

Register by January 15th, 2025!



MYSTICAL IRELAND: From Cliffs to Castles

with the option of Gridiron Green

August 16-24, 2025

A magical journey across the Emerald Isle will introduce you to traditional Irish wares, wow you with breathtaking vistas, and send you back in time at historic castles. A whiskey maker will welcome you to the world of Jameson, Irish shepherds will proudly demonstrate their sheep dogs' herding abilities, and a falconer will teach you to fly hawks. Every day brings another amazing experience, whether you're standing on the Cliffs of Moher or relaxing in a five-star castle!

Space is limited.
**Register
today!**





Blarney Castle



Jameson Distillery

DAY 1 SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

FLIGHT TO DUBLIN

Today, make your way to the Cedar Rapids airport for our overnight flight to **Dublin, Ireland!**

DAY 2 SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

CORK

(Dinner)

Upon landing in the Emerald Isle, we will be met by our knowledgeable guide and board a deluxe motorcoach to begin our exciting adventure. As we journey south toward Cork, our first stop will be at the **Rock of Cashel**, a historic site that served as the seat of kings and medieval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the seventeenth century. Brian Boru was crowned King of Munster here in 977 and later became High King of Ireland in 1002. Legend has it the devil took a bite from the mountain and spat it back out. It landed in the middle of Tipperary's countryside and became the Rock of Cashel! After a full day, we'll settle into **The River Lee Hotel** (or similar) in **Cork** for the night. Take some time to freshen up before we gather for a beautiful welcome dinner.

DAY 3 MONDAY, AUGUST 18

KILLARNEY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

After our hotel's filling breakfast, we'll say goodbye to Cork and begin the day's sightseeing as we make our way toward Killarney. Our first stop is at the **Old Jameson Distillery** to learn about the hard-working people and field-to-glass processes responsible for the whiskey that bears John Jameson's name. Our tour of the old distillery will introduce us to the machinery and manual tools used in the past and the giant waterwheel which once powered all the machinery. The tour will end at the Jameson bar for a tasting. A visit to Ireland would not be complete without a stop at **Blarney Castle**. We will follow in the footsteps of countless world leaders, literary giants, and movie stars as we climb the stairs to kiss the famous Blarney Stone that promises the gift of eloquence, or "the gift of gab," as the locals would say! The gardens at the castle are gorgeous and a wonderful alternative for those who wish to skip the climb to the castle ramparts. Afterward, enjoy a little retail therapy at the nearby **Blarney Woollen Mills**, where traditional Irish wares such as Belleek, Waterford Crystal, Celtic jewelry, and woolen knitwear await. Our journey continues to **Falconry Kerry for a "Hawk Walk"** to learn how to feed these stunning creatures, call them to our gloved arms, and send them off again! Our day will come to an end in the fun-loving town of **Killarney** as we check into our accommodations at the **Great Southern Killarney Hotel** (or similar) for the next two nights. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, followed by a lovely dinner at this beautiful hotel.

DAY 4 TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

KILLARNEY

(Breakfast)

Today's tour promises a delightful exploration of the Irish countryside and the enchanting sites of the **Ring of Kerry**. Our route will lead us through Sneem, Moll's Gap, Ladies View, and Killarney National Park before we reach the breathtaking Lakes of Killarney. We'll then continue to the picturesque town of Kenmare and journey through Moll's Gap to the **Kissane Sheep Farm**, a traditional working sheep farm along the Ring of Kerry. Here, we'll witness the accomplished Irish shepherds in action, showcasing the various sheep breeds native to Ireland and their incredible skill in herding with well-trained sheep dogs. The experience is truly remarkable! Next, embark on a **scenic lake tour**, followed by a **thrilling ride on Killarney's famed horse-drawn jaunting carts along the sparkling Lakes of Killarney**. The evening back in Killarney is yours to explore and enjoy dinner at your leisure.



DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

GALWAY

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We depart Killarney after breakfast this morning, heading north to **ferry across the Shannon Estuary**. This serene passage across the majestic Shannon Estuary provides a peaceful break along the route, and if we're lucky, we may spot playful dolphins swimming alongside the ferry! Our next stop is at the awe-inspiring **Cliffs of Moher**. Witness the incredible 700-foot wall of rock that rises from the Atlantic Ocean and stand high on the cliffs to catch a glimpse of the jaw-dropping view that has inspired artists, musicians, and poets for generations. From there, we make our way to **the Burren**, one of Ireland's most remarkable geological formations. After checking into the **Park House Hotel** (or similar), freshen up for a delightful dinner at the hotel.

