



SHAMROCKS OF IRELAND

9 Days/8 Nights by Air & Motor coach

Departure Dates in Europe:

22nd March, 2012

13th June, 2012

13th July, 2012

14th September, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Small groups
- Professional Gutsy Women Travel Director
- Visit Dublin Castle and Trinity College to view the 8th Century Book of Kells
- Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre and learn about the fateful Titanic
- Experience a delicious "Gutsy Insider" dinner on a farm in Killarney
- See the natural beauty of Ireland on a coastal walk with delicious local food
- Enjoy the scenic beauty of Killarney and the Dingle Peninsula
- Experience the 'craic' at a "Singing Pub" in Galway
- Overnight stay and elegant dinner at the stately 'Ashford Castle'
- A glass of wine with every dinner



9 DAY SHAMROCKS OF IRELAND ITINERARY

The symbol of Ireland is the emerald shamrock, and its color represents the luscious green landscapes that cover this picturesque island. This is a country brimming with lively pub life, vibrant urban cities and everlasting Celtic traditions - there's so much culture to take in!

Day 1: Arrive Dublin

Welcome to Ireland! After check-in, there's time for you to go for a wander and feel the buzz of the city. This evening enjoy a glass of wine, or a pint of Guinness, as you share dinner with your fellow Gutsy Women travelers and Travel Director. (D)

Day 2: Dublin

Join a local guide this morning and learn about the torrid history of Ireland as you see the city, visit the historic Dublin castle and see the 8th Century Book of Kells in Trinity College. Enjoy an afternoon free to shop or find a nice pub and get chatting to some locals. (B)



Day 3: Dublin to Waterford

Today travel south to the coast where you'll join a local guide for a relaxed coastal walk taking in some spectacular scenery, and with a stop for some tasty local food on the way. Later, visit the Waterford Crystal factory before arriving at your hotel. (B,D)



Day 4: Waterford to Killarney

This morning drive to the coastal town of Cobh, the final port of call of the ill-fated Titanic, where you'll visit the Cobh Heritage Centre. Continue to Blarney Castle, where you kiss the Blarney Stone and acquire the 'gift of the gab'! Later arrive in Killarney, and this evening enjoy a delicious traditional Gutsy Insider dinner at an Irish farmhouse where you meet the lady who owns the farm, learn a few things in the kitchen and enjoy great company and a delicious meal. (B,GI-D)



Day 5: Killarney

Enjoy the scenic beauty for which this region is renowned and made famous by such movies as “Ryan's Daughter” and “Far & Away.” See the long, sandy stretches of Inch Strand and admire views across the bay to the Iveragh Peninsula before stopping for lunch in a traditional pub. Enjoy some free time in Dingle and drive up the Conor Pass for panoramic views before returning to Killarney. (B,L)



Day 6: Killarney to Galway

Travel via Tralee to Tarbert and cross the Shannon River by ferry to County Clare. Continue north along the coastline via Liscannor, birthplace of John Holland, the inventor of the submarine. Continue onwards and view the majestic Cliffs of Moher before arriving in Galway. Tonight join your fellow travelers and experience the true 'craic' of Ireland as you visit a local "Singing Pub", the Tig Coili, where live music is guaranteed every night of the week - often it's the pub staff themselves who sing a few songs. (B)



Day 7: Galway to Ashford Castle

Travel north into the lush surrounds of County Galway, to one of the Leading Hotels of the World, Ashford Castle. Spend the afternoon enjoying the picturesque grounds before joining your fellow Gutsy Women travelers for an elegant dinner at one of the finest restaurants in Ireland. (B,HD)



Day 8: Ashford Castle to Dublin

Return to the Irish capital Dublin, and tonight celebrate the end of your Irish tour together at a Farewell Dinner, look back on the wonderful experiences of the last week, and plan your next Gutsy Women trip with your new friends. (B,FD)

Day 9: Depart Dublin for USA

This morning after breakfast it's time to bid farewell to Ireland as you return home with wonderful and enduring memories. Airport transfers are available to Dublin airport. Conditions apply. (B)

TOUR INCLUDES:

- ❖ Airport transfers on arrival at 08:00, 11:00 & 13:30 (clients may purchase individual transfers if arriving outside of these times)
- ❖ Airport transfers on departure at 07:30, 09:30 and 11:30 (clients may purchase individual transfers if departing outside of these times)
- ❖ Welcome Drink and Dinner on first night with Gutsy Women Travel Director and fellow travelers
- ❖ First Class hotels listed or similar; hotel taxes, service charges and baggage handling
- ❖ 8 Full Breakfasts (B), 1 Gutsy Insider Dinner (GI-D), 1 Highlight Dinner (HD), 2 dinners (D), 1 Lunch & 1 Farewell Dinner (FD) – total 1 lunch & 5 dinners
- ❖ Services of a professional female Gutsy Women Travel Director
- ❖ Private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and a restroom
- ❖ Sightseeing, special features and scenic highlights as indicated in the itinerary, including admission charges where applicable
- ❖ Gratuities to Local Guides and Driver

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

3 Nights Dublin – Maldron

<http://www.maldronhotels.com/hotel-cardiff-lane/>

1 Night Waterford – Treacys

<http://www.treacysotelwaterford.com/>

2 Nights Killarney – Killarney Plaza Hotel

<http://www.killarneyplaza.com/>

1 Night Galway – Radisson

<http://www.radissonhotelgalway.com/>

1 Night Cong – Ashford Castle

<http://www.ashford.ie/index.php>

PRICING (LAND ONLY):

\$4,059 single

\$3,339 per person, shared

\$3,339 per person, twin