

Great Escapes Travel and Tours



IRELAND COAST TO COAST

featuring a two-night stay at the Abbeyglen Castle

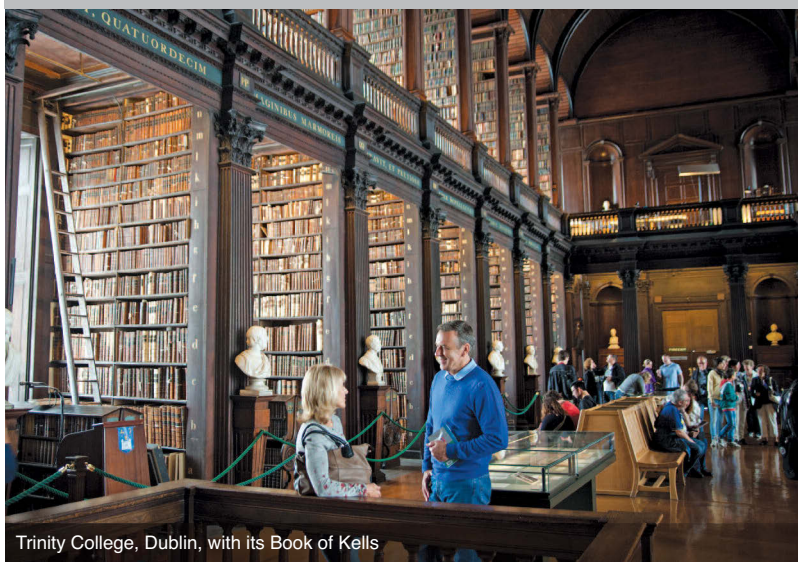


11 DAYS • 17 MEALS

2017 Departure Date:
April 19



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Trinity College, Dublin, with its Book of Kells

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 17 Meals (9 breakfasts and 8 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Included city tour of Dublin including the Book of Kells at Trinity College
- ✓ A traditional Irish evening with dinner, dance, music and song
- ✓ Stroll amongst the gardens at Powerscourt Estate, Garnish Island and Muckross House
- ✓ Visits to Muckross House in Killarney and Castletown Estate in Co Kildare
- ✓ Panoramic tours of Waterford and Cork
- ✓ Visit the Cliffs of Moher and travel through the vast land of the Burren
- ✓ Tour Blarney Castle and kiss the 'Blarney Stone'
- ✓ Experience the scenic beauty of the Connemara and visit Kylemore Abbey
- ✓ Enjoy two nights accommodations and dinners at Abbeyglenn Castle in Clifden, Co Galway
- ✓ \$55 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY TWO – Dublin, Ireland

Upon arrival in Dublin, you'll be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:00pm. The remainder of the day is at leisure until the included dinner this evening. (Dinner)

DAY THREE – Dublin City Tour

This morning begins with an orientation tour of Dublin. During the panoramic tour your local guide will explain the history and architecture as you drive through this beautiful capital city. See the River Liffey, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green and travel along O'Connell Street with its monument to Daniel O'Connell and other notable figures from Ireland's turbulent his-

tory. Pass the General Post Office, site of rebel headquarters in the 1916 Easter Rising. During the walking tour, stroll through Georgian Dublin and see the National Museum, the National Gallery and the Parliament Building before arriving at Trinity College with the Book of Kells, the famous hand-illuminated gospel manuscript. This evening, join in the merriment as you dine in an 18th-century pub and enjoy a traditional show featuring Irish dance, music and song. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY FOUR – Wicklow and Waterford

Leaving Dublin, journey south into the forested hills and rolling valleys of County Wicklow, traditionally known as the "Garden of Ireland". Striking terraces, fine statuary, floral displays and over 200 varieties of trees, shrubs and flowers greet you during the visit to stunning Powerscourt Gardens, set against the backdrop of Sugarloaf Mountain. The walled city of Waterford retains much of its medieval character and is the oldest city in Ireland. Visit the House of Waterford Crystal, in the heart of the city, where highly skilled local craftsmen produce 40,000 crystal pieces per year, including trophies for prestigious sporting events. (Breakfast and dinner)

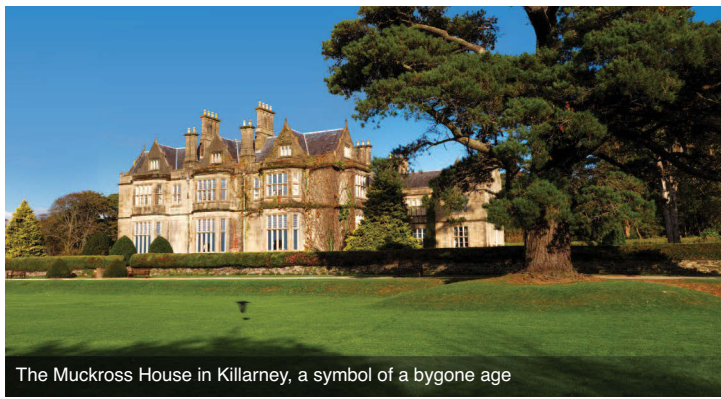
DAY FIVE – Cork, Blarney and West Cork

Today's adventure begins with a visit to Cork, Ireland's second largest city. A panoramic tour highlights the sites of the city as you drive along the Grand Parade. See City Hall, St. Patrick's Street and Shandon Steeple – the symbol of the city. This spire of St. Anne's Church, built atop a hill, overlooking the River Lee, is a noted landmark of Cork. St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, named after the city's patron saint, is another of Cork's distinctive landmarks. Get caught up in the aura of magic and mystique with an included visit to Blarney Castle. Wishing Steps, Witch's Kitchen, Druid's Cave and other delights all tell a story of centuries past. The 'Stone of Eloquence', considered to be Ireland's greatest treasure, bestows the 'gift of gab' to all who kiss it. Climb to the top of the castle, kiss the Blarney Stone and see if the legend holds true! The day concludes with arrival in the traditional Irish village of Glengarriff, located on world-renowned Bantry Bay, where the mountains meet the sea.

