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Embark on a scenic journey across Ireland. Visit the unspoilt shores of the Wild Atlantic Way, Cliffs of Moher and the unique Mitchelstown Caves. Try your hand at Ireland's national sport of hurling, visit Blarney Castle and enjoy stopping at picturesque small towns.



INSIGHT EXCLUSIVE!

Meet James, a former professional player, for a fun session to discover the skills involved in hurling. Learn about this 3,000-year-old discipline, a proud legacy of Ireland's heritage, and have a go for yourself on the pitch.



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Day 1: Welcome to Ireland

Transfers to your hotel depart from Shannon airport at 07:00 and 13:00. Relax and settle in to your hotel or perhaps head for the nearby Bunratty Castle & Folk Park. At 17:30, join your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant with the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers over a pleasant evening with wine.

Meals: Dinner with Wine
Hotel: Bunratty Castle Hotel

Day 2: Cliffs and Delights of Galway

Journey to the incredible West Coast and the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre where you can enjoy breath-taking views of the Clare shoreline and the Atlantic Ocean. Your next stop is Galway, the City of Tribes. See the St Nicholas Cathedral, the Spanish Arch and Eyre Square on your orientation, before indulging in a light lunch at Tartare Café. Meet acclaimed chef JP McMahon, who shares his passion for Ireland's culinary heritage. Arrive to quaint and colourful Westport in Co. Mayo, on the Clew Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch with Wine
Hotel: The Wyatt Hotel, Westport

Day 3: Explore Westport

INSIGHT CHOICE

Explore Westport with Insight Choice. Choose between joining a Local Expert foodie to take a culinary walk through the town, sampling the best artisan dishes, craft beers and spirits, or alternatively, travel to Ballycroy National Park for a nature walk through lush countryside, with panoramic views of Achill Island and the Nephin Beg mountain range.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: The Wyatt Hotel, Westport

Day 4: Relaxed Start Co. Donegal and the Wild Atlantic Way

Visit the historic Lissadell Estate, childhood home of Irish revolutionary Constance Markievicz, who went on to becoming the first Irish Cabinet Minister. Meet the owners who have lovingly restored the house and gardens to its former glory and listen to their story as you enjoy tea and scones. Follow the Wild Atlantic Way to Donegal, then head inland for the market town of Letterkenny in the heart of the Northwest. Tonight, enjoy hearty Irish fare at your Dine-at-Home.

Meals: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Dinner with Wine
Hotel: McGettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny

Day 5: Wilderness of the Northwest

Experience the beauty and tranquillity of Ireland's northernmost wilderness as you travel through Glenveagh National Park, along the shores of Lough Veagh. Visit Glenveagh Castle, originally built as a romantic highland retreat, with a Local Expert. Spend time in the tartan-and-antler-encrusted music room and the blue room, where guests Greta Garbo and Ella Fitzgerald once stayed. Learn how the estate has played a central role in the conservation efforts of the National Park. Continue through Creeslough across the true wilds of Donegal. See Doe Castle, historical stronghold of Clan Sweeney. The Rosapenna golf course and the village of Downings lead you to the Atlantic Drive. Part of the Wild Atlantic Way, it is one of Ireland's best kept secrets, offering pristine and unspoilt scenery. Continue back to Letterkenny via Mulroy Bay and Milford, and return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Meal: Breakfast
Hotel: McGettigan's Hotel, Letterkenny.

Day 6: Dublin, the capital

INSIGHT CHOICE

Journey across the Emerald Isle to Dublin, see the Custom House, St Patrick's Cathedral, and travel along River Liffey on your orientation with your Travel Director. Explore Dublin with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to the world-famous Guinness Storehouse Brewery and learn how to pour the perfect pint or alternatively, join a Local Expert to visit Trinity College and see the Book of Kells. Arrive at the historic Carton House Hotel, a favourite retreat of Queen Victoria, newly renovated. Tonight, enjoy a cooking demonstration and savour a delicious dinner at the hotel's gastropub.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine
Hotel: Carton House, County Kildare

Day 7 Relaxed Start - A day at leisure

Today take advantage of the activities available at your hotel. Stop on the estate grounds and look out for rare birds. Take your chance at fishing, play a round of golf or pamper yourself at the spa. Transfers are also available for guests wishing to further explore Dublin.

Meal: Breakfast
Hotel: Carton House, County Kildare

Day: 8 Gardens of Ireland

Your first stop this morning is at the Powerscourt House, in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains, where you join a gardener for a walk through one of the world's greatest estates. Your next stop is at Glendalough where a Local Expert takes you on a walk in the 'valley of the two lakes'. This evening, arrive in Kilkenny, where your Travel Director shows you the medieval city, with its majestic castle and river walk. The evening is at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast
Hotel: River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

Day 9: Relaxed Start - Active Kilkenny

Kilkenny holds a long history for Ireland's national sport – hurling. Meet a former player to gain an exciting insight into this unique Irish cultural experience, and have a go for yourself on the pitch. Tonight, enjoy a pub dinner where local musicians entertain you in true Irish tradition.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine
Hotel: River Court Hotel, Kilkenny

Day 10: Castles and ports on the way to Kinsale

Cross County Tipperary as you travel to 15th-century Blarney Castle, home of the famous Stone of Eloquence! In Cobh, visit the Queenstown Story exhibition, offering a glimpse into the hardships of the early emigrants to British overseas colonies. The ill-fated Titanic also called to the port on its voyage to New York, and the ocean liner Lusitania was struck by a torpedo just off the shore of the town. Continue to Kinsale, one of the most picturesque, popular and historic towns on the south west coast of Ireland.

Meal: Breakfast
Hotel: Kinsale Hotel & Spa

Day 11: Walks in nature

Visit Charles Fort, one of the finest surviving examples of a 17th-century star-shaped fort. Overlooking the town and the mouth of the Bandon River, it provides breath-taking views of the county. An easy and peaceful walk takes you to the Old Head of Kinsale, to see the memorial to the crew of RMS Lusitania and the ruins of Downmacpatrick Castle. Enjoy the freshest seafood this evening on your Sea-to-Table dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine
Hotel: Kinsale Hotel & Spa

Day 12: Killaloe and Adare

Travel across county to Mitchelstown Caves. A Local Expert takes you through a maze of passageways, caverns and awe inspiring cave formations, as you learn about the history and geology of the cave. The superb acoustics and the vast natural auditorium Cave make for a unique experience. Continue to Adare, Ireland's prettiest village, for a walk among thatched cottages. Tonight, toast to your travels and memories made at your Celebration Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine
Hotel: Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel & Spa, Adare