



Sustainable Ireland - 8 Days (#17939)

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Overview

'Keeping the Emerald Isle Green'

Trip Highlights

Dublin-Donegal-Clare-Newbridge-Dublin

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 1 – DUBLIN ARRIVAL

Pick up your rental car and drive into “Dublin’s Fair City”. See the elegant Georgian squares, famous for their architecture and their colourful doors. Visit Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin’s oldest working structure, which has welcomed visitors for almost 1,000 years. A working cathedral, it is renowned for its magnificent architecture and fascinating history. Explore the



Medieval Crypt, the largest in Ireland, and visit the Treasures of Christ Church exhibition featuring priceless silver and Ireland's first copy of Magna Carta. Visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, winner of Europe's "Leading Tourist Attraction 2019". This is a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in an original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. Overnight; Dublin region.

Day 02

DAY 2 – SLANE DISTILLERY

Depart Dublin for the Boyne Valley, Ireland's ancient capital and it's most sacred and mythical landscape. Visit Rock Farm Slane, an ecotourism and organic farm on the Slane Castle estate. The long track to the farm takes in the views of Slane Village and the Hill of Slane beyond. Enjoy a talk from the owners on the farm and its sustainability. Continue to Slane Distillery, housed within the 250-year-old stables of the iconic Slane Castle Estate. Story tellers guide you through the fabric of the Conyngham family tapestry, owners of Slane Castle, and immerse you in the wonderful world of whiskey. Complete your tour with a tutored whiskey tasting that allows you enjoy a sample of the signature triple casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. Continue to Donegal. Overnight: Donegal area.

Day 03

DAY 3 - DONEGAL

Enjoy a full day tour in County Donegal. This breath-taking county promises wild landscapes blanketed in bog and heather, isolated white sandy beaches and a roughly hewn coastline. Visit the Ardara Heritage Centre to discover the story of Donegal tweed from the shearing of sheep to the manufacture of the woven cloth. Weavers at work show how a loom operates, and the different stitches which make up Aran knitwear can be examined. Continue on to the viewing point on Slieve League, where an amazing sea view and landscape opens before you. From here on a clear day you can see across Donegal Bay to counties Leitrim, Sligo and Mayo, while out to the west is the Atlantic Ocean as far as the eye can see. The magnificent cliffs at Slieve League rise almost 2000ft./598m from the Atlantic, one of the highest sea cliffs in Europe and twice as high as the Cliffs of Moher. Overnight: Donegal area.

Day 04

DAY 4 - GALWAY CITY – COUNTY CLARE



Depart the northwest this morning and continue southwards to Galway. Join a local Galway guide for a walking tour of this ancient city, beginning with a visit to Eyre Square and the Old Town Wall followed by a walk through the ancient medieval quarter to explore Galway's hidden secrets and urban legends. Discover city landmarks such as the Catholic Cathedral and the Gothic University Quadrangle, Lynch's Castle, St Nicholas' Church and the Claddagh Village. (max2hours) Afterwards, enjoy some free time in Galway city. Overnight: Clare area.

Day 05

DAY 5 – ECO CRUISE

Today you enjoy a scenic Shannon River Eco Cruise with views of Scattery Island and the Shannon Estuary from the comfort of the ferry. The estuary has much to offer, including a variety of birds and wildlife –you may even get lucky and spot a dolphin as you travel! The afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy the wonders of County Clare. Meet in the evening at O'Loclainn's Whiskey Bar in Ballyvaughan. Recognised by travel and food writers as some place special, an unforgettable traditional pub, where occasionally there might be music played on fiddles and guitars to be enjoyed as the peace of evening comes dropping slowly. Overnight: Clare area.

Day 06

DAY 6 – THE BURREN

“Burren” means “large stones”, with this name describing this impressive scenery perfectly well. Often described as lunar, the Burren is a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare. Begin your day with a Burren Walking Tour led by a local expert. Continue to Doolin and Doolin Music House. Christy Barry and his partner Sheila have entertained friends and musicians for many years, and although the pub sessions are extremely popular they realised that many of their visitors' preferred to listen to traditional music in the intimate environment of their home. Overnight: Clare area.

Day 07

DAY 7 - LOUGH BOORA DISCOVERY PARK

For centuries Lough Boora has given humans shelter, warmth and a unique contact with the forces of the natural world. The bog lands of Ireland have been the heart of the nation for centuries, a source of heat for the people and a thriving habitat for wildlife. Lough Boora Discovery Park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts because it showcases the regenerating power of nature. Lough Boora has been turned from a vast industrial peat production landscape into a spectacular haven for animals, birds and plants. The park is a diverse site largely comprising of cutaway bog with restored wet land and woodland habitats



and it is teeming with the rich diversity of Irish wildlife. As the worked bog lands have been transformed into habitats of high ecological value, so the species naturally occurring in Lough Boora have begun to increase. Enjoy a bike ride in the park along the approx. 9km peaceful route that allows you to discover the local flora, fauna, sculptures, historic Mesolithic Site and open areas of cut-away bog. Overnight: New bridge area.

Day 08

DAY 8 - FAREWELL

Travel to Dublin Airport and take your flight back home.

Inclusions

All Packages can be customised and... Are on bed and Full Irish breakfast basis, unless advised otherwise.

o Exclude transport, at the exception of rail packages

Can be sold on free-sale basis, please contact us for block out dates and specific terms.

o Can be done by car rental or with a chauffeur guide.

o Rates include VAT at 20%

The accommodation services listed are examples, those can be replaced according to availability.

Exclusions

Services not listed above.

Rates quoted excluding transport.

Note

Example Accommodations (Or Similar)

Dublin -Wynns Hotel / Donegal-Mill Pa, Hotel / Clam-Hylands Burren Hotel / IGIdare-Keadeen Hotel

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring



Periodic Departure

01 Oct, 2024 to 30 Nov, 2024

Mixed Hotels

AUD 1,701 P P twin share

AUD 2,578 P P single

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