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# Celtic Treasures of Ireland

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# ITINERARY

## October 15 – Depart Home

Today, you leave home behind as you board your overnight international flight to Dublin.

## October 16 – Arrive in Ireland – Dublin

Our local representatives will meet you at the Dublin airport. Stop at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The church was transitioned from a Catholic church to the Church of Ireland over the centuries. Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels and a critic of British rule, was a pastor here. Enjoy a pub lunch in downtown Dublin. Travel on to Phoenix Park. Once a private park only for the titled gentry, it now serves the public as both a recreational venue and home to the Dublin Zoo. After a short driving tour of Dublin, we will check into our hotel for some downtime before dinner on our own. Take the opportunity to wander the streets of Dublin in the late evening light. Perhaps, make your way along the River Liffey to the Temple Bar area, where outdoor music can be enjoyed. (B, L)

## October 17 – Bru na Boinne, the Hill of Tara & Monasterboice

Head north and discover the rich history of Celtic life at the Bru na Boinne Prehistoric Monuments. You will see one of the Passage Tomb sites here, such as Newgrange and Knowth. They are richly decorated with megalithic art. From the time of the first Celtic influence until the 1169 invasion, the Hill of Tara was the island's political and spiritual capital. It contains several ancient monuments and, according to tradition, was the seat of the High King of Ireland. Walk the grounds of Monasterboice Monastery, where some of the finest 9th-century High Crosses can be seen. Founded in 521 AD by St. Buite, the ruins remain a testament to their Christian heritage. Finish the day in Armagh and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## October 18 – Downpatrick & Armagh

Journey into the soul of Christian Ireland at Downpatrick. See the church and grave of St. Patrick, as well as a visitor's center that presents the saint's life and the conversion of Ireland. Then, return to Armagh and visit the Church of Ireland Cathedral to St. Patrick here. With foundations dating back to 445 AD, this church represents one of the oldest places of continuous worship in Ireland. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## October 19 – Clonmacnoise & Galway

Cross Ireland, stopping to visit Clonmacnoise, an important monastic site and the burial place of kings. Among these ruins is the famous thousand-year-old cross. Three high crosses, two hundred graves, and the ruins of a 13th-century ring fort also remain. Finish the day in Galway, whose main thoroughfare is lined with buildings that date back to the 15th century. Christopher Columbus visited the city in search of support for his search for trade routes to India by crossing the Atlantic. Check into your hotel in Galway overnight. (B)

## October 20 – The Burren, the Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle

As you travel through the Burren Region, arrive at the Cliffs of Moher. These sheer cliffs drop 600 feet to the water below. This is the most impressive stretch of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. The eroded limestone rock through the Burrens has flowers popping up through the crevices. Continue to Bunratty Castle, near the town



of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete, authentic, and elaborately furnished medieval castle. Finish the day in Killarney and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B)

### October 21 – Ring of Kerry, Waterville, & Muckross House

Delight in some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery as you travel around the Ring of Kerry, where the sea crashes into the soaring coastline. Weather permitting, take in a sheepdog demonstration. Stop around lunchtime in Waterville. Charlie Chaplin brought his family here in the summers. You can choose from several seafood restaurants along the shore for a delicious lunch. After lunch, visit the 19th-century Muckross House. Enjoy the magnificent Victorian mansion, considered one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Imagine yourself in that time when you wander through the elegantly furnished rooms. Downstairs, however, reveals the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. Finish the day in Kinsale and enjoy a walking tour. See the Norman French inscriptions at St. Multrose Church, which was built in 1190 and remains in use to this day. The courthouse in town was used for the inquiry over the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Check into your Kinsale hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

### October 22 – Blarney and Rock of Cashel

Travel to Cork to visit Blarney Castle and see the fabled Blarney Stone. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence. You will see the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here, St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries during the Norman era. Check into your Dublin hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

### October 23 – Glendalough & Dublin

Then, on to the bus for a ride through scenic Wicklow County to Glendalough, one of the most beautiful spots in all of Ireland. Here, St. Kevin founded a monastery in 498. See the Celtic High Crosses and a stone-roofed church. Explore the wonderful hiking trails around the two lakes. Finish the day with time on your own this afternoon in Dublin. (B)

### October 24 – Return to the USA

We will carry the people, beauty, and history of Ireland with us as we return home. (B)



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### October 24 & 25 – Dublin on Your Own

Enjoy the sights of Dublin with two more days to explore and shop on your own. Hotel accommodations and breakfast included.

### October 26 – Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport after breakfast. Return home with memories of the people and places of Ireland.

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

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• Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as listed in the itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$300 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, meals not listed in the itinerary, beverages at meals & baggage fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$10 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents • Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$798 during the basic tour: \$348 Dublin Stay.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 2 columns: Payment Amount, Payment Due Dates & Notes. Rows include \$300\*\*, \$600, \$1,200, \$1,800, Full Payment, and Travel Protection Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after July 2, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 07/02/24. Registrations received between 07/03/24 - 07/17/24 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 07/18/24 - 08/01/24 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 07/02/24. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary.

FLIGHT TIMES and SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 07/06/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION:

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purposes which EOT or its agents deem appropriate.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.

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Form for Guest 2 registration including fields for First Name, Middle Name, Last Name, Title, Street Address, P.O. Box, City, State, Zip Code, Phone, Alt. Phone, Email, Birth Date, State of Birth, Sex, Emergency Contact, Relationship, Dietary Restrictions, and Tour Selection.

Form for Roommate(s) registration including fields for Roommate(s) name and Tour Selection.

Form for No Roommate registration including fields for Try to Match Me and Single Room (availability limited).

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan: 1 Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full. 2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable. 3 Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by EOT. 4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 07/02/24.

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.EO.travel

PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, I/we certify that I/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Form for Guest 1 and Guest 2 signatures and names, including Tour: IR24 Date: 101524 Code: A ID: 59799 v. 003 05/06/24.

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates

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Table showing Trip Cost, Plan Cost, and Trip Cost for various premium rates.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages, Maximum Benefit. Rows include Part A Trip Cancellation, Part B Trip Interruption, Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation, and Baggage Delay.

Part A - Non-Insurance Cancellation Waiver is provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Company and serviced by Trip Mate.

Conditions and Limitations

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