

THE MUSIC & MAGIC OF IRELAND



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Travel

A musical, magical and mad tour
of the Emerald Isles

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Discover the real Ireland, an irresistible Ireland, with glorious countryside of green, green, green and low stone walls, rugged coastlines, majestic castles, quirky pubs and the friendliest people in the world!

Experience the Exceptional...

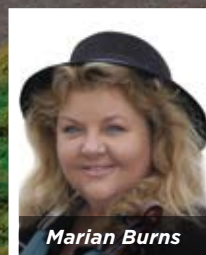
- Imagine sitting in a friendly pub enjoying the catchy beat of great Irish music played by the local band, made up of the world's most memorable characters. Marian joins in with the band who sit back and wait to see if she is any good. Then within minutes, one by one, they gradually start joining Marian, who is off like the flying fiddler she is! We all end up joining in, clapping, singing, laughing and having the time of our lives.
- We experience it all from the bustling cities of Belfast and Dublin to the quirky individuality of Dingle, Kinsale and Killarney. We wonder at the epic Cliffs of Moher and the cute village of thatched houses in Adare.
- From the breath taking scenic views along Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, and the charming villages dotted across the lush, green Irish countryside to its modern, lively cities, there is something for everyone in Ireland.
- With the fantastic team of Karl Perigo, Marian Burns and Suzanne Lynch, we experience the music, the culture, the zest for life and have all the fun of the Irish. We simply feel like we have come home!

PLEASE NOTE:

This trip links with the Scotland trip. Please ask for the special price if you wish to book for both trips.



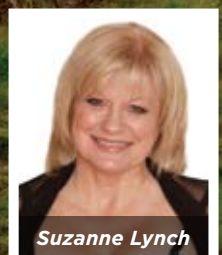
YOUR HOSTS ON THIS TRIP:



Marian Burns



Karl Perigo



Suzanne Lynch

PLACES WE STAY

Titanic Hotel, Belfast, designed in Art Deco and nautical themes, is situated in the legendary headquarters where the Titanic was designed and built.

Brooks Hotel, Dublin offers luxury accommodation in the heart of Dublin, ideally located to visit Temple Bar and Trinity College.

Lyrath Estate, Kilkenny is unlike anywhere else. Set amidst 170 acres of parkland, it is a definitive country resort hotel, located on the outskirts of Kilkenny City.

Actons Hotel, Kinsale is a boutique 4 star hotel overlooking the River Bandon and Kinsale Harbour.

The Ross Hotel, Killarney is a chic quirky, family-owned 4 star boutique hotel, in the heart of Killarney, close to the breathtaking Killarney National Park.

Dingle Benners Hotel, Dingle is an old-world boutique style hotel. With over 300 years of history, its rustic charm will captivate you from the moment you arrive.

Bunratty Castle Hotel is nestled in the heart of historic countryside, a short stroll away from the famous 15th century Bunratty Castle & Folk Park.

Westport Coast Hotel, Westport is located at the Quay village. This beautifully renovated heritage stone warehouse has an award-winning restaurant and spectacular views over Clew Bay.

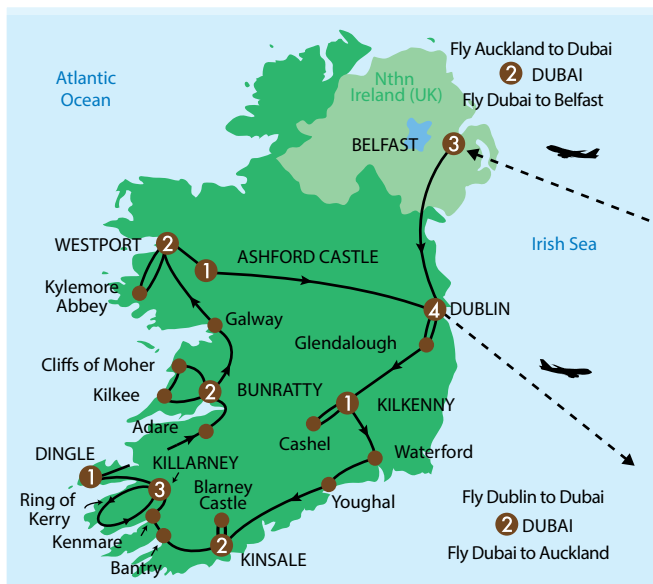
Ashford Castle is a magnificent 5-star luxury hotel. Lovingly restored, it dates from 1228 and is set in 350 acres overlooking the picturesque shores of Lough Corrib.



