

TRAVEL STYLE

Country Explorer



ENCHANTING EMERALD ISLE

8 days - 1 country

Code: BRED

FROM **US\$1495** PP*
PER PERSON TWIN SHARE

Centuries of Irish heritage and culture are revealed on this adventure across the windswept valleys of Ireland from Dublin's Crypt at Christ Church Cathedral to the Anglo-Norman Kilkenny Castle on the River Nore. See the 'lost' town of Newtown Jerpoint founded in the 12th century and visit a traditional Irish farm for tea, fresh scones and a bit of sheep herding.

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE



7 nights
Hotel accommodation



12 meals
7 full breakfasts
5 dinners (including Be My Guest)



On-trip transport
All transportation shown
All transfers are shown

YOUR INSIDER EXPERIENCES

BE MY GUEST

Travel to 12th century Ireland and explore the remains of the Lost Town of Newtown Jerpoint followed by a hearty Irish dinner with the O'Connells and a spot of Eton Mess

CULTURAL INSIGHT

Visit Strokestown Park House, a stately 18th century mansion with walled gardens and woodlands, home to the Irish National Famine Museum, and see Irish farm-life first-hand at a traditional sheep farm near Galway

LOCAL SPECIALIST

For included sightseeing in Dublin, Killarney and Kilkenny

HIDDEN TREASURE

Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure



For more Insider Experiences, look for this symbol

YOUR INCLUDED SIGHTS

City tour in Dublin

Orientation of Galway ► Killarney ► Kilkenny

Visit Strokestown Park House ► Kylemore Abbey ► Galway Cathedral ► Rathbaun Farm ► Cliffs of Moher ► Blarney Castle ► Kilkenny Castle ► Trinity College

Scenic cruise across the Shannon Estuary

View St. Patrick's Cathedral ► the mountains of the Connemara ► Torc Waterfall

See Dublin's Georgian Squares

Scenic drive along the Ring of Kerry

WHY ARE WE THE BEST?

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1 Arrive Dublin ► Afternoon

Sightseeing

Welcome to Dublin. Meet your **Local Specialist** this afternoon for a guided city tour. View the colourful doors in elegant Georgian Squares, St. Patrick's Cathedral and more. Later gather for a Welcome Reception and exclusive visit to the Crypt at Christchurch Cathedral. Built in 1172 the underground chambers house memorials, artefacts, and altar-pieces. **(WR)**
Hotel: Roganstown

2 Dublin ► Strokestown ► Enniscrone

Admire the rolling green countryside as you cross from Dublin to Ballina. Stop for a visit to magnificent Strokestown Park House, an 18th century mansion with original furnishings. In the old stables is the Irish Famine Museum, one of the world's best private archives dedicated to the potato famine of the 1840s, where you gain a **Cultural Insight** into the plight of the Irish people. After time to view the exhibits, continue to Enniscrone set on the River Moy. **(FB, D)**
Hotel: Diamond Coast

3 Enniscrone ► Connemara ► Galway

Travel to the pretty town of Westport, then on to Connemara. Visit Kylemore Abbey, once a family home. Strikingly situated on Lake Kylemore, this 19th century neo-Gothic wonder now serves as a Benedictine monastery. After time to see the walled Victorian gardens, continue to Galway, the "City of Tribes". View Galway Cathedral, an impressive stone church dating back to only 1965. **(FB)** **Hotel: Connacht**

4 Galway ► Cliffs of Moher ► Killarney (2 Nights)

Gain a **Cultural Insight** into the life of a sheep farmer on a stop at a traditional Irish farm. Sip a cup of morning tea and enjoy a freshly baked scone, then watch the farmer herd sheep with the help of his dog. Afterward head to the coast and the rugged Cliffs of Moher. There's time to take in the endless ocean views before taking the ferry across the Shannon estuary and on to Killarney. **(FB, D)** **Hotel: Killarney Towers**

