

Luxurious Ireland
May 21- 30, 2024 (10 Days)
Tentative Tour Itinerary



Welcome aboard Collins Tours' 10-Day, Luxurious Ireland Tour! Outlined below is a thrilling itinerary built for this exceptional getaway to the Emerald Isle. Get lost in the bustling cities and gaze in wonder at the natural beauty of the rolling green hills. With all the activities, excellent locations, quality hotels, and local professional step-on-guides included, I am sure you will agree we have put together an exciting vacation, all this to ensure a carefree and inspirational getaway for you! Carefully review the **"Important Information"** section (final page) to ensure you understand all the rules for international travel. Your Tour Manager looks forward to meeting you and assisting in creating an exciting and well-managed tour of Ireland.

- Sincerely, Greg Collins President & CEO

Day 1 – Tues, May 21– Overnight flight Air Canada Toronto-Dublin

For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, make your way to your local airport for your assigned flight connecting with your Air Canada flight to Dublin via Toronto's Pearson International Airport. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is additional based on weight and size. Additional fees apply for overweight bags. Carry-on luggage is free, with a maximum weight of 22lbs per bag. Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Any additional luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights.**

Day 2 – Wed, May 22– Arrive in Dublin, Temple Bar Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Upon arrival in Dublin this morning, each passenger will proceed through Irish Customs & Immigration and then to the luggage area to collect your luggage. Your Tour Manager will meet in the baggage claim area after you collect your own luggage. We make our way to the deluxe motorcoach, have all bags loaded on the motor coach and make our way to our first city centre hotel together, the 4-star Temple Bar Hotel in Dublin City Centre.
- Please note: While an early check-in request has been made, hotel rooms are not guaranteed until 3:00p.m. Fashionable areas of Dublin such as Grafton Street and Jervis Street Shopping Centre are conveniently located within easy walking distance of our boutique Dublin city hotel as well as the Temple Bar & Jameson Distillery. There is an onsite restaurant, bar and a lobby café as well providing you with plenty of options before the room check-in time. Relax while your Tour Manager checks in all guests and distributes room keys when available.
- Take time to freshen up before our "Welcome Reception" inside our hotel including a glass of wine or beer and light appetizers - a chance to meet your fellow traveling companions **(included)**.
- Following our reception, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure in fantastic and magical Dublin, Ireland. Sláinte!

Day 3 – Thurs, May 23– Temple Bar Hotel, Dublin (B, D)

- After some well-deserved rest wake up to a delightful Irish buffet breakfast served at the hotel (**included**).
- Today we will meet our step-on guide for a 4-hour tour of an overview of one of the best cities in Europe. Tour local attractions such as the St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Temple Bar area and other local sights plus a tour of Guinness Brewery Storehouse!
- Enjoy lunch on own after our tour or choose to sample a pint of Guinness in one of the 666 licensed pubs in Dublin. Dublin produces an astonishing 10 million pints of Guinness...daily!
- Explore the city this afternoon at your leisure and some time back at the hotel to freshen up before you meet the group for our “Welcome Dinner” (**included**). Meet your fellow travelers and Tour Manager in the hotel’s lobby for a short walk to the restaurant. Enjoy this dinner complete with a complimentary glass of wine or beer included. We will have an Irish toast, **“May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and a smooth road all the way to your door”** to the beginning of a great tour with your new friends.



Day 4 – Fri, May 24– Dublin – Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Killarney (B)

- An Irish buffet breakfast is included this morning at your hotel. Please have your tagged luggage outside of your room ready for pick up this morning as we check out and travel into the countryside.
- Board your motorcoach as we make our way today to Blarney Castle, built over 600 years ago. Blarney Castle was built by one of Ireland’s greatest Chieftains, Cormac McCarthy, and has become one of Ireland’s greatest treasures. Kiss the famed Blarney Stone (depending on wait times), known for its gift of eloquence and you will never again be lost for words! We have allotted a 2 ½ hour visit at the Castle including time for lunch (your expense). Then travel to Killarney, in County Kerry.
- Our hotel for the next two nights is the luxurious 5-star Agahdoe Heights Hotel & Spa. The hotel has a spectacular location overlooking the world-famous Lakes of Killarney and magnificent MacGillycuddy’s Reeks Mountain Range. Relax as your bags are taken to your room for you (**included**) and your Tour Manager distributes your room keys.
- Tonight, enjoy this beautiful hotel with dinner on your own in one of the dining rooms, for formal Lake Room Restaurant or the more casual Height Lounge & Piano Bar.

