



# IRISH HERITAGE TOUR & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Deluxe & Superior First Class Hotels

**9 Days / September 12-20, 2012**

**\* Cliffs of Moher \* Ring of Kerry \* Dublin \* Blarney Castle \* Waterford \***

**\$3699.00 per person, double including airfare!**

## Highlights:

- Bunratty Castle Banquet
- Merry Ploughboy Pub Dinner & Show
- Cliffs of Moher
- Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum & Irish Coffee
- Ring of Kerry
- Farewell Dinner & Overnight at 5\* Dromoland Castle Hotel

## Tour Includes:

- Home Pick-Up
- Round Trip Airfare
- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional tour director
- 7 Night Accommodations
- Full breakfast daily except on day 1 (B)
- 6 dinners (D) including:
  - Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet
  - Dinner and traditional entertainment at the Merry Ploughboy Pub
  - Farewell dinner at Dromoland Castle
  - 3 table d'hote dinners
- Welcome get-together drink
- Ferry ride across the River Shannon
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum & an Irish coffee
- Walking tour of Waterford
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery
- Visits and admissions to:
  - Cliffs of Moher, Skellig Experience, Muckross House & Gardens, Blarney Castle, Blarney Woollen Mills, Cobh Heritage Centre, Waterford Crystal, Glendalough Visitor Centre, Kilmainham Gaol and Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Deluxe flight bag, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
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**For More Information Call  
Viking Travel Service at 630-321-1664**

## Hotels

- \* Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty (1 night)
- \* Malton Hotel, Killarney (2 nights)
- \* Granville Hotel, Waterford (1 night)
- \* Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin (2 nights)
- \* Dromoland Castle Hotel, Newmarket-on-Fergus (1 night)

## **Irish Heritage and Dromoland Castle Tour Itinerary**

### **September 12 - Day 1: Depart Home / Shannon, Ireland**

Tour begins with home pick-up and transfer to O'Hare for overnight flight.

### **September 13 - Day 2: Bunratty & Medieval Banquet**

Arrive at the Shannon Airport and transfer to your hotel. This afternoon you are at leisure to rest after your journey or take a stroll on your own through Bunratty Folk Park, which is located close to your hotel. Tonight join your tour director for a welcome drink before heading to the 15th century Bunratty Castle for a medieval-style dinner and entertainment. (D)



**Dromoland Castle**

### **September 14 - Day 3: Cliffs of Moher & Irish Coffee**

Drive west through Ennis and Lahinch to see the Cliffs of Moher, which rise almost 700 feet above the pounding Atlantic surf. Then cross the wide River Shannon Estuary on a short ferry ride to Tarbert and travel along the river shore to Foynes. Visit the Flying Boat Museum, which recalls the early days of air travel, during the 1930's and early 1940's. Irish coffee was first created here to warm frozen, weary travelers and you will learn how to make a perfect one and then drink it. Drive south to Killarney, a world-famous town due to its exquisite location beside lakes and mountains. Check in to your hotel and enjoy free time before dinner. (B, D)

### **September 15 - Day 4: Killarney & Ring of Kerry Tour**

Embark on Ireland's most popular scenic drive, the Ring of Kerry, for great views of mountains, open Atlantic Ocean, beaches and cliffs. Enjoy plenty of breaks to admire the natural beauty and take photos. Cross to Valencia Island by bridge to visit the Skellig Experience and learn about early Christian monks who lived on the isolated, rocky islands and about the prolific bird life today. Pass through Waterville, where Charlie Chaplin loved to vacation, and the attractive village of Sneem. Stop at Moll's Gap for great mountain vistas and tour 19th century Muckross House to admire elegant antiques and learn about the history of the mansion. Take a walk through the lovely gardens before returning to Killarney. (B, D)

### **September 16 - Day 5: Blarney Castle & Cobh Heritage**

Depart Killarney and travel through Macroom to visit the famous Blarney Castle where you may climb to the top to kiss the fabled "Stone of Eloquence." Browse through the Blarney Woollen Mills for quality Irish-made goods. Bypass Cork city as you drive to the port town of Cobh. Visit the Cobh Heritage Centre, which traces the history of emigration from Ireland to new worlds. Learn about travel conditions for the many Irish emigrants on early sailing ships and steam vessels. Follow the coastal route via the town of Youghal to Waterford and check in to your hotel. In the evening take a gentle walk with a local historian who will reveal Waterford's Viking and medieval past. (B, D)

