# **Ireland Trip Itinerary**

## Day 1: Welcome to Dublin!

Arrive to Dublin Ireland's capital city. Make your way to your first accommodation from the airport. After check, in you can relax at your hotel or take some time to explore Dublin on your own before meeting your Guide @2pm for an introduction to the week ahead. You will then pay a visit to the Guinness Brewery for a tour that will show you just what makes this "black stuff" taste so great!! Enjoy a Self-Guided Tour of this well-loved Visitor Centre, pull your own pint & enjoy a terrific view around Dublin from the Gravity Bar. That evening you can enjoy your first meal together as a group.

Overnight: Dublin

Meals Included: Dinner

### Day 2: Journey to Killarney

After breakfast you will be transfer by private coach to Killarney home to the renowned Muckross House and Garden within Killarney National Park. On arrival (approx. 2pm), check in to your accommodation & enjoy a walking tour of the town with your guide before enjoying a free evening in Killarney.

Overnight: Killarney

Meals Included: Breakfast.

# Day 3: Bike Ross Castle

Today is "Cycle" day, as you collect your bicycles after breakfast, and then cycle to the impressive 15th century Ross Castle. A tour of this wonderful Castle leaves you full of stories of our ancient Gaelic Chieftains and a way of life long gone, but not forgotten!! Continue your cycle from here, through the magnificent Killarney National Park, visiting Muckross Abbey before reaching Muckrossm House. From here, you can enjoy some time around this beautiful old mansion, visiting the gardens & those who wish can enjoy an optional tour inside Muckross House. If time & energy allows, continue your cycle around the middle lake of Killarney (Muckross Lake) before returning to Killarney town. From here you will be transferred to Dingle, a small port town on the Dingle Peninsula, known for its rugged scenery, trails, sandy beaches and Fungi the dolphin!! On

arrival to Dingle your guide will show you the best pubs and restaurants in Dingle to enjoy traditional Irish food and music.

Overnight: Dingle

Meals Included: Breakfast

Cycle details – Distance: 21kms. Duration: 2/3 hours (cycle only)

#### Day 4: Slea Head Swim and Coumeenoole Beach

Today you will take a driving tour of the famous Slea Head so have your swimsuits ready...!!! Travelling along the peninsula you will pass many ancient sites and beautiful beached including Coumeencole Beach where you can stop for a short walk before returning to Dingle to enjoy the attractive town where there is a terrific array of pubs & fantastic restaurants. There is always the opportunity to enjoy some great Traditional Irish music here. Evening at your leisure with plenty of pub music to choose from.

Overnight: Dingle

Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 5: Burren and Cliffs of Moher

Today we leave Dingle for the Burren in Co. Clare. The word "Burren" comes from an Irish word "Boireann" means a rocky place. This is an appropriate name when you consider the lack of soil cover and the extent of exposed Limestone Pavement. However, it has been referred to in the past as "Fertile rock" due to the mixture of nutrient rich herb and floral species. Our journey takes us across the ferry at Tarbert before we reach the magical Cliffs of Moher. Here you can experience the cliffs by foot and spend time in the visitors' centre. Those who would like can take a short walk along the cliffs. This is a grassy trail, which can be muddy. The area around the visitor center is paved and has some steps. The trail is very close to the exposed cliff edge in places so it is not for the faint hearted!!These impressive cliffs rise 214m above the sea at their highest point and is home to over 30,000 nesting birds during the nesting season. After visiting the cliffs by foot, you will have the opportunity to experience the cliffs from another perspective - by boat. Here you will a cruise along the cliffs by boat before checking into your accommodation in Ballyvaughan. This village offers you the opportunity to spend the evening enjoying the wonderful music and atmosphere of the Irish pub.

Overnight: Ballyvaughan Meals included: Breakfast

Total distance - 7 km - grassy, mud and gravel trails with the area around the visitor center being paved and having some steps. The trail is very close to the exposed cliff edge in places.

### Day 6: Bunratte Castle

Today you will take a driving tour of the Burren taking in some of its attractions including the Poulnabrone Dolmen and visiting Dysert O'Dea's Castle. Once completed we will start to make our way to the town of Bunratty home to Bunratty Castle a 15th century "tower house" castle. Tonight you will have the opportunity to dine in the castle at the medieval banquet after being welcomed by the Earl of Thomond's butler. Enjoy your final meal together in this unique dining experience.

Overnight: Bunratty

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

## Day 7: Goodbye!

From Bunratty, you can avail of a great array of transport back to Dublin Airport or Shannon Airport (10min drive) for your onward journey.

Meals included: Breakfast