

IRELAND

May 2027

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Donegal

A tour all around the Emerald Isle

Experience the warmth, beauty, and rich traditions of Ireland on a journey that circles the Emerald Isle from north to south. You will discover iconic landmarks including Giant's Causeway, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, and Blarney Castle, while also enjoying the authentic experiences that make Ireland so memorable. Stay in two historic castles, explore Belfast on a fascinating Black Taxi tour, ride a traditional jaunting cart through Killarney National Park, watch talented sheepdogs at work, and delight in three evenings of lively Irish music and entertainment. Along the way, knowledgeable local guides will introduce you to Ireland's fascinating history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality, making each destination come alive. Pack your favourite shade of green and let Ireland capture your heart.



INTERNATIONAL



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** May 22, 2027 - 18 days
- ⑤ **Vancouver Island:** May 22, 2027 - 18 days
- ① **Lower Mainland:** May 22, 2027 - 18 days

► Fares per person

- ① from **\$14,940** double/twin, **\$18,385** single*

**Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Earn 280 Experience Points



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- **30 total:** 16 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 tea, 9 dinners

► Transportation

- Transfers between the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, or Greater Victoria Areas & the Kelowna, Vancouver, or Victoria Airport
- Flights to Dublin & return
- Current air taxes, security fees & surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person
- Coach transportation in Ireland for 15 days
- Ferry to & from Inis Mór, Aran Islands
- Transfer from hotel to Dublin Airport

► Accommodation

- 16 nights of hotel accommodation & taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels

► Guides & Gratuities

- Irish guide for 16 days
- Gratuities to Irish driver, guide & local guides

► Wells Gray tour director throughout tour

► Key Highlights

- Guided tour of Dublin
- Black Taxi tour of Belfast
- Titanic Experience Belfast
- Locally guided tour of Belfast
- Botanic Gardens
- Hillsborough Castle & Gardens
- Giant's Causeway
- Derry City Walls walking tour with local guide
- Tour of Inishowen Peninsula & Malin Head
- Grianán of Aileach

- Glenveagh National Park
- Slieve League Cliffs
- Lough Eske Castle
- Sligo Oyster Farm tour with tasting
- Galway walking tour
- Galway Cathedral
- Donnelly's Pub with entertainment
- Tour of Inis Mór
- Dún Aonghasa fort
- Tour of Connemara region & National Park
- Killary Fjord cruise
- Kylemore Abbey & Gardens
- Dan O'Hara Homestead farm tour with tea & scones
- Cliffs of Moher
- Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
- Ring of Kerry
- Sheep dog demonstration
- Irish Coffee demonstration at Red Fox Inn
- Muckross House & Gardens
- Jaunting cart ride
- Dinner & Irish show at Kate Kearney's Cottage
- Charles Fort
- Walking tour of Cork with English Market
- Blarney Castle & kissing the Blarney Stone
- Blarney Woollen Mills
- Driving tour of Cork
- Cork City Gaol
- Middleton Jameson Distillery tour & tasting
- Rock of Cashel
- General Post Office Museum
- Christ Church Cathedral
- Merry Ploughboys Pub Traditional Irish Night

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$14,940 double/twin \$18,385 single	
V	Vancouver Island	\$15,040 double/twin \$18,485 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$14,975 double/twin \$18,420 single	

- This tour is exempt from GST.

ITINERARY

Saturday, May 22

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking. Transfers are provided to Kelowna, Vancouver, and Victoria airports for those in the BC Interior, Greater Vancouver, and Greater Victoria Areas. We fly to Dublin.

Sunday, May 23

We arrive in Dublin and local time is 8 hours ahead of Pacific Time. **Céad Míle Fáilte (Welcome to Ireland)**! Our Irish guide and driver meet us at the airport. Dublin is Ireland's largest city, a historical and contemporary cultural centre. A local guide takes us on a short city tour before we check in at Killiney Castle Hotel, partly dating to 1740, about half an hour out of the city. Meet your fellow travellers during a welcome dinner.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Killiney Castle Hotel

Monday, May 24

We cross the border into **Northern Ireland**.

