

# Shades of Ireland

Presented by Maryanke Tour & Travel



**April 21 — April 30, 2018**  
**10 Days • 13 Meals**

*Highlights:* Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Killarney, Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Limerick, Cliffs of Moher, Galway, Castle Stay

**Deposit: \$500**

Double \$3,649pp ~~\$3,749~~  
Single. \$4,049pp ~~\$4,149~~  
Triple \$3,619pp ~~\$3,719~~

\* For bookings made after 10/27/2017 call for rates.

\* Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Gerald R. Ford International Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

\* Not Included in Price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$280 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change based on air inclusive package from GRR

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## YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

**Day 1: Overnight Flight**

**Day 2 – 3: Academy Plaza Hotel , Dublin**

**Day 4: Granville Hotel, Waterford**

**Day 5 – 6: Killarney Avenue, Killarney**

**Day 7 – 8: The George Hotel Limerick, Limerick**

**Day 9 : Cabra Castle, Kingscourt**

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

## FULL ITINERARY

**Day 1**

**April 21, 2018: Overnight Flight**

Travel to the magical Emerald Isle. Soak in the landscape of rolling hills and feel the warmth of an Irish welcome. Visit Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick as this comprehensive tour introduces Ireland's

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natural beauty, rich history and most importantly, its hospitable culture.

**Day  
2**

**April 22, 2018: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins**

Open your tour in Dublin. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for some traditional entertainment during a fun-filled Irish evening including regional cuisine.

Included Meals: Dinner

**Day  
3**

**Apr 23, 2018:: Dublin**

Today you decide how you want to explore Dublin. You may choose to set out with a local guide on a drive to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephan's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park. Or, perhaps you will choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey. Spend the remainder of your day relaxing or set out to independently explore more of charming Dublin.

Included Meals: Breakfast

**Day  
4**

**April 24, 2018: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford**

Travel to Kilkenny to explore the medieval atmosphere of this city situated on the banks

of the River Nore. Then, arrive in the historic city of Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal. Enjoy a fascinating factory tour and browse the retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world. Complete your day with a leisurely paced walking tour of this unique city.

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Day  
5**

**April 25, 2018: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney**

Today, journey to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. This afternoon you decide how you would like to explore charming Killarney. You may enjoy a time-honored jaunting car ride\* to beautiful Muckross House; set out on a tour of this stately home and its gardens and get a glimpse into the elegant lifestyle of the Victorian gentry as you explore the perfectly restored rooms of this magnificent mansion. Or, perhaps you'll choose to enjoy a scenic jaunting car ride\* through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle; then, board a traditional boat\* and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman known for their local knowledge and 'craic' (amusing nature). This evening its Diner's Choice...tonight's dinner is included and you'll choose the perfect spot from a 'menu' of Killarney's great restaurants.

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

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**Day  
6**

### **April 26, 2018: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney**

Travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the Ring of Kerry. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Enjoy pristine ocean scenery as you move through picturesque villages. Continue on as you traverse rugged mountain passes into "Ladies View." From this spectacular vantage point, one of Ireland's finest, gaze upon the Lakes of Killarney. Tonight you may use your leisure time to sample a true taste of Irish culture.

Included Meals: Breakfast

**Day  
7**

### **April 27, 2018: Killarney - Limerick**

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John's Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty."

Included Meals: Breakfast

**Day  
8**

### **April 28, 2018: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick**

An exciting day awaits. Journey to the stunning, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic.

Then, travel through the vast limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue past scenic countryside into Galway, where a brief city tour introduces "The City of Tribes." Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Day  
9**

### **April 29, 2018: Limerick - Tullamore/ Kilbeggan - Kingscourt**

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. The ancient towns of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. Become engaged in the process of whiskey making and enjoy a tasting of the final product during a visit to one of these historic distilleries. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner..

Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

**Day  
10**

### **April 30, 2018: Kingscourt - Tour Ends**

Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

Included Meals: Breakfast

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### AVAILABLE OPTIONS:

#### County Clare

##### Medieval Banquet • \$95pp

In a beautiful land of rolling green fields, ancient battlefields and medieval fortresses once inhabited by generations of clansmen, you can conjure up a world filled with lords and ladies, knights and damsels as you experience a true medieval banquet hosted in a real castle! The 15th century magically comes to life the moment you enter the castle. Sip honey-rich mead and admire the ornate tapestries and royal furnishings before sitting down for a sumptuous four-course meal and some fine wine suitable for toasting the royal court. Spirits run high with delightful song and dance performances reminiscent of this unique period. Duration: Approximately 4 hours. Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

#### Dublin

##### The Guinness Storehouse and O'Connell's of Donnybrook • \$90pp

This culinary and cultural adventure begins at the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top international visitor attraction. Explore the brewing process behind this beloved beverage and learn how to pour the perfect pint. At its spectacular Gravity Bar, enjoy a sweeping 360° view of Dublin as you savor a complimentary pint. Next, we step inside O'Connell's of Donnybrook, a revered Irish establishment featuring recipes passed down from generation to generation. Here, they use only the freshest, local ingredients

to create timeless Irish dishes. Your dinner explores Irish cuisine at its best as owners Tom (brother of world-renowned chef Darina Allen) and Annette O'Connell showcase a wealth of artisanal products that come together to create culinary magic. Duration: Approximately 4 hours. Please note a minimum of 8 passengers is required. Transportation is included. Skagway, Alaska

### CANCELLATION WAIVER:

#### Worry-Free Cancellation

Our industry-leading cancellation waiver offers travellers a full cash refund for the price of the tour, right up to the day prior to departure, minus the small cost of the waiver. Travel worry-free knowing if anything changes, you're protected.

Plus, you're covered on tour.

Our cancellation waiver and insurance plan covers you on tour. If you have to stop your trip or return home early, need medical assistance or evacuation, suffer a baggage loss or delay; or are delayed on tour for 12 hours or more, you're covered.

Cancellation Waiver and Insurance is just \$280 per person.

More details at <http://www.gocollette.com/en/about-collette/terms-and-conditions>

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### TRAVEL TIPS:

#### Accommodations

On some programs, there are a limited number of single and triple rooms. Double rooms usually consist of 2 beds. Triple rooms are normally a standard double room with 2 beds. A cot or rollaway bed may be added to the double room at some hotels, based on room size and fire codes. When triples are not available, appropriate charges for single and twin accommodations will be assessed.

We make every effort to accommodate your specific requests and forward them to the hotels. These requests cannot be guaranteed as hotels may not always be able to honor them.

Check-in times are set by individual hotel properties and vary by hotel. Depending on your arrival time, there may be a delay in gaining access to your room as most hotels offer afternoon check-in. We ask guests to observe check-out times at all properties as designated by the hotel.

Some hotels require a credit card imprint or your passport information upon check-in in order to activate telephones in the rooms and for potential incidental charges. Most hotels charge an access fee for using phones in hotel rooms. Please check with the front desk personnel at each hotel for specific policies.

Hotel membership programs are not applicable.

In certain countries, hotel rooms tend to be smaller than standard U.S.

accommodations. Please be assured that we use high quality properties throughout each country.

#### ADA

The Americans with Disabilities Act does not apply outside of the United States.

We will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Persons requiring individual assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing the necessary assistance. Neither our personnel nor its suppliers may physically lift or assist clients onto transportation vehicles.

We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member who has special mobility, dietary or other like needs.

#### Clothing & Packing Tips

If you are taking prescription medication, please be sure to take an adequate supply for your tour and a few additional days, in original prescription containers. Medication should be packed in your carry-on baggage. Do not place it in your checked luggage. You may want to carry an extra prescription in a separate bag in case medication is lost.

