



Killarney Lakes Dory



Ring of Kerry

## OUR PRICE INCLUDES



- ✓ Executive coach travel
  - ✓ Return sailings between Fishguard and Rosslare with Stena Line Ferries
  - ✓ 1 overnight's dinner, bed and full Irish breakfast in Waterford
  - ✓ 1 night's dinner, bed and full Irish breakfast at the Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis
  - ✓ 1 night's bed and breakfast at the Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis
  - ✓ Welcome Irish coffee on arrival in Ennis
  - ✓ Evening Medieval banquet in Knappogue Castle or Bunratty Castle
  - ✓ 3 night's dinner, bed and full Irish breakfast at the Dromhall Hotel Killarney
  - ✓ 1 overnight's half board accommodation in Ferrycraig
  - ✓ Full day guide for the Burren excursion
  - ✓ Entry to Bunratty Folk Museum
  - ✓ Admission to the Foynes Flying Boat Museum
  - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

### Dromhall Hotel ★★★★★ EEE DIAMOND CLASS

Near town centre • En-suite bedrooms • Hairdryer • Complimentary toiletries • Television • Telephone • Tea, coffee-making facilities on request from reception • Restaurant • Bar • 20m swimming pool • Steam room • Sauna.  
www.dromhall.com

### Temple Gate Hotel ★★★ EEE DIAMOND CLASS

Family run, Located in the heart of the historical town of Ennis • En-suite bedrooms • Hairdryer, Satellite Television • Tea, coffee-making facilities • Telephone • AA Rosette awarded Restaurant • Bar • Lounge • Lift. www.templegatehotel.com

### Departure Dates

Thursday	7th June	8 Days	£639
Monday	3rd Sept	8 Days	£639

Single room supplement £138.

# Ireland Highlights



Discover a land rich with history, hospitality and beautiful scenery. Enjoy the wild craggy mountains, lush green countryside, splendid lakes contrasting with dramatic sweeping coastline and take home a wealth of happy lasting memories.

Entertainment is in the hearts and souls of the Irish people, all that's ever needed is a willing audience to join in the fun

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** We travel to Fishguard for the afternoon sailing to Rosslare with Stena Line Ferries. During the crossing you can take advantage of the ships facilities with a choice of bars, restaurants, a shop and a cinema. We complete the journey to Waterford and our overnight's half board accommodation.

**Day 2** We depart after a leisurely breakfast and travel via Cahir to Bunratty and entry to the Folk Park Museum before arriving at the Temple Gate Hotel in Ennis.

**Day 3** Today we have a guided tour of the Burren. We call at the visitor's centre in Kilfenora for an introduction to the Burren, a large limestone cap stretching for miles. The Burren is an anomaly in the Irish landscape and home to all manner of flora and fauna. Stand in awe at the sheer might of the Atlantic Ocean, which over hundreds of years has carved the 230 metre high Cliffs of Moher. The 19th Century O'Brien's Tower situated on the highest cliff offers incredible views stretching as far as the Aran Islands, Kerry and Connemara. We return in time for our Medieval Banquet where you will enjoy excellent wine, good food and Irish folk singing.

**Day 4** After a hearty breakfast we depart Ennis and travel to the fascinating Foynes Flying Boat Museum dedicated to recalling that historic time from 1939 to 1945, when Foynes became the center of the aviation world. On July 9th 1939, Pan Am's luxury Flying Boat, the "Yankee Clipper" landed at Foynes. This was the first commercial passenger flight on a

direct route from the USA to Europe; we complete the journey to Killarney and our three night's accommodation at the fabulous Dromhall hotel.

**Day 5** Full day at leisure in Killarney. The most popular way to learn about the town and its lakes is to take a jaunting car ride. The tour runs through the Killarney National Park and along the edge of Lough Leane to Ross Castle. From here catch the "Lily of Killarney" to cruise across the lake, a memorable way to view the surrounding mountains.

Alternatively visit the magnificent Muckross House, Gardens and Traditional Farm. The Victorian Mansion is elegantly furnished fully befitting one of its most famous guests, Queen Victoria. Back in town leave plenty of time for shopping since many of the shops stay open until 10pm.

**Day 6** A fascinating full day excursion around the Ring of Kerry. Savour 100 miles of spectacular scenery as you travel along the narrow coastal road of the Iveragh Peninsula. The journey begins at Killorglin, home of the world's oldest market, the famous Puck Fair, through Glenbeigh, calling at the Kerry Bog Village. Continue through the villages of Rossbeigh and Kells, with their beautiful golden beaches to Caherciveen with time to purchase your lunch. Travel through Waterville and Derrynane, overlooking Ballinskelligs Bay to Caherdaniel, hometown of political hero Daniel O'Connell. Continue through Sneem, a quaint town with its own village green, and Kenmare to Moll's Gap, a cutting between bleak bogland and mountains.

**Day 7** Sadly we depart Killarney and travel via Macroom to Blarney. For the brave you can visit the Castle (entrance fee not included) and take part in the long-standing tradition of kissing the Blarney Stone to receive "the gift of eloquence" or for the less energetic the Blarney Woollen Mills, close to the village green, which offers the best range of genuine Irish products. We continue via Youghal to Wexford and our overnight half board accommodation in the Ferrycraig.

**Day 8** Following an early breakfast we travel to Rosslare for the return Stena Line sailing to Fishguard and complete the journey home.



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