

***JOIN JP FITZGERALD'S  
IRELAND TRIP 2019  
SEPTEMBER 13-21, 2019***

**"Early Bird Special"  
\$2399/person double occupancy  
DEPOSIT \$250 per Person**

**Arranged by Travel Outlet**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2019  
TORONTO/DUBLIN**



We depart Toronto for Dublin, Ireland. Overnight flight via

Air Transat Wide Body Airbus 300, who boast of having the newest Trans-Atlantic Airbus Fleet. In flight service includes hot meals, imported wines and the most current inflight movies and music. Headsets, drinks, duty free liquor can be purchased on the flight to Ireland. You must use a credit card for any in-flight purchases.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2019      DUBLIN - Mont Clare Hotel  
BREAKFAST/DINNER**

We land in Dublin this morning. After going through immigration and customs we are met by our Driver/Guide for the week. Upon departing Dublin Airport we travel approximately 20 minutes to downtown Dublin there we will have a panoramic Tour of "Europe's Fastest growing Capital City." We will see the General Post Office (GPO) on O'Connell Street, Trinity College, Dublin Castle, Phoenix Park, Kilmainhan jail.

After our morning tour you will have the rest of the afternoon to explore Dublin and its many sights. Maybe you may want to visit the Guinness Brewery or the Jameson Distillery. You may be interested in visiting Trinity College and the "Book of Kells" or Temple Bar, Dublin's Left Bank and entertainment district. The choice of Pubs and restaurants are endless. Don't miss the Brazen Head Pub, Ireland's oldest pub. Dinner will be served in the hotel this evening.

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15. 2019 DUBLIN - Mont Clare Hotel**  
**BREAKFAST**

After our first Irish breakfast of eggs, sausage, toast, scones, bacon, cereal, coffee, tea, etc., we will be on our way north-east traveling to the **HILL of SLANE** first, where St Patrick himself lit the first Paschal fire in Ireland in defiance of the Irish King under penalty of death. Then a visit to the **Hill of Tara**, Ireland's political and spiritual capital and then on to **Trim Castle** the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland, it was built by Hugh de Lacy when he was granted the Liberty of Meath by King Henry II in 1172. The rest of the day is yours to tour and shop in the city of Dublin and visit the places you didn't get to on your first day in Dublin. Dinner on your own this evening in Dublin.

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 MILTOWN MALBAY**  
**Bellbridge House Hotel, Spanish Point**  
**BREAKFAST**

After breakfast our tour takes us west to the Traditional Music Town of Miltown Malbay, Kilfarboy Parish, County Clare, Ireland. Our next two nights will be spent on the Atlantic Ocean at the site where the Spanish Armada met their fate on the shores of Mall's Bay.

Miltown Malbay, County Clare is the ancestral home to many families from Western New York. If you are related or friends of any Talty, Gorman, McNamara, O'Brien, O'Neill, Moroney, Killeen, McGrath, Kane living in Buffalo and many more families, you will be walking on their ancestors lands.

Our first stop will be the unbelievable **Cliffs of Mohr**. These magnificent cliffs rise to a height of 700 feet above the Atlantic and stretch for a distance of 5 miles along the coast. After the breathtaking Cliffs of Mohr we will be stopping at **St. Bridget's Holy Well**. The local people make the rounds every year on St. Bridget's Feast Day February 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a nice drive along the Atlantic Coast heading South through Liscannor, the home of John Philip Holland who was an Irish engineer who developed the first submarine to be formally commissioned by the U.S. Navy, and the first Royal Navy submarine, Holland. Then the village of Lahinch with the world famous golf course but now known as the "hottest" surfing beach in Ireland.

A few more miles South we will arrive in Miltown Malbay to get a feel of the town and maybe have a pint and a bit of a snack. After a short stop we will drive the one mile out to the Atlantic shore and check in to our hotel.

Tonight, you may wish to go to stay at the Bellbridge House Hotel for food and drinks or take a short taxi ride in to Miltown Malbay and sample the pubs and culture. On our first night we are invited into **LYNCH'S PUB** in Miltown to have a pint. LYNCH'S Pub is on the historical rolls and the pub is original as it was 100 years ago with a stone floor and a little fireplace that will be burning if the evening

is cool. You can stay as long as you like but make sure you can get back to the Bell Bridge because the next morning we are off early on a tour of County Clare.

