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Arts Club Tour 2026



Country Roads of Ireland

September 11, 2026 – September 25, 2026



Let the luck of the Irish be with you on this 12 day guided tour across Ireland. Start the tour in Dublin where you get up close to the Book of Kells, an ancient Gospel manuscript filled with mythical beasts and Celtic knots. In Kilkenny visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle. A chef will share traditional Irish recipes at a farm-to-table feast in Killarney. You'll see the Ring of Kerry, a mystical, verdant peninsula dotted with seaside villages. Step onto Giant's Causeway with its basalt columns carved onto the coast by volcanic lava or by a giant's feet if Irish myth is to be believed. And more . . .

Day 1: Friday, September 11, 2026: Depart Vancouver

Today the Arts Club group optional flight departs on AC #918 at 3:05 p.m. non-stop to Dublin.

Day 2: Saturday, September 12, 2026: Welcome to Dublin

The Arts Club group arrives today at 7:45 a.m. and will have a group transfer to the hotel. In Dublin join your Travel Director for a warm and friendly dinner, with the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other. For three nights we'll be staying at the Trinity City Hotel or similar. (Dinner)

Day 3: Sunday, September 13, 2026: Dublin's Fair City

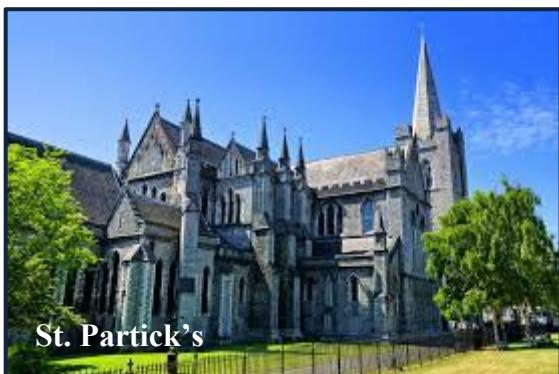
Today you will be accompanied by a local guide to get acquainted with Dublin's elegant squares. Discover Custom House, Christ Church Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Enjoy a viewing of the 9th century *Book of Kells*, followed by a walk through the cobbled courtyards of Trinity College. (B)



Custom House



Christ Church



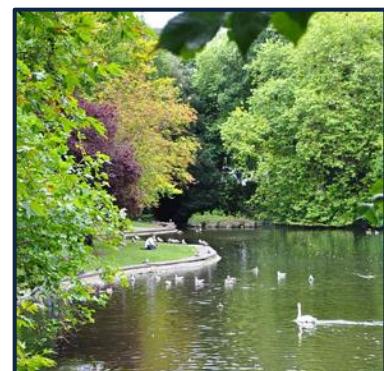
St. Patrick's



Book of Kells

Day 4: Monday, September 14, 2026: Dublin Your Way

Today is a free day to explore the Irish capital as you please. (B)



Day 5: Tuesday, September 15, 2026: A Journey from Dublin to Cork



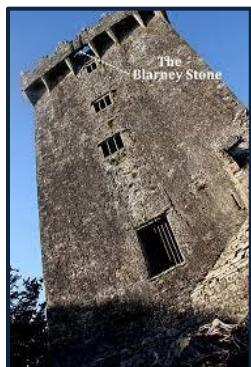
This morning you will visit one of the country's main racehorse breeding centers, also home to the acclaimed 100 year old Japanese Gardens where you can 'journey through life' during a walk through the beautiful surroundings. Then travel to the medieval city of Kilkenny to visit the majestic Kilkenny Castle and learn how the castle was built in 1195 after the Norman Conquest of Ireland; you'll have the opportunity to admire its beautifully restored Victorian-era rooms. Then continue through Cahir and see its imposing 13th century castle that was featured in the film *Excalibur* on the way to Cork. Arriving in Cork, your travel director will show you around this compact university city with its vibrant waterfront and grand Georgian parades. Tonight we'll be staying at the Kingsley Hotel Cork or similar. (B)



Day 6: Wednesday, September 16, 2026: Across the Mountains to Killarney



Today travel to the ruined Blarney Castle and Gardens where you can hang upside down from the ramparts to kiss the stone and ensure a lifetime of eloquence. Then travel across the majestic Derrynasaggart Mountains to the lively town of Killarney. This evening you will be able to enjoy a *farm-to-table* dining experience and savor the delicious flavours of fresh local Irish home cuisine in the kitchen of Chef John Sheehan, your host at the 19th Green Guesthouse on this "MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience" where you'll enjoy responsibly sourced ingredients from the local community and gain personal insight into classic Irish recipes that are loved throughout the world. We'll spend two nights at the Europe Hotel and Resort Killarney. (B, D)



