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A Culinary + Cultural Adventure
in Ireland

June 6–14, 2024

ONWARD TRAVEL ✈️
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Ireland is a magical island with lush, fertile land and kind, smiling souls.

This is the homeland of Guinness beer, leprechauns, picturesque craggy landscapes, and as you'll soon find out, some of the best food and drink you'll ever have. Warm Irish hospitality, lovely hotels and beautiful views combine for an unforgettable adventure.

We'll start our adventure in County Clare to see the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher and then begin our counter-clockwise journey around Ireland. We'll spend three-nights in Killarney on the Iveragh Peninsula to take in breathtakingly beautiful scenery and a bit of Irish music. Then two-nights at the landmark country inn, Ballymaloe House, in West Cork... finally heading north to finish up the adventure in Dublin. Your Onward Travel guide, Peggi Clauhs, will share her love of Ireland (it's contagious!) with you, plus our local driver/guide will delight with his sense of humor and knowledge of this gorgeous country and its people.

We'll sip whatever's on draught in the pubs, kiss the blarney stone, explore Ireland's stunning natural wonders, stroll the streets of Dublin, and enjoy becoming well acquainted with this special place.



Imagine yourself...

Gazing at the Cliffs of Moher and the looming Rock of Cashel

Cooking a hyper-local feast at Ballymaloe Cookery School

Sipping a perfect Guinness in Dublin

Welcome to The Emerald Isle

DAY 1: THURSDAY JUNE 6

- Explore medieval Ennis on a stopover in County Clare
- Toast your traveling companions ~ *Sláinte!*

Our tour will start today in beautiful County Clare. Fly into the convenient Shannon Airport and you're just 20 minutes from our first home away from home: The Old Ground Hotel. It's an elegant, comfortable hotel, perfect for weary travelers!

Fit in some R&R and stretch your legs, too. This afternoon, take a stroll into the medieval town Ennis at your leisure. Ennis dubs itself "The Friendliest Town in Ireland" and is located on the River Fergus. For our group's first delightful meal together, we'll have a 3-course dinner at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant.

Meals Dinner

Irish Inspiration

DAY 2: FRIDAY JUNE 7

- Feel tiny and inspired at the Cliffs of Moher
- Settle in to vacation-mode at The Brehon Hotel

Enjoy a nice breakfast spread before we set off for the Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs are absolutely striking: reaching over 700 feet above the Atlantic ocean. Some of the best views in the world, no doubt. There's also an excellent walking path for those looking to get their steps in and see the Cliffs from another vantage point.

Midday, we'll backtrack towards Ennis then head south to the absolutely iconic County Kerry. Boxed lunches and good *craic* will be provided en route. Before reaching Killarney, we'll stop in Adare, a picturesque, high-end village perfect for a little strolling and shopping.

Late afternoon we'll arrive in Killarney, a charming town where there are numerous shops, restaurants, pubs, and hiking opportunities to enjoy. Our comfortable spa hotel, The Brehon, is located a short walk outside the town center. The Brehon will be a perfect place to relax, with a full menu of spa treatments plus pools, steam rooms and saunas for guest use. The on-site bar and restaurant are very enjoyable too, and we'll have dinner together at the hotel this evening.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The Scenic Road to Killarney

DAY 3: SATURDAY JUNE 8

- Take in Killarney National Park from a horse-drawn cart and a boat
- Enjoy a convivial craft beer tasting experience

Today will commence with a visit to Muckross House and Gardens, a nineteenth-century Victorian mansion and estate poised along the shore of Muckross Lake in Killarney National Park. If we're lucky the azaleas and rhododendrons will still be in bloom. We'll stroll the beautiful grounds and snap pics of the mansion's exterior and lakeview.

Mid morning we're off to "Kate's Cottage" to meet a jaunting car for a captivating journey through the Gap of Dunloe, a picturesque narrow mountain pass. The jaunting car is actually a horse-drawn cart and the driver will share interesting stories during the 7 km scenic ride. Enjoy a break for lunch at Lord Brandon's cottage in the Killarney National Park before continuing on for a lovely boat journey through the lakes, surrounded by the rugged McGillicuddy Mountain Range. End back at Ross Castle, exhilarated!

Tonight we'll have a tour, craft beer tasting, and dinner at the brand new Killarney Brewing & Distilling Center, located just outside town. We'll dine in the snazzy restaurant on elevated pub fare. Good times!

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



THE FULL IRISH!

Ring Around the Ring of Kerry

DAY 4: SUNDAY JUNE 9

- Be wowed on a scenic drive around the Ring of Kerry
- Admire the talent of world-class Irish dancers

Have your camera at-the-ready because today we are driving around the iconic Ring of Kerry, characterized by coastal views and charming towns. And as always, our guide will keep us informed and entertained. We'll make plenty of stops, whether for a quick photo snap, a stroll on the beach, or an ice cream cone.

