Sunday, 25 September
Afternoon  Check in to hotel in Belfast & settle into accommodation
Evening    Welcome reception & Dinner

Monday, 26 September
Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning    Talk: ‘Sign of the Times: Murals & Political Transformation of Northern Ireland’ *speaker: Bill Rolston,* professor of Sociology at the University of Ulster.
Lunch      At An Culturlann – Irish language and Culture Centre on the Falls Road
Afternoon  Depart for Black taxi tour of Belfast, *visiting the colourful and evocative murals of West Belfast. It has been said that a city can be defined by its taxi drivers and nowhere is this more true than in Belfast*
Evening    Dinner at hotel

Tuesday, 27 September
Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning    Guided Field Trip to the **Northern Ireland Assembly** at Stormont and meet with a Member of the Local Assembly
Lunch      taken locally
Afternoon  Visit local cross community / Peace building organisation
Evening    Dinner in Belfast city centre
Wednesday, 28 September

Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning  Depart for Derry / Londonderry, the only remaining walled city in Ireland
Field Trip to Bushmills Whiskey Distillery, the world’s oldest licensed Whiskey distillery
Lunch  In Bushmills village

Afternoon  Explore the Giant’s Causeway, a Unesco World Heritage site, A natural ampitheatre made up of hexagonal shaped basalt rocks

Evening  Check in to Derry hotel
Dinner at hotel
Thursday, 29 September
Breakfast Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning Depart for walking field trip around Derry City, visiting the Walls, the Guildhall and the Bogside
Talk at the Guildhall: The Story of Derry Past & Present - speaker: Councillor Gerard Diver, SDLP

Lunch In Derry city centre

Afternoon Visit the Museum of Free Derry, the Apprentice Boys’ Memorial Hall, and St. Columb’s Cathedral.

Evening Dinner at hotel followed by evening of traditional Irish music

Friday, 30 September
Breakfast Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning Depart for Westport in Co Mayo One of the few planned towns in Ireland, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt, and today is one of the prettiest towns in Ireland. Located at the southeast corner of Clew Bay, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean, the town has many picturesque features, most notably its tree-lined, flower decorated, boulevard known as The Mall with several stone bridges over the Carrowbeg river.

The famous mountain Croagh Patrick, one of Europe’s best known places of Pilgrimage, presents a striking backdrop to the town.

En route make a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park. This museum tells the poignant story of emigration from Ulster to America in the 18th & 19th centuries.

Afternoon Check in to hotel

Evening Dinner at hotel

Saturday, 1 October
Breakfast Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Full day Field Trip to Connemara in West County Galway
A broad peninsula between Killary Harbour and Kilkieran Bay Connemara has long been regarded at the real emerald of Ireland
Lunch  Kylemore followed by guided visit of Kylemore Abbey. Continue on to explore the sleepy seaside villages on Connemara.

Visit the award winning Cnoc Suain heritage centre for an insight into the rural folklore, traditions and way of life in the West of Ireland

Evening  Dinner at hotel

Sunday, 2 October
Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Depart for full day field trip to Inis Mor, the largest of the Aran Islands. Cross by ferry from Ross a Mhíl, to explore this last remnant of authentic Gaelic civilization, where Christian ruins stand side by side with remarkable Pagan relics. Walk the short distance to the pretty village of Kilronan. From here, explore the island independently on foot, by bicycle, mini-van or traditional horse-drawn jaunty car.

On return from the island continue transfer to Galway city

Evening  Dinner at hotel

Monday, 3 October
Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning  Lecture: The Celts and the West of Ireland
Followed by an expertly guided walking orientation of Galway city in the company of local historian Peadar O’Dowd.