Day 7: Thursday, September 17, 2026: Killarney - Ring of Kerry Experience



After breakfast this morning, you can start your day with an *Insight Choice*. You might choose a memorable ride on a horse-drawn jaunting car with the local jarveys. Alternatively, if you are fit, have good walking shoes, sunscreen and rain gear, you might join a gentle hike with a local expert along the lake shore past the grounds of Ross Castle, admiring the incredible scenery of the National Park. Then explore around the magnificent Ring of Kerry where mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a landscape that is breathtaking beyond words. Then journey past lush lakelands and around towering cliffs as you appreciate sweeping sea views, continuing through delightful villages like Sneem and crossing the peat bogs of the Black Mountains to Moll's Gap to admire Queen Victoria's Ladies View. The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure when you might take the opportunity to hire a bicycle and enjoy one of the many scenic trails around the lake or through the National Park. Then again, you might enjoy the hotel pools. (B)



Ross Castle



National Park



Ladies View



Indoor Pool

Day 8: Friday, September 18, 2026: Around the Dingle Peninsula to Limerick

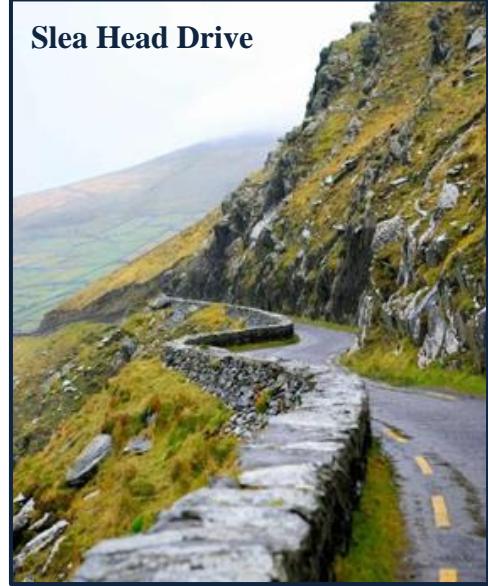


After breakfast this morning we will depart Killarney and follow the scenic Slea Head Drive journeying through the rugged beauty of the Dingle Peninsula. We'll travel past windswept cliffs, golden beaches and ancient stone dwellings, enjoying views stretching to the remote Blasket Islands. In the afternoon we will head north to Tarbert where we'll board a ferry to cross the Shannon Estuary to Killimer, a historic crossing point where Ireland's longest river meets the Atlantic. Keep an eye out for bottlenose dolphins which are often seen in these waters. We then continue to our hotel in Limerick, the George Hotel Limerick City or similar. This evening we will enjoy a feast at the Medieval Bunratty Castle. (B, D)

Dingle Peninsula



Slea Head Drive



Bunratty Castle



Medieval Banquet



Day 9: Saturday, September 19, 2026: The Cliffs of Moher and Galway



Today we will travel to the Visitor Center at the 214 m Cliffs of Moher, enjoying breathtaking views of the Clare Coast before a delightful drive through the strange, rocky landscape of the Burren to Galway Bay. On arrival we'll see the Lynch Memorial and Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, where Christopher Columbus reputedly prayed before his voyages to America. In addition we'll see the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square, dedicated to the late U.S. President John F. Kennedy. For two nights we'll stay at the Harbour Hotel Galway or similar. (B, D)

Cliffs of Moher



Lynch Memorial



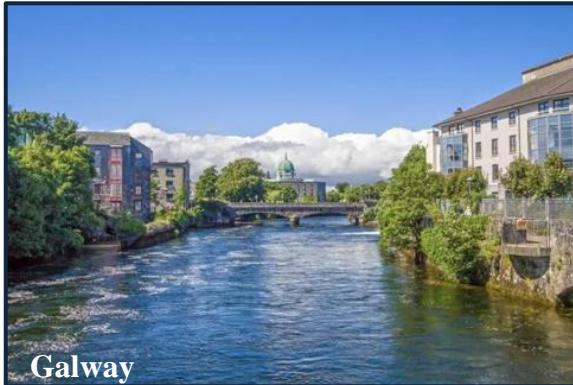
Eyre Square



Day 10: Sunday, September 20, 2026: Galway free day or Aran Islands



Today you might choose to spend your day at leisure, relaxing and enjoying Galway. Alternatively, you might want to join an optional experience to the Aran Islands, a genuine highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way; with their cliffs and spectacular coastal views, the islands are a true Irish experience. (B)



Galway



Great Street Scene



Great Food



Aran Islands

Day 11: Monday, September 21, 2026: Explore Derry/Londonderry



Today we'll get the chance to admire the Blue Stack Mountains of Donegal as we cross into Northern Ireland bound for the ancient walled city. We'll then have the opportunity to tour inside the city walls, still topped with cannons, with one of Northern Ireland's best storytellers, Ronan. We'll stroll down Shipquay Street, with its elegant Georgian houses, to the Gothic Guildhall. Tonight we'll stay at Da Vinci's Hotel Londonderry. (B, D)