(Breakfast and dinner)



Kiss the Blarney Stone on your visit to Blarney Castle



The Muckross House in Killarney, a symbol of a bygone age

DAY SIX – Garnish Island and Beara Peninsula

Within the sheltered harbor of Glengarriff lies the small island of Garnish, known to horticulturists around the world as an island garden of rare beauty. Arriving by small ferry boat, you have the opportunity to stroll the grounds and explore the gardens that flourish in the mild humid micro-climate of the harbor. See the clock tower, Grecian temple, Martello Tower and Italian casita. Admire the scenic beauty of the Beara Peninsula with its rocky mountains, glacial lakes and rugged coastline as you travel along the Wild Atlantic Way, a world-famous coastal route. The Beara Peninsula is also home to stone circles, megalithic tombs, burial grounds, forts and castles. *(Breakfast)*

DAY SEVEN – West Cork, Killarney and County Clare

Today's travels take you to Killarney via Moll's Gap, a portion of the Ring of Kerry, featuring stunning panoramic views of the Lakes of Killarney. Journey through Killarney National Park and the Macgillicuddy Reeks, Ireland's highest mountain range. The charming town of Killarney is known for the splendor of its scenery with sparkling lakes, deep forests and jagged misty mountains. Upon arrival, visit Muckross House and Gardens, majestically situated on the shores of Killarney National Park. Continue through County Kerry to Tarbert where you embark the ferry and cross the River Shannon to Ennistymon in County Clare for overnight. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY EIGHT – Cliffs of Moher and the Burren

Enjoy a 'once in a lifetime' opportunity to experience nature at its wildest. Admire the awesome grandeur of the Cliffs of Moher, soaring vertically from the sea to a height of 700 feet. Puffins, Guillemots, Razorbills and Peregrine Falcons nest and soar in this amazing natural habitat. Traveling through the Burren, discover the rough and intriguing landscape of this limestone plateau, carved by glaciers during the last receding ice age. The remains of wedge and megalithic tombs are proof people have been living in the Burren for more than 5000 years. Clifden, one of the most picturesque towns in Connemara, sits at the foot of the Twelve Pins Mountains, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. This lively, colorful town is the perfect setting to enjoy your two-night castle stay! *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY NINE – Connemara Tour

Today's excursion explores the wild and beautiful Connemara – a region of mountains, lakes, tumbling streams, undulating bogs, unspoiled beaches and panoramic views. Visit Kylemore Abbey and Gardens, a tranquil estate set in a dramatic land-



scape, originally built as a castle. Steeped in history and tales of tragedy and romance, the Abbey is now home to Ireland's only Benedictine community of nuns. During the visit to Dan O'Hara's Homestead, learn about the life of a typical 19th-century tenant farmer and the history of the Connemara. See reconstructions of a crannog, ring fort and early Christian Oratory as you enjoy a carriage ride up the hill to see Dan O'Hara's cottage and a turf cutting demonstration. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY TEN – Midland and Meath

Enroute to Dublin, travel through Connemara and Galway to the Midlands. Visit Connemara Marble Factory for a behind the scenes tour and history of the uses of this marble that is unique to this area of Ireland. Travel to Celbridge in County Kildare to visit Castletown House, the largest and most significant Palladian style country house in Ireland, set amongst beautiful 18th-century parklands. Upon returning to Dublin, your final overnight is spent in an elegant Irish country manor. *(Breakfast and dinner)*

DAY ELEVEN – Dublin / USA

Filled with memories of the Emerald Isle, transfer to Dublin Airport for your flight home. *(Breakfast)*



Visit Kylemore Abbey in the heart of the Connemara region

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Visit the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher

2017 DEPARTURE	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
April 19	\$4,299	add \$649



Pricing includes land tour, air, round trip transfers MSP, administrative fee.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1 2 3 4 5** ENERGETIC

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days Two and Three – Ashling Hotel, Dublin, Ireland

Day Four – Granville** Hotel, Waterford, Ireland

Days Five and Six – Eccles Hotel, Glengarriff, Ireland

Day Seven – Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Ireland

Days Eight and Nine – Abbeyglenn Castle, Clifden, Co. Galway, Ireland

Day Ten – Dunboyne Hotel, Dublin, Ireland

**April departure is at the Dooley's Hotel

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$199

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 to 45 days prior 20% of tour cost
- 44 to 15 days prior 30% of tour cost
- 14 to 1 day prior 40% of tour cost
- Day 1 of departure 100% of tour cost
- or early departure from tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Tours.



Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

