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Fri, Mar-15 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, Mar-16 DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland. Have breakfast at a local venue before heading to Kilkenny for a guided walking tour. The humorous and informative guide will show you many of Kilkenny's historical sites, which help make stories about the past come to life. Drive a short distance to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: RIVER COURT HOTEL, KILKENNY

Sun, Mar-17 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

Today will possibly be the highlight of your tour – the St. Patrick's Day Parade, which takes over the center of Kilkenny. See the colorful bands and decorated floats as they wind through the streets. Also, enjoy a rich variety of activities, in which you may want to participate. This is Ireland's national holiday - so join in the fun! In the evening, you might like to dine at one of the many traditional or modern dinner venues scattered throughout the city.

OVERNIGHT: RIVER COURT HOTEL, KILKENNY

Mon, Mar-18 HOLY CROSS ABBEY & BLARNEY

After breakfast, visit Holy Cross Abbey, which was founded in 1169 and supposedly was endowed with a splinter from the true cross. Next, drive into Blarney, where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." From Blarney, journey through the rugged countryside to Killarney. Upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SCOTTS HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Tue, Mar-19 RING OF KERRY

Set off to explore the Ring of Kerry, which consists of over 100 miles of marvelous **scenery. See some of Ireland's highest peaks on one side of the road and a coastline** scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. There will also be plenty of stops to take-in the scenery and to snap photos. Cross over to Valencia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig Experience, which describes the life of early monks who led austere lives on the nearby islands. Continue visit a local farm, where you will have an opportunity to meet an Irish farmer and see some sheepdogs work in their natural environment. Return to Killarney for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: SCOTTS HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Wed, Mar-20 ROCK OF DUNAMASE

Leaving Killarney, travel to County Laois to visit the Rock of Dunamase, which is the remains of a Celtic fortification that overlooked the valley of the O'Moores and is an ideal location for a defensive position. Next, have an independent lunch at Newbridge Silverware before continuing to Dublin. After checking into your hotel, you are free for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: TRINITY CITY HOTEL, DUBLIN

Thu, Mar-21 DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS

Set off with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries with many architectural styles, reflecting the economic, political and artistic influences. Stop to tour St. Patrick's Cathedral, which is almost as old as the city itself. Next, visit Kilmainham Gaol to see what punishment was like during its years of operation from 1796 to 1924. Learn about political prisoners, especially from the 1916 Rising, detained here because of **their efforts to shape Ireland's history.** Then enjoy some free time to sightsee and shop.

This evening, enjoy a dinner of Irish specialties followed by a lively show of traditional Irish music, songs and displays of step-dancing.

OVERNIGHT: TRINITY CITY HOTEL, DUBLIN

Fri, Mar-22 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

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 across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.



Notes:

Short Overview - The driver is available for up to eight hours a day for touring. Gratuity is not included (driver and/or tour director). For a more detailed look at our Terms and Conditions, please see Page 4 of your contract.

Hotels (or similar)

River Court Hotel, KILKENNY	2 nights
Scotts Hotel, KILLARNEY	2 nights
Trinity City Hotel, DUBLIN	2 nights

Highlights

- Guided walking tour of Kilkenny
- Sheepdog trials on Ring of Kerry
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide

Visits

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