

# THE MUSIC & MAGIC OF IRELAND



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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!**

**And best of all we do it with three wonderful, generous, fun loving, caring people to add layer upon layer to your enjoyment.**

## **Experience the Exceptional...**

- The irresistible charm of Ireland, its beauty and its engaging, charming people.
- Music and mayhem made by Marian Burns, Karl Perigo and Alex Milligan, our magnificent escorts.
- Be part of the action as we watch Marian join with the local bands in pubs throughout Ireland.
- Extraordinary musical experiences including *River Dance* in Dublin, Kate Kearney's Cottage and *Trad on the Prom* show, and *Gaelic Roots* show.
- So many activities including Titanic Museum (Belfast), Kiss the Blarney Stone, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher and Kylemore Abbey.
- 4 and 5 star character hotels ranging from charming country inns to Ashford Castle.
- Experience the music, the culture, the zest for life and have all the fun of the Irish.



## 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.

**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.

**Park House Hotel, Galway** is an upscale hotel in a grand Victorian-style stone building situated in the heart of Galway.

**Ashford Castle** is a magnificent 5 star hotel dating from 1228 and is set in 350 acres, on the picturesque shores of Lough Corrib.



Titanic Hotel, Belfast



Bunratty Castle Hotel,



Ashford Castle Hotel

## **DUBAI (1 night plus 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**

### **Highlights include:**

- “Wee Tram” tour of Belfast which includes wharf area and tour of SS Nomadic, the last remaining White Star Line ship.
- Visit and tour of the Titanic Museum.
- Walking tour of the old part of Belfast finishing well with lunch at a local pub.
- Welcome dinner in the old Chairman’s Office which includes music from escorts Marian, Karl and Alex.
- *Titanic The Musical* or other show if available at the Belfast Grand Opera House.
- Carrickfergus Castle photo stop.

## **DUBLIN (3 nights)** **- Brooks Hotel**

”In Dublin’s fair city where the girls are so pretty”.

### **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.
- Free day to do your own exploring.
- Tour of the famous Old Jameson Distillery.

## **ON ROUTE TO WATERFORD**

- Magnificent Irish countryside, stone walls, charming farmhouses, green, green, green everywhere. We begin to understand the term the Emerald Isles!
- The 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.
- The healing cross of St Kevin.

## **WATERFORD (1 night)** **- Granville Hotel**

- Tour of the Waterford Crystal Factory.

## **ON ROUTE TO KINSALE**

- The iconic Rock of Cashel, one of the most spectacular tourist attractions in Ireland.
- Time to wander around Cashel whose rich history is reflected in its buildings from prehistoric paths to medieval monasteries, fortified town houses, and a Georgian Cathedral.

## **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 (thank goodness Sue is not here but maybe keep Marian away?). 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.



## ON ROUTE TO KILLARNEY

- Visits to towns of Skibbereen, where Jeremy Irons and Ireland's richest man Tony O'Reilly live, plus Bantry and Glengarriff.
- Visit to Bantry House and Garden with lunch.
- Visit to Kenmare with lace making demonstration.

## KILLARNEY (3 nights)

### - 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 Loch Lein.
- 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 Scariff Inn.
- Time to check out the Irish pubs and the music scene with Marian 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.





- 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.

### ON ROUTE TO GALWAY

- Visit to Thoor Ballylee Castle, also known as Yeats' Tower as it was formerly owned by the poet Yeats.
- Visit to Rathburn Farm for scone making demonstration, farm visit and lunch.
- Drive around Galway Bay, maybe a song or two along the way?

### ON 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 to the cute town of Ennis for shopping and to explore, including lunch at The Cloister Restaurant.

### GALWAY (3 nights)

#### - Park House Hotel

Galway City is unique among Irish cities because of the strength of its Irish language, music, song and dancing tradition.

##### Highlights include:

- Guided city tour of Galway.
- Drive and visit to Kylemore Abbey and Gardens.
- *Trad on the Prom* show, considered the number one Irish show in Ireland.
- Free time to shop and enjoy this lovely city.
- Dinner and music provided by us at a charming local restaurant.



## ON ROUTE TO ASHFORD CASTLE

- Scenic drive via Rosscahill, with visit to Connemara for shopping and lunch.
- Visit to Cong, where the film *The Quiet Man* was filmed.

## ASHFORD CASTLE (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 in 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.





**\$17,485** *per person  
twin share*

*Single Room supplement add \$4,245*

**Initial Deposit on booking** **\$2,000**

**Second Deposit due 07 December 2018** **\$3,000**

**Final Balance due 08 March 2019**

#### **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 and Galway.
- Numerous traditional Irish musical experiences presented by local musicians and Marian, Karl and Alex, 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*, *Titanic The Musical*, *Trad on the Prom Show*, and *Gaelic Roots* show.
- Special flavours including visits to Irish pubs and experiencing music with Marian, visit to historic castles including Blarney Castle, Titanic Museum, Jaunting Cars, Waterford Crystal Factory tour and lace making demonstrations.
- Breakfast included everyday, 11 evening meals (including some at traditional pubs) & 6 lunches and 1 morning tea.
- Escorted by the fantastic team of Karl Perigo, Alex Milligan and Marian Burns.

#### **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.**

#### **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 \$150.
- 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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