



The New Barleycorn

“The Rare Ould Times Tour”

October 4- 14, 2023

*Tuesday October 3rd : Pre-night arrivals

This morning land in Dublin Airport. Once you go through passport control, you’ll collect your bags and head out into the Arrivals area where you will be met by your pre-arranged transfer to our first hotel.

Overnight (Pre-night): Hyatt Centric Dublin

Wednesday, October 4th: Welcome to Ireland!

Remaining passengers arrive into Dublin Airport. Once through passport control, you collect your bags and head out into the Arrivals area where you will be met by your pre-arranged transfer to our hotel. The rooms may not be ready but you can take a stroll in Dublin, grab some breakfast or relax at the hotel. Once you check in, the rest of the day is at leisure. We will then meet this evening for a welcome cocktail reception at our hotel.

Welcome Reception & Overnight: Hyatt Centric Hotel Dublin

Thursday, October 5th: Exploring Dublin



Today after breakfast, we take a **panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin’s Fair City**. As we drive through the main thoroughfare we see historic buildings like the GPO (General Post Office) on O’Connell Street and Trinity College (home of the Book of Kells), and the vast Georgian Squares such as Merrion Square where Oscar Wilde’s house can still be found (today owned by the American College). We will stop and enjoy a **visit to St. Patrick’s Cathedral**. Built in honor of Ireland’s patron saint, Saint Patrick’s Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where

tradition has it Saint Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. Saint Patrick’s Cathedral has contributed greatly to Irish life throughout its long history (it was founded in 1191). Jonathan Swift was Dean from 1713-1745 and is buried inside the Cathedral. We will also see Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe and home to Aras an Uachtarain (the Irish President’s Residence) as well as the American Ambassador’s Residence. **This evening we’ll enjoy dinner together.**

Overnight & Dinner: Hyatt Centric Hotel Dublin

Friday, October 6th: Dublin to Killarney

After breakfast this morning, we will bid Dublin farewell and set out for **Killarney**. Along the way we’ll stop for lunch and a pint of the black stuff! We will arrive in Killarney to check into our hotel. Be prepared...The Lake Hotel enjoys the most magnificent setting with the truly unique backdrop of the mountains, islands, and the 12th century McCarthy Mor castle ruins. Tonight, we enjoy dinner together in this setting.

Overnight & Dinner: The Lake Hotel

Saturday, October 7th: Molly Galivin's Cottage

After enjoying breakfast in our wonderful surroundings join us as we set out to Kenmare. Here we'll visit **Molly Galivin's Cottage**. You'll experience what it's like to live and work on a traditional farm and have a whiskey tasting! Afterwards we will be dropped into Killarney to enjoy dinner on our own.

Overnight: The Lake Hotel

Sunday, October 8th: Innisfallen Island via Boat

This morning after a leisurely breakfast, we enjoy the sights and sounds of Killarney and see what has been attracting visitors to this area for centuries. We'll take an open-air air boat to **Innisfallen Island**, which dates back to a monastery founded in 640 AD. On the island you'll explore the ruins of the 12th century abbey & Romanesque church, where the Monks wrote 'The Annals of Innisfallen'. You'll have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy Killarney and have dinner together at our hotel.

Overnight & Dinner: The Lake Hotel



Monday, October 9th: Blarney Castle & Woolen Mills

This morning after breakfast we'll wave goodbye to Killarney and head off to Kinsale. Along the way we'll visit the nearby village of Blarney with a **visit to Blarney Castle**. Climb the winding stairs of this nearly impenetrable fortress, kiss the Blarney Stone and be granted the "Gift of Gab". Explore the beautiful grounds and gardens that lead to Rock Close, Blarney Castle's secret treasure. Once we have walked up an appetite for shopping, head inside the **"Blarney Woolen Mills"**—30,000 square feet of retail space within one of Ireland's oldest and most authentic woolen mills. After exploring we continue on our way to Kinsale where we settle in for the next 3 nights and have dinner together at the hotel.

Overnight & Dinner: The Trident Hotel



Tuesday, October 10th: Discover Cobh & Evening Performance

Today we head into Cobh and stop at the stunning **Cobh Cathedral** that overlooks the harbour. From here you can see where the **Titanic** would have been docked. Afterwards we head down into the town where our group will enjoy a visit to the **Cobh Heritage Center** where you'll learn how over 2.5 million Irish people emigrated from this port. You'll then have some free time to explore before we return to Kinsale where you can have dinner on your own.

Overnight: The Trident Hotel

Wednesday, October 11th: West Cork & the Michael Collins Centre

After breakfast this morning, we will depart for stunning West Cork. On route via Bandon we'll visit the Michael Collins Centre where you'll learn about the life and times of Michael Collins. We'll stop in Clonakilty for lunch and wander around the shops. On our way back we'll stop in Timeleogue to visit the Abbey and see some of Harry Clark's most exquisite stained-glass windows. We'll return to Kinsale where you'll have time to explore and we will enjoy dinner together.

Overnight & Dinner: The Trident Hotel



Thursday, October 12th: Rock of Cashel & Kilkea Castle

In the morning we'll say goodbye to Kinsale and head to Meath, stopping along the way at the Rock of



Cashel, also known as "Cashel of the Kings" and "St. Patrick's Rock". This historic site was the traditional seat of the Kings of Munster for several hundred years prior to the Norman invasion. We'll stop for lunch and a hurling lesson at Malzard's Pub. Listen to Fred tell stories with his quick wit, and learn all about this centuries-old traditional Gaelic sport. After this we will check in to the stunning Kilkea Castle and enjoy dinner together.

Overnight & Dinner: Kilkea Castle

Friday, October 13th: Falconry Experience & Newbridge

After breakfast we will walk to the Falconry Ireland Experience (on the castle grounds), where our beautiful scenery is the setting for exciting hawks flying overhead! Learn all about these fantastic birds while one swoops down and lands on a gloved fist! We will then head to Newbridge for some shopping and lunch, before heading back to the castle for our farewell dinner!

Overnight & Dinner: Kilkea Castle

Saturday, October 14th: Homeward Bound

Pack your bags and head for Dublin Airport where you will board your flight for home. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. 'The Land of a Hundred Thousand Welcomes' will be expecting you again soon.

Hotel Information:

Oct 3*, 4, 5:	Dublin:	Hyatt Centric Hotel
Oct 6, 7, 8:	Killarney:	The Lake Hotel
Oct 9, 10, 11:	Kinsale:	The Trident Hotel
Oct 12,13:	Meath:	Kilkea Castle

*pre-night

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