Titanic Hotel, Belfast



Bunratty Castle Hotel,



Ashford Castle Hotel

DUBAI

(4 nights including early check in)

- Sheraton Mall of Emirates Hotel

- Dinner and music fountains display.
- Free time to rest before our fabulous trip to Ireland.

BELFAST (3 nights)

- Titanic Hotel

Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital. It was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, which famously struck an iceberg and sunk in 1912. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards' Titanic Quarter, where we will be staying.

Highlights include:

- "Wee Tram" tour of Belfast which includes wharf area and tour of SS Nomadic, the last remaining White Star Line ship.
- Welcome dinner in the old Chairman's Office which includes music from hosts Karl, Marian and Suzanne.
- Walking tour of the old part of Belfast finishing with lunch at a local pub.
- A show if available at the Belfast Grand Opera House.

EN ROUTE TO DUBLIN

- We stop at Carrickfergus Castle for a photo or two.

DUBLIN (4 nights)

- Brooks Hotel

Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral.

Highlights include:

- City Highlights Tour including Christ Church Cathedral, Viking World, Trinity College (Book of Kells), James Joyce Centre and many other fantastic sights in this wonderful city.
- *Riverdance* show.
- Visit to Glendalough Tower, the most famous of all the landmarks in County Wicklow, which was built almost 1,000 years ago by the monks of St Kevin's Monastery.
- Free day to do your own exploring.
- Tour of the famous Old Jameson Distillery.

EN ROUTE TO KILKENNY

- Magnificent Irish countryside, stone walls, charming farmhouses, green, green, green everywhere. We begin to understand the term The Emerald Isles!
- Visit the iconic Rock of Cashel, one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in Ireland.

KILKENNY (1 night)

- Lyrath Estate

- Free afternoon with time to wander around this medieval town in southeast Ireland. The town has deep religious roots and many well-preserved churches and monasteries.
- Dinner at the Kyteler's Inn which is rumoured to be 'haunted' by the first owner Dame Alice Kyteler!!

EN ROUTE TO KINSALE

- Visit and tour of the famous Waterford Crystal Factory which has been in production on this site for 200 years.
- Time to explore the charming seaside resort town of Youghal, known for its number of historic buildings and monuments within the town's walls.

KINSALE (2 nights)

- Actons Hotel

Kinsale is a medieval town, designated as an Irish Heritage town. We will stay 2 nights here and explore traditional bars, beautiful buildings, narrow streets, shops and galleries.

Highlights include:

- Visit Blarney Castle which was built nearly six hundred years ago. Over the last few hundred years, millions have flocked to Blarney. This might have something to do with the Blarney Stone and the



Rock of Cashel

legend that kissing it will give you the 'gift of the gab!' A chance to lunch and look at the fabulous Woollen Mills shops.

- Dinner at the hotel and time to wander in Kinsale plus visit a few of the local pubs and immerse yourself in the local Irish music scene.

EN ROUTE TO KILLARNEY

- Visit to Bantry House and Garden with lunch.
- Visit to Kenmare with lace making demonstration.

KILLARNEY (3 nights)

- The Ross Hotel

Killarney is renowned for its natural beauty and has been a favourite tourist destination since the 18th century.

Today, the Jaunting Cars still carry visitors around the scenic highlights and the picturesque laneways are as bright and colourful as ever, but the bustling streets are now lined with independent craft shops, small galleries, traditional pubs and fine restaurants.

Highlights include:

- City Highlights Tour including Muckross House, one of Ireland's popular attractions.
- Dinner and show, **Gaelic Roots**, at Killarney Avenue Hotel.
- A visit to Ross Castle, situated on the edge of Lough Leane, in Killarney National Park, County Kerry.
- A cruise on Lough Leane.
- Time to explore or perhaps purchase some beautiful Killarney linen or other Irish fineries.
- Dinner at Kate Kearney's Cottage with local musicians.
- Full day tour to Ring of Kerry, one of Ireland's most spectacular drives, including lunch at the Lobster Bar and Restaurant in Waterville.
- Time to check out the Irish pubs and the music scene, joining in with the locals.

DINGLE (1 night)

- Dingle Benners Hotel

This colourful fishing town is packed with eclectic eateries and traditional pubs where you're bound to catch a lively traditional music session.

Highlights include:

- Free time to enjoy this very quaint area. Time to walk and explore, shop and time to rest and maybe do some laundry!