Our first stop will be to visit the Kerry Bog Museum to experience a reenactment of an 18th century famine village. We'll enjoy lunch and a pint halfway at an adorable pub. In the afternoon, we'll visit Moll's Gap (views for days!) and the Kissane Sheep Farm, home to over 1000 sheep where we'll enjoy a sheepdog demonstration and see sheep being shorn.

After a full day exploring the Iveragh Peninsula, enjoy a respite and dinner on your own. But the day's fun isn't over yet because tonight we're attending Celtic Steps. Incredible talented Irish dancers and musicians put on this toe tapping show that features an assortment of wonderful Irish music.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch



To County Cork We Go

DAY 5: MONDAY JUNE 10

- Tick an item off your bucket list: kiss the Blarney Stone
- Feel transported to another world in Ballymaloe's walled garden

After a delightful stay in Killarney, it's time to travel on. You can't visit Ireland without kissing the Blarney Stone, the stone of eloquence, to attain the gift of gab. The castle is beautiful and the spiral staircase and precarious lean backwards to kiss the stone make great memories. The extensive gardens and massive gift shop are fun, too! Enjoy exploring all on offer as you have free time to wander and enjoy lunch on your own.

A second stop before we reach our day's destination: Midleton, where we'll embark on the Jameson Distillery tour. Learn about Irish whiskey and of course enjoy a glass, too. It's quite impressive to learn every drop of Jameson enjoyed around the world hails from Midleton, Ireland!

Now we head to the rural West Coast, a dreamy region for food enthusiasts. We'll stay at the Ballymaloe House, a country inn that has inspired and supported food artisans for decades. Enjoy the inn and relax - croquet, bicycles, a heated pool, a 5-hole golf course, and tennis are all available and included with your stay. Stroll the grounds and admire this iconic Irish hotel and their resplendent gardens. Tonight we'll dine together at the Ballymaloe House Restaurant, enjoying a 5-course dinner that is locally sourced, expertly prepared and so very Irish.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner



Cookery School Heaven

DAY 6: TUESDAY JUNE 11

- Walk a craggy cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean
- Take a cookery course at world-famous Ballymaloe Cookery School

Enjoy a delicious breakfast in the wonderful Ballymaloe style and time to relax at the hotel. We'll visit nearby Shanagarry village late morning and pop into a design store/café for a bite to eat, then tour Shanagarry Potters to see the well known Stephen Pearce pottery. Then we'll stretch our legs for the invigorating Ballycotton Cliff Walk, you may also hang back and enjoy the views from the small fishing village. It is beautiful to walk along the cliffs amid the meadow and ocean views.

Mid afternoon we're off for a private hands-on cookery class at Ballymaloe Cookery School, home to a 100-acre organic farm and Darina Allen, Ireland's most important chef and slow food trailblazer. We'll tour the beautiful farm and gardens, enjoy our hands-on intensive class at the world famous cookery school, and take home a packet of recipes. To conclude the class, we'll sit down for a delicious supper enjoying the fruits of our labor.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

To Dublin We Go Merrily

DAY 7: WEDNESDAY JUNE 12

- See the Rock of Cashel in the Irish countryside
- Grab the tap handle and pull your own pint of Guinness (119.5 seconds, exactly!)

Savor another stunning breakfast and morning at Ballymaloe, and then we're off. Our charming guide will drive north through Ireland's countryside and share history and folklore about the island during our drive. Halfway between West Cork and Dublin, we'll make a captivating pitstop to explore the famous Rock of Cashel, a fortress and ancient royal site of the Kings of Munster. Risen on a platform of 300' of rock, it was a center of power as early as the 4th or 5th centuries.



When we arrive to Dublin, we'll head directly to the seven-story Guinness Storehouse. The storehouse provides a unique look at how Guinness emerged as a global brand, with 1.8 billion pints enjoyed each year. The self-led tour culminates with a pint in the glass-enclosed gravity bar; enjoy it while gazing at 360 degree views. Once our thirst is quenched, we're off to our elegant home base: Buswells Hotel. After a brief rest, we'll head a few blocks to Hugo's, a classy bistro with an ingredient-driven menu.

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

A Delightful Day in the City

DAY 8: THURSDAY JUNE 13

- Admire the Book of Kells, a 9th-century Gospel manuscript
- End an amazing week with a delicious dinner at Winding Stair

Enjoy a full Irish breakfast in the heart of Dublin...black pudding, anyone?! We'll start the day at Trinity College, to stroll the campus and see Ireland's national treasure: the Book of Kells! A current student will provide a walking tour of Trinity and share some of the university's interesting and entertaining history. Then, we'll view the famous illuminated manuscript.

You're on your own for most of the day to check off whatever's on your bucket list. Dublin has some amazing museums, shopping on Grafton Street, distilleries, and so much more! Maybe you'd like to grab a city bike and ride along the river banks or visit the foreboding former prison Kilmainham Gaol (pre booking essential). Onward will provide sightseeing and dining suggestions ahead of the tour.

