

**Itinerary Prepared : Deluxe Castle & Manor**

**Date : March 06, 2009**

**Itinerary Reference : LEAT000689**

### Details

Your Itinerary runs from **01 Jul 2009** to **10 Jul 2009** for **2 Adults**.

### Includes

- \* Chauffeur Drive: 1 day Mercedes Saloon Half Day Touring, 7 days Luxury Mercedes Saloon Car, 7 days Your Professional Touring Driver Guide
- \* Transfer: Saloon Transfer from Hotel to Airport, Saloon Transfer to City with Orientation
- \* Driver Guides Overnight Expenses
- \* Day Touring: Ashford Castle Estate, Cong & Quiet Man Tour, Connemara National Park & Kylemore Tour, Connemara to Dublin via Clonmacnoise, Cork City, Islands and Blarney Village, Dingle Peninsula & Sleah Head Tour, Dublin City Centre at Your Leisure, Dublin City Centre Orientation Tour, Dublin City Self Guided Historical Tour, Dublin to Newgrange & Historic Boyne Valley, Galway Cultural City and Bay Tour, Kenmare Town, Waterfalls & Bay Tour, Quintessential Ring of Kerry Coastline, South Tipperary and Rock of Cashel Tour, Trim Castle, Kells & Hill of Tara Tour, West Clare, Caves & Burren Region Tour, West Cork Coastline Towns and Villages, West Limerick and Shannon Drive & Adare, Wicklow Mountains, Gardens & Lakes Tour
- \* Tour: The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
- \* 3 x nights at **Merrion Hotel Dublin** occupying 1 **Double Deluxe Main House Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- \* 1 x night at **Hayfield Manor Hotel Cork** occupying 1 **Deluxe Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- \* 2 x nights at **Park Hotel Kenmare** occupying 1 **Deluxe Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- \* 1 x night at **Dromoland Castle Hotel** occupying 1 **Deluxe Castle Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- \* 2 x nights at **Ashford Castle Hotel** occupying 1 **Double Deluxe Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis

### Itinerary

#### Wednesday, 01 Jul 2009

**Transfer: Saloon Transfer to City with Orientation for 2 person(s) collected from Dublin Airport at 10:00 - dropped off at Dublin City Centre at 11:00.**



#### **Day Touring - Dublin City Centre Orientation Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Our driver guide will give you a Panoramic Tour of Dublin City's highlights based on your expressed interests. He will point out the major attractions and places of historical importance from the monuments of the Phoenix Park, Custom House, Millennium Spire and Trinity College in the City Centre. Once you are familiar with the city our driver will take you to your hotel to relax after your flight.



**Day Touring - Dublin City Centre at Your Leisure for 2 person(s) at 12:00.**

You are at leisure today to enjoy the sights and sounds of Dublin on foot or by local city touring services. We recommend visiting St Patrick's Cathedral, Christchurch and Trinity College today which are all located in the city centre within easy reach of your hotel. There is also excellent shopping on Grafton Street and nearby Nassau Street as well as the long Boulevard of O'Connell Street. In the evening you may like to check out some of the magnificent dining and theatre options in the city which we will be happy to recommend or reserve for you.

**Overnight at Merrion Hotel Dublin**

1 Double Deluxe Main House Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

The **5\* Merrion Hotel** is our preferred hotel in Dublin City Centre for many reasons. It combines the convenience of location, a wonderful choice of restaurants and the finest private art collection Dublin. The hotel has a quiet and refined sophistication with large drawing rooms, an enclosed garden and The Tethra Spa as public areas. On the doorstep are some of Ireland's finest restaurants and music pubs on the lively and fashionable Baggot Street. The Merrion has some excellent dining options most notably Patrick Guilbaud's considered by many to be the best restaurant in Ireland over the last two decades. The Cellar Bar and restaurant are also excellent dining options.