- Lunch and music at John Benny's Pub.
- Music with dinner tonight from our escorts.



Medieval Ross Castle, Killarney



Experience great Irish music!



Dingle



Irish traditional cottage house of Bunratty Castle and Folk Park

EN ROUTE TO BUNRATTY

- Visit to Adare Village with its Tudor-style thatch-roof cottages, an 1840s limestone courthouse and the ruins of three important church centres.

BUNRATTY (2 nights) - Bunratty Castle Hotel

Highlights include:

- Time to explore the wonderful historic Irish village across the road from our hotel.
- Medieval feast, show and tour of Bunratty Castle.
- Travel the Atlantic Coast passing through Kilkee, a beautiful horse-shoe shaped bay, the entrance of which is protected by a stunning reef known as Duggerna Rocks.

- Visit to the fabulous Cliffs of Moher. Looming over County Clare's west coast, the cliffs are 214 metres high at their highest point and range for 8 kilometres over the Atlantic Ocean.
- Lunch at the Shamrock Inn Hotel.

EN ROUTE TO WESTPORT

- Drive to Galway, maybe a song or two along the way about the popular Galway Bay.
- A short visit to this Old Township with a local guide and free time to enjoy this lovely city.

WESTPORT (2 nights) - Westport Coast Hotel

Westport is a town on the edge of an Atlantic inlet, on Ireland's west coast. In the Georgian town centre, stone bridges link the tree-lined promenade on the banks of the Carrowbeg River. Rockfleet Castle and Burrishoole Abbey, both to the northwest, have ties to the 16th-century pirate queen, Grace O' Malley.

Highlights include:

- Daytrip and visit to the exquisite Kylemore Abbey and gardens. The abbey was founded for Benedictine Nuns who fled Belgium in World War I.
- Free afternoon to explore Westport Village.
- Dinner at a charming local pub, where our escorts will provide music alongside the pub's band!



Kylemore Abbey

EN ROUTE TO ASHFORD CASTLE

- Scenic drive passing through small villages, including the village of Cong where *The Quiet Man* was filmed.

CONG (1 night)

- Ashford Castle

Dating back to 1228 and once the estate of the Guinness family, Ashford Castle first opened as a hotel in 1939.

From the imposing exterior one enters a richly decorated interior that speaks of centuries of care and a love of fine craftsmanship. We enjoy a gourmet dinner and feel like a King or Queen surrounded by pure indulgence.

Highlights include:

- Free time to explore this incredible 5 star castle and its 350 acre grounds.
- Time for wandering or falconry (own cost).
- Final night gala dinner with music in our baronial castle.



Ashford Castle Lobby



Cliffs of Moher



\$17,485 *per person
twin share*

Single Room supplement add \$3,975

Initial Deposit on booking	\$2,000
Second Deposit due 28 November 2019	\$3,000
Final Balance due 24 February 2020	

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- Return Airfare: Auckland/Dubai/Dublin with Emirates.
- 24 day fully escorted musical tour to Ireland.
- Fabulous character accommodation in 4 & 5 star hotels and the odd castle or two.
- Visits to numerous cities and towns including Belfast, Dublin, Waterford, Cashel, Kinsale, Killarney, Dingle, Adare, Bunratty, Galway and Westport.
- Numerous traditional Irish musical experiences presented by local musicians and Karl, Marian and Suzanne, plus special Irish concerts and pub music visits.
- All tours and entrances as listed in itinerary including Blarney Castle, Rock of Cashel, Ring of Kerry & Cliffs of Moher.
- Special shows subject to availability including *Riverdance* and *Gaelic Roots* show.
- Special flavours including visits to Irish pubs and experiencing local music, visits to historic castles including Blarney Castle, Titanic Museum, Jaunting Cars, Waterford Crystal Factory tour and lace making demonstrations.
- Breakfast included everyday, 12 evening meals (including some at traditional pubs) & 6 lunches.
- Hosted by the fantastic team of Marian Burns, Karl Perigo and Suzanne Lynch.

MODERATE WALKING TOUR

This tour requires a better level of fitness with no wheelchairs or walkers. Generally, there may be times when we can't get the coach close.

We also will have much longer flights and long walks through airports.

Please note: No booking will be accepted for this trip without the initial deposit.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All trips are subject to change but any changes will be of equal or greater value.
- Deposits refundable until final payment date minus any costs incurred, or an administration fee of up to \$300.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Travellers are required to obtain comprehensive travel insurance for all international trips.
- Please refer to terms & conditions on our booking form.



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