**TUESDAY      SEPTEMBER 17, 2019      MILTOWN MALBAY**  
**Bellbridge House Hotel, Spanish Point**  
**BREAKFAST**

After a leisurely breakfast we will stop in Miltown Malbay for a visit to St. Joseph's RCC. This church was built in 1839 just a few years after Catholic Emancipation. After leaving Miltown Malbay we will be traveling to the village of Kilfinora, the Home of Traditional Ceili Music and The Gateway to the Burren. While there we will be stopping at the portal tomb known as **Poulnabrone Dolmen** dating from 3000 BC. A drive through the beautiful Burren.

After visiting the ancestral sites we will travel to the town of Ennis to walk the cobblestone streets and do some shopping and have lunch and maybe a pint. There are 100 pubs in Ennis so you cannot stop at all of them. After a few hours in Ennis we will head back to the Bellbridge House Hotel where you will have free time to walk the beach and sand dunes or maybe take a taxi back into Miltown Malbay or maybe take a nap so you will be ready for another pub night!

Tonight we are invited to **McCarthy's Bar** in Cloonlaheen. The pub is owed by friends and distant relatives Chris McCarthy and Patricia Talty McCarthy. Here you will find one of oldest country pubs in County Clare with a reputation of the **best** poured Guinness in the County! This place is known for the singing so you may be asked to sing a song; so be ready! I will have to schedule a taxi ride to McCarthy's so you have to let me know if you will be going. (Taxi round trip is about 5 Euros)

**WEDNESDAY      SEPTEMBER 18, 2019      KILLARNEY**  
**THE LAKE HOTEL**  
**BREAKFAST**

This morning we are heading south toward Killarney for our next two nights.

Depart Galway our first stop will be the unbelievable Cliffs of Mohr. These magnificent cliffs rise to a height of 700 feet above the Atlantic and stretch for a distance of 5 miles along the coast. After the breathtaking Cliffs of Mohr we will be stopping at Bunratty Village, home of the Bunratty Castle and the Bunratty Woolen Mills and Durty Nellies, one of Ireland's oldest pubs.

As we continue to make our way to Killarney we travel through the Old World Town of Adare noted for its thatched cottages.

Arriving in Killarney we have the evening free to explore the many pubs and shops in this magical Village.

Don't miss the Danny Mann Pub where there is live Irish music 7 nights a week.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2019      KILLARNEY/DINGLE  
THE LAKE HOTEL  
BREAKFAST**

After breakfast our tour today takes us along the Kerry Coast to the Dingle Peninsula. Our first stop will be Inch Beach where Ryan's Daughter was filmed. On to Dingle Town for a time to explore this seaside town. Here you can get the "Best Fish & Chips in all Ireland" at HARRINGTON'S. Our tour takes us to the Bee Hive Huts, Neolithic Age, 4000 year old monuments, Gallarus Oratory as we travel to Slea Head at the tip of the peninsula. We continue on to Conor Pass on our way to Killarney. Dinner is on your own and you may want to do a Killarney Pub Crawl. Don't miss Danny Manns, The Laurels, Murphy's Bar, O'Meara Pub, O'Donoghe's, they are all within a short walk.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2019      KILLARNEY/MALAHIDE  
GRAND HOTEL  
BREAKFAST/DINNER**

This morning we will travel east to back to the Dublin area for our last night in this coastal town of Malahide.

Departing Killarney this morning we travel northwest to County Cork into the small magical town of Blarney. Here you have the opportunity to visit the Blarney Castle to receive the "gift of eloquence" for all those who partake. You will have the opportunity to visit the world famous Blarney Woolen Mills and give you the opportunity for great buys on crystal, Beeleek, tweeds, linens and knitware.

Heading north our next stop is the "Rock of Cashel" a stately limestone outcrop topped with medieval ruins. This is the inauguration site of the Munster Kings including High King Brian Boru!

Our hotel is located on Malahide Bay with beautiful views of the water from the dining room. This will be your final dinner as a group in Ireland.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019**

**Depart this morning for the USA. We sadly say goodbye to the magical place we call IRELAND.**



...itinerary subject to minor changes...

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