Afternoon  Free afternoon for you to explore Galway

Evening  Free
Tuesday, 4 October

Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Depart for Killarney in Co Kerry via the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. There will be time to linger by the cliffs, which rise like a cathedral into the sky some 700 feet over the wild Atlantic Ocean. The views stretch as far as Galway Bay and the Aran Islands and the location is also home to one of the major colonies of cliff nesting seabirds in Ireland. Back on the coach, our local expert will lead us through the Burren, one of the largest karst limestone landscapes in Europe, and we will stop for a short hike on the moon-like terrain.

Lunch  Pub lunch in the Burren

Afternoon  Field trip and transfer continues

Evening  Arrive in Killarney. Dinner at hotel

Wednesday, 5 October

Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning  Accompanied by a local farmer and storyteller, depart on an excursion around the Ring of Kerry: Running through an area of outstanding natural beauty, the circuit takes in the towns of Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Caherdaniel and Sneem.

Lunch  In the village of Caherdaniel

Afternoon  Visit Muckross House en route. Muckross is a magnificent Victorian mansion spectacularly situated close to the eastern shore of Muckross Lake and set beneath the impressive backdrop of Torc and Mangerton Mountains.

Evening  Dinner at hotel

Thursday, 6 October

Breakfast  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning  Depart Killarney for Cork. En route visit Blarney Castle kiss the famous Blarney Stone

Lunch  in Blarney
Afternoon  Continue to **Cork city.** Ireland’s second largest city, *Cork was founded in the seventh century. Today it is a bustling lively city with a wealth of cultural life and a festive atmosphere.*  Check in to hotel  
Evening  Dinner at the hotel  

**Friday, 7 October**

**Breakfast**  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel  
**Morning**  Visit **Cobh, the port of emigration for many Irish emigrating to the US in the 19th century, and Titanic’s last port of call.** Guided *Titanic Trail* gentle walk in Cobh  
**Lunch**  in Cobh  
**Afternoon**  Free afternoon in Cork city  
**Evening**  Dinner as Guests of Local Families  

**Saturday, 8 October**

**Breakfast**  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel  
**Morning**  Depart for **Dublin via Kilkenny**  
Walking tour of the medieval **Kilkenny City**  
Visit **Kilkenny Castle** *A 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands*  
*Kilkenny Castle was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room and bedrooms decorated in 1830’s splendour, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery.*  
**Afternoon**  Transfer continues to Dublin  
**Evening**  Dinner at hotel  

**Sunday, 9 October**

**Breakfast**  Full Irish Breakfast at hotel  
**Morning**  Take a guided coach journey around the centre of Dublin to see its historic, cultural and architectural highlights. Stop for a guided visit of **St Patrick’s Cathedral**
Visit Historic Trinity College in the company of current students - Trinity College builds on its four-hundred-year-old tradition of scholarship to confirm its position as one of the great universities of the world. It has been the educator of many of Ireland’s great writers from Swift to Wilde. Part of the tour will include Trinity College Library which houses 200,000 antique texts, marble busts of scholars and the oldest surviving harp in Ireland as well as the Book of Kells. This illuminated manuscript of the Gospels was created by Irish monks around the year 800.

Evening
Pre theatre dinner followed by an evening at one of Dublin’s renowned theatres for a performance of an Irish play

**Monday, 10 October**

**Breakfast**
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**
Depart for a guided visit of Bru na Boinne in nearby county Meath. Brú na Bóinne comprises of the Neolithic age burial chambers of *Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth*. Their survival through more than 5,500 years reflects the sophistication of their design, and ingenuity of the Stone Age man, which constructed them.

**Afternoon**
Free

**Evening**
Farewell dinner with Traditional Irish Music

**Tuesday, 11 October**

Depart, Ireland.
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- Transfer to and from the airports
- 16 Nights B&B Accommodation in carefully selected 3 & 4 star hotels
- Program of activities as per the provisional schedule, including entrance fees
- Internal transport by private motor coach as per the program of activities
- Free Place for one Accompanying Tour Leader in single room
- Activities and entrance fees as per the program
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Departure transfers to Dublin airport on departure day
- Services of an Irish Group Leader throughout the program

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- Pocket Money
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