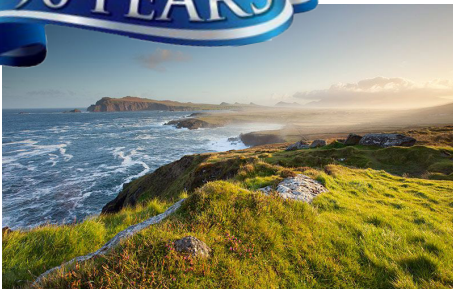


IRELAND

2017 AWG MEMBER'S TRIP

JUNE 2-10, 2017



Céad Míle Fáilte AWG – *A hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland!*

A small country with a big reputation, helped along by a breathtaking ancient landscape you'll find along the **Dingle Peninsula**, **The Ring of Kerry** and at the majestic **Cliffs of Moher**.

History presents itself everywhere, in the streets of **Dublin**, at the **Rock of Cashel**, **Blarney Castle** and **Muckross House**. Throughout your travels you will be overwhelmed by the cultural choices on offer, at the **Guinness Storehouse**, **Old Jameson Distillery**, experiencing traditional farmyard demonstrations and partaking in a traditional music 'session' in an **Irish pub**.

June 2: Group departs USA - airfare arranged separately/ on own

June 3: Arrive in Dublin

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Breakfast will be served for those arriving early. Afternoon panoramic city tour. Meet later for welcome cocktails followed by dinner in one of Dublin's Iconic Traditional pubs.

Overnight: Fitzwilliam Hotel (B, D)

June 4: Choice of Morning Sightseeing Trips (offered June 4 & 5)

• DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING

Discover the city's charms and soak up the vibrant friendly atmosphere on a guided tour with a Local Specialist. Highlights Include: Trinity College, St Patrick's Cathedral, the Irish House of Parliament, Phoenix Park.

• GLENDALOUGH & POWERSCOURT GARDENS

Join a Local Specialist for a majestic trip to County Wicklow known as the garden of Ireland. Glendalough is a remarkable place that will still your mind, inspire your heart and fill your soul. Glendalough is home to one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland.

• BRÚ NA BÓINNE, WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Ireland is an overflowing treasure trove of archaeological discovery and we have some of the finest ancient artifacts to be found in the World. The Brú Na Bóinne tombs, in particular Knowth (where you will visit the tomb), contain the largest assemblage of megalithic art in Western Europe.

• GOLF EXCURSION AT PORTMARNOCK GOLF CLUB

Within a picturesque curve of coastline, 10 miles to the north of Dublin City. Transfers additional.

June 4: continued for everyone -

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE EVENT

Returning to Dublin, stop off at the **Guinness Storehouse**. Learn how Guinness is produced from start to finish. You are invited to pour your own perfect pint of Guinness. The tour ends at the Gravity Bar for a tasting of the dark ale.

Balance of the day is at Leisure, dinner on your own.

Overnight: Fitzwilliam Hotel (B)

June 5:

Choice of Sightseeing Trips as listed on June 4.

June 5: continued for everyone :

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE EVENT

This evening rejoin your friends to celebrate at an exclusive event at the **Old Jameson Distillery**. The evening will commence with a guided Jameson Experience tour. There will be whiskey tasting opportunities galore and a cocktail making session. An abundant choice of food offerings followed by Irish entertainment. On departure you will be presented with a "personalized" bottle of one of Jameson's best, perfectly wrapped so you can impress your friends back home.

Overnight: Fitzwilliam Hotel (B, D)

June 6: Dublin – Killarney

Our first visit this morning is at the spectacular and archaeological site known as the **Rock of Cashel**. A collection of medieval ecclesiastical buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale. Continue to **Blarney** where you can climb to the top of **Blarney Castle** to kiss the famed stone and acquire the gift of eloquence or as the locals say "the gift of the gab". Nearby Blarney Castle is the **Blarney Woollen Mills**, it's a busy spot but if you are in need a shopping fix there will be time to drop by. Continue on to **Killarney**, the town on the lakes and the elegant Malton Hotel that will be your home for the next 3 nights. Meet for a cocktail, followed by dinner.

Overnight: The Malton Hotel (B, D)

June 7: Choice of Morning Sightseeing Trips (offered June 7 & 8)

• RING OF KERRY

Today we experience Ireland's most iconic scenic coastal drive around the Iveragh Peninsula better known as the Ring of Kerry. On our journey we will see **Killorglin** set on **Dingle Bay**, which was the location for the film 'Ryan's Daughter'. We also see **Daniel**



O'Connell's Cahirciveen, the fishing village of **Waterville**, the **Black Valley** and **Moll's Gap**. Stop at **Torc Waterfall** for a chance to join a Local Specialist for a leisurely guided walk, taking you along the lakeshore and pass the farmland's of the Muckross Estate.

