

Join the Irish Ancestral Research Association on **Irish Ancestry Tour:**
Dublin, Cork, County Kerry & Galway

PROPOSED DATES: Sunday October 6th – Wednesday October 16th 2019



Overnight stays

- Overnight flight
- Dublin 3 nights
- County Cork 2 nights
- County Kerry 1 night
- Galway 2 nights
- Dublin 1 night

Your tour includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- Guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Ancestry Genealogist on tour

DAY 1

Travel day

Sunday October 6th 2019

Full day

- Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.

Overnight flight

DAY 2

Arrival in Dublin

Monday October 7th 2019

Morning

- Welcome to Ireland! Transfer from the airport to your hotel and get settled in.

Afternoon

- Free time to explore on your own

Evening

- Get an introduction to Irish genealogy and the ways you will be tracing your heritage with your Ancestry Genealogist
- Enjoy a welcome dinner with your Tour Director and fellow travelers this evening

Included meals: **dinner**

Overnight in: **Dublin**

DAY 3

Sightseeing Tour of Dublin & Research

Tuesday October 8th 2019

Morning

- Take a comprehensive tour of Ireland's capital with a local expert leading the way
- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the Guinness Storehouse
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- See Trinity College and walk past Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue, ending in the Temple Bar district

Afternoon

- This afternoon, take a guided tour of the National Library of Ireland and its resources for family history research
- Here, an AncestryProGenealogists expert will give a presentation about Irish genealogical records and ways of tracing your heritage
- Enjoy time to research on your own using the library's resources

Evening

- Enjoy a free evening in Dublin

Included entrance fees: **St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Included meals: **breakfast**

Overnight in: **Dublin**

DAY 4

Dublin Research

Wednesday October 9th 2019

Morning

- Spend time this morning researching your genealogy at libraries and/or archives in Dublin
- Your on-tour Ancestry genealogist will be with you to answer questions and help guide you in your research

Afternoon

- This afternoon, you may continue your time researching or add an optional excursion:
Optional Excursion – EPIC Irish Emigration Museum (\$39 / pp)

Evening

- Enjoy a free evening in Dublin

Included meals: **breakfast**

Overnight in: **Dublin**

DAY 5

County Cork via Kilkenny

Thursday October 10th 2019

Full day

- Travel to Cork, also known as the “Rebel County,” stopping in County Kilkenny along the way
- Enter the imposing 12th-century Kilkenny Castle, overlooking the River Nore
- Tour the Gothic St. Canice’s Cathedral, built in the 13th century

Included entrance fees: **Kilkenny Castle, St. Canice’s Cathedral**

Included meals: **breakfast, dinner**

Overnight in: **County Cork**

Evening

- Enjoy an included dinner in County Cork
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DAY 6

Cobh, Cork & Cork City Research

Friday October 11th 2019

Morning

- Get a feel for the many sides of Ireland, from rural townlands and charming villages to vibrant cities and iconic castles
- Discover the town of Cobh, a port once known as Queenstown, from which millions of emigrants left Ireland
- Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre for a tour of the museum's exhibits, which tell the story of Irish emigration over the past 150 years
- Step inside the stunning St. Colman's Cathedral before enjoying free time for lunch in Cobh
- Explore the city of Cork and enjoy free time to walk through the English Market, a traditional food hall

Afternoon

- Spend the afternoon researching your genealogy at Cork City library / archives

Evening

- Enjoy a free evening in Cork

Included entrance fees: **Cobh Heritage Centre, St. Colman's Cathedral**

Included meals: **breakfast**

Overnight in: **County Cork**

DAY 7

County Kerry via Muckross House

Saturday October 12th 2019

Full day

- Travel to County Kerry today
- On the way, stop at Muckross House, which was the seat of the Herbert landlord family
- Take time to explore this Victorian mansion and stroll through its beautifully manicured gardens, then listen to an AncestryProGenealogists expert describe landlord-tenant relationships
- Later, enjoy stunning scenery as you take a horse-drawn carriage ride into Killarney National Park, including a stop at Ross Castle

Included entrance fees: **Muckross House & Gardens, Killarney Carriage Ride**

Included meals: **breakfast**

Overnight in: **County Kerry**

Evening

- Enjoy a free evening in County Kerry or add an optional excursion:
Optional Excursion – Traditional Irish Music & Dance Show (\$99 / pp)

DAY 8

Galway via the Cliffs of Moher, Doolin & the Burren

Sunday October 13th 2019

Full day

- Head north to Galway today, taking time to view spectacular scenery of County Clare en route
- Walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the majestic Cliffs of Moher
- Visit the charming Irish town of Doolin
- Pass through the Burren, a unique limestone plateau where fields of rock are dotted with wildflowers

Included entrance fees: **Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre**

Included meals: **breakfast, dinner**

Overnight in: **Galway**

Evening

- This evening, get to know the living traditions of Galway on a walking tour led by your Tour Director
- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre Company, and Eyre Square
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch
- Enjoy an included dinner in Galway

DAY 9

Free Day in Galway

Monday October 14th 2019

Full day

- Enjoy a free day in Galway. You may choose to do research at Galway City library / archives. Or, you can choose to partake in an optional excursion: **Optional Excursion** – Connemara History & Heritage (\$85 / pp)

Included meals: **breakfast**

Overnight in: **Galway**

Evening

- Enjoy a free evening in Galway

DAY 10

Transfer to Dublin

Tuesday October 15th 2019

Morning

- This morning, head back to Dublin

Afternoon

- Enjoy a free afternoon in Dublin. You may choose to return to libraries and/or archives for research. Or, you can choose to partake in an optional excursion: **Optional Excursion** – Guinness Storehouse (\$69 / pp)

Evening

- This evening, say goodbye to your fellow travelers and enjoy a summary of all you've learned about Irish heritage from an AncestryProGenealogists expert at a farewell dinner in Dublin

Included meals: **breakfast, dinner**

Overnight in: **Dublin**

DAY 11

Departure

Wednesday October 16th 2019

Morning

- Transfer to the airport in Dublin for your flight home.

Included meals: **breakfast**

Afternoon

- Travel time

Evening

- Arrive home

Customize your experience with optional excursions

DAY 4

EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum (\$39 / pp)

Visit the EPIC Museum in Dublin, dedicated to the history of the Irish diaspora and emigration to countries around the world. Enjoy an interactive and educational experience.

DAY 7

Traditional Irish Music & Dance Show (\$99 / pp)

Tonight, head outside of Killarney and sit down to a hearty three-course dinner. After your meal, watch as talented musicians, singers, and prize-winning dancers put on a show filled with traditional Irish tunes and choreography.

DAY 9

Connemara History & Heritage (\$85 / pp)

Take in the stunning scenery as you travel north through Connemara, which contains the Gaeltacht, or Irish-speaking region. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a monastery founded on the grounds of Kylemore Castle. After enjoying free time for lunch, drive through Connemara National Park to the Heritage & History Centre. Meet a local guide and tour the Centre's homestead and farm, where a simple farmer named Dan O'Hara once lived, to learn about what rural Irish life was like in the 19th century. Spend free time exploring on your own before returning to Galway for the evening.

DAY 10

Guinness Storehouse (\$69 / pp)

Take in the classic tour at St. James Gate. Learn about the history of the famous porter and enjoy a sample of your own "perfect" pint.

*Please note: This is an itinerary sketch and all inclusions, as well as the order of events, are subject to confirmation.

**All optional excursion pricing is based on the pre-tour cost.