#### Currency

Your personal bank card may work at local ATM machines in the destination you are traveling to and would dispense local currency. Please contact your bank to determine if this option is available, that

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your PIN number will be accepted, to inform them that you are traveling and to determine if any charges apply for each transaction.

You may exchange your money at airports, banks, exchange bureaus, and at some hotels. In most cases, a commission charge will be assessed to exchange your money. Locations in the city usually offer a better currency exchange rate than airports.

We recommend carrying only a few major credit cards. Credit card purchases often provide an extra guarantee on your purchase (check with your specific credit card company for details and fees). It is advisable to contact any credit card company you intend utilizing while on tour before you depart to notify them where you will be traveling, to avoid any rejection of services.

The currency in the Republic of Ireland is the Euro. Currency in Northern Ireland is the British Pound.

Please note that many places in Europe will not accept 100 USD bills as there has been a high rate of counterfeit notes circulating.

Local currency will be needed for lunches, gratuities and small items such as postcards and postage. Pubs and small tea rooms, where you will have lunch, generally do not accept credit cards.

If optional tours are made available to purchase, please note that credit cards must have an expiration date of greater than 30 days from the start of the tour.

### Disclaimer

Any person entering or leaving the EU and carrying cash of a value of €10,000 or more must declare it. The term "cash" includes currency notes, coins, bankers' drafts, checks and travelers' cheques.

Travelers who fail to declare any amount over €10,000 will face stiff sanctions and could face penalties of as much as €8,000.

### Electricity

An adaptor (which changes the physical plug) and/or converter (which changes the electric current) are necessary if you plan to use an appliance with voltage different from the standard within the country you are visiting. Please note, if your appliance has dual voltage you may still need an adaptor for the plug.

When packing your electronic items for travel, please review the converter electric current level to make sure it is the same or greater than the items you are planning on using. If you plan on utilizing or transporting a sleep apnea machine, please remember to pack an extension cord and adapter plug to ensure proper function.

### Helpful Hints

Bring a camera, memory cards, film and batteries and be sure to bring enough photography supplies for your entire trip. If you have a video camera, bring an extra battery, plus proper recharging equipment. Due to security screening, we recommend storing your equipment in your carry-on luggage.

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Bring a travel alarm clock, travel sewing kit and an alcohol based gel hand sanitizer when soap and water is not accessible.

Pack items that may leak in plastic bags. Do not pack any articles of value in your checked luggage.

As a precaution, we suggest that you divide the contents of your suitcase with your traveling companion.

Avoid over packing and leave room for souvenirs that you plan to take back home.

Bring a copy of your passport/ identification and pack it separately from the original.

Leave a copy of your tour itinerary at home with your emergency contact and a copy of your passport.

Remember when flying you can only take one quart size bag with no more than 3 ounces of any one liquid. Liquids that do not fit in the one quart size bag and are larger than 3 ounces will be discarded by security.

Remember to hydrate and get up and stretch while flying.

If you are considering using your cell phone while traveling internationally, you should check with your cell provider concerning their access and charges for overseas calls, texting and emailing for the specific destination you are traveling to.

### Luggage

Please consult with your scheduled airline as luggage fees and restrictions vary by carrier and destination. Due to the limited motorcoach capacity, one checked luggage (62 inches in length, height and width; weight not to exceed 23kg/50lbs) is allowed on tour.

We also encourage just one carry-on bag per individual (for carrying items that might be needed during the day's sightseeing excursions or camera/video equipment). Dimensions for carry-on bags should not exceed 17" x 12" x 10", allowing it to fit under the seat or in the overhead rack of most motor coaches.

If you exceed the limit of 2 bags, we cannot guarantee that your additional luggage will be able to fit in the touring vehicle. Storage or shipment of additional luggage will be at your own expense. If we are able to accommodate your additional luggage, we will assess a fee of 4 US dollars per bag per hotel. Please remember to label your luggage and important items with your name, home address and telephone number.

We recommend labeling your luggage on both outside and inside of the bag.

