



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' 10-Day, Luxurious Ireland Tour! Outlined below is a thrilling itinerary built for this exceptional getaway to the Emerald Isle. Get lost in the bustling cities and gaze in wonder at the natural beauty of the rolling green hills. With all the activities, excellent locations, quality hotels, and local professional step-on-guides included, I am sure you will agree we have put together an exciting vacation, all this to ensure a carefree and inspirational getaway for you! Carefully review the **"Important Information"** section (final page) to ensure you understand all the rules for international travel. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and assisting in creating an exciting and well-managed tour of Ireland.

– Sincerely, Greg Collins President & CEO

Day 1 – Tuesday, Sep 7 – Overnight flight Air Canada: Toronto-Dublin

For those who purchased the Collins Tours All-Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local airport for your assigned flight connecting your Air Canada flight to Dublin via Toronto's Pearson International Airport. **NOTE: The first checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). A second bag incurs additional fees based on weight and size. Additional fees apply for overweight bags. Carry-on luggage is free, with a maximum weight of 22 lbs per bag. Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Any additional luggage fees are paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.**

Day 2 – Wednesday, Sep 8 – Arrive in Dublin, Temple Bar Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Upon arrival in Dublin this morning, each passenger will proceed through Irish Customs & Immigration and then to the luggage area to collect your luggage. Your Tour Manager will meet you in the baggage claim area after you collect your own luggage. We make our way to our deluxe motor coach, have all luggage loaded and make our way to our first city centre hotel together, the 4-star Temple Bar Hotel in Dublin City Centre.
- Upon arrival in Dublin this morning, each passenger will proceed through Irish Customs & Immigration and then to the luggage area to collect your luggage. Your Tour Manager will meet in the baggage claim area after you collect your own luggage.
- We make our way to our deluxe motorcoach, have all luggage loaded, and begin with a visit to the Jameson Distillery, the historic home of Jameson whiskey. Enjoy a fully guided experience with an expert ambassador, featuring engaging stories, insight into the "grain to glass" process, a comparative tasting of three Jameson whiskeys (**guided tour and tasting included**).
- Following our visit, we continue to our city centre hotel together, the 4-star Temple Bar Hotel.
- **Kindly note: While an early check-in request has been made, hotel rooms are not guaranteed until 4:00pm.** Fashionable areas of Dublin such as pedestrian-only Grafton Street and Jervis Street Shopping Centre, across the River Liffey, are conveniently located within easy walking distance of our boutique Dublin city hotel as well as the Temple Bar itself – with its ` . There is an onsite restaurant (your expense), bar and a lobby café as well providing you with plenty of options before the room check-in time or perhaps enjoy a pint of Guinness at one of the 666 licensed pubs in Dublin! Dublin produces an astonishing 10 million pints of Guinness... daily!

- Relax while your Tour Manager checks in all guests and distributes room keys when available.
- Take time to freshen up before our “Welcome Reception” inside our hotel including a glass of wine or beer and light appetizers - a chance to meet your fellow travelling companions **(included)**.
- Following our reception, the remainder of the evening and dinner is at your leisure in fantastic and magical Dublin, Ireland. Sláinte!

Day 3 – Thursday, Sep 9 – Temple Bar Hotel, Dublin (B, Welcome D)

- After some well-deserved rest, wake up to a delightful Irish buffet breakfast served at the hotel **(included)**.
- Today we will meet our step-on guide for a 4-hour tour of one of the best cities in Europe. Tour local attractions such as St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Temple Bar area and other local sights plus a self-guided tour of the Guinness Brewery Storehouse!
- **Kindly note: some walking will be required during city tours as buses are not permitted or capable of travelling through some inner city streets.**
- Enjoy lunch at the Guinness Storehouse (on own).
- Explore the city this afternoon at your leisure.
- You will have time to freshen up before meeting the group for our “Welcome Dinner” including live music with a traditional Irish dance show! **(Included)**. Meet your fellow travelers and Tour Manager in the hotel’s lobby for a short walk to the restaurant. We will have an Irish toast, *“May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door”* to begin a great tour with new friends.



