



**Visit Ireland
with Blackthorn
July 4th – July 13th 2012
\$2775*
(per person sharing plus airline taxes)**



Your Ireland Vacation Includes:

- ♣ Round-trip air on American Airlines from Detroit/Dublin/Detroit
- ♣ 8 nights 1st class hotels
- ♣ Breakfast Daily
- ♣ 6 Dinners
- ♣ Fully escorted via deluxe motorcoach and Irish Driver/Guide
- ♣ Admissions as highlighted on itinerary
- ♣ Deluxe document holder, luggage tag and tote bag.
- ♣ Porterage of one suitcase per person
- ♣ All local service charges and taxes

Payment Schedule:

*A deposit of \$300 secures place on tour
A 2nd payment of \$500 will be due by Jan 20th 2012
Final Payment will be due by March 26th 2012
Tour price is based on double occupancy*

***Not Included:**

- ♣ Airline taxes of \$460 (taxes are subject to change until tickets have been issued)
- ♣ Single Supplement is \$520
- ♣ Travel Protection/Insurance from \$204
- ♣ Tour price is based on a minimum number of participants

Due to airline restrictions Blackthorn is unable to bring instruments and equipment so there are no scheduled performances, but you never know... It wouldn't be at all surprising if there were an outbreak of music in a pub one night.

Sightseeing Highlights: Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Dublin City, Trinity College, Phoenix Park, Guinness Storehouse...



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Sharing Accommodations Desired: Double: _____ Twin Bedded: _____ Single Traveler: _____

Send your deposit to:

Isle Inn Tours – 1023 Queen St., Alexandria, VA 22314 – Attn: Andrea
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Blackthorn Ireland's Itinerary

July 4 – Depart Detroit at either 12:20pm or 2:40pm on American Airlines. Connect to our international flight in Chicago, the entire group will be on the same international flight.

July 5 – Upon arrival at Dublin Airport we will meet our Irish driver/guide in the Arrivals Hall. Our flight is scheduled to arrive by 8:00am. Once everyone has convened, our driver/guide will escort us to our motorcoach to begin our journey which will be full of Irish culture, history, music and of course the hospitality the Irish are known for. Arrive in Kilkenny in the late morning and check-in to our city center hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or explore the city on our own. **Overnight: Hibernian Hotel, Kilkenny (B, D)**

July 6 - Following breakfast visit the **Rock of Cashel**, which was the traditional seat of the kings of Munster. The majority of buildings on the current site date from the 12th and 13th centuries. The picturesque complex has a character of its own and is one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture to be found anywhere in Europe. Our next stop today will be the world famous **Blarney Castle**. The Castle was built nearly six hundred years ago by one of Ireland's greatest chieftains, Cormac MacCarthy. At the top of the castle lies the Blarney Stone, the legendary Stone of Eloquence. Kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. There will be time for a short visit to the adjacent Blarney Woolen Mills, a favorite of shoppers. **Overnight: Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney (B, D)**

July 7 – Today we will tour the famous **Ring of Kerry**. This circular tour will reveal constantly changing vistas of mountains; open Atlantic Ocean, beaches and cliffs. We move onward through the remote towns of Cahirciveen and Waterville. A stop at Moll's Gap to view the three lakes with the mountains and town in the background is a photographic necessity. Return to Killarney. **Overnight: Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney (B, D)**

July 8 – No trip to Kerry would be complete without a visit to the **Dingle Peninsula**. Today we'll head North West to experience some of Ireland's most beautiful scenery. We'll see Brandon Mountain and the powerful seascapes of Ireland's west coast. A drive around the area will reveal fascinating antiquities ranging from Iron Age forts to inscribed stones, early Christian oratories and beehive huts. As we round Slea Head, the Blasket Islands will offer us a spectacular view. We'll stop in the village of Dingle--known for its Gaelic traditions-- for some free time to stroll along the working harbor and visit the many craft shops, pubs and restaurants. You'll see why the movies "Ryan's Daughter", "Far and Away" and more recently "Leap Year" were all filmed there. It is a difficult place to leave, but at day's end it is back to Killarney for dinner. **Overnight: Killarney Avenue Hotel, Killarney (B, D)**

July 9 – Today we will travel north to County Clare. We will travel through the Burren, an impressive region with a limestone landscape that cultivates unique flora and megalithic tombs and monuments older than Egypt's pyramids. Stop to visit the magnificent **Cliffs of Moher** which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Time to walk to the cliff edge and breathe in the fresh Irish air. Arrive in Ennis in the late afternoon with some time to explore the town on foot. **Overnight: The Old Ground, Ennis (B, D)**

July 10 - Today enjoy a visit to **Connemara History & Heritage Center**. The Center offers a unique insight into the history and heritage of this beautiful part of the West of Ireland. See how turf (peat) is cut and sample a drop of 'poitin'. The drive continues through the magnificent Connemara Peninsula and the stunning views of boglands and misty mountains. Return via Moycullen with a stop at the **Connemara Marble Factory**. Return to Ennis in the afternoon with time to explore the city independently before joining fellow travelers for dinner in our hotel. **Overnight: The Old Ground, Ennis (B, D)**

July 11 – After a leisurely breakfast travel east to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital city. The remainder of the day will be at our leisure to explore Dublin. **Overnight: Davenport Hotel, Dublin (B)**

July 12 - This morning we will take a drive through the **Phoenix Park**, home to Ireland's President, Mary McAleese and the U.S. Ambassador. Onward to the **Guinness Storehouse**, filled with 250 years of history, seven floors of exhibits. End our visit with a **complimentary pint** of Guinness and panoramic views of Dublin from the Gravity Bar. Next stop, **Trinity College** to view the famous **Book of Kells**. The Book of Kells was written around the year 800 AD and is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world. It contains the four gospels, and was given to Trinity College in the 17th century. **Overnight: Davenport Hotel, Dublin (B)**

July 13 - An early breakfast this morning. Our flight is scheduled to depart from Dublin Airport at 10am. **(B)**

Circumstances beyond our control may require us to change the schedule.