinburgh Castle
- Victoria Street
- Greyfriars Kirkyard
- The Royal Mile
- And so much more!

After, enjoy free time to explore Edinburgh at your own pace.

Overnight: Edinburgh

DAY 11, Friday, September 22 – Edinburgh Castle & Free Time

This morning, enjoy a visit to the Edinburgh Castle. Set in the heart of Scotland's dynamic capital city, Edinburgh Castle is filled with exciting tales of royal scandal, war, and refuge for the citizens of Scotland. Your skip-the-line ticket will grant you access to the Crown Room, Military Garrison, Lang Stairs, St. Margaret's Chapel, and much more.

Later, enjoy free time and opt to join us later for some fun optional excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Whiskey Tasting**

Taste a perfect journey from distillers that are passionate about sharing the knowledge of creating whiskey. On this 1.5-hour long tour, you will savor 4 tastings of whiskey paired with traditional treats.

- **Evening Ghost Tour**

Join your local guide, dressed in full period costume, and learn about the dark past of Edinburgh on this spooky evening walking tour! You will traverse through underground vaults and graveyards, known to be haunted.

Overnight: Edinburgh

DAY 12, Saturday, September 23 – Free Day in Edinburgh

There are so many ways to enjoy the city of Edinburgh at your

own pace. Choose to make your time in Scotland count by filling your day with these awesome excursions!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

- **Full Day Loch Ness, Highlands, Glencoe, & Pitlochry Tour**

Today, experience the best that Scotland has to offer on this full day tour. Have your camera ready to spot the Loch Ness Monster on a cruise through the Loch. View the majestic, mountainous landscape of Glencoe. Traverse through the Scottish Highlands, and so much more on this fascinating excursion.

- **Afternoon Tea & Vintage Bus Tour**

Board a vintage double decker bus and see the sights while enjoying a selection of Petit fours, scones, and sandwiches. Sip tea as you pass iconic landmarks such as the Edinburgh Castle, the Scottish Parliament, and the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Overnight: Edinburgh

DAY 13, Sunday, September 24 – Transfer to Dublin

Today, you will transfer back to Ireland. After clearing customs and collecting luggage, you will proceed to your private coach that will take you to your centrally located hotel. Enjoy a free day to relax, shop, and dine at local pubs.

Overnight: Dublin

DAY 14, Monday, September 25 – Fly Home

Say goodbye to Ireland, as we make our way back to the airport for our flight back home.

*Percussive Tours reserves the right to modify any part of this itinerary if any activities become unavailable.