Friday, Sep 10 – Dublin – Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Killarney (B)

- An Irish buffet breakfast is included this morning at your hotel. Please have your tagged luggage outside of your room ready for pick-up this morning as we check out and travel into the countryside.
- Board your motor coach as we make our way today to Blarney Castle, built over 600 years ago. Blarney Castle was built by one of Ireland’s greatest Chieftains, Cormac McCarthy, and has become one of Ireland’s greatest treasures. Kiss the famed Blarney Stone (depending on wait times) which is known for its gifts of eloquence. You’ll never again be lost for words! We have allotted a 2 ½ hour visit at the Castle including time for lunch (your expense). Then travel to Killarney, in County Kerry.
- Our hotel for the next two nights is the luxurious 4-star Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa. The hotel is located on the doorstep of Ireland’s oldest National Park and it blends classic luxury with a vibrant town centre. Relax as your bags are taken to your room for you **(included)** and your Tour Manager distributes your room keys.
- Tonight, enjoy this beautiful hotel with dinner on your own in one of the dining rooms, the formal Lake Room Restaurant or the more casual Height Lounge & Piano Bar.

Day 5 – Saturday, Sep 11 – Killarney- Ring of Kerry-Killarney (B, D)

****Optional Excursion – Traditional Jaunting Car Ride**

- Wake up and enjoy another delightful Irish breakfast **(included)** at our hotel. Today’s highlight is travelling around the Ring of Kerry. Our local guide will meet us for an all-day tour. The amazing scenery will take us past Killorglin and onto Glenbeigh. We make our way along the cliff roads that offer amazing panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. The Dingle Peninsula stretches 48 kilometers into the Atlantic Ocean. Take in this breathtaking scenery!
- Lunch today (on own) at a location along our route.



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- **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** - Today, you have the option of experiencing a ride on a traditional jaunting car – powered by horse – set in tradition, now found only along the western coast of Ireland. **(Price TBA)**.
- Take time to relax before a group dinner with a glass of wine or beer **(included)** at our hotel's restaurant.

Day 6 – Sunday, Sep 12 – Killarney – Park House Hotel, Galway (B, D)

- Time for another Irish breakfast **(included)**. Be sure to cover any personal incidental hotel charges (ie; movie rental, phone calls) before leaving the hotel.
- Meet your Tour Manager and board the motor coach as we make our way to Bunratty Castle **(entrance included)**. Built in 1425, it is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. The Castle was restored in 1954 and now contains mostly 15th and 16th century furnishings.
- During your visit you have time for lunch (on own) before we depart and make our way to Galway. Enjoy a scenic drive to Ireland's iconic Cliffs of Moher **(entrance and visit included)** before continuing to our hotel in Galway's city centre, the luxurious Park House Hotel!
- Once again, your Tour Manager will check you into the hotel, distribute room keys and have your luggage sent to your room – all part of the Signature Collins Tours service.
- Enjoy a short walk to a nearby restaurant for another group dinner this evening **(included)**.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own and at your expense.

Day 7 – Monday, Sep 13 – Galway – Markree Castle, Sligo Bay (B, D)

- Another delightful Irish breakfast awaits you this morning. We will check out of the hotel this morning, meet the group and travel by motor coach to enjoy a river cruise.
- Today's highlight is the Corrib River Cruise. Sit back and enjoy this sailing, complete with an authentic Irish Dancing demonstration and some world-famous Irish coffee **(admission & Irish coffee included)**. Sip your coffee as we make our way past historical sites, castles, and local landmarks.
- We will then board the coach and make our way to today's destination in Sligo Bay, Markree Castle! We will arrive late in the afternoon giving each of you time to enjoy this beautiful castle before our group dinner this evening!
- Take time to enjoy your overnight stay at Markree Castle, a truly unique property with old-world charm. This authentically restored Castle was originally built in the 14th century and provides delightful Irish hospitality.
- Luggage will be delivered to your room and your Tour Manager will again handle the group check-in process.
- Join the group this evening for dinner **(included)** inside the Markree Castle Hotel.

