



Visit Ireland with Blackthorn

July 15th – 25th, 2018
\$3,939* per person sharing
Single Supplement \$685



Your Ireland Vacation Includes:

- ♣ Roundtrip air on United
- ♣ Breakfast daily (B)
- ♣ 8 Table d'hote dinners (D)
- ♣ 9 Nights 1st class hotels
 - 2 Nights Park House Hotel, Galway
 - 2 Nights Knockranny House Hotel, Westport
 - 2 Nights Sandhouse Hotel, Co. Donegal
 - 2 Nights Culloden Estate & Spa, Belfast
 - 1 Night Killashee Hotel, Co. Kildare
- ♣ Fully escorted via deluxe motorcoach and Irish Driver Guide
- ♣ Admissions as highlighted on itinerary
- ♣ Portorage of one suitcase per person

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 per person non-refundable deposit secures your spot on the tour.
 A 2nd deposit of \$500 per person will be due by November 30th, 2017
 Final Payment will be due no later than April 9th, 2018
 Tour price is based on double occupancy

Trip insurance is available for additional cost and is strongly recommended. It should be purchased at time of deposit to cover any pre-existing conditions

*Not Included:

- ♣ Single Supplement is \$685
- ♣ Meal where not indicated
- ♣ Travel Protection/Insurance from \$276 per person double occupancy, \$324 per person single occupancy (price will increase once we add air)
- ♣ Gratuity to driver/guide (€5.00 per person per day recommended)

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

Sightseeing Highlights:

Tea & scones at Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands, Connemara Heritage Centre, Achill Island, Carrowmore, Belleek, Slieve League, Walking tour of Derry, Giant's Causeway, Guided Tour of Belfast, Newgrange.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY YOUR FIRST, MIDDLE, & LAST NAME **EXACTLY** AS ON YOUR PASSPORT

Please submit a copy of the picture page from your passport with payment.

NAME: _____ date of birth _____ NAME: _____ date of birth _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ PHONE: () _____

email: _____ email: _____

Sharing Accommodations Desired: Double (1 bed for 2 people): _____ Twin Bedded (2 beds for 2 people): _____ Single Traveler: _____

Accept optional travel insurance: Yes: _____ No: _____ **Does not go into effect until it has been purchased**

Any special request or dietary requirements: _____

Do you require air from somewhere other than Detroit? If so, what airport? _____

The payment of required deposits or full payment for a reservation constitutes consent to all provisions of the Terms & Conditions contained in our brochure and on our website. I understand that once airfare is added, airline taxes and fees are subject to change until group tickets are issued and paid for in full. Any special requests must be made at time of booking. Airline seats are assigned by the airline and seat preference cannot be guaranteed. Please sign below to accept the above terms and conditions.

X _____ **X** _____

Send your deposit to:

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Sunday, July 15

Depart Detroit on UA #4525 at 2:10pm. Arrive Chicago at 2:31pm then connect with our overnight flight, UA #66 at 6:05pm to Shannon.

Monday, July 16

Céad míle fáilte! Arrive Shannon Airport at 7:20am. Meet our Irish driver/guide in the arrivals hall and start our Irish journey. 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. We'll stop for **tea & scones** and an opportunity to stretch our legs a little after our international flight. We'll 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.

Overnight: Park House Hotel, Galway (D)

Tuesday, July 17

Today we'll drive to Rossaveal to board a **ferry to Inis Mor** the largest of the Aran Islands. On arrival, you might choose to pick up a bus tour around the island including a visit to Dún Aengus, an eleven-acre prehistoric stone cashel. Or perhaps rent a bike or take a walk around the town of Kilroan, visiting the local shops and maybe pick up an Aran Sweater. Dinner will be on our own this evening.

Overnight: Park House Hotel, Galway (B)

Wednesday, July 18

After breakfast we will begin our journey to Westport. Relax and enjoy the scenery of the wild and wonderful Connemara region. Visit the **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. We will arrive in the afternoon with time to enjoy the unique and charming heritage town of Westport. Westport is nestled safe at the foot of towering Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay and its enchanting islands.

Overnight: Knockranny House Hotel, Westport (B, D)

Thursday, July 19

Our drive today will feature some of the most picturesque touring in the Northwest. Starting at Clew Bay, which is reputed to have 365 islands, we will continue via Newport and across the **Curraun Peninsula** to reach **Achill Island**. We will meander along the Atlantic drive to capture the wild and wonderful scenic views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean, all the while being entertained with lore's & legends by our entertaining driver. Near Slievemore you will be able to see the **Deserted Village**, which is home to the remains of nearly 100 abandoned stone cottages. The terrain in this region varies from windswept bogland to golden beaches. The drive will conclude back in Westport where you will have time to unwind before joining your fellow group members for dinner in the hotel.

Overnight: Knockranny House Hotel, Westport (B, D)

Friday, July 20

On our way to Co. Donegal we will stop at the **Belleek Pottery Visitor Centre**. Here we will learn how the famous pottery is made. Established in 1857 Belleek Pottery holds a very special place in the cultural and commercial heritage of County Fermanagh. Nestling on the banks of the River Erne this imposing building is home to the world famous Belleek Fine Parian china and also to one of Ireland's top five visitor attractions.

Overnight: Sandhouse Hotel, Co. Donegal (B, D)

Saturday, July 21

After a delicious full Irish breakfast we will visit **Triona Designs** where they will give us an insight into Donegal tweed and how it still lives on today and enjoy the experience of their staff and products. Next, a view that is guaranteed to take our breath away at **Slieve League**. The cliffs of Slieve League in Donegal are the highest sea cliffs in Europe. A nearly sheer drop of roughly 2,000 feet separates the Atlantic Ocean from the highest point of the cliffs.

Overnight: Sandhouse Hotel, Co. Donegal (B, D)

Sunday, July 22

After breakfast this morning we will depart Co. Donegal. We'll stop in Derry where a **local guide will take us on a walking tour** around Derry, still mostly encircled by its medieval city walls. The walls are among the best-preserved city fortifications in the Western World. We will learn about the city's fascinating history while enjoying some spectacular scenery.

Overnight: Culloden Estate & Spa, Belfast (B, D)

Monday, July 23

After breakfast we will drive along the beautiful Antrim coast. After a stop at the **Carrick-a-Rede** rope bridge it's on to the **Giant's Causeway**, a mass of 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns formed over 60 million years ago. Legends about giants abound, especially Finn McCool, a hardy Ulster hero. Next we will tour the **Old Bushmills Distillery**, the world's oldest, first licensed in 1608. Everyone, except the driver of course, is encouraged to sample the wares. We'll return to Culloden Estate & Spa for dinner as a group.

Overnight: Culloden Estate & Spa, Belfast (B, D)

Tuesday, July 24

This morning a **local guide will take us on a two-hour tour** through Belfast City, rich in Victorian and Edwardian architecture. On our way to Killashee we'll visit **Newgrange or Knowth**, designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Built around 3200 BC, it is estimated that the construction of the Passage Tomb at Newgrange & Knowth would have taken a work force of 300 at least 20 years. We'll continue on to Killashee Hotel where we will have time to relax and enjoy the hotel before dinner.

Overnight: Killashee Hotel, Co. Kildare (B, D)

Wednesday, July 25

After an early breakfast we will drive to Dublin Airport to depart on UA # 22 at 9:00am. We'll arrive at Chicago at 11:10am where we will meet our connecting flight, UA #3567 at 12:37pm, arriving Detroit at 2:36pm. **(B)**

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