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Fri, Apr 7

UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

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, Apr 8

DUBLIN ARRIVAL & KILKENNY SIGHTSEEING

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Drive to Kilkenny, known for its winding streets and medieval merchants' houses. Upon arrival, embark on a walking tour through this medieval city. Your humorous and informative guide will show you Kilkenny's many historical and architectural delights. It contains a number of medieval monuments which help preserve its medieval atmosphere. After your tour, enjoy some free time for lunch before continuing onto Wexford. In Franklin Square, stop to visit the statue of Commodore John Barry before continuing on to your hotel. Upon arrival, check into your room where you may wish to relax or freshen up before the evening's festivities. In the evening join your group for a welcome get together drink and dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CLAYTON WHITES HOTEL, WEXFORD

Sun, Apr 9

ENNISCORTHY HIGHLIGHTS

This morning drive to Enniscorthy to view Vinegar Hill, the largest camp and headquarters of the Wexford United Irish during the Irish Rebellion of 1798 on June 21, 1798. It was the last attempt by the rebels to hold and defend ground against the British military. The battle was actually fought in two locations: on Vinegar Hill itself and in the streets of nearby Enniscorthy. Then visit the National 1798 Center, which offers a fascinating insight into the birth of modern democracy in Ireland. The center tells the epic and heroic tale of the 1798 Rebellion and its aftermath using the latest multi-media and interactive computers. A spectacular audio-visual presentation places the story in an international context and state-of-the-art exhibition techniques are used to give visitors a glimpse of our fascinating journey to modern democracy. Then visit the JFK Homestead, birthplace of President John F. Kennedy's great-grandfather. Today it is still farmed by his descendants and celebrates the story of five generations of the Kennedy dynasty. After your visit, return to your hotel in time for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CLAYTON WHITES HOTEL, WEXFORD

Mon, Apr 10

DUNBRODY FAMINE SHIP & KINSALE

Today drive to the town of New Ross to visit the Dunbrody Emigrant Ship. This is a replica of a sailing vessel built in 1845 to transport emigrants from Ireland to North America. The visit will give you an insight as to what life on board ship was like as well as filling you in on the history of the famine years. Travel along the coast to the town of Kinsale and check into your hotel for your overnight stay. Enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure for independent sightseeing. In the evening join your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

Tue, Apr 11

CHARLES FORT & KINSALE WALKING TOUR

This morning visit Charles Fort, which was constructed in the late 17th century on the site of an earlier coastal fortification. Charles Fort is a classic example of a star-shaped fort and William Robinson, architect of the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham, Dublin, and Superintendent of Fortifications, is credited with designing the Fort. As one of the largest military forts in the country, Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history. Then embark on a brief walking tour with a local guide to learn the history of the town. Kinsale traces its origins back to 1177 when the Anglo-Normans founded a town in a small walled area close to the water. It grew as a port town during the 18th century and today the harbor is favored by yacht owners. The town has steep, narrow streets with many fine Georgian houses. Following your tour, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. In the evening join your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

Wed, Apr 12

KILLARNEY AT LEISURE & DINGLE

Depart Kinsale this morning and travel north through County Cork. From Cork, continue west through rugged countryside to the town of Killarney. Enjoy an independent lunch, as well as some free time to browse and sightsee before continuing on to Dingle. From Killarney, drive west into Dingle. Check into your hotel upon arrival and settle into your room. You may wish to relax or freshen up before you join your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL, DINGLE



Thu, Apr 13

DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR & DINGLE BREWING COMPANY

Today discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean's movie, "Ryan's Daughter." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. At the base of Conor Pass, stop at the Dingle Brewing company. Learn about the brewery's rich and varied past before sampling a pint of this local lager. Continue your drive on to the western tip of the peninsula. Here, the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. You will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages. Return to Dingle in time for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL, DINGLE

Fri, Apr 14

DINGLE TO ENNIS

Depart Dingle this morning and motor via Tralee and Listowel to Tarbert where you take the ferry across the wide mouth of the River Shannon. Then drive into the marketing town of Ennis where your hotel is located. Check in on arrival and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening enjoy a dinner of Irish specialties at your hotel followed by a lively show of traditional Irish music, songs and displays of step-dancing.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS

Sat, Apr 15

RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Sadly, today your Irish vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon 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 across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.