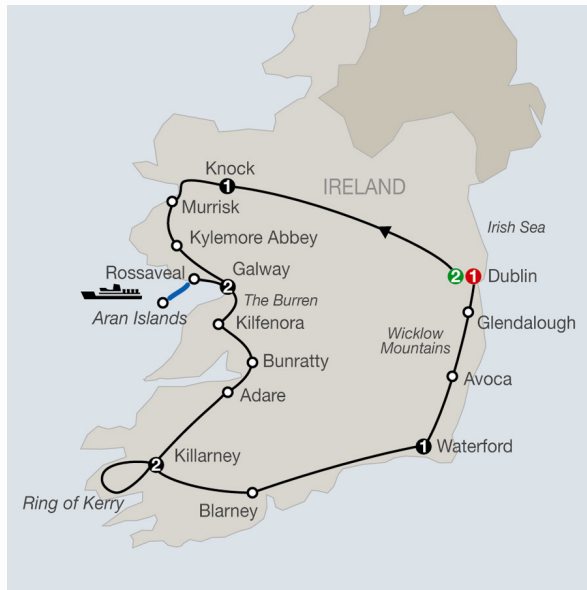




Glendale Chamber of Commerce Presents: Ireland September 30 ~ October 9, 2013



INCLUDED FEATURES

- DUBLIN:** Welcome dinner; orientation drive, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College
- KNOCK:** Visit the shrine, the Church of the Apparition, the Basilica, the Folk Museum, and attend Mass
- MURRISK (CROAGH PATRICK):** Visit the Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre
- KYLEMORE:** Visit the Benedictine abbey
- ARAN ISLANDS:** Ferry to and from Inishmore, hear a presentation about life on the island by a local historian, take a minibus tour with a driver-guide, visit Dun Aengus
- KILFENORA:** Visit The Burren Centre
- BUNRATTY:** Take pictures of the castle
- ADARE:** Admire the thatched cottages
- RING OF KERRY:** Scenic peninsula drive
- KILLARNEY:** Horse-drawn jaunting car ride
- BLARNEY:** Visit the famous village
- WATERFORD:** Guided tour of the House of Waterford Crystal
- AVOCA:** Guided tour of the handweaving mill
- GLENDALOUGH:** Guided tour of St. Kevin's center of Irish Christianity

Your Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Dublin, Irish Republic: Welcome to Dublin! At 6 pm, join your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (Dinner)

Day 2 Dublin: An orientation drive in the "Fair City" includes statue-lined O'Connell Street, elegant Georgian squares, and visits to ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL and Oscar Wilde's TRINITY COLLEGE, famous for the 1,200-year-old Book of Kells and the magnificent Old Library. Balance of the day is at leisure. (Breakfast)

Day 3 Dublin-Knock: Head for dairy farm country in the center of the "Emerald Isle" before arriving in Knock, where the Virgin Mary appeared to the townsfolk in 1879. Today, the site attracts pilgrims from around the world. Visit KNOCK SHRINE, the CHURCH OF THE APPARITION, the BASILICA, and the FOLK MUSEUM. You will also have time to attend Mass. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 Knock-Murrisk-Kylemore Abbey-Galway: This morning, visit the CROAGH PATRICK VISITOR CENTRE at the foot of St. Patrick's Holy Mountain in Murrisk. Afterwards, visit KYLEMORE ABBEY, the massive yet graceful castle acquired by Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland. Arrive in the port city of Galway, (Breakfast)

Day 5 Galway. Aran Islands Excursion: At Rossaveal, board a comfortable, modern FERRY for the 45-minute crossing to Kilronan on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands and where Gaelic is the first language of the islanders. Your fascinating day continues with a presentation on life on Inishmore by an island historian. After a lunch break, board a minibus to enjoy your driver/Local Guide's commentary on a tour of the island, ending with a visit to clifftop DUN AENGUS, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe. Back in Kilronan, board your ferry for the trip back to the mainland. (Breakfast)



Itinerary Continues & Pricing

Day 6 Galway–Kilfenora–Bunratty–Adare–Killarney: Take the scenic route across the desolate limestone plateau known as The Burren. At Kilfenora, visit THE BURREN CENTRE. The newly restored ancient cathedral and Celtic crosses in the churchyard form an important center of early Christianity. Continue to Bunratty, where there is a lot to see and do: visit the castle; stroll in the folk park, which depicts Irish life in the early 1900s; browse the complex of smart shops; or try a refreshment in famous Durty Nelly's Irish pub. Skirt the metropolis of Limerick and continue south via quaint Adare with its thatched cottages to the popular resort of Killarney, your destination for the next two nights. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 Killarney. Ring of Kerry Excursion: Join the famed "Ring of Kerry" for a 100-mile panoramic drive around the island's southwestern tip. Have your camera ready to take photos of the spectacular scenery that includes both land and sea. In Killarney, enjoy a fun horse-drawn JAUNTING CAR RIDE through the national park with beautiful vistas of the Lakes of Killarney and ancient Ross Castle. (Breakfast)

Day 8 Killarney–Blarney–Waterford: Cross the Kerry Mountains and drive into County Cork for a visit to Blarney, renowned for its castle and magical Kissing Stone. Time for lunch, to walk up to the castle, and to shop for traditional Irish handicrafts. In the afternoon, proceed via Cork to Waterford, a stronghold founded by the Danish Vikings, and look forward to a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL. Before dinner, why not join an optional pub tour? (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 Waterford–Avoca–Glendalough–Dublin: An exciting agenda today: Enniscorthy, site of the final battle of the Great Rebellion of 1798; Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca; the Wicklow Mountains; and GLENDALOUGH, the early Christian monastic site founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. See the engaging audiovisual presentation Ireland of the Monasteries, then let your Local Guide show you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement. Back in Dublin, why not join your traveling companions for a fitting farewell to Ireland. (Breakfast)

Day 10 Dublin: Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

SUPERIOR HOTELS - (D) Deluxe (SF) Superior First-Class (F) First-Class
DUBLIN Clarion IFSC (SF)
KNOCK Knock House Hotel (F)
GALWAY Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa (SF)
KILLARNEY Scotts (F)
WATERFORD Granville (F)

NOTES:The overnight on Day 3 will either be in Knock or Sligo. Due to limited hotel availability in Knock, we have selected the best available hotel that satisfies Globus' high standards of quality.

PRICING: (per person rates, twin room rates. Pricing includes air) - \$2885.00

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person, non-refundable

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