

North Texas GLBT
Chamber of Commerce presents

# Treasures of Ireland

featuring Dublin, Killarney & Limerick

### **Highlights**

- 1 Night Castle Hotel Stay
- Killarney
- Dublin City Tour
- Trinity College & Book of Kells
- Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery
- Cliffs of Moher
- Ring of Kerry
- Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
- Glendalough & St. Kevin's
- Jaunting Car Ride
- Muckross House & Gardens
- Limerick
- Blarney Castle & Woolen Mills

### **Inclusions**

- Roundtrip Airfare from Dallas, TX (DFW)
- Airline Fuel Surcharges/Fees
- Air Departure Taxes/Fees
- First Class Accommodations
- 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners
- Professional Tour Manager
- Motorcoach Transportation
- Admissions per Itinerary
- Sightseeing per Itinerary
- Baggage Handling

### **Accommodations**

- 1 Night Clontarf Castle or Fitzpatrick Castle, Dublin
- 2 Nights Absolute Hotel, Limerick
- 2 Nights Dromhall or Randles Court Hotel, Killarney
- 2 Nights Gresham or Burlington Hotel, Dublin Itinerary and hotels are subject to change.









9 days October 6, 2014

## **Tour Pricing**

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\$3,099\* per person/double \$625 single supplement

\*Please see itinerary for details and registration information

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### Tour Itinerary

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#### Day 1: Overnight Flight to Ireland

Welcome as you join Chamber Explorations to experience Ireland. Today board your overnight flight bound for the emerald isle.

### Day 2: Arrive Dublin

Arrive in **Dublin**, the Irish Capital and meet your **Tour Director**. This afternoon check into the Clontarf Castle or the Fitzpatrick Castle for a unique overnight experience in one of Dublin's top castle hotels. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the castle.

Meal - (D)

Overnight - Castle Stay, Dublin

#### Day 3: Dublin - Glendalough - Limerick

Today drive through the Glendalough Valley located in the Wicklow Mountains National Park to visit the world renowned Glendalough **Monastic Site** with Round Tower. Here we tour the ruins of St. Kevin's monastry, a center of Irish Celtic Christianity. Then continue onto Limerick for a two-night stay. The Limerick of today is a busy, bustling Day 8: Dublin city and the commercial capital of the mid-west of Ireland - the poor, dreary, rain-sodden town, which Frank McCourt so memorably evokes in "Angela's Ashes" is no more. Tonight experience a Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet. This 15 century castle was once the splendid home of noble medieval lords, today they are the imposing venues for nights of revelry, Irish music, song and dance accompanied by traditional home cooked food with wines.

Meals - (B,D)

Overnight - Limerick

#### Day 4: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway

Today travel to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. View the mighty Atlantic and the beautiful Aran Islands from atop cliffs that reach nearly 700 feet into the air. Travel through the **Burren**, an area known for limestone natural beauty. Later enjoy a Galway City Tour featuring St. Nicholas Cathedral and Eyre Square. Galway, "The City of Tribes" is a vibrant city with a great seafaring tradition.

Meal - (B)

Overnight - Limerick

#### Day 5: Limerick - Adare - Killarney (B,D)

This morning enjoy a Limerick City Tour to see the attractive St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone, located in the medieval heritage precinct. Next stop in Adare, widely regarded as being Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village. Experience its rich wealth of heritage, as well as architectural and scenic beauty. See the world famous, thatched cottages on Main Street, punctuated with beautiful stone buildings, medieval monasteries and ruins. Later arrive in the charming & picturesque town of Killarney for a two night stay. Upon arrival embark on a Jaunting Car Ride into the Killarney National Park. Next tour the spectacular Muckross House & Gardens to gain insight into the life-style of the Victorian elite. Tonight join your fellow travelers for dinner.

Meals - (B,D)

Overnight - Killarney

#### Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney (B)

Today travel along one of the most gorgeous coastal routes in the world - the Ring of Kerry. Focus your cameras on the majestic seascapes, ancient drystone walls, mountains speckled with brightly colored farm houses and winding lanes bordered with luscious vegetation. On the way home we pass through the rugged mountains and stop at Ladies View, name from the admiration of the wonderful vistas of the Lakes of Killarney given by Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting during their 1861 visit.

Meal - (B)

Overnight - Killarney

This morning travel through the mountains of West Cork and arrive at the historic Blarney Castle. Will you dare to kiss the famous Blarney **Stone**, rumored to bestow eloquence "the gift of the gab" upon those who kiss its surface? Visit the Blarney Woolen Mills. Ireland's leading producer of Aran Sweaters, to wander the displays of Irish crafts. Later visit **Kilkenny** featuring Ireland's most historic and compact medieval city center. Later arrive in **Dublin** for a two-night stay. Welcome to Dublin with its mix of urban cool, lush parkland, and hip designer boutiques, Dublin pulsates with energy while still retaining a warm, laidback atmosphere. One of Europe's most thrilling capitals, it offers all you could want with history, culture and more pubs than you'll know what to do with. As a UNESCO city of Literature, you can immerse yourself in Dublin's rich literary traditions. Follow in the footsteps of James Joyce or even take in a legendary Irish pub crawl. It's all yours.

Meal - (B)

Overnight - Dublin

Today enjoy a **Dublin City Tour** to see Grafton Street, statue lined O'Connell Street, the General Post Office & Phoenix Park. Visit the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral & stop at Trinity College to see the 1,200 year-old **Book of Kells**. Later tour the **Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery** featuring a recreated distillery scene and a generous sample of the famous Irish Whiskey. Tonight join your fellow travelers for a fun filled Farewell Dinner.

Meals - (B,D)

Overnight - Dublin

#### Day 9: Dublin - Flight Home

Fly home filled with wonderful memories of your Treasures of Ireland

Meal - (B)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Airline Fuel Surcharges/Fees: Airline fuel surcharges/fees are presently \$500 per person and are **INCLUDED** in the tour rates. (subject to increase / change).

Airline Departure Taxes: Airline departure taxes/fees are presently \$150 per person and are **INCLUDED** in the tour rates. (subject to increase / change).

#### Airline Fuel Surcharges/Fees & Air Departure Taxes/Fees Guarantee

Simply pay in full at time of initial sign up OR anytime outside of 6 months prior to the departure date and the fuel surcharges & the departure taxes will not increase.

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