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Fri, Sep-16

#### **DEPART THE UNITED STATES**

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Sat, Sep-17

#### **DUBLIN ARRIVAL**

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Transfer to your nearby hotel, check in and enjoy some free time to relax or freshen up. Later in the day, set off with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture. Stop to visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript of the gospels and the Old Library. Head back to your hotel, where the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

Sun, Sep-18

#### **BELFAST SIGHTSEEING**

Leaving Dublin, journey into Belfast and stop for lunch at the Crown Liquor Saloon, one of the finest Victorian buildings in Belfast. This splendid gin palace, built in 1826, is one of the best-known landmarks in the city. Then, embark on a panoramic tour to see the highlights of the city. Stop to visit Titanic Belfast to learn about the evolution of the Titanic from concept until her ill-fated end in 1912. After, motor a short distance to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. Tonight, you may like to dine in one of the many dinner venues scattered around the city.

OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST

Mon, Sep-19

#### **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**

Today, travel to visit the Giant's Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava, which has given rise to many legends. Then, journey into Derry and join a local guide for a walking tour to see the Guildhall, St. Columb's Cathedral, the Diamond and the 16th century walls. Drive a short distance to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time before meeting your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL, DERRY



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Tue, Sep-20

### **ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK**

This morning, travel into County Tyrone to visit the Ulster American Folk Park, which was once home to Thomas Mellon. Stroll through his house, a school, a church and even a farm to see the rural way of life for the past few centuries. Then, journey into Donegal to visit Donegal Castle, which incorporates the gabled tower of a 15th century house built by the O'Donnell family. Partially restored, the castle reflects a long and turbulent history. Transfer to your nearby hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CENTRAL HOTEL, DONEGAL

Wed, Sep-21

### **CROAGH PATRICK**

Departing Donegal, travel to view the conical mountain of Croagh Patrick, which is a popular place of pilgrimage where people can climb to the summit. Tradition maintains that St. Patrick fasted here for 40 days. After a stop for photos, continue on to view Classiebawn Castle, a country house which was originally built on 10,000 acres for Viscount Palmerston in the Baronial style. Then, journey into Westport, check into your hotel and spend the rest of the day free for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL, WESTPORT

Thu, Sep-22

### **ACHILL ISLAND & DESERTED VILLAGE**

After breakfast, travel along Curraun Peninsula to reach Achill Island, joined to the mainland by a bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful and wild scenic views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Stop to view the deserted village, which provides a haunting reminder of times past on Achill Island. Head back to your hotel in Westport for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL, WESTPORT

Fri, Sep-23

### **GALWAY SIGHTSEEING**

Leaving Westport, journey into Cong and stop at the spectacular Ashford Castle to enjoy a cup of afternoon tea with your fellow travelers. Then, continue your travel into Galway and join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of the city. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. Transfer to your nearby hotel, check in and settle into your room. Tonight, you may like to dine in one of the many restaurant or pubs that Galway has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: GALMONT HOTEL, GALWAY



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Sat, Sep-24

### **SEAN'S BAR**

Today, drive into Athlone and stop at Sean's Bar, Ireland's oldest Pub, to enjoy an authentic Irish lunch with your fellow travelers. Return to your hotel in Galway, where the balance of the day is at leisure for independent sightseeing, shopping, dining and more.

OVERNIGHT: GALMONT HOTEL, GALWAY

Sun, Sep-25

### **CLIFFS OF MOHER**

This morning, drive along the coast of scenic County Clare and stop to visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most beloved, natural landmarks. See magical vistas, overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's Western coastline. Then, take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Continue your travel into Dingle, check into your hotel and settle into your room. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL, DINGLE

Mon, Sep-26

### **DINGLE PENINSULA DRIVE**

After breakfast, discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, once described by the National Geographic Traveler as "the most beautiful place on earth." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, stunning green landscapes and rocky headlands. Pause at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Continue on to Sleat Head at the western tip of the peninsula. This excursion will give you excellent views of mountains and coastline and looking over to the Iveragh Peninsula. Return to your hotel in Dingle and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. After an independent dinner, you may like to find a musical pub for some entertainment.

OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL, DINGLE





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#### **BLARNEY WOOLLEN MILLS**

Departing Dingle, drive into Blarney and stop to visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Next, journey into Kinsale and set off on a brief walking tour with a local guide to learn the history of the town. Kinsale has been a favorite for artists due to its steep, narrow streets, quirky shopfronts and many fine Georgian houses. Motor a short distance to your hotel, check in and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Kinsale is dubbed "the Gourmet Capital" of Ireland so there are many wonderful places to choose from to dine this evening.

OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

Wed, Sep-28

#### **ROCK OF CASHEL**

Today, travel into County Tipperary and stop to visit the Rock of Cashel. While here, see majestic church ruins that are clustered high on a limestone outcrop overlooking the surrounding countryside. Continue your journey through Ireland's rolling hills into Dublin, check into your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before tonight's festivities.

This evening, head to the Abbey Tavern for dinner and a traditional ballad session. Built on the site of an old abbey, Abbey Tavern has been in business for over 200 years.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

Thu, Sep-29

#### **HOP ON HOP OFF DUBLIN**

Spend the day at leisure in Dublin, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. Also using your voucher, you may either visit the Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery for a tour and sample of the finished product. In the evening, you may like to dine in one of the many restaurants or pubs that Dublin has to offer.

*(Please note, no coaching services today)*

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

Fri, Sep-30

#### **RETURN TO CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN**

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Dublin Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.



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**Hotels** (or similar)

Camden Court Hotel, Dublin	2 nights
Europa Hotel, Belfast	1 night
City Hotel, Derry	1 night
Central Hotel, Donegal	1 night
Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport	2 nights
Galmont Hotel, Galway	2 nights
Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle	2 nights
Trident Hotel, Kinsale	1 night
Camden Court Hotel, Dublin	2 nights

**Highlights**

Tour of Dublin with a local guide  
Guided walking tours of Derry, Galway & Kinsale  
Achill Island & Deserted Village  
Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle  
Passage on the Tarbert Ferry  
Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at either Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery

**Visits**

All visits are outlined on the above itinerary and included in the cost unless otherwise stated.

Warmest regards,

Marilyn A Harvey

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