

8 Day Irish Gold Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Dublin Tour & The Book of Kells

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Head out for an introductory tour of Dublin including O'Connell Street, St Stephen's Green, the seat of government at Leinster House, and other public buildings. Take a stroll through Trinity College's campus in the center of the city with a guide and view the priceless 8th century Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the four gospels. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group and then enjoy an independent evening at one of Dun Laoghaire's many restaurants or pubs.

Day 2: Clonmacnoise Monastic Site & Galway City Tour

Journey across the rolling pastures of Ireland's heartland to visit Clonmacnoise. This monastic settlement was founded in 545 AD and is set on the banks of the mighty River Shannon. See elaborate high Celtic crosses decorated with biblical scenes. Head to Galway for a guided walking tour through the city center. Enjoy free time to explore Galway on your own before dinner. (B)

Day 3: Connemara Catamaran Cruise & Kylemore Abbey

Explore scenic Connemara to admire how constantly-changing cloud formations give granite hills, sparkling lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Head to Kylemore Abbey to see elegant rooms and the charming church, set beside a tranquil lake. Visit the Victorian Walled Gardens and enjoy a casual lunch. Take a short catamaran cruise of Killary Harbour, a 9-mile fjord (Mar 18 – Oct 28 departures). Return to Galway where the evening is free to explore the city. (B, L)

Day 4: Cliffs, Sheepdogs & Traditional Irish Night

Travel south around Galway Bay and through the Burren, a region of rounded limestone hills which has a curious lunar-like appearance. Immerse yourself in farm life and watch trained sheepdogs obey their owner as they direct sheep through various obstacles. View the Cliffs of Moher, which rise almost 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Embark on a memorable ferry across the River Shannon Estuary and head to Killarney. Head out for a traditional Irish night featuring a lively show with dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Jaunting Car & Ring of Kerry

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through the Killarney National Park to scenic Ross Castle, set on the shores of Lough Leane. Head to Muckross House for a guided tour and a stroll through the gardens. Set out on Ireland's most popular scenic drive – the Ring of Kerry – with plenty of stops for photo opportunities. Savor a light lunch and take a break in the colorful village of Sneem. Cross to Valentia Island by bridge and tour the Skellig Experience, which explains the life of early Christian monks on Skellig Michael, a rocky offshore island that was featured in the "Star Wars VII" movie. Return to Killarney for an evening on your own. (B, L)

Day 6: Blarney Castle & Traditional Music Session

Drive through the mountains into rich farming country on the way to Blarney Castle. Kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or explore the tranquil gardens. Treat yourself to quality Irish-made goods at Blarney Woollen Mills before traveling along the coast to the Marine Bar in Dungarvan for some traditional music. Continue to Waterford to witness the creation of crystal masterpieces during your visit to the House of Waterford Crystal. (B, D)

Day 7: Waterford Walk & O'Connell's Restaurant

In the morning join a local guide for a walking tour through the narrow streets of the old city to discover Waterford's long history and some of its colorful characters. Later, stop in Kilkenny for a look around the compact city center and have lunch on your own. Partake of the Smithwick's Experience and enjoy a tasting paddle of their famous ales. Travel to Dublin and in the evening head to the popular O'Connell's Restaurant for a glass of wine and dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Tour Ends in Dublin

Your program ends after breakfast. (B)

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner

NOTE: The features, itinerary and hotels shown for this tour are based on 2019 departures, and may be subject to change for 2020 departures.

For reservations, please complete the form below and include your non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person. Optional Trip Protection Insurance is additional at \$199 per person and is also due at the time of deposit. Above itinerary does not include the pre-night.

Full name of passenger (must match passport) _____

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