Blue Stack Mountains



Derry City Walls



Shipquay



Gothic Guildhall

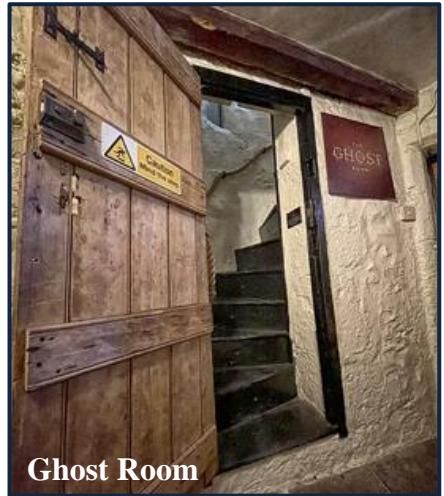
Day 12: Tuesday, September 22, 2026: Walking in the Giant's Steps



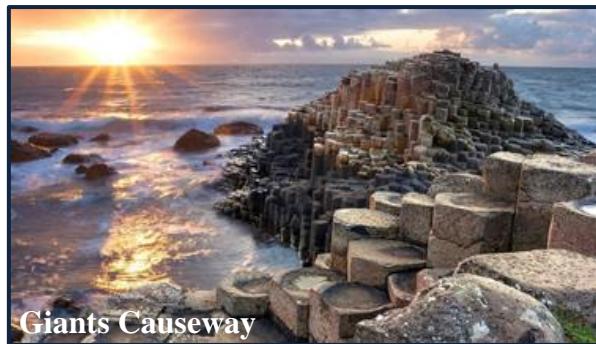
Today we'll visit the iconic *Giant's Causeway*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where thousands of interlocking basalt columns form one of nature's most extraordinary landscapes. You can explore this legendary setting at your own pace before we continue along the scenic Antrim Coast Road with its dramatic cliffs and coastal views. We'll then arrive in Ballygally and settle into the Ballygally Castle Hotel overlooking the bay. If you're feeling brave, perhaps you might venture into the *Ghost Room* hidden within one of the castle's turrets. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers to enjoy an evening of warm hospitality and regional cuisine. (B, D)



Antrim Coast Road



Ghost Room

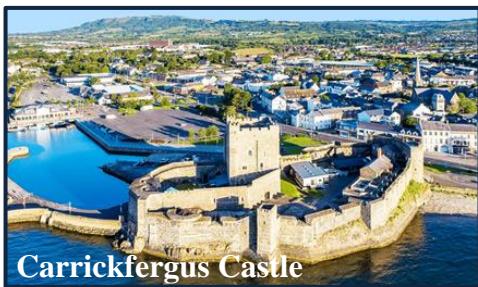


Giants Causeway

Day 13: Wednesday, September 23, 2026: The Antrim Coast to Belfast



Today we'll continue around the Antrim Coast, past the huge Norman castle at Carrickfergus, arriving in the Northern Ireland capital of Belfast. Here our local expert will give us a city tour that will include views of the City Hall, Queen's University, the Parliament Building at Stormont and murals in different locations indicating political sentiments of local residents. Tonight we'll stay at the Voco IHG Hotel Belfast. (B)



Carrickfergus Castle



City Hall



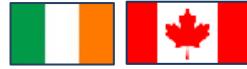
Queen's University



Parliament

Day 14: Thursday, September 24, 2026: Belfast to Dublin

Today we cross back into the Republic of Ireland and on to Dublin for our final night stay on the Emerald Isle. In the evening we will enjoy a celebration dinner to cap off our journey. Tonight we will stay at the Trinity City Hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 15: Friday, September 25, 2026: Onward from Dublin

Today after breakfast transfer to the airport for our non-stop journey back to YVR Air Canada #919 departing at 9:50 a.m. arriving Vancouver at 10:45 a.m. the same day. (B)

What is included:

- 13 breakfasts and 7 dinners
- Audio Headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi
- Hotel porterage where available of 1 bag per person
- An expert travel director and separate driver
- Hotel tips and restaurant tips for included meals, and local taxes
- A group airport transfer on the first and last day of the tour
- Cherry-picked hotels, all tried and trusted (Hotels listed to be used as a guide only and are subject to availability. If the quoted hotel is unavailable, we will secure another hotel in the same category)
- Gratuities to travel director, coach drivers and local experts
- Sightseeing as noted in the itinerary

What is not included:

- International airfares
- Travel insurance, visas and items of a personal nature
- Medical insurance

Pricing*

Can \$ 9,295 per person Double Occupancy

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***Pricing is based on a minimum of passengers to ensure tour and does not include airfare.**

****Single rooms are limited.**

**Flights between Vancouver and Dublin are at an additional cost.
Please discuss your preferences with Colleen.**

**Insurance for cancellation and medical is available,
which we strongly recommend to purchase.
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**For the supplier's Terms & Conditions regarding
cancellation, exchange and refund policies, go to the following website:
www.insightvacations.com/en-ca/information/booking-conditions**

Tour itinerary subject to change

**Deposit: \$500 non-refundable per person
at time of booking**

Final Payment: due by 19 May, 2026

Booking Information

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