• DINGLE PENINSULA

The peninsula is dominated by the range of mountains that form its spine, running from the Slieve Mish range to Mount Brandon, Ireland's second highest peak. The coastline consists of steep sea-cliffs, broken by sandy beaches, with two large sand spits at Inch in the south and the Maharees to the north.

• JAUNTING CAR & MUCKROSS HOUSE

No trip to Killarney is complete without a Jaunting car ride to **Muckross House**. Departing from your hotel set out on the old Kenmare road passing the entrance to the Earl of Kenmare's Demesne. As you ramble along the pathways of the National Park, your horseman will not only point out all the places of interest he will also ensure this is a fun and memorable experience. Visit Muckross House a nineteenth century Victorian mansion set amid this stunning beauty and a focal point of the Park.

• Killeen Golf Course, Killarney Golf Club Co. Kerry, Ireland

Killeen golf course is what the folks from Killarney like to think of as our pièce de resistance here at Killarney Golf Club. Transfers additional.

June 7: continued for everyone -

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE EVENT

Regroup this evening for a look back in time as you return to the Muckross Estate for an exclusive evening at **Quills Farmhouse**. On arrival you will be met by a Piper, the farm staff and their beautiful wolfhounds. You will then see a number of traditional Irish farmyard demonstrations. Including a Blacksmith at work, hand-milking a cow, butter making in the dairy, Sheepdog trials, Clydesdale Horses & carriage. This is thirsty work so there will be drinks stations set up in the farmyard. Later an Irish piper will call dinner and escort you down a short country lane to the Schoolhouse for dinner and the best of traditional Irish entertainment.

Overnight: The Malton Hotel (B, D)

June 8:

Choice of Sightseeing Trips as listed on June 7.

Balance of the day at leisure, dinner on your own.

Overnight: The Malton Hotel (B)

June 9: Killarney/Cliffs of Moher/ Limerick

EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE EVENT

Traveling north, stop for a walk along the Cliffs of Moher. These iconic cliffs rise some 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic. A visit to the 'Atlantic Edge' exhibition is a must during your visit. This evening we bid farewell to the Emerald Isle in style as we attend an **exclusive medieval banquet at Knappogue Castle**. The Castle has been standing since 1467. The banquet is a fun and animated experience. You are greeted at the main door of the castle by the Earl's Butler and the Ladies of the castle where you proceed to the Dalcassian Hall. Mingle with the Castle Entertainers and savor a goblet of honey wine. Enjoy music of the harp and fiddle followed by medieval choral singing from the Ladies. The Earl's Butler wittily recounts the history of the Castle finishing by explaining the 'Rules of Chivalry' practiced at Knappogue Castle and the dire consequences of breaching them! Once all are seated in the banqueting hall, the newly instated Earl receives his sword of office and presides over the proceedings. While partaking of a sumptuous four course dinner with the finest wines, the Ladies of the Castle accompanied by Irish harp and fiddle will entertain you.

Overnight: The Radisson Blu, Limerick (B, D)

June 10: Depart Shannon

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, then transfer to Shannon Airport for your flight home
(B)





PRICING INCLUDES:

**3 Nights Dublin, 3 Nights Killarney,
1 Night Limerick
Transfers from Airport to Hotel and Hotel
to Airport in Ireland
4.5 / 5 Star Hotels with Breakfast Daily
5 Dinners
Tours with Private Guide, Motorcoach
and Admission**

- Meet & Greet on Arrival
- Coach Airport Transfers
- Private Airport Transfers for guests arriving early or late
- Accommodation in Hotels listed
- Tastes of Ireland Welcome Pack
- Breakfast daily, including day of arrival
- Meals where indicated– including exclusive meals with local beverages and wines
- Sightseeing and inclusive visits as listed
- Private Coaches through out
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Bottled water daily
- Travel Directors and Local Specialist
- Hotel Service charges and Taxes
- Gratuities

Limited Availability

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PER PERSON

WEEKLY PER PERSON RATE

\$112 will be billed to your store per week, for 36 weeks*

Based on Ireland package rate. Purchase of airfare and insurance will adjust the weekly bill rate.

**All prices are per person, based on double occupancy, and subject to change. Airfare and insurance are additional.*

Final week billing will be adjusted based on actual trip cost.

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