Please attach only the plastic luggage tag included in this mailing to your checked luggage before checking in for your flight.

Your paper luggage tag is to be attached at the first hotel.

We cannot assume liability or accept claims for loss or damage to luggage and personal

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effects due to breakage, theft or normal wear and tear that results from hotel, airline and group carrier handling. It is in your best interest to have adequate insurance (such as our comprehensive "No Worries Travel Protection") to cover these eventualities.

### **Name Badges**

Included in this package is your personalized name badge. Our guests wear these in order to get to know their fellow travelers. The name badge also ensures that a Collette representative can easily recognize you, particularly in crowds and at the airport upon arrival.

### **Reading List**

As you prepare for your trip, reading is the perfect way to learn about the culture, people and history of your destination and know before you go. We have a list of pre selected travel guides, novels and books about history, nature and art that will enhance your travel experience. You can access the complete list by typing the following into your web browser. Select the region of the world to find your tour:

<http://www.longitudebooks.com/find/d/46/r/CV/mcms.html>

### **Shopping**

If you purchase DVDs or other electronic equipment abroad, check that it is compatible with your PC or other home equipment.

### **Smoking**

Our tours are non-smoking throughout.

If you require a smoking room, please alert your agent upon tour booking.

Please be mindful of locations where smoking is prohibited: the motorcoach, at dining venues and other restricted areas on tour including most hotels. Customers are responsible for any fines incurred for failure to comply with smoking restrictions.

### **Time Zone**

Ireland is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST).

### **Transportation**

Transfers

We are pleased to provide you with complimentary airport to hotel, and hotel to airport transfers at the beginning and end of an escorted tour when you purchase an air-inclusive tour.

Land-only clients who have purchased round trip transfers will be accommodated at the same times as air inclusive clients.

Arrival meeting locations and transfer departure times are provided on your document booklets.

On some programs there may be a waiting period at the airport due to varying flight schedules of other arriving guests.

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If you have secured your own transfer, you may meet your Tour Manager at the hotel.

**Motorcoach Information:** We do not own or operate vehicles. We charter quality coaches that are temperature controlled vehicles. Coach size may vary based upon the number of tour patrons. In certain countries, lavatory equipped motorcoaches are not available or the lavatory is for emergency use only.

Frequent stops will be made en route for comfort and convenience.

**Seat Rotation:** Seats are rotated for the benefit of our tour guests. This fosters communication and enables our guests to enjoy a variety of vantage points on the motorcoach. Guests will rotate seats at least once a day, as directed by the Tour Manager. In fairness to all, there will be no exceptions to this policy.

**Flight Information, Departure Taxes & Fees**

**Land Only Vacations:**

If you chose to purchase a land only vacation, pay particular attention to flight segments that occur during the tour which are not included in your land only rate.

You must purchase these internal flight segments and the schedule must match the flights that we utilize on the group tour.

Please provide us with your flight schedules for the entire tour six weeks prior to departure so we may secure services if you purchased transfers from us, as well as maintain emergency contact.

**Air Inclusive Vacations**

Air inclusive vacations cover air transport to and from your origin gateway as well as all internal air segments on tour.

In order to comply with Homeland Security's "Secure Flight" mandate, all passengers must provide full name, date of birth and gender at time of reservation. Your airline ticket must match the name on your valid, non-expired, government issued photo ID to be shown at the airport (including middle name, first or middle initial).

If you are a member of a participating frequent flyer program, provide the number upon booking and retain the passenger copy of your ticket and boarding pass to ensure that you receive proper credit of your mileage.

Some air tickets are not eligible for mileage accrual.

Whenever possible, we will add charges for air departure taxes to your invoice. Some international arrival and departure fees are not included in your air ticket and must be paid by you on tour in local currency.

### **Please Note**

Book Now rates valid until Oct 23, 2017, valid on air inclusive packages only.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

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Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

\*Jaunting car ride and/or boat cruise are included, weather permitting.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport.

On day 10, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

This tour requires average physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

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