**Thursday, 02 Jul 2009**

**Pick up 2 person(s) in 1 x Mercedes Saloon Half Day Touring at 10:00 from Dublin City Hotel.**

**Day Touring - Dublin to Newgrange & Historic Boyne Valley for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Under one hour north of Dublin City is the ancient and mysterious Boyne Valley. Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth tombs are wonders of ancient Ireland and lie on hilltops overlooking the winding Boyne River. Newgrange is a large mound and contains a passage tomb in which Stone Age Man buried the cremated remains of their dead around 3,000 BC. Just south of Newgrange is the site of the Battle of the Boyne which took place in 1690 and considered the decisive battle in Britain's four hundred years stranglehold on Ireland. In this culturally, monastically rich area are the magnificent abbey at Monasterboice and the town of Drogheda which displays the head of Saint Oliver Plunkett, one of the great Martyrs of Ireland who was executed in 1681 by the British.

**Drop off 2 person(s) in 1 x Mercedes Saloon Half Day Touring at 14:00 at Dublin City Hotel.**

**Day Touring - Dublin City Self Guided Historical Tour for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

Dublin City Centre has many areas of Historical importance dating from ancient times to recent history dominated by the struggle for independence from Britain. The National Museum, Natural History Museum and National Gallery are all wonderful places to delve into Ireland's past from a natural, historic and artistic perspective. These are all located in the same area surrounded by Georgian Buildings and Government and

Presidential Offices. We also recommend visiting Christchurch Cathedral a historic Viking and Norse Building. Kilmainham Jail is a fascinating reminder of the struggles with Britain and is a magnificently preserved historical experience.

### **Overnight at Merrion Hotel Dublin**

1 Double Deluxe Main House Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

There are many excellent gourmet dining options in the city centre of Dublin. Over a short few days the problem would be to select the best option. Among the most noteworthy are One Pico, Chapter One, L'Ecvivian, Shanahans on the Green, Thornton's. For a less formal dining experience try Temple Bar or Dame Street for Bistros and Brasseries that serve the best of cosmopolitan Dublin. We will be happy to recommend and make your dinner reservations based on your preferences for dining style and location you wish to dine in.

## **Friday, 03 Jul 2009**

### **Pick up 2 person(s) in 1 x Luxury Mercedes Saloon Car at 10:00 from Dublin City Hotel.**

The Mercedes S Class Saloon is the ultimate design and comfort for private touring in Ireland. It has an elegant style and grace along with a smooth interior finished with leather, air conditioning, and electric windows, reclining seats and individual climate controls. It allows you to enjoy the beautiful scenery in a space that is both comfortable and relaxing.

### **Pick up 2 person(s) in 1 x Your Professional Touring Driver Guide at 10:00 from Dublin City Hotel.**

All of our driver guides are experts on the areas you will be visiting on your tour of Ireland. We bring experienced driving skills, expert touring routes as well as knowledge and insight into the places you will be visiting and staying on your tour. We will also recommend places to shop, have a drink, and dine in the various towns and villages and cities of Ireland. Your driver guide will also arrange all kinds of activities, events and generally show you Ireland in such depth and quality is only possible using a local expert.



### **Day Touring - Wicklow Mountains, Gardens & Lakes Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Wicklow is rightly known as the Garden of Ireland due to the spectacular natural scenery which couple mountains with lakes and meandering glens and a long coastline. The Sally Gap, high mountain drive is akin to being in the wild west and the lush landscapes of Glendalough, the Glen of the two lakes nestled deep in the Wicklow Mountains. There are also the delightful villages of Roundwood and Avoca where picturesque mountains meet pretty hamlets. Powerscourt House and Gardens, a spectacular sight shadowed by the equally spectacular Sugarloaf. Powerscourt Estate is vast and it also houses the largest Waterfall in The British Isles of the same name.

### **Day Touring - South Tipperary and Rock of Cashel Tour for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

The county of Tipperary, renowned for its rustic castles and ancient abbeys and lush landscapes. The Heritage town of Cashel at the foot of the world famous Rock of Cashel has an unique collection of fine buildings including a castle, cathedral, Romanesque chapel and round tower. The town of Cahir is famous for its fortification known as Cahir Castle as well as the lovely Swiss Cottage built along the banks of the meandering River Suir. Also in the immediate area there are some ruined abbeys at Cashel, Holy Cross and Attassel as well as the stunning evergreen valley and mountainscapes of the Glen of Aherlow.



