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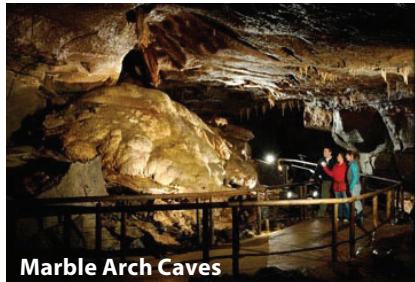
Day 1 • Depart for Dublin

Our journey begins as we depart on our flight to Dublin.

Day 2 • Dublin / Marble Arch Caves / Westport

Welcome to Ireland! We will be greeted and escorted to our awaiting deluxe motor coach.

We travel to Global Geopark, stopping along the way for some tea/coffee and homemade scones. At GeoPark, we explore the Marble Arch Caves one of the most complex in Europe and a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers. Our guided tour starts with an underground boat trip and an exploration of a variety of cave formations.



In the afternoon we continue to Westport. Cheerful, multi-colored shop fronts jostle for attention with an attractive selection of shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants. We have dinner and overnight in Westport. This will be our home for the next few nights. (D)

Day 3 • Westport: Croagh Patrick

This morning after breakfast we travel by motor coach to Croagh Patrick, a conical shaped mountain which soars majestically above the surrounding countryside. Magnificent views of Clew Bay and the surrounding south Mayo countryside are spectacular from all stages of the ascent of the mountain.

Croagh Patrick is considered the holiest mountain in Ireland. The tradition of pilgrimage to this holy mountain stretches back over 5,000 years. Croagh Patrick is renowned for its Patrician Pilgrimage in honour of Saint Patrick, Ireland's patron saint. It was on the summit of the mountain that Saint Patrick fasted for forty days in 441 AD and the custom has been faithfully handed down from generation to generation.

We meet our local guide and will have the option to walk the trails of the holy mountain and/or explore the Croagh Patrick Visitor Centre. We return to Westport for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4 • Westport: Achill Islands

This morning we travel the breathtaking drive along the Atlantic coast to the largest island of the country, Achill

Island. We are met by our local walking guide to experience the Slievemore Loop which encompasses rich archeological artifacts from the Neolithic period. This evening, we will enjoy a three course "pub supper." Overnight in Westport. (B, D)

Day 5 • Westport / The Burren / Cliffs of Moher / Killarney

Early this morning, after breakfast at the hotel, we depart Westport and travel southwards to The Burren.

We meet our local guide and hike deep into the mountains of Oughtmama. This walk starts off on the rich meadow low lands, and follows a trail to the skeleton rock. The signature of past ice ages can be seen scripted on the landscape, punctuated by giant boulders. The wild nature of this walk will alert our senses to the contrasting colors and aromas that are richly present. Our guide will introduce us to the myth and lore of this ancient place. Learn of Celtic spirituality, the folklore, and legends that have connected these people to an ever changing landscape. During our tour, our guide will treat us to tea prepared in a Volcano Kettle from mountain spring water.



En route to the Cliffs of Moher, offering a magical vista, we stop for a photo at Poul nabrone Dolmen ('the hole of the sorrows'), one of the most famous Irish dolmens.

Later, we pass St. Brigid's Well, located in Liscannor. It is one of many wells throughout the country dedicated to St. Brigid, also known as 'Mary of the Gael'. Inside the well, there are hundreds of statues, holy pictures, rosary beads, photographs and keepsakes, which have been left as offerings for the patron saint.