DAY 6 THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

GALWAY

(Breakfast, Lunch)

After breakfast, prepare for another full day of sightseeing! Our journey begins with the **scenic loop through Connemara**, winding through Oughterard and Maam Cross, where rivers, lakes, woodlands, and lush meadows create a breathtaking landscape. As we travel past rugged hills and majestic mountains, we'll eventually reach the coast, revealing unspoiled shorelines with sandy beaches and clear, blue waters. We'll continue to **Kylemore Abbey**, a place filled with romance, joy, sorrow, and resilience. In 1920, after their Abbey in Ypres was destroyed in WWI, a community of Benedictine nuns settled at Kylemore. They established a prestigious girls' boarding school and initiated the restoration of the Abbey, the Gothic Church, and the Victorian Walled Garden, reviving these historic landmarks to their former glory. At Ashford Castle, enjoy a **three-course lunch with inventive Irish cuisine** crafted from the finest local ingredients, complemented by wines stored in the castle's hidden passageways. Our day will end at the hotel, where the evening is yours to do as you wish.

DAY 7 FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

DUBLIN

(Breakfast, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we journey to **Dublin**. Upon our arrival, we will begin a **panoramic sightseeing tour**, including O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, Ha'penny Bridge, Georgian Houses, and Dublin Doors. We'll check into our lovely accommodations for the next two nights at **Hotel Riu Plaza** (or similar) and get ready for an exciting night with **dinner and a show at The Merry Ploughboy**. Recognized as the best traditional music show in Dublin, it offers a vibrant atmosphere and authentic Irish entertainment. Indulge in hearty Irish dishes while enjoying live musical performances featuring folk and traditional tunes!

DAY 8 SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

DUBLIN

(Breakfast)

Today is yours to enjoy Dublin at your leisure! The motorcoach will be available to take you to iconic landmarks such as Dublin Castle and Trinity College, home of the famed Book of Kells. For those looking to soak up the vibrant atmosphere, the lively Temple Bar district awaits, bursting with charming pubs, delectable restaurants, and captivating street performances. If you prefer a moment of tranquility, escape to the lush serenity of St. Stephen's Green or the expansive beauty of Phoenix Park. Dive into Dublin's rich literary heritage at the Dublin Writer's Museum, or explore the city's thriving cultural scene with a visit to world-class museums like the National Gallery of Ireland and the Irish Museum of Modern Art. This afternoon, you may also choose to attend the Iowa State/Kansas State football game at Aviva Stadium (*this is an optional game day package sold separately from the tour*), marking the first Big 12 Conference matchup in Ireland—a truly unique experience!

DAY 9 SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

HOME

(Breakfast)

Following breakfast, we will transfer to the airport early this morning for our flight home.



INCLUSIONS

- Round-Trip Air to Dublin
- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 7 Nights' Accommodations
- 11 Meals (7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners)
- Admissions to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Professional Star Destinations Tour Manager in Ireland

Not included in the price of this tour:

Meals other than those listed on the itinerary • beverages other than tea/coffee/water with included meals • items of a personal nature/souvenirs • travel protection plan • passport fees • visa fees (if applicable) • current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline • local airport transfers • game day packages • and any service not listed in the above inclusions

Activity Level: Moderate

In order to participate in this tour, **you must:**

- Be able to walk/stand 3-4 hours at a time at an easy pace in all weather conditions
- Be able to regularly maneuver stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces without assistance

DOCUMENTATION: Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport through February 24, 2026, to participate. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Holders of non-U.S. passports have different entry requirements. Please NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding. **Effective 2024 (Expected): All travelers to the Schengen zone of Europe will need to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver.**

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TOUR PRICING*

\$5,539 per person, Double Occupancy
\$7,085 per person, Single Occupancy

*A credit card convenience fee of 3% will be applied to all transactions. This fee is charged to cover the processing costs associated with credit card payments. Please note that this fee is non-refundable if a credit card refund is processed.

OPTIONAL GAME DAY PACKAGE:

These tickets are an additional charge and must be purchased separately from the tour. To purchase a ticket, please visit:

<https://hospitality.collegefootballireland.com/>

Package Starting Price (Euro): (Tickets are subject to availability per their website.)

€425 Level 1, End Zone.....Cyclone's Tailgate & Ticket Package

€535 Level 1, Sideline.....Cyclone's Tailgate & Ticket Package

€590.....The Big 12 Ticket & Tailgate Package

€860.....The Touchdown East Club Package

Please review their terms of service at <https://hospitality.collegefootballireland.com/policies/terms-of-service>.

Tour requires a minimum of 30 passengers to operate.

A \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
APRIL 1, 2025

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<https://www.travelexinsurance.com/?location=15-0153StarDestinations&go=bp>

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