Day 5 – Sat, May 25– Killarney– Ring of Kerry–Killarney (B, D)

- Wake up and enjoy another delightful Irish breakfast (**included**) at our hotel. Today’s highlight is travelling around the Ring of Kerry. Our local guide will meet us for an all-day tour. The amazing scenery will take us past Killorglin and onto Glenbeigh. We make our way along the cliff roads that offer amazing panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. The Dingle Peninsula stretches 48 kilometers into the Atlantic Ocean. Take in this breathtaking scenery!
- Lunch today (on own) at a location along our route.
- Take time to relax before a group dinner with a glass of wine or beer (**included**) at our hotel’s restaurant.



Day 6 – Sun, May 26 – Killarney – Park House Hotel, Galway (B, D)

- Time for another Irish breakfast (**included**). Be sure to cover any personal incidental hotel charges (ie movie rental, phone calls) before leaving the hotel.
- Meet your Tour Manager and board the motor coach as we make our way to Bunratty Castle (**entrance included**). Built in 1425, it is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in Ireland. The Castle was restored in 1954 and now contains mostly 15th and 16th century furnishings.
- During your visit you have time for lunch before departing making our way to Galway. Enjoy a scenic drive to Ireland’s iconic Cliffs of Moher (**entrance and visit included**) before continuing to our hotel in Galway’s city centre, the luxurious Park House Hotel!
- Once again, your Tour Manager will check you into the hotel, distribute room keys and have your luggage sent to your room – all part of the Signature Collins Tours service.
- Enjoy another group dinner at your hotel this evening (**included**).
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is on your own and at your expense.

Day 7 – Mon, May 27– Galway – Marquee Castle, Sligo Bay (B, D)

- Another delightful Irish breakfast waits for you this morning before checking out of the hotel this morning and meeting the group to travel by motor coach.
- Take some time to get ready before today’s highlight, the Corrib River Cruise. Sit back and enjoy this sailing complete with an authentic Irish Dancing demonstration and some world-famous Irish coffee (**admission & coffee included**). Sip your coffee as we make our way past historical sites, castles, and local landmarks. Lunch break will follow.
- We board the coach and make our way through Connemara for a stop in Clifden – a town known for its marble. After a brief 1 hour stop in Clifden, continue to today’s destination, Marquee Castle!
- Take time to enjoy your overnight stay at Markree Castle, a truly unique property with old-world charm and delightful Irish hospitality known for its authentically restored charm originally built in the 14th-century.
- Luggage will be delivered to your room and your Tour Manager will handle the check-in process.
- Join the group this evening for dinner (**included**) inside the Marquee Castle Hotel.

Day 8 – Tues, May 28– Marquee Castle, Sligo Bay–Giant’s Causeway–Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast (B)

- Following another Irish breakfast, we board our coach and travel to Northern Ireland to Derry City (Londonderry) where we enjoy a guided walking tour of Ireland’s only completely intact walled city and the second largest city in Northern Ireland. Enjoy this historic city with time for lunch on your own.
- Next, we travel to the Giant’s Causeway, the coastal geological phenomenon formed over 60 million years ago! (**Entrance fee included**). This incredible landmark is one of Northern Ireland’s most visited sites, and for good reason! You can almost see why characters of Irish folklore were conjured by this beautiful and unique seaside setting.
- Board the motor coach as we head to Belfast, the birthplace of the RMS Titanic. Belfast is the capital and largest city in Northern Ireland. Our home tonight is the 5-star luxury resort, The Fitzwilliam Hotel located in the heart of the city center.
- This evening dinner is on your own with many choices within walking distance to your hotel. The remainder of the evening to be enjoyed at your leisure. Perhaps you would like to visit “The Glass Jar” the narrowest bar in Belfast or wander the streets of this beautiful, modern city.