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland, and we stay two nights at the 5-star Fitzwilliam Hotel. Once a haven from storms, Belfast developed a boat-building industry and now is known for its vibrant nightlife and arts scene. We ride in a **Black Taxi** with a local guide for a Belfast highlights tour. This is no ordinary taxi ride, it is a tour of the sites where the "Troubles" in Belfast occurred between the late 1960s and 1990s. Your guide is a taxi driver and entrepreneur who lived through the conflicts and now helps visitors understand those difficult years in Northern Ireland's history. See the peace wall and the Republican and Loyalist murals, and hear a unique perspective on those challenging decades. The small taxis allow us to enter some narrow streets where a coach cannot go.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

Tuesday, May 25

The morning is devoted to the **Titanic Experience Belfast** where nine galleries explain the conception and building of *RMS Titanic* in Belfast, the discovery of the wreck, and modern exploration. There are special effects, dark rides, full-scale reconstructions, and innovative interactive features to explore the *Titanic* story. During an afternoon tour of Belfast, we visit the **Botanic Gardens** and **Hillsborough Castle**, best known as the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

Wednesday, May 26

We drive to the North Antrim Coast and the **Giant's Causeway**, the subject of many legends. This unique geological formation, some 37,000 basalt columns extend from the cliffs into the sea. Lunch is at the quaint Bushmills Inn. This afternoon, we are in **Londonderry**, the only completely walled city in the United Kingdom. A local guide takes us on a walking tour of the **Walls of Derry** and shares the unique version of the history of the once infamous Bogside area.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Derry City Hotel

Thursday, May 27

The day is devoted to the stunning scenery of the **Inishowen Peninsula** in Donegal, surrounded by the Atlantic, Lough Foyle, and the chilly waters of Lough Swilly. Malin Head is the northernmost point of Ireland, jutting out into the North Atlantic. At the summit of Greenan Mountain is the massive stone fort known as the **Grianán of Aileach** which commands spectacular views across Inishowen. Originally built in the 6th century for defensive or ceremonial purposes, the ruins were restored in the 19th century.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Derry City Hotel

Friday, May 28

We travel through the magnificent, rugged scenery of **Glenveagh National Park**, passing Glenveagh Castle, Lough Veagh, and the Derryveagh Mountains. Next are the awesome **Slieve League Cliffs** which are among the highest sea cliffs in Europe at 601 metres. We stay overnight at **Lough Eske Castle**, a truly memorable experience. It is located on a secluded lakeside estate just outside Donegal Town. Its history, associated with the O'Donnell Clan, the founding fathers of Donegal, dates to the 15th century. A manor was built in 1621, then rebuilt in 1868 and named Lough Eske Castle. It was in ruins by the mid-20th century, then restored in 2007 to be a 5-star hotel.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Lough Eske Castle

Saturday, May 29

Heading along the Mayo Coast, we stop at the **Sligo Oyster Farm** for a guided tour by the seashore and sampling of fresh oysters. Galway is the 2020 European Capital of Culture and is one of Ireland's great centres of traditional Irish music, as you'll find out with a guided walk along the lively pedestrian streets of the Latin Quarter where buskers abound and there's always music and dancing in the pubs. **Galway Cathedral** is a Roman Catholic cathedral and one of the most impressive buildings in the city. It was completed in 1965, the last great stone cathedral to be built in Europe. It was dedicated jointly to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and to St. Nicholas. Dinner is at Donnelly's Pub with entertainment. We stay three nights at The Hardiman, a 4-star hotel built in 1852 beside Eyre Square.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: The Hardiman

Sunday, May 30

The Aran Islands are located at the entrance to Galway Bay. We take the ferry over to **Inis Mór**, the largest of the three islands. Its 100-metre high cliffs are impressive and provide nesting sites for thousands of birds. Above the cliffs is **Dún Aonghas fort**, possibly built about 1100 BC. Lunch is at Joe Watty's Pub.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: The Hardiman

Monday, May 31

Today's tour visits the Connemara region with its wild and mountainous landscapes. We skirt Lough Corrib, the second largest lake in Ireland with 365 islands. **St. Patrick** spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting on top of Croagh Patrick and praying for the conversion of Pagan Ireland to Catholicism. We take a cruise past the dramatic scenery of **Killary Fjord** including the Twelve Bens, the majestic Maumturk Range, the imposing Mweelrea Massif, and some mussel farms. Next is **Kylemore Abbey** where the Benedictine nuns have run a school for girls since 1920. In **Connemara National Park**, we admire the bleak bog landscape and rugged ocean cliffs. On the way back to Galway, we stop at **Dan O'Hara's Homestead** where the family shares the heritage and traditions of Connemara. The farm has cattle, sheep and the famous Connemara Ponies. A guided tour offers demonstrations of traditional farming activities such as turf cutting, sheep herding, and soda bread making on the open fire. Afternoon tea and scones are served.

