

**GALWAY BAY PUB
PRESENTS
IRISH COUNTRYSIDE TOUR
WITH CHRIS DOYLE
APRIL 20 – MAY 1, 2024
\$2,875.00 per person tour only**

SAT. 20 Depart for overnight flight to Dublin. (meal served on board)

SUN. 21 Arrive in Dublin in the morning where we will be met by our driver/guide, Mike Hogan. Our journey together begins by heading for the town of **Trim in Co. Meath**. Here we will meet a **local guide for a tour of Trim Castle**, the largest Anglo-Norman fortification in Ireland dating back to the year 1172. (There will be stairs to climb so beware). The castle was used in the filming of Braveheart with Mel Gibson. After our visit we continue on to the town of **Carrick on Shannon** to check into our hotel. Take some time to relax and freshen up before we meet for **dinner** this evening in our hotel. **(D) Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon**

MON. 22 Enjoy a relaxing morning at your own pace to check out the town with some of its historic sites before we meet this afternoon for a **cruise on the River Shannon on board the Moon River Boat**. <https://www.moonriver.ie/> Enjoy some traditional music on board and commentary while we cruise along. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are free to wander the town famed for its hospitality and nightlife. **(B) Landmark Hotel, Carrick on Shannon**

TUE. 23 After breakfast we say so long to Carrick on Shannon and continue heading west. We will make a visit to the town of **Knock and visit the Shrine** where an Apparition took place on Aug. 21, 1879. (www.knockshrine.ie) After our peaceful and reflective visit we continue on to our final destination of **Westport, in Co. Mayo**. Our hotel is located in the center of this lively town so take some time to explore before we meet for **dinner** in our family run hotel. **(B D) Clew Bay Hotel, Westport**

WED. 24 This morning we'll take the beautiful scenic drive thru **Connemara** with its magnificent lakes and mountains and we'll make a visit to **Kylemore Abbey**. Take some time to enjoy the gardens, the abbey and church, and the great gift shop. (www.kylemoreabbey.com) It's back to Westport to check out the restaurants and enjoy some of the pubs like **Matt Molloy's** (member of the Chieftans). **(B) Clew Bay Hotel, Westport**

THUR. 25 We leave Westport behind today and head thru the **Burren Region** and make a stop at **Caherconnell** for a **sheep dog demonstration**. (www.caherconnell.com) We then continue on to catch the **ferry to cross the River Shannon into Co. Kerry**. Our final destination today is the beautiful seaside town of **Dingle**. Tonight we will enjoy **dinner** in our lovely hotel. **(B D) Dingle Skellig Hotel**

FRI. 26 This morning we'll make the leisurely and magnificent drive out around **Slea Head** (weather permitting). On our way back we'll make a visit to **Sean at Dingle Crystal** for a wee demonstration. It's then back to town with the remainder of the afternoon and evening free to check out the most unique pubs in Ireland. **(B) Dingle Skellig Hotel**

SAT. 27 We depart Dingle and head for the busy little town of **Killarney**. Here we can take some time to walk around and shop or maybe take a horse and buggy ride thru the National Park. We then continue on to the town of **Rosscarbery**. We will enjoy **dinner** together tonight in another family run hotel **(B D) Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery**

SUN. 28 Enjoy a leisurely morning and after breakfast we'll visit **Clonakilty** and the **Michael Collins Center**. For those of you interested in Irish History, this is a very informative visit to learn about the life and death of the famous Irish Revolutionary. The Crowley Family opened the center in 2000. Their ancestors were heavily involved in the fight for Irish Freedom and they are also directly related to Michael Collins. Tim Crowley will share a slide show with us and go over many details of the life of this great man. On our return to Rosscarbery we'll make a visit to the birthplace of Michael Collins. I strongly encourage you to watch the movie "Michael Collins" featuring Liam Neeson before our visit. Tonight let's check out the pubs in this great little village. **(B) Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery**

MON. 29 Today we start heading back east to the town of **New Ross in Co. Wexford**. Here we will visit the **Dunbrody Famine Ship**, a replica of a ship many of our ancestors could have sailed on to the USA. We will experience some of the locals dressed in period costume explaining the long and difficult journey. After our visit we continue on to **Dublin** to check into our hotel. Tonight we will make the short journey to the famous **Merry Ploughboy Pub for a fantastic night of music, dancing and a lovely meal.** **(B D) Ashling Hotel, Dublin**

TUE. 30 Today is all yours to explore everything Dublin has to offer. Guinness, Jameson, Museums, Churches, Pubs, Restaurants, Shops etc. Enjoy our last night in the Emerald Isle. **(B) Ashling Hotel, Dublin**

MAY 1 Sadly our journey together has come to an end. Mike will get us back to the airport in plenty of time to check in and do some last minute Duty Free Shopping. Those with early or later flights than the group will be responsible for their own transportation. The hotel will help with this.

Cost: \$2,875.00 per person sharing based on a minimum of 20 people traveling. If we fail to reach the minimum of 20 a price adjustment will become necessary or the tour could be canceled. **A Single Room is available for an additional \$495.00** Single rooms are limited.

Includes: 10 nights accommodations at 3 & 4 star hotels, full Irish breakfast daily except arrival day, 5 dinners including Merry Ploughboy, transportation by private first class motorcoach with services of professional, Bord Failte Approved Driver/Guide. All surcharges and taxes, portfolio of tour documents including small backpack and umbrella. Handling of ONE suitcase, loads of fun and memories to last a lifetime.

Visits and Admissions: Tour Trim Castle, Moon River Boat Cruise, Knock Shrine, Kylemore Abbey & Connemara, Caherconnell sheep dog demo, Ferry across Shannon, Sleah Head Drive, Dingle Crystal, Free time Killarney, Michael Collins Center & Birthplace, Dunbrody Famine Ship. Merry Ploughboy Entertainment.

Not Included: Airfare, Trip Insurance and Tip to your Driver/Guide.

Group air out of Seattle will be requested when available.

We strongly encourage you purchase some sort of trip insurance.

We suggest anywhere from €13- €15 per person per day to tip your driver.

DEPOSIT: A deposit of \$500 is due immediately to reserve your spot. \$250 becomes non-refundable prior to final payment and entire deposit is non-refundable after final payment is made.

CHECKS ONLY FOR DEPOSIT

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FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE BY FEB. 20, 2024

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