### **September 17 - Day 6: Waterford Crystal & Glendalough Monastic Site**

This morning tour the House of Waterford Crystal to learn about glass blowing and cutting and see one-of-a-kind masterpieces. Leave Waterford and head north through the delightful scenery of the Wicklow Mountains on the way to Glendalough. Learn about St. Kevin's 6th century monastery in the Glendalough Visitor Centre and walk through the site to see its round tower, church ruins and Celtic crosses. Continue to your next hotel, an elegant Victorian mansion, which overlooks Dublin Bay and Dun Laoghaire Harbour. Dine on Irish specialties at the Merry Ploughboy Pub, followed by a lively show of traditional Irish songs and intricate step-dancing. (B, D)

### **September 18 - Day 7: Dublin Tour & Kilmainham Gaol**

Relax on a half-day guided tour of Dublin, originally founded by Vikings over 1,000 years ago. See elegant Georgian townhouses and brightly-painted doors and cross the River Liffey to view the wide thoroughfare of O'Connell Street with the General Post Office. Pause to view the gaunt figures at the Famine Memorial before visiting Kilmainham Gaol to see how penal establishments were operated in past centuries. Learn about the leaders of the 1916 Uprising who were imprisoned and shot here, changing Irish history. The afternoon is free so that you may use your independent open-top bus tour and Guinness or Jameson vouchers. Dine on your own this evening. (B)

### **September 19 - Day 8: Dromoland Castle Hotel**

Drive to the Irish National Stud to see some of Ireland's finest horses and learn about breeding techniques. Also take a walk around the Japanese Gardens, laid out to represent life from the cradle to the grave. Drive across Ireland to the imposing and deluxe Dromoland Castle Hotel. Relax in the elegant surroundings of this wonderful fairytale resort. Then savor a delicious farewell dinner in the oak-paneled dining room - a fitting way to spend the last evening of your Irish tour. (B, D)

### **September 20 - Day 9: Tour Ends Shannon Airport**

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to nearby Shannon Airport where your tour concludes and check in for your flight home. (B)

*B: Breakfast; D: Dinner*



**LUGGAGE:** Handling of one piece of luggage per person is included in the cost of all coach tours. Size should not exceed 30 x 20 x 10 inches and weight should be under 50 lbs. Airlines impose their own restrictions. It is the client's responsibility to ensure that luggage complies with such restrictions.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be in writing to Viking Travel Service, 700 Pasquelli Dr., Westmont, IL 60559. Date cancellation notice is received will determine the actual cancellation date. Unused portions of this package are non-refundable. Airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. Penalties are per person: Time of deposit or longer = Deposit / June 1 to departure = 100% Penalty

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**Travel Guard Protect & Assist Gold Insurance Coverage**

<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Benefits</u></b>	<b><u>Coverage</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Benefits</u></b>
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost	Medical Expenses	\$25,000
Trip Interruption	150% Trip Cost	Emergency Medical Transportation	\$500,000
Travel Delay	\$750 ( <i>Maximum of \$150 per day</i> )	Baggage Delay	\$300
		Baggage & Personal Effects Loss	\$1,000

**Trip Cost**

**Per Person Rates\***

	<b><u>0-34 YRS.</u></b>	<b><u>35-59 YRS.</u></b>	<b><u>60-69 YRS.</u></b>	<b><u>70-74 YRS.</u></b>	<b><u>75-79 YRS.</u></b>	<b><u>80-84 YRS.</u></b>
\$3501-\$4000	\$148	\$164	\$244	\$414	\$455	\$580
\$4001-\$4500	\$165	\$187	\$308	\$445	\$490	\$616
\$4501-\$5000	\$184	\$209	\$346	\$476	\$524	\$697

\*Please add **\$7.00** per person or per married couple for Travel Guard's service fee. NOTE: Insurance costs are subject to change at any time. Call for rates over 85 yrs old.

-----**PAYMENT INFORMATION**-----

**Deposit:** \$350.00 per person deposit (check only) for \_\_\_\_\_ people (person)  
*Along with a copy of your passport, if available.*

**Deposit amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) have chosen to purchase the offered insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (we) are aware of the cancellation penalties but choose **not** to purchase the offered cancellation/travel insurance.

Insurance amount for name 1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance amount for name 2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance company administrative fee: (*per transaction*) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 7.00\_\_

**Total amount enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge Insurance to my credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover Card

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit Code \_\_\_\_\_

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