Meals included: Breakfast, Tea

Accommodation: The Hardiman

Tuesday, June 1

The **Cliffs of Moher** are an eight-kilometre stretch of cliffs that plunge 212 metres into the Atlantic Ocean — one of the most photographed sites in Ireland. Today's spectacular drive hugs the coast, then takes us across The Burren, an extensive limestone plateau that is bleak and devoid of water, trees, and soil, yet it holds a unique beauty. We explore the **Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum**, housed in the original terminal building. It recalls the era when Foynes became the centre of the aviation world from 1937-45. On July 9, 1939, Pan Am's luxury flying boat the *Yankee Clipper* landed at Foynes to become the first direct commercial passenger flight from the USA to Europe. We stay two nights in Killarney.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Brehon Hotel, Killarney

Wednesday, June 2

The **Ring of Kerry** is one of the most awesome coastal drives in Ireland and is full of magical and mystical places. We travel through Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, and the Coomakesta Pass with magnificent views over Derrynane. A demonstration of the skills of the sheepdog is offered at a farm. The Red Fox Inn is an old traditional roadhouse, and we stop for Irish Coffee and a talk about how to prepare it properly. Lunch is at the Smugglers Inn on the Kerry coastline. This afternoon we travel through Sneem, Moll's Gap, and Ladies View into **Killarney National Park**. This evening, we go to **Kate Kearney's Cottage**. Enjoy dinner along with traditional entertainment with musicians playing the guitar, fiddle, mandola, Irish bouzouki, banjo, bodhrán, and tin whistles. Costumed Irish dancers perform reels, jigs and the almost forgotten 'Brush Dance'.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Brehon Hotel, Killarney

Thursday, June 3

This morning, we ride on horse-drawn carts, known as jaunting carts, from the hotel to Muckross House, a magnificent Victorian mansion and one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Afterwards, we drive over the Cork and Kerry Mountains, and through the Irish-speaking villages of Ballymakeery and Ballyvourney. We pass the ruins of Macroom Castle, once the home of Sir William Penn whose son founded Pennsylvania. In the harbour town of Kinsale, we visit **Charles Fort**, a massive star-shaped structure of the late 17th century with a wonderful view of Kinsale Harbour from the ramparts. Arriving in **Cork**, a guided walking tour is offered with a visit to the English Market, a vibrant and diverse marketplace where an eclectic mix of traders come together. Our hotel in Cork for two nights is the Montenotte offering panoramic views over the city.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: The Montenotte Hotel

Friday, June 4

Blarney Castle is one of the most famous places in Ireland. Climb to the castle ramparts where you can kiss the **Blarney Stone** and become endowed with the Gift of the Gab. There is also a shopping opportunity at Blarney Woollen Mills. In the afternoon, a drive around Cork is offered including a tour of the Cork City Gaol which operated for 100 years starting in 1824.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: The Montenotte Hotel

Saturday, June 5

We stop at **Midleton Jameson Distillery** for a tour and comparative tastings of three fine whiskeys. At the **Rock of Cashel**, we see an impressive group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone. These include the 12th century round tower, Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Back in Dublin, we stay three nights at Camden Court Hotel which has a great location in the City Centre close to St. Stephens Green Park.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Camden Court Hotel

Sunday, June 6

The day is at leisure, and your guide can assist you with ideas, since there is lots to do in Dublin.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Camden Court Hotel

Monday, June 7

We visit two more Dublin highlights, one of which is the **GPO Museum**, located within the imposing General Post Office. It was the headquarters of the 1916 Easter Rising which changed the course of Irish history. Ireland was declared a sovereign nation on April 24, 1916, outside the GPO, when rebel leader Patrick Pearse read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. We also visit imposing Christ Church Cathedral, founded in 1163.

Option: Visit the famous Guinness Brewery for a tour and to sample its iconic beer. Cost is \$47 per person. Please request this option no later than final payment.

