



## The Best of Ireland May 6-15, 2012

Hosted by Jim & Mary Lynn Mogan

Join Jim & Mary Lynn Mogan on a customized eight night tour of the South and West Coast of Ireland. We travel through beautiful areas of the country including **Galway** with its beautiful undulating hills, bogs and panoramic views. We will also tour Ireland's popular scenic drive, the **Ring of Kerry** and stop along our 8 day journey in small towns and enjoy the culture and heritage of this proud country. A trip to Ireland isn't complete without stops at the **Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Cobh** and **Bunratty**.

This is not your typical European tour with forty people on a motorcoach. Jim travels with 25-30 passengers to make your visit more personable and interesting. Our local driver/guide has operated the trip exclusively for Provident Travel for over twelve years and is a wealth of knowledge and fun! Book online today or call to make your reservation on this enchanting trip to the **"Emerald Isle"**.

### Itinerary

(Meals: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner)

**Sunday, May 6th** Depart U.S. for overnight flight to Shannon, Ireland.

**Monday, May 7th (D)** Arrival in Shannon, Ireland and after clearing customs board our deluxe coach for our journey to Galway. Check into our accommodations, The Pillo Hotel. Enjoy your first day in Ireland by strolling around town and getting to know the friendly locals. Dinner this evening is included at our hotel.

**Tuesday, May 8th (B - D)** This morning we'll board our coach for a trip into the Connemara, a wild and beautiful region of mountains, streams, lakes, undulating bogs and panoramic views (Jim's favorite area). A stop will be made at the Kylemore Abby before returning to Galway. Dinner at our hotel.

**Wednesday, May 9th (B - D)** Depart for Killarney, our home for the next three nights. After breakfast we will travel south along the coast

### Trip Highlights

- Connemara sightseeing tour
- Kylemore Abby
- Burren sightseeing tour
- 760-foot high Cliffs of Moher
- Visit to Muckross House
- Ring of Kerry scenic drive
- Tour of Dingle Peninsula
- Irish seaport Kinsale
- Blarney Castle & Blarney Woolen
- Jameson Heritage Center & Distillery
- Irish Folk Park at Bunratty
- Traditional Irish Banquet with food and entertainment

### Includes:

- Round-trip economy airfare on Delta Air Lines
- Eight nights' accommodations: two nights Pillo Hotel, three nights Killarney Avenue Hotel, two, two nights Trident Hotel, one night Bunratty Castle Hotel
- Sightseeing as included in itinerary
- Professional driver/guide and "friend" Frank Fitzpatrick
- Six Irish dinners including Irish Castle banquet
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Taxes and gratuities for included features
- Hosted by Jim & Mary Lynn Mogan

Please note: A passport valid for at least six months from your return date is required for this tour.



and through the Burren, a vast limestone plateau which covers much of the County Clare. On our way to Killarney we'll stop at the one of Ireland's natural wonders, the Cliffs of Moher. These 760-foot mighty cliffs stretch over five miles down the Irish Coast. The Muckcross House will be our next stop. It consists of a gracious ivy covered Victorian mansion and it's elegant surrounding gardens. We will then check into the Killarney Avenue Hotel, our stay for the next three nights. Dinner this evening will be at our hotel.

**Thursday, May 10th (B - D)** Today we'll drive to the Dingle Peninsula which is a Gaelic speaking area. It is appreciated for its scenery and dramatic views. A stop will be made for dinner at a local Irish Pub/Restaurant on our return.

**Friday, May 11th (B - D)** This morning we'll depart for a full day tour of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most popular scenic drive. Stop along the way in a small town such as Waterville, the favorite retreat of Charlie Chaplin. We'll pass through Sneem, winner of the tidiest town award, on our return to Killarney in the late afternoon. Dinner this evening will be at the Killarney Avenue hotel.

**Saturday, May 12th (B - D)** This morning we will travel to Blarney where you can kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle & shop in the Blarney Woolen. Then on to Kinsale a picture-postcard of what a charming Irish Seaport should look like. We check into our comfy accommodations, The Trident Hotel. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

**Sunday, May 13th (B - L)** A.M. sightseeing tour of Cobh, the port town that was the departure point for hundreds of Irish Emigrants who sailed for North America. Visit the Jameson Heritage Center for a tour of the distillery followed by lunch. Afternoon and evening at leisure. (Enjoy one of Kinsale's fine restaurants or maybe even an Irish Pub?)

**Monday, May 14th (B - D)** We'll then travel to Bunratty visit The Irish Folk Park. Last minute shopping at the Blarney Woolen Mill Store which is located nearby. Our accommodations will be the Bunratty Castle Hotel. This evening we will attend a traditional Irish Banquet with food and entertainment.

**Tuesday, May 15th (B)** This morning we bid farewell to our Irish hosts and transfer to Shannon Airport for our flight home. Time will be available for duty-free shopping at the airport which boasts some of the best shopping prices in Europe.

**Cost Per Person**

Double Occupancy \$2,925

Single Occupancy \$3,275

A deposit of \$300 per person is due with your reservation. The balance is due March 4, 2012.

**Land Cancellation**

3/5/12-4/5/12 25% of package price per person

4/6/12-4/21/12 75% of package price

4/22/12-departure 100% of package price

**Air Cancellation**

Once issued, airline tickets are non-refundable.

We strongly recommend travel protection available at the rate of \$235 per person based on above tour pricing.

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