Day 8 – Tuesday, Sep 14 – Markee Castle, Sligo Bay–Giant's Causeway–Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast, Northern Ireland (B)

- Following another Irish breakfast **(included)**, we board our coach and make our way to Northern Ireland to Derry City (Londonderry).
- We will enjoy a guided walking tour of Ireland's only completely intact walled city and the second largest city in Northern Ireland this afternoon.
- Enjoy this historic city with time for lunch (on own) after our walking tour.
- Next, we travel to the Giant's Causeway, the coastal geological phenomenon that was formed over 60 million years ago! **(entrance fee included)**. This incredible landmark is one of Northern Ireland's most visited sites, and for good reason! You can almost see why characters of Irish folklore were conjured by this beautiful and unique seaside setting.



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- Board the motor coach as we head to Belfast, the birthplace of the RMS Titanic. Belfast is the capital and largest city in Northern Ireland. Our home for the next two nights is the 5-star luxury Fitzwilliam Hotel located in the heart of the city center.
- This evening dinner is on your own with many choices within walking distance of your hotel. The remainder of the evening to be enjoyed at your leisure. Perhaps you would like to visit “The Glass Jar” the Narrowest Bar in Belfast or wander the streets of this beautiful, modern city.

Day 9 – Wednesday, Sep 15 – Belfast, Northern Ireland (B, Farewell D) ****Optional Excursion – Titanic Belfast, Belfast Guided Tour and Pint of Guinness**

- Wake up and enjoy another Irish breakfast (**included**).
- **OPTIONAL EXCURSION** - Join your Tour Manager and fellow passengers for today’s optional visit to Titanic Belfast, where you will have time to explore this world-class attraction (**entrance ticket and audio guide included**) and learn the story of the Titanic, from its construction in Belfast to its ill-fated maiden voyage. Following our visit, we will meet our local guide for a 2-hour city tour of Belfast, learning about The Troubles and exploring some of the city’s most notable areas, including the city centre, and Cathedral Quarter while admiring Belfast’s impressive architecture. We will conclude our afternoon at a local pub, where you can enjoy a pint of Guinness (**included**) before returning to our hotel. (**Price TBA**).
- Lunch and the remainder of the afternoon will be at your leisure to explore Belfast.
- Tonight, join your tour manager and fellow passengers for our “Farewell Dinner” with a glass of wine or beer (**included**). It is your opportunity to share stories with your new friends and begin to plan your next adventure with Collins Tours!
- The rest of the evening can be enjoyed at your own leisure.



Day 10 – Thursday, Sep 16 – Belfast – Dublin Airport – Flight to Canada (B)

- After a final Irish buffet breakfast, we bid farewell to Ireland. Airport transfers are included (**time provided by your Tour Manager**) for those who purchased Collins Tours All-Inclusive Air Package.
- Your Air Canada flight will travel to Toronto onward to your local airport, reaching the Maritimes all in the same day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrence.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least THREE MONTHS AFTER your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in the Republic of Ireland is the **Euro** and the **British Pound Sterling** is used in Northern Ireland. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.

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- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
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- **REMEMBER**, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest.
- **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done.
 - **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours guide - from \$7.00-\$10.00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver \$4 -\$5 per person per day
 - Private city tour guides- \$3 per person, per day

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- Galway – Park House Hotel – 18 Forster St., Eyre Square, Galway, H91 PCF8, PH: +353 91 564 924
- Sligo Bay - Markree Castle, Sligo Bay - Collooney, F91 AE81 Co Sligo, Ph: +353 71 916 7800
- Belfast, Northern Ireland - The Fitzwilliam Hotel, 1-3 Great Victoria St., Belfast BT2 7BQ, Ph: +44 28 9044 2080



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