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Tour of Ireland June 12th to 20th 2022

In Association with Eirebus dmc - Dublin Ireland

Day 1– 12th of June 2022: Dublin to Galway.

Pick up at your Dublin Hotel.

Travel to Kildare, often known as the “Breeders County”. Your first stop is the **Irish National Stud, Japanese Gardens and St. Fiachra’s Gardens**: one visit – three different worlds. The 1000-acre Farm at Tully has been in use as a Stud Farm since 1900 when it was owned by Col. William Hall-Walker. It is home to some of Ireland’s finest thoroughbreds. There is a Horse Museum tracing the history of the horse in Ireland using artefacts, illustrations and text, and the skeleton of the legendary steeplechaser ‘Arkle’.

The Japanese Gardens are situated in the grounds of the Stud Farm and were created between 1906-1910. They are planned to symbolise the “Life of Man” from the cradle to the grave. **St. Fiachra’s Garden** was designed as a Millennium Project and seeks to capture the power of the Irish landscape in its rawest state, that of rock and water. It has almost 4 acres of woodland and lakeside walks.

Following your visit, continue to Galway, Ireland’s third largest city.
Overnight at **Ardilaun Hotel (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)**

Day 2 – 13th of June 2022: Galway

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

Today you enjoy a **Connemara Tour**:

This natural terrain and unspoiled environment offers the visitor a wonderland of sights, experiences, adventure and activities. The people are warm, friendly and extend a hospitality which is the essence of Ireland. Set in the heart of the Connemara mountains is **Kylemore Abbey Estate**, home of the Irish Benedictine Nuns. Visit the picturesque Abbey, reception rooms and exhibition. Then enjoy a stroll to the beautiful Neo-Gothic Church and Mausoleum where original owners are buried.



Later in the afternoon you travel back to **Galway** city for some free time.
Second overnight at **Ardilaun Hotel**. Dinner on your own. (**Bed & Breakfast**)

Day 3 – 14th June 2022 – Galway – Sligo – Donegal

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel. Today you leave Galway and travel to Sligo the heart of Yeats Country.

Enroute you will stop at the majestic Keem Bay.

Visit **Drumcliffe Church**, the final resting place of W. B. Yeats

William Butler Yeats was an Irish poet and one of the foremost figures of 20th-century literature.



Picturesque hills slope along the coastline. Sligo is often described as one of Ireland's most picturesque counties.

Travel onwards to Donegal for your overnight in a local central hotel.

Overnight at **Central Hotel (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)**

Day 4 – 15th June 2022 – Donegal

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast you will depart to Slieve League.

Visit **Slieve League Cultural Centre** - Slieve League cliffs are the highest sea cliffs in Europe, sheering out of the Atlantic to a height of 600m. The Slieve League Cultural Centre explores the history and archeology of the area, which is dotted with monuments, ranging from Neolithic tombs to 16th-century ruins. The Centre also has a craft gallery, which showcases jewelry, rustic furniture and the knitwear for which Donegal is famous. Their café claims to serve the best coffee in Donegal. Other treats include homemade cakes and bread.



When you arrive back in Donegal enjoy some free time.

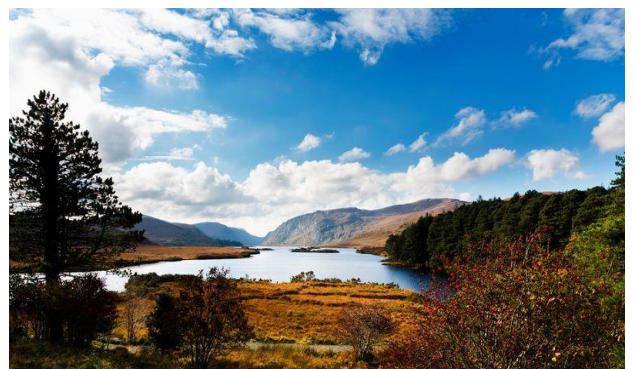
Second overnight at **Central Hotel**. Dinner on your own. (**Bed & Breakfast**)

Day 5 – 16th June 2022 – Donegal to Derry

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

A day of splendid scenery as you travel to **Glenveagh National Park**.

