

Reformation Tours, LLC presents the

Best of Ireland Tour

May 16-27, 2018

\$3,899, including round-trip air from St. Louis







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IF = In flight meals, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner

You are invited to join Taree McGee on a 12-day tour, showcasing the best of Ireland. This tour encompasses gorgeous scenery, world-class museums, unique landscapes, and plenty of Irish charm. Group flights are available from St. Louis, but you are welcome to join the tour from other cites.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 16: 2018: Depart

We will gather at the St. Louis airport in the early afternoon and set off for Dublin, Ireland. (IF)



Day 2: Thursday, May 17, 2018: Dublin

On arrival in Dublin we will meet Liam Fitzgerald, our expert Irish tour director and board our bus for a city orientation tour. We will see the Georgian Squares with their 18th Century houses, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Phoenix Park (biggest town park in Europe), statue filled O'Connell Street, and the fashionable Grafton Street. We will have a guided tour of Kilmainham Gaol, where political prisoners were housed. In the afternoon we will see the Book of Kells in Trinity College Library. We will dine in our hotel in Dublin this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 3: Friday, May 18, 2018: Dublin

This morning we will visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and have some free time to enjoy Dublin. We'll then head south and tour Powerscourt Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland. We will dine in our hotel in Wexford. (B/D)

Day 4: Saturday, May 19, 2018: Waterford

Driving South, we will take a tour of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, which was founded by Vikings in 914. We will have a tour of the city, including a visit to the world-famous Waterford Crystal Factory. In the afternoon we will visit the beautiful coastline and we will have an hour's horsetrek (subject to availability). We will have dinner at the hotel and hear some live music this evening. **(B/D)**

Day 5: Sunday, May 20, 2018: Blarney Castle, Killarney No trip to Ireland would be complete without a visit to Blarney Castle to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who dare. Between 1848 and 1950

almost six million people left Ireland, many of them from nearby Cobh. We will visit Charles Fort and Kinsale in the afternoon. We will spend two nights in the Killarney area. **(B/D)**



Day 6: Monday, May 21, 2018: Ring of Kerry

Today, we embark on one of Ireland's most famous tours — The Ring of Kerry. We will travel the wild and rugged land-scape of the Iveragh Peninsula, which has some breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline, in a horse drawn jaunting car. The highlight of the day will be a visit to Muckross House and Gardens, one of Ireland's leading stately homes. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement one can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the House. The Gardens at Muckross House are renowned world-wide for their beauty. We will also see a number of skilled craft workers using traditional skills in the crafts of weaving, bookbinding and pottery in the adjacent walled garden center. We will return to our hotel in Killarney in the evening. **(B/D)**

Day 7: Tuesday, May 22, 2018: Galway

This morning, we bid farewell to Killarney and travel to Tralee, capital town of County Kerry and famous for The Rose of Tralee Festival. We will take the coast road to the majestic Cliffs of Moher standing 702 feet at their highest point. They stretch for 5 miles along the Atlantic coast line. We will have fabulous views from the vantage point of O'Brien's Tower. Following some free time to view the cliffs, we will travel through the lunar type landscape of the Burren which





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takes its name from the Irish word 'bhoireann' meaning, 'a stony place' or 'a rocky place'. We will stay in the Galway area for 2 nights. **(B/D)**

Day 8: Wednesday, May 23, 2018: Aran Islands

Located off the Connemara coast, the three Aran Islands are a time capsule of traditional Irish culture. We will take the ferry to Inis Mor and have spectacular view of the coast-line and the wild Atlantic Ocean. Our



day trip will include a bike ride to see the prehistoric hill fort, Dún Aonghasa. We will visit Kilmurvey Beach with turquoise water and stunning views of Connemara. The Kilmurvey craft village is an ideal place to buy genuine Irish souvenirs, including the famous Aran sweaters. We will return to Galway in the evening. (B/D)

Day 9: Thursday, May 24, 2018: Belfast

The partitioning of Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland was finalized on 3 May 1921 and today we will travel up into Northern Ireland, which is part of United Kingdom. The capital city is Belfast, a center of industry and ship-building. We will tour Titanic Belfast, Winner of Europe's Leading Visitor Attraction (World Travel Awards, 2016). Housed in an iconic, six-floor building, Titanic Belfast is located in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. After dining in our hotel, we will have an evening ghost walk. (B/D)



Day 10: Friday, May 25, 2018: Belfast Today's day-trip is to the exciting coastline of North Antrim. Giant's Causeway is a geological outcropping of hexagonal basalt columns, which are fun to climb on. We



will also hear the legend of the giant, Finn MacCool. The Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge hangs 80ft above the sea and is made of planks and wires. Brave members of the group can walk across to the tiny island with a salmon fishery. Our final stop is Carrickfergus Castle, which dates back to 1180. This well-preserved Norman castle still has its original portcullis. The town of Carrickfergus has a museum dedicated to President Andrew Jackson, as his parents emigrated from here in 1765. We will dine in a restaurant this evening. **(B/D)**



Day 11: Saturday, May 26, 2018: Dublin

On our way back to Dublin, we will visit Newgrange (subject to availability), which dates back to 2300 BC, before the Pyramids of Egypt. It's a recognized place of astrological, spiritual, religious and ceremonial importance and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will also visit the Brú na Bóinne Visitors Centre. At Causey Farm we will have fun learning how to dance the traditional Irish céilí. The group would like longer at Causey this year. (B/D)

Day 12: Sunday, May 27, 2018: Return We will transfer to Dublin Airport for our flights home. (B/IF)

Tour Price: \$3,899* Land only price is \$2,899 *Price based on double occupancy with a minimum of 15 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- Round-trip flights from St. Louis (\$1,000)
- · Land Transportation: via deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Accommodations (double-occupancy)
- · Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- · Professional tour director and local guides
- · All transfers, as a group
- · All taxes and tips
- \$500 insurance coverage is included. Upgraded coverage available.

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Single supplement (\$500)
- · Meals and beverages not identified in itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as passports and visas. Passports must be valid for six months beyond return date.

Payment Schedule:

Please make checks payable to "Reformation Tours" send all payments to Reformation Tours, P.O Box 854, Belleville, IL 62222. You can pay by installments. If you would like to pay by credit card (3.5% surcharge), please call (800) 303-5534.

- · Deposit of \$350 will secure your place on the tour
- · Final invoices will be sent in February 2018
- Final payment is due by March 2, 2018
- Reservations will be accepted after March 2, 2018, subject to availability, and must be paid in full

Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing and the date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit until 100 days prior to departure, a \$100 per person penalty will be charged for cancellation. From 99-14 days prior to departure, a \$350 per person penalty plus any nonrefundable deposit will be charged for cancellation. Anyone canceling 14 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund. In the unlikely event the tour does not reach minimum enrollment required, all deposit money will be returned.

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