Day 9 – Wed, May 29– Belfast – Fitzpatrick Castle, Killiney Co. (B, Farewell D)

- Wake up and enjoy another Irish breakfast (**included**) before checking out.
- We will stop for lunch, **own own** on our way to Killiney.
- Next, we drive south with rest stops along our route before we arrive at beautiful Fitzpatrick Castle in Killiney, located just southeast of Dublin.
- Allow your Tour Manager to check you in and have luggage sent to your rooms one last time.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for our “Farewell Dinner” with a glass of wine or beer (**included**). It is your opportunity to share stories with your new friends and begin to plan your next adventure with Collins Tours! *Note, your Tour Manager will arrange your flight check-in for everyone who reserved the group airfare package for a smoother departure tomorrow morning.
- The rest of the evening can be enjoyed at your own leisure.



Day 10 – Thurs, May 30 – Dublin to Canada (B)

- After a final Irish buffet breakfast, we bid farewell to Ireland. Airport transfers are included (time provided by the Tour Manager) for those who purchase Collins Tours Air Inclusive Package.
- Your Air Canada flight will travel to Toronto onward to your local airport, reaching the Maritimes all in the same day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are ONLY a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, and other “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable, in any way, for delays caused by unforeseen events. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrences.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a valid passport that is good for at least THREE MONTHS AFTER your departure date. Citizens of other countries should call and verify their required documentation.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in Spain and Portugal is the **Euro**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
- Covid-19 Protocol. Guests who contract Covid-19 while traveling with the tour may not be able to continue the tour depending on the itinerary of each tour and depending on the severity of sickness or illness. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for any flight delays, schedule changes, flight gate changes, acts of God, mechanical issues, any emergencies, or any missed connections due from any such events described above or unforeseen circumstances arising not described above, yet may cause similar outcomes or delays.
Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd is not responsible for providing additional transportations costs, if necessary, reimbursements of any kind for these additional expenses, loss of use, or loss of hotel nights, meals, transportation arrangements, or any portion of your planned vacation you have that may or may not be missed. These costs, if any, will be paid directly by the traveler and submitted through the appropriate persons travel insurance for

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reimbursement of expenses. Please contact our office if you need assistance with all-inclusive medical insurance, trip cancellation and interruption coverage, or quarantine insurance. Collins Tours & Consulting Ltd does not anticipate any such concerns or events and only wishes for everyone to ensure proper travel insurance has been purchase in advance.

- REMEMBER, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying "Thank You," for a job well done.
- **Here are our guidelines on *Tipping Etiquette*:**
 - Collins Tours guide - from \$6.00-\$8:00 per person, per day
 - Bus driver \$4 -\$5.00 per person per day
 - Private city tour guides- \$2 per person, per day

Hotel Contact Information:

- May 22 & 23 - Dublin – Temple Bar Hotel – 13-17 Fleet Street Temple Bar, Dublin 2 D02WD51, PH: +353 (0)1 677 3333
- May 24 & 25 – Killarney – Aghadoe Heights Hotel, Lakes of Killarney, Nunstown, Co. Kerry, PH: +353 64 663 1766
- May 26 – Galway – Park House Hotel – 18 Forster St., Eyre Square, Galway, H91 PCF8 PH: +353 91 564 924
- May 27 – Markree Castle, Sligo Bay - Collooney, F91 AE81 Co Sligo, Ph: +353 71 916 7800
- May 28 – The Fitzwilliam Hotel, 1-3 Great Victoria St., Belfast BT2 7BQ, Ph: +44 28 9044 2080
- May 29 – Fitzpatrick Castle. Killiney Hill Rd, Scalpwilliam, Killiney, Co. Dublin, A96 N125 PH: +353 1 230 5400



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