**1 x Driver Guides Overnight Expenses at 18:00 for 2 person(s).**

**Overnight at Hayfield Manor Hotel Cork**

1 Deluxe Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

**Hayfield Manor** is a five Star Hotel located in the leafy suburbs of Cork City, a veritable tranquil haven in the University Region. The hotel is set in mature gardens with fine oak trees and an aviary so peace and quiet is guaranteed in this city oasis. The hotel has a wonderful fine dining restaurant which we highly recommend as well as a newer bistro style venue for more informal dining. It also boasts a wonderful spa facility as well as some of Corks most spacious and luxurious rooms. There is also a swimming pool and spa for those who wish to really relax and unwind.



**Saturday, 04 Jul 2009**

**Day Touring - Cork City, Islands and Blarney Village for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Cork City is Ireland's second capital and is known as a liberal city with a strong sense of identity and independence. The city centre has its own charms from the wonderful open English Market with bustling food stalls and restaurants providing the heartbeat of the city centre. Nearby is St Finbarrs Cathedral which is a magnificent building which dominates the skyline of the city centre. Cork is noted as a great city for shopping in many fine boutiques and Blarney Woolen Mills has excellent Irish goods. Blarney Castle located beside the Woolen Mills is one of Irelands most visited castles for its famous Blarney Stone which imparts the gift of eloquence on those who kiss it.



**Day Touring - West Cork Coastline Towns and Villages for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

The eternal West Cork coastline is among the most indented, varied and lush in Ireland. Among the highlights of this tour is the ancient Drombeg Stone Circle, the quaint fishing villages of Glandore and Union Hall as well as a possible detour to Ireland's most southerly peninsula, Mizen Head. There are also the pretty seaside towns of Baltimore with its islands and Schull with lots of nice shops and cafes to browse through. Glengariff is located at the foot of the Caha Mountains that separate Cork from Kerry. It is a dense lush sub tropical valley that is famous for its Bamboo Park, seal colony and Italian Gardens visited by boat from The Blue Pool in

Bantry Town is Ireland's deepest port and has a beautiful town square which hosts markets daily in summer time. There are also lovely walks in the forest and for the more adventurous there are mountain lakes that can be hiked to. Inland from here is the solitary chapel on an island by the lake at Gougane Barra, one of Ireland's most romantic locations.

### **Overnight at Park Hotel Kenmare**

1 Deluxe Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

**The Park Hotel** in Kenmare is one of Ireland's finest five star hotels with a reputation for excellent Service and hospitality. The Samas Spa is one of the ultimate pampering destinations in Ireland. The hotel is set on mature grounds and is walking distance to the great pubs and restaurants of Kenmare. Dining at the hotel is highly recommended as is enjoying a drink at the Bar with its wonderful terrace in summer months.



## **Sunday, 05 Jul 2009**

### **Day Touring - Kenmare Town, Waterfalls & Bay Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Kenmare is renowned as one of Ireland's prettiest towns nestled between the imposing Ring of Kerry and the Ring of Beara on the Kenmare River. The town has numerous shops that specialize in all kinds of fine antiques, laces & linen, gourmet and fine arts. Close to the town is Kenmare Stone Circle, an unusual egg shaped circle and one of the oldest and largest in the South West. In summer boats trips from the pier that tour the magnificent Bay of Kenmare can be arranged. On the outskirts of the town are the pretty waterfalls on the Sheen River, where the Sheen Falls Hotel is located.

### **Day Touring - Quintessential Ring of Kerry Coastline for 2 person(s) at 13:00.**

The Ring of Kerry Tour is Ireland's quintessential driving tour encompassing lakes, islands, rugged coastline, ancient history and a collection of villages, monuments and vistas that are both picturesque and timeless. The highlights of the tour include the villages of Waterville, Caherdaniel and Sneem which are all small romantic outposts. On a historical level the ancient Staigue Fort and more recent Derrynane House are well worth visiting. The tour can be accomplished clockwise or counter clockwise depending on the starting point and the time of year.

### **Overnight at Park Hotel Kenmare**

1 Deluxe Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

The town of Kenmare is blessed with many of the finest dining options available in Ireland. Known as a gourmet town par excellence the major dining takes place on the triangle of Henry, Main and Shelbourne Streets. The major restaurants to consider are The Lime Tree, Mulcahys and Packies. For less formal dining we also recommend The Horseshoe Bar and The Purple Heather.