After a day exploring as you please, reconvene with the group to walk north to cross the River Liffey for a memorable dinner. Enjoy several courses of modern Irish cuisine at Winding Stair, an atmospheric three-story restaurant facing the river. Delight in another fabulous meal and reminisce about your Irish adventure!

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

May the Road Rise to Meet You

DAY 9: FRIDAY JUNE 14

No activities are planned today. You may head home at your leisure, or extend your stay to enjoy the weekend in Dublin.

Meals Breakfast

Trip Essentials

BEGINS	<p>Shannon, Ireland on Thursday, June 6, 2024</p> <p>Airport transfer provided from Shannon Airport to Old Ground Hotel.</p> <p>If you'd like to fly into Dublin, contact Onward, there may be a possibility for a transfer from Dublin.</p>
ENDS	<p>Dublin, Ireland on Friday, June 14, 2024</p> <p>No activities scheduled 6/14.</p> <p>No airport transfer provided, bus and taxi available at your convenience.</p>
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	<p>This tour includes walking for up to 30 minutes at a time, plus stairs, uneven natural terrain and cobblestones. Travelers should be able to walk a mile at a comfortable pace. If you have limited mobility, we may be able to accommodate you, but it is essential to let us know at the time of registration. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.</p>
TOUR DATES & PRICE	<p>June 6–14, 2024</p> <p>Double Occupancy \$4,250 per traveler</p> <p>Single Supplement \$885 additional</p> <p>Contact Onward if you are interested in a room upgrade or triple occupancy.</p> <p>You are welcome to pay by credit card, please add a 3% surcharge.</p>
LODGING	<p>The Old Ground Hotel <u>1 Night</u> A friendly, comfortable hotel located in a tranquil town setting with dining on site.</p> <p>The Brehon Hotel <u>3 Nights</u> Popular spa hotel with restaurant, bar, pool, and modern rooms.</p> <p>Ballymaloe House <u>2 Nights</u> Classic ivy-covered country inn in Shanagarry with a golf course and croquet lawn.</p> <p>Buswells Hotel <u>2 Nights</u> Elegant and centrally located with an atmospheric bar and restaurant: and they serve a Full Irish breakfast!</p>

Onward Travel can assist you if you'd like to arrive early or extend your travels.

Considering arriving a night early? (Great idea!) The Old Ground Hotel is \$225 USD for the night of June 5, double occupancy, breakfast included.

If you'd like to extend for the weekend in Dublin, please inquire with Onward Travel as options at Buswells Hotel are limited.

Availability and rates subject to change. Upon your request to book, Onward Travel will add these hotel nights to your invoice, payable with your tour balance and non-refundable.

Trip price includes the following:

- Arrival airport transfer and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities.
- Eight nights accommodations.
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, four lunches, and seven dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences, with wine, beer, and cocktails included, of course!
- Local guide services throughout the tour to truly understand Ireland and Onward Travel guide Peggi at your service.
- Comfortable 19-passenger bus and informative driver/guide with us throughout the tour.
- Activities, tastings, cooking classes, and tours as detailed in the itinerary.

Air Travel

The tour will start in Shannon (SNN) and end in Dublin (DUB).

If you arrive early, an airport transfer will not be included, plan to take a taxi to the hotel.

Please confirm with Onward Travel that the tour is a “go” before booking non-refundable airfare. Contact Onward Travel if you’d like assistance booking flights.



The Onward Travel Tour Director for this trip is Peggi

Peggi Clauhs owned a cooking school in Pennsylvania for 20 years and it was the culinary tours she’s hosted since the 90’s that inspired two of her daughters to start Onward Travel!

She is fun and funny, warm and welcoming, and an absolutely fantastic travel companion.

TRAVELER INFORMATION Enchanting Isle June 6–14, 2024

Please take note of the following useful information, and view more at www.onwardtravel.co/letsgo



Once Onward Travel receives your registration form, we will send you an **invoice** with instructions to pay the **deposit**.



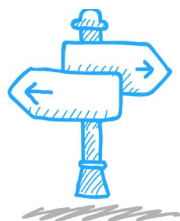
If you'd like to purchase **trip insurance**, we suggest Travelex. For more info, call them at 800-228-9792 or visit www.travelex.com and refer to location number 32-0704.



Four to six weeks before the tour **we will mail you a packet** with a packing list, traveler directory and other useful info.



Make sure you know where your **passport** is now! For travel to Ireland it should be valid for six months beyond your return date.



Onward Travel's cancellation policy in a nutshell:

- \$250 of your initial deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 90 days and the full deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 60 days and 50% of total trip fee is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 30 days and the full trip fee is nonrefundable

See the full [Terms & Conditions](http://www.onwardtravel.co/terms) at www.onwardtravel.co/terms

Register now!

Visit onwardtravel.co to complete the registration form and submit payment.

Space is limited to only 14 travelers.

\$1,500 deposit due upon booking, balance due by March 1, 2024.



Get in Touch!

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