5 Ring of Kerry Excursion

This morning enjoy free time in Killarney or stop at Torc Waterfall for a chance to join a **Local Specialist** for a leisurely guided walk, taking you along the lakeshore and past the farmlands of the 19th century Muckross Estate. Continue your day travelling around the Ring of Kerry, one of the most scenic drives on the Emerald Isle. Lakes, mountains, ocean and coast come together in a landscape that has inspired poets, artists and musicians for centuries. **(FB)**

Please Note: The walk travels over wooded paths and lakeshore trails. While there are no mountains to climb, walkers need to be reasonably fit, have good walking shoes or boots, sunscreen and raingear. Approx. 3 miles/2 hours

6 Killarney ► Blarney ► Kilkenny

Your first stop today is at Blarney Castle, where you'll have a chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the "gift of the gab". Browse through the Blarney Woollen Mills, then travel on to Co. Kilkenny. Here you will discover the 'lost' town of Newtown Jerpoint which was founded in

the 12th century before meeting Joe and Maeve O'Connell at their home, Belmore House, where the town was unearthed. Hear the tale while relishing a **Be My Guest** dinner, before arriving at your hotel in Kilkenny. **(FB, BG)** **Hotel: Kilkenny**

7 Kilkenny ► Dublin

Visit Kilkenny Castle, an Anglo-Norman mansion that sits majestically over the River Nore, with a **Local Specialist**. In the castle basement you'll find the Butler Gallery, one of Ireland's most important art galleries outside of Dublin. Later return to Ireland's capital where you visit Trinity College to admire the Book of Kells. Toast the Emerald Isle with your fellow travellers at a Farewell Dinner at a traditional Irish pub. **(FB, FD)**
Hotel: Ballsbridge

8 Depart Dublin

Slán abhaile or "safe homeward" as you transfer to the airport where your holiday ends. Transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(FB)**

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I loved every minute of the trip. We were treated to "hidden gems" and stops at places I had not anticipated. We really got much more than we thought we would.

Felicity, from South Africa, 2016, Enchanting Emerald Isle

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TRIP PLANNER

PRICE PP			PRICE PP		
Start	End	Twin Share	Start	End	Twin Share
SA 11 MAR SA 18 MAR		1495	SU 16 JUL SU 23 JUL		1575
			SU 30 JUL SU 06 AUG		1575
SU 09 APR SU 16 APR		1495	SU 13 AUG SU 20 AUG		1575
SU 23 APR SU 30 APR		1495	SU 27 AUG SU 03 SEP		1595
SU 07 MAY SU 14 MAY		1575	SU 10 SEP SU 17 SEP		1575
SU 21 MAY SU 28 MAY		1575	SU 24 SEP SU 01 OCT		1575
SU 04 JUN SU 11 JUN		1575	SU 08 OCT SU 15 OCT		1495
SU 18 JUN SU 25 JUN		1575	SU 22 OCT SU 29 OCT		1495
SU 02 JUL SU 09 JUL		1575			

Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$330 p.p.

Triple Discount (deduct from price above): US\$10 p.p.

◆ **St. Patrick's Day** will be celebrated in Ireland on this departure

+ MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP

This trip will be operated in conjunction with our sister company and Celtic Specialists – Brendan Vacations.

Airport transfers: On arrival at Dublin Airport transfers will operate at 8.30am, 11am and 1pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Dublin Airport at 7am, 9am and 11am.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$57 per person.

WiFi: See page 254 for details.

Book early for great savings - see pages 32-33. Extra nights' accommodation page 250.

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Visit www.trafalgar.com for availability, up-to-date itineraries and Optional Experiences.

ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN DUBLIN

Arrive to Dublin a day or two prior to the start of your Guided Holiday and begin exploring this exciting city on your own. Ask your Trafalgar Specialist for accommodation and private transfer prices.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

 Insider Experience **BB** Buffet Breakfast **RM** Regional Meal **DW** Dinner with Wine
WR Welcome Reception **FB** Full Breakfast **BG** Be My Guest Dining **FD** Farewell Dinner
 Free time **L** Lunch **D** Dinner