## **Monday, 06 Jul 2009**

### **Day Touring - Dingle Peninsula & Slea Head Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Dingle Peninsula Tour incorporating the Blasket Islands. The Dingle Peninsula is perhaps the most naturally beautiful tour in Ireland. This is due to a staggering combination of wild ocean scenery, ancient relics and a profusion of every sort of colour blossoming in the hedgerows. The Blasket Islands are definitely worth a visit as is the Heritage Centre that explains their story. Also there are wonderful Beehive Huts and a beautiful small church of perfect dimensions at Gallarus.

### **Day Touring - West Limerick and Shannon Drive & Adare for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

From Limerick City the River Shannon meanders along the Estuary all the way to the Atlantic close to Ballybunion which forms a very scenic drive. On the Shannon Estuary Coastal Drive are medieval Askeaton, the Castle at Glin and the Flying Boat Museum at Foynes where a replica of the Yankee Clipper that used to land here is on display. The village of Foynes also claims the first Irish Coffee was brewed to warm the first trans-atlantic passengers. Adare Village is closeby and is among the most beautiful in Ireland with its own Castle, Cathedral, Abbey and Five Star Manor House and Grounds.



### **Overnight at Dromoland Castle Hotel**

1 Deluxe Castle Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

**Dromoland Castle** is Ireland's premier Castle hotels located on one of the finest country estates in the western world. Built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century by the Earl of Thomond its illustrious history includes great Kings and Statesmen who still enjoy its refined treasures today. The estate has a range of luxury accommodations and boasts multiple activities from golf, to falconry, archery and horse riding. The restaurants on the estate are famous for using the finest of Irish ingredients with the flair of French classical cooking.



**Tuesday, 07 Jul 2009**

### **Day Touring - West Clare, Caves & Burren Region Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

West Clare is among Ireland's most rugged and dramatic landscapes with shifting and sculpting stone creating unforgettable scenery such as the Cliffs of Moher, Burren Plateau and Islands. We recommend a visit to the spectacular Aillwee Caves in Ballyvaughan at the heart of The Burren. The ancient Dolmen at Poulnabrune is a relic to the intelligence of the first settlers in this remote lunar like landscape. The villages of Ballyvaughan and Kinvarra are quaint and two of the most pleasant and photogenic in Ireland. Seafood is a specialty of this region and there are many fine pubs serving fresh portions of mussels and oysters, notably Monks in Ballyvaughan, Cornerstone in Lahinch and Moran's in Clarinbridge.

### **Tour - The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience for 2 person(s) at 12:00.**

The Cliffs of Moher in Co Clare are simply one of Ireland's most beautiful and must see natural attractions. They stretch for 8km & rise up to 214 meters above the Atlantic Ocean where gulls and sea life play below an awe inspiring panorama. The tour includes parking at the cliffs and entrance to the cliffs as well as use of the world class facilities at the visitor centre. There is an optional extra (not included in tour cost) to take the Atlantic Edge exhibition which illustrates this unique and fragile environment.



### **Day Touring - Galway Cultural City and Bay Tour for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

Galway City known as the City of the Tribes is Ireland's cultural and artistic Capital. The city is famous for its lively street entertainment and the Claddagh District where the world renowned Rings of Friendship come from. There are also legacy of a maritime past with the Spanish Arch and eclectic European style cobbled street

fronts. Outside the city along the Bay to the beautiful and timeless musical villages of Spiddal and Barna. This region is famous for thatched cottages, peat bogs and stark lunar landscapes with wonderful vistas across to the mountains of Connemara.



### **Overnight at Ashford Castle Hotel**

1 Double Deluxe Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

**Ashford Castle Hotel** is a 5 Star Luxury Castle on the Banks of Lough Corrib and is perhaps Ireland's most quintessential and beautiful castle hotels. It has everything a person could want on a vast estate of 350 acres of woodlands, park and Lakelands. The hotel boasts two fine dining restaurants, a beautiful oak panelled bar, fishing, falconry, clay pigeon shooting and a host of other activities on its extensive estate. Many of our visitors to Ireland remark afterwards that a stay at Ashford was a once in a lifetime experience.