A farewell dinner is a chance to talk about all the highlights of our Irish tour. Tonight, we celebrate our tour around Ireland at the **Merry Ploughboys Pub** with a traditional Irish dinner and cabaret. Don't expect an early night!

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Camden Court Hotel

Tuesday, June 8

A transfer is arranged to Dublin Airport in mid-morning for our flights home.

Meals included: Breakfast

ACTIVITY LEVEL 3



High Activity: You are an active traveller who wants to explore wherever you go. You don't mind a mix of full days, early morning starts, and some late nights. You can walk up to 4 km without difficulty which may be over uneven ground or beaches and shorelines, and stand for prolonged periods. Historic attractions often require walking on uneven surfaces or cobblestones. You can climb three flights of stairs easily and unassisted. You can handle your own luggage in airports or at hotels where luggage handling may not be available.

This tour is not appropriate for people with canes, walkers, wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices. Additionally, this tour is not appropriate for those who have cognitive impairments such as memory loss or confusion, difficulty expressing thoughts, repeating questions, or getting lost. The tour director, Irish guide, and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you cannot keep up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance may not cover you.

Please note: Prior to accepting your booking, you will be required to [sign a declaration](#) that you are capable of travelling on an Activity Level 3 tour.



Tour 25

This tour is limited to 25 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

THE EMERALD ISLE

With the known history of Ireland dating back over 6,000 years, the past has truly paved the way for the island's buoyant present and future. The culture is vibrant, evolving, and global, for there are an estimated 80 million people who claim Irish ancestry. The island of almost 6 million has two political entities — the Republic of Ireland which is a sovereign nation with Dublin as its capital, and Northern Ireland which is part of the United Kingdom with the capital at Belfast. The people take pride in their Celtic, Norse, and Anglo heritages. Irish is the first official language, with signs posted in Gaelic in places where the language is dominant, and English is the second official language, of course accented by a lyrical lilt that changes throughout the island. But to keep it interesting, in Northern Ireland, Ullens is spoken, a beautiful form of Scots/Irish, and in the Republic of Ireland, mid-Ulster English and Hiberno-English is common. The Irish are fond of folklore and traditions, particularly expressed through music and dance. In fact, the pub lies at the heart of the cultural life of Ireland, a place where friends gather to philosophize on life and politics, listen to stories and poems, enjoy traditional music, and share a feast.



TOUR NOTES

Galway

Documentation: A valid passport is required with expiry after you leave Ireland. An Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) will be needed for travelling to Northern Ireland. You can apply online or by an app, and the cost is £20. More information including instructions will be provided at final payment.

Currency & Expenses: The Euro is used in the Republic of Ireland and, as of July 2026, one Euro costs C\$1.62. The British Pound is used in Northern Ireland and costs C\$1.89. You should order Pounds and Euros from your bank 1-2 weeks before departure, or plan to use ATMs. Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Gratuities are included for all group meals, Irish drivers, and guides.

Flight seating: We are unable to take seating requests of any kind in any class. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. If this is important to you, we suggest you take the “No Flight” option with a fare reduction and book your own flight which allows seat selection. The amount of reduction will be known in August 2026. Please see our [Terms and Conditions](#) for more information.

Flight upgrades: Please enquire about current prices for upgrades on the flights to and from Dublin. Business class may be available.

Flight delays or cancellations: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for flight delays.

Rooms for singles are often a different style or smaller size than twin rooms. Many hotels limit the number of single rooms allocated to a group. Please book early if you prefer to travel single.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Beverages: Although some lunches and dinners are included, it is not common practice to include beverages with meals. Bottled water is served, but any other beverage (including beer in a pub) is probably at your expense.

Triples are not available on this tour.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is requested at time of booking and balance is due February 17, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#), Activity Level 3 [Declaration](#), and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to January 15, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From January 16 to February 17, the cancellation charge is \$300 per person.
- From February 18 to March 17, the cancellation charge is 50% of the tour fare.
- From March 18 to April 16, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare.
- After April 16, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Please refer to Wells Gray Tours' [Terms and Conditions](#).

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard until September 8, 2026 and Battleface after that. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage. Please do not travel outside Canada without medical insurance as a minimum. Insurance premiums are not refundable whether or not you make a claim.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 280 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until February 17, 2027.

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