

Itinerary Prepared : Four Day Ireland Tour

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Details

Your Itinerary runs from **04 Jul 2009** to **07 Jul 2009** for **4 Adults**.

Includes

- * Chauffeur Drive: 4 days Mercedes Luxury Touring Minivan, 4 days Your Professional Touring Driver Guide
- * Day Touring: Blarney Castle, Stone and Woollen Mills, Dingle Peninsula & Sleah Head Tour, Dublin City Centre Orientation Tour, Galway Cultural City and Bay Tour, Kilkenny Castle & Medieval City Tour, Midlands Region & Clonmacnoise Tour, Muckross House, Gardens & Torc Waterfall, Wicklow Mountains and Gardens Tour
- * Tour: The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
- * 1 x night at **Hayfield Manor Hotel Cork** occupying 2 **Superior Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- * 1 x night at **Cahernane Hotel Killarney** occupying 2 **Classic Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- * 1 x night at **Gregans Castle Hotel Burren** occupying 2 **Classic Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- * 1 x night at **Merrion Hotel Dublin** occupying 2 **Garden Wing Double Room/s** on a Bed & Breakfast basis

Itinerary

Saturday, 04 Jul 2009

Pick up 4 person(s) in 1 x Mercedes Luxury Touring Minivan at 10:00 from Dublin City Centre.

Mercedes Viano is a superb, all-round, multi-purpose chauffeur vehicle. It is extra long wheel base for comfort and touring requirements. The seats are individual and leather and there is ample room for extra luggage. Perfect for a small group on a tour of Ireland.



Pick up 4 person(s) in 1 x Your Professional Touring Driver Guide at 10:00 from Dublin City Centre.

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 and Gardens Tour for 4 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 is a spectacular gem shadowed by the Sugarloaf Mountain and the estate is home to the largest Waterfall in The British Isles of the same name.



Day Touring - Kilkenny Castle & Medieval City Tour for 4 person(s) at 14:00.

Kilkenny is Ireland foremost medieval city with a beautiful castle, cathedral, narrow cobbled streets and its own brewery. It is famed for its wild cats and its comedy festival. It is a wonderful walking city with the river running through the centre of its streets and a beautiful park located north of the Castle. Near Kilkenny are the beautiful villages of Gaignamanagh and Inistoige where the movie "Circle of Friends" was filmed. Kilkenny County is also great for artisans with leather, pottery and contemporary designers populating the countryside.



Overnight at Hayfield Manor Hotel Cork

2 Superior 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.



Sunday, 05 Jul 2009

Day Touring - Blarney Castle, Stone and Woollen Mills for 4 person(s) at 10:00.

North of Cork City is the famous town of Blarney with its castle and expansive park and the world renowned Blarney Stone. This must be kissed in a feat of acrobatic heroics to achieve the gift of eloquence. Also in the town is the excellent Blarney Woollen Mills superstore which has amongst the finest ranges of Irish goods anywhere in Ireland. The tour is usually completed with a nice meal in Christy's pub or in one of the local restaurants in the square of Blarney.



Day Touring - Muckross House, Gardens & Torc Waterfall for 4 person(s) at 14:00.

Muckross House and Gardens formerly the home of The Lord Kenmare is the finest Victorian Mansion in Ireland. Its position overlooking the Lakes of Killarney becomes impossibly romantic when the Rhododendrons are in full bloom. The estate can be walked on foot or admired from the many jaunting cars which are about. Close to the estate is the Torc Waterfall located in an enchanted wooded area which makes a small hike into the National Park very rewarding.

Overnight at Cahernane Hotel Killarney

2 Classic Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

The Cahernane House Hotel is simply one of the great gems of Ireland's hospitality industry and was our Hotel of the Year for 2008. Its superb location on the edge of The Killarney National Park coupled with a wonderful Victorian décor makes it touring favorites in Ireland. The property is a traditional Manor House which was the property of the Earl of Herbert, brother to Lord Kenmare of Muckross House and Gardens. Paintings of royal ancestors adorn the oak paneled walls of the lovely reception, library and public lounge areas. Fine dining and excellent wines are a specialty of this luxury four star hotel. You will also enjoy the very personal attention given to you by the friendly local staff.



Monday, 06 Jul 2009

Day Touring - Dingle Peninsula & Sleat Head Tour for 4 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.

Tour - The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience for 4 person(s) at 14:00.

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.



Overnight at Gregans Castle Hotel Burren

2 Classic Double Room/s on Bed & Breakfast basis

Gregans Castle is a four-star country house located in the heart of the Burren Region overlooking Galway Bay. The hotel has won many prestigious international awards due to its excellent staff, wonderful dining room, activities and the beautifully relaxed atmosphere. The dining room is superb and a guided walk in the region with a local guide is highly recommended. The bedrooms are delightfully decorated and have superb views of the surrounding landscape.



Tuesday, 07 Jul 2009

Day Touring - Galway Cultural City and Bay Tour for 4 person(s) at 10:00.

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.



Day Touring - Midlands Region & Clonmacnoise Tour for 4 person(s) at 14:00.

The Midlands of Ireland is an area rich in a landscape of blanket bog dispersed with lake regions and some interesting towns. The highlights of the region include the wonderful demesne at Birr Castle with its turn of the century telescope and beautiful gardens. Clonmacnoise is one of the highlights, a sixth century monastic site built by St Ciaran which became one of Europe's most important centres for scholastic learning during the middle ages. There are many other towns of interest including Tullamore, Athlone, Kilbeggan (with a fantastic distillery tour) and Moate.

Day Touring - Dublin City Centre Orientation Tour for 4 person(s) at 18:00.

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.



Drop off 4 person(s) in 1 x Mercedes Luxury Touring Minivan at 18:00 at Dublin City Centre.

Drop off 4 person(s) in 1 x Your Professional Touring Driver Guide at 18:00 at Dublin City Centre.

Overnight at Merrion Hotel Dublin

2 Garden Wing Double 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.