**Wednesday, 08 Jul 2009**

### **Day Touring - Connemara National Park & Kylemore Tour for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

Connemara is one of Ireland's most wild and beautiful regions best explored in a full day touring. There are lots of wonderful villages from Clifden, the alpine like Capital to Leenane on the banks of Killary Fjord as well as Roundstone with its beautiful beaches on the Western coast. The jewel of this rugged mountainous region is Kylemore Abbey and Walled Gardens as well as a serene chapel on the banks of the lake adorned with local Connemara marble and stained glass. A hike along the wilds of Killary Harbour as well as the deep valley at Delphi is also an option.

### **Day Touring - Ashford Castle Estate, Cong & Quiet Man Tour for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

The Grounds of Ashford Castle are among the most delightful in Ireland spanning over 350 Acres of woodlands, lakeside and river walks. Multiple activities such as falconry, clay pigeon shooting and horse riding as well as interesting walks are available on request. It is recommended to take a boat ride on Lough Corrib and perhaps stop on the Island of St. Patrick to view the ruins of an ancient monastery. The Quiet Man Tour can be taken from Ashford Estate and the nearby village of Cong. Cong village also has a beautiful abbey worth visiting as well as The Quiet Man Cottage and Heritage Centre. The Squire Dannaghers House from the movie is on the grounds of the castle. There is evening entertainment available in the Dungeon Bar at Ashford Castle during the summer months.

### **Overnight at Ashford Castle Hotel**

1 Double Deluxe Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

Ashford Castle has wonderful dining options available for a range of tastes, interests and occasions. The principle dining room, George V, offers an extensive A la Carte menus and a connoisseurs wine list. The Connaught Room is intimate and excellent for private dining and special occasions. The Bar offers a limited but excellent menu of seafood, steaks and sandwiches. Cullen's Cottage on the grounds is also wonderful for a lighter meal with lovely views over the lake in summertime. Lisloughry Lodge "Salt Restaurant" on the grounds has a more modern approach to cuisine and its elevated location has wonderful views also. In the village of Cong Lydons Hotel has an excellent bar menu and good local ambience.

**Thursday, 09 Jul 2009**

**Day Touring - Connemara to Dublin via Clonmacnoise for 2 person(s) at 10:00.**

There are multiple touring options en route back to Dublin depending on which route you take. We recommend the route via Galway City, stopping at the monastery at Clonmacnoise on the banks of the River Shannon. This is one of Ireland's finest monastic sights with round towers, Celtic crosses as well as a beautiful setting on the Shannon. Afterwards there is a quaint and pretty lakeside village of Glasson which is a great lunch stop en route to the capital.

**Day Touring - Trim Castle, Kells & Hill of Tara Tour for 2 person(s) at 14:00.**

County Meath is a historical wonderland which has many attractions dating from ancient to medieval times. The Hill of Tara stands in the centre of this fascinating county with commanding views in all directions this was the seat of the ancient Kings of Ireland. Little remains but the outline of their kingdom, a church and a small cafe. Trim Castle to the west however is almost perfectly intact and one of Ireland's most interesting castles. Used for many film sets including Braveheart the castle sits proudly on the banks of the Boyne and has many ruins in the area that make an interesting walk.



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**Friday, 10 Jul 2009**

**Transfer: Saloon Transfer from Hotel to Airport for 2 person(s) collected from Dublin City Hotel at 10:00 - dropped off at Dublin Airport at 10:30.**

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**Pricing**

Average Price Per Person sharing

(Applies to 2)

Total: € 3,998.00

**Itinerary Total: € 7,996.00**

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**Terms and Conditions :**

- Price is per person sharing, any alterations in final numbers will affect overall price.
- 20% deposit required on booking. Final payment due six weeks in advance of travel date.
- Price and availability is subject to conditions at time of booking services.
- Once services are booked and confirmed final euro price will remain constant.
- Price in other currencies may vary in accordance with exchange rate fluctuations.
  
- If transport described in itinerary is not available a similar size and quality transport will be supplied.
- Our cancellation policy reflects that of individual suppliers.
- We are not liable for alterations to travel arrangements due to cancellations or delay in arrangements from external suppliers e.g. flight/ferries.
- Price does not include entrance to attractions listed on the itinerary.

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