Some 16,540 hectares of mountains, lakes, glens and woods with herds of red deer. A Scottish style castle surrounded by one of the finest gardens in Ireland, which contrast with the rugged surroundings.



In the afternoon transfer onwards to the county of Derry.

Overnight at the **City Hotel (Dinner, Bed & Breakfast)**

Day 6 –17th June 2022 – Derry

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

Today we enjoy a leisurely day in Derry. First up it is a **Guided Walking Tour of the Walls of Derry.**

The tour offers a balanced overview of the social, cultural and religious history, past and present, of this beautiful and ancient country. The River Foyle curves picturesquely around the old walled town of Derry, creating a cozy setting, which jars horribly with the reality of this city's recent troubled history. The old centre of Derry is the small walled city on the west bank of the river, with the square called the Diamond at its heart. Barbed-wire barriers detract from the magnificence of the city walls, though also giving resonance to their history. From the top there are good views of the Bogside and its defiant murals and the Free Derry monument.



Free time in the afternoon.

Second overnight at the **City Hotel**. Dinner on your own. (**Bed & Breakfast**)

Day 7 – 18th June 2022 – Derry – Antrim Coast - Belfast

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

Today you enjoy the spectacular driving route along the Antrim Coast passing through the Glens of Antrim and towns of Cushendall, Cushendun, Ballycastle Bushmills.

Visit **the Giants Causeway**. Volcanic activity 60 million years ago led to the formation of the 38,000 basalt columns that make up the Giant's Causeway. Hexagonal shaped, the stones stretch far out into sea and some stand as tall as 36ft (12m).



You will also visit **Old Bushmills Distillery**. In 1608, Sir Thomas Phillips was granted a license to distill whiskey by James 1 of England, however, mentions of distilling traditions in the surrounding environs date back to 1276. The brand portfolio includes five award-winning whiskeys: Bushmills, Black Bush, Bushmills 10 year Malt, 16 year Malt and 21 year Malt. Bushmills is the only distillery in Ireland to make triple-distilled malt whiskey. This is at the heart of all Bushmills whiskeys and creates a unique combination of smoothness and richness.

Onwards to Belfast.

Overnight at the Grand Central Hotel (**Dinner, Bed & Breakfast**)

Day 8 – 19th June 2022 – Belfast – Dublin

Full Irish Breakfast at your hotel.

This morning, visit the **Titanic Centre**, located in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, 6-floor building, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end.



You then leave Belfast and head for Dublin.

Arrival in Dublin and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel (***Dinner, Bed & Breakfast***)

Day 9 – 20th June– Dublin

Early morning breakfast at the hotel.

Private transfer to Dublin Airport and bid farewell to the Emerald Isle or stay on in Dublin for a few days and discover all that the Capital City has to offer.

Thank you for traveling with us! Safe journey home!

Tour cost \$2550.00 (*Land only*) includes :

Deluxe Coach with experienced Driver

2 - nights accommodation in 4 star Ardilaun Hotel, Galway

2 - nights accommodations in 3 star Central Hotel, Donegal town

2 - nights accommodations in 4 star City Hotel, Derry city

1 - night accommodation in 4 star Grand Central Hotel, Belfast

1 - night accommodation in 4 star Camden Court Hotel, Dublin

Full Irish Breakfast in hotels each morning

Dinner in hotels on 5 nights, 1 in Galway, 1 in Donegal town, 1 in Derry City, 1 in Belfast and 1 in Dublin.

Entrances to the following sites: National Stud, Slieve League Centre, Glenveagh National Park and Castle, Titanic Centre Belfast, The Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Distillery

Porterage at all hotels.

Music with Gerry and special Guests on select evenings.

We offer Travel Insurance, and it is recommended.

We will also offer a special rate for Add-on nights if you choose to come in before the tour or stay afterwards at the Camden Court Hotel. We recommend coming into Dublin *at least* one day prior to tour departure to alleviate problems with the tour schedule due to delayed flights. For example, if your flight is delayed you may be required to arrange transport to meet the tour already in progress as we have prearranged scheduled visits on day one of the tour.

Come join me,

Gerry