

Ireland: Splendors of the Emerald Isle

9 days from \$7,395 | Limited to 18 guests

Revel in the legendary hospitality and warmth of the Irish people on this comprehensive journey across the Emerald Isle. Take in world-famous scenic backdrops, bask in traditional songs and stories, and celebrate a culture cherished on both sides of the Atlantic, staying in five-star hotels along the way.

& A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Explore Dublin, Ireland's historic capital city, on a day that includes an intimate guided walk through Trinity College and an up-close look at the illuminated Book of Kells
- ▶ Visit a country pub in County Kilkenny for an introduction to Irish culture, including a hands-on hurling lesson
- ▶ Immerse yourself in authentic rural life on a farm visit, conversing with a local family over a farmhouse lunch
- ▶ Explore the stunning landscapes of the Ring of Kerry and stop for an Irish sheepdog demonstration
- ▶ Venture along the scenic coast of County Clare to taste oysters and gaze out from atop the soaring Cliffs of Moher

DAY 1: Arrive Dublin, Ireland

Arrive in Dublin, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Tonight, gather for a welcome dinner.

Conrad Dublin | Meals: D

DAY 2: Dublin | Viewing the Book of Kells

Begin your day with a privately led exploration of Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. Then, enter the Old Library to view the legendary Book of Kells, one of the finest illuminated medieval manuscripts in existence. Afterward, discover more of the city with your expert guide, followed by an afternoon at leisure. Conrad Dublin | Meals: B

DAY 3: Kilkenny | Countryside Traditions

Travel south to the heart of County Kilkenny. Visit a family-owned country pub, meet the owner and his family, and receive a hands-on introduction to the national Irish sport of hurling. Listen to a *seannachí* (traditional storyteller) spin



tales and play music, eat a hearty lunch and learn how to pull a pint of Guinness for a full-on classic Irish pub experience. Arrive at your country resort at Castlemartyr before dinner. Castlemartyr Resort | Meals: B L D

DAY 4: Cobh & Cork | Design Your Day

Today, enjoy one of these Design Your Day activities.

- ▶ **Sample Classic Irish Whiskeys** on a premium tour and tasting at Jameson's Old Midleton Distillery.
- ▶ **Play a Round of Golf or Relax with a Spa Experience**, taking full advantage of your hotel's diverse amenities.
- ▶ **Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre** to learn about the lives of emigrants to America, and visit the English Market in Cork.

Later, dine at Ballymaloe House, one of Ireland's culinary treasures, for a delectable Chef's Table experience.

Castlemartyr Resort | Meals: B D

DAY 5: West Cork | An Inviting Farm-To-Table Experience

Drive Ireland's wild southern shore through rugged West Cork to visit a third-generation family-owned emporium that specializes in locally produced food products: meats, cheeses, chutney, preserves and more. Meet some of the shop's suppliers and eat a lunch sourced completely nearby. Proceed to Kenmare and check in to your hotel, set beside rollicking Sheen Falls. Then, savor a Scenic Sundowner, gazing over the sparkling cascades. Sheen Falls Lodge | Meals: B L D

DAY 6: Kenmare | Around the Ring of Kerry

Cross through Killarney National Park, en route to the town of Killarney. Ride Like a Local in a traditional jaunting car for a closer look at the park's natural beauty. Then, set out



Take in the lush Irish countryside on a scenic drive of the Ring of Kerry

on the famed Ring of Kerry for a breathtaking coastal drive, where every turn in the road reveals new and ever-more-stunning vistas. Pause to peruse local handicrafts in the Gap of Dunloe, and marvel at a demonstration of Irish sheepdogs and their indispensable skills. **Sheen Falls Lodge** | Meals: B

DAY 7: Newmarket-on-Fergus | Lunch with a Farm Family
Make a personal connection to Ireland when you visit a traditional family dairy farm. Hear about rural life here from family members, and then join them for a home-cooked farm lunch, on this A&K-exclusive experience. Stop in Adare, often voted Ireland's most beautiful village, before you continue to your majestic hotel. **Dromoland Castle** | Meals: B L

DAY 8: Newmarket-on-Fergus | The Tastes of Galway Bay
Journey to busy Galway, gateway to western Ireland, and then on to small, coastal Clarinbridge, where a special tasting introduces you to the quintessential pairing of Guinness stout with fresh Galway Bay oysters. After lunch, drive the coast of County Clare, stopping to stand atop the soaring Cliffs of Moher. Tonight, join your fellow guests for an elegant farewell dinner. **Dromoland Castle** | Meals: B L D

DAY 9: Depart Shannon

After breakfast, transfer to Shannon Airport and board your onward flight. Meals: B

TRAVEL PRIVATELY WITH A&K

For a private journey consider **Tailor Made Ireland: Coastal Vistas & Country Lanes**.

INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS



Conrad Dublin

Contemporary luxury hotel offering a tranquil retreat in the heart of Dublin.



Castlemartyr Resort

Five-star hotel set in an 18th-century manor house on immaculate grounds.



Sheen Falls Lodge

Luxurious hotel outside Kenmare, overlooking a river and waterfalls.



Dromoland Castle

Luxury castle-turned-hotel on the *Condé Nast Traveler* Gold List.

DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 27-Jun 4, Jun 10-18, Jun 17-25, Aug 19-27, Sep 2-10, Sep 16-24, Sep 23-Oct 1, Oct 7-15	\$7,395	\$2,495

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 8.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.