We travel by ferry from Killimer to Tarbert across the Shannon estuary to

Killarney. Dinner and overnight in Killarney, our home for the next three nights. (B, D)

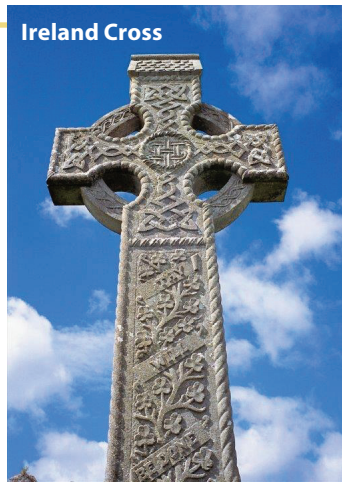
Day 6 • Killarney: Dingle Peninsula

After breakfast, we travel to the Dingle Peninsula. The Dingle Peninsula is located on the magnificent southwest coast. This natural paradise is lauded the world over for its immense landscapes and breathtaking scenery.

We walk the Saints Road, from Ventry Strand to Kilmalkedar Church. The tradition of pilgrimage to Mount Brandon dates back to early times. The route winds its way along fuchsia-hedged fields, minor roads and mountain track. Heritage



sites along this route include Ogham Stone, Sundial, the Alphabet Stone and Stone Cross within its grounds. During our walk we pass Norman Castles and we visit Caherdorgan Ringfort. Along the route we experience fantastic views of the Three Sisters: the River Barrow, River Nore, and River Suir. This evening we return to Killarney for dinner and overnight. (B, D)



Ireland Cross

Day 7 • Killarney: Torc Waterfall and Killarney National Park Walk

This morning, after breakfast, we depart the hotel for a walking tour along the Torc Waterfall and Killarney National Park Loop. We enter the woodland and follow the Torc stream uphill. Leaving the waterfall behind, the route ascends a series of stone-built staircases through the woods.



Torc Waterfall

We cross the Torc River by a bridge and begin our return. Our descent offers glimpses of Killarney's lakes below before we cross a public road, bringing us to the Muckross House, where the formal, carefully laid out parkland is a dramatic contrast to the wildwood left behind. We visit the magnificent Victorian mansion Muckross House and Gardens. The elegantly furnished rooms portray the lifestyles of the landed gentry, while downstairs in the basement one can experience the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. We continue our walk back towards the hotel for some free time at leisure and to freshen up before dinner. This evening, our group will enjoy a three course dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Killarney. (B, D)

Day 8 • Killarney / Glen of Aherlow / Rock of Cashel / Dublin

We depart Killarney after breakfast and travel to County



Rock of Cashel

Tipperary for a walk through a section of the Glen of Aherlow, where we will walk the Christ the King and Lisvarrinane Village trail heads. They offer

spectacular views over the valley and to the Galtee Mountains.

After our walk, we travel to the town of Cashel to visit one of Ireland's great historical sites, the Rock of Cashel. Atop which sits the cathedral, a 12th century Romanesque chapel, high crosses, and other structures.

We journey northwards by motor coach to Dublin City, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. The city sits on a splendid bay. Dinner and overnight in Dublin. This will be our home for the next two nights. (B, D)

Day 9 • Dublin: City Panoramic Tour & Bray Head

After breakfast, we meet our local tour guide for a half-day panoramic city tour and visits to Saint Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College to view the Book of Kells. The Book of Kells was written around the year 800 AD and is one of the most beautifully illuminated manuscripts in the world. Its 680 pages of vellum contain the Latin texts of the Four Gospels.



Bray Walk

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is one of Dublin's most popular attractions and is the National Cathedral for the Church of Ireland.

After some free time for lunch on our own in the city, we walk Bray Head and down onto the seafront in Greystones.

This evening we gather for our Farewell Dinner to experience a local pub supper, followed by entertainment with local musicians. Overnight in Dublin. (B, D)

Day 10 • Dublin / Home

After our breakfast we will transfer by motor coach to Dublin Airport for our homebound flight. Slán Abhaile ('Safe Home'). (B)

Important Note:

The trip requires the ability to walk at a normal pace 2-5 hours a day (walking times at the discretion of your group leader) on pavement, wooded trails, and hills.

To participate you must be in good physical shape and capable of the trip's physical and psychological demands.

Hiking and rain gear and willingness to walk in the rain are requirements.

