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Men's Club / Sisterhood Trip To Ireland

Sep 15, 2024 - Sep 20, 2024

September 15 - Sunday



Depart the USA

Depart the USA as you enjoy an overnight flight across the Atlantic Ocean. Grab some rest, as you prepare for your Irish Adventure.

September 16 - Monday



Arrival To Ireland

Arrive at [Dublin Airport](#) early morning after your overnight flight, where you will process through Immigration, collect your luggage, and clear customs.



Meet Your Private Chauffeur Drive Guide

Your distinguished [Irish Travel Tours/Travel Connection](#) personal transfer driver will meet you in the arrivals hall - holding a sign with your group name, to then escort you to the private vehicle lot, where your private transport awaits.



Travel South through County Dublin and County Kildare en route to Kilkenny



Visit and Tour Castletown House

Castletown House, Celbridge, County Kildare, Ireland, is a Palladian country house built in 1722 for William Conolly, the Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. It formed the centrepiece of an 800-acre (320 ha) estate.



Castletown House

Celbridge, County Kildare, IE



Stop at Newbridge Silverware

The Newbridge Silverware Visitor Centre is highly recommended on the tourist trail of Ireland's Ancient East. The Visitor Centre houses the complete range of Newbridge Silverware products and some exclusive collections. It incorporates our award-winning **Silver Restaurant**, the famous free to enter **Museum of Style Icons** and the unique guided **Factory Tour**.

<https://visitnewbridgesilverware.com/lunch-menu>



Tour Kilkenny Castle

Few buildings in Ireland can boast a longer history of continuous occupation than Kilkenny Castle. Founded soon after the Norman conquest of Ireland, the Castle has been rebuilt, extended and adapted to suit changing circumstances and uses over a period of 800 years.

Today, Kilkenny Castle is open to visitors all year round and is largely a Victorian remodelling of the thirteenth century defensive Castle. Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors come to see this grand country house and walk through its fifty acres of rolling parkland with mature trees and an abundance of wildlife. Other features include a formal terraced rose garden, woodlands and a man-made lake, which were added in the nineteenth century. There is also a tearoom, playground and several orienteering trails for visitors to enjoy.



Kilkenny Castle | The jewel in the crown of an enchanting medieval city



Kilkenny

Kilkenny, County Kilkenny, IE



Check into 4 Star Kilkenny Hotel



Kilkenny city | Ireland.com

September 17 - Tuesday



After a wonderful night's rest, enjoy a delicious Irish Breakfast



Visit The Rock of Cashel

Set on a dramatic outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale, the Rock of Cashel, iconic in its historic significance, possesses the most impressive cluster of medieval buildings in Ireland. Among the monuments to be found there is a round tower, a high cross, a Romanesque chapel, a Gothic cathedral, an abbey, the Hall of the Vicars Choral and a fifteenth-century Tower House.

Originally the seat of the kings of Munster, according to legend St. Patrick himself came here to convert King Aenghus to Christianity. Brian Boru was crowned High King at Cashel in 978 and made it his capital.

In 1101 the site was granted to the church and Cashel swiftly rose to prominence as one of the most significant centres of ecclesiastical power in the country.

The surviving buildings are remarkable. Cormac's Chapel, for example, contains the only surviving Romanesque frescoes in Ireland.

The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most spectacular and – deservedly – most visited tourist attractions.



Rock of Cashel | Heritage Ireland



Cashel

Cashel, County Tipperary, IE



Travel To Waterford

Waterford, a seaport in southeast Ireland, is the country's oldest city. It was founded by Vikings in 914 A.D. and parts of its ancient walled core remain. Within Reginald's Tower, a circa-1003 fortification, the Waterford Museum of Treasures displays local archaeological finds. Famed glass manufacturer Waterford Crystal began here in 1783.



Waterford City

County Waterford, IE



Tour The House of Waterford Crystal Factory

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Located on the Mall in the heart of the Viking Triangle in Waterford City, the House of Waterford Crystal brings a visit to Waterford to a whole new level. The Waterford staff will be pleased to welcome you on arrival and take you on a journey to see exquisite pieces of crystal created before your very eyes.



House of Waterford Crystal Factory and Retail Store



Explore Waterford at Your Leisure.

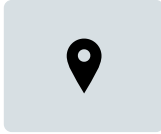
Waterford is Ireland's oldest city and part of [Ireland's Ancient East](#).

The Viking Triangle, part of medieval Waterford which includes the award-winning Medieval Museum, Bishop's Palace, and Reginald's Tower. Grab a pint, and explore all that Waterford has to offer bringing you back to the Viking period.



Medieval Museum

The Mall, Waterford, Co Waterford, IE
+353 51 849 650



Bishop's Palace - Treasures of Georgian Waterford

The Mall, Waterford, County Waterford, IE
(051) 849 650



Return to Kilkenny

Enjoy an evening at your leisure either in the beautiful confines of the Hotel, or venture into town to explore the local pubs and restaurants.

September 18 - Wednesday



Enjoy Breakfast before Checkout

Enjoy a Traditional Irish Breakfast, prior to Checkout of our hotel



Visit Glendalough

In a stunning glaciated valley in County Wicklow, in the sixth century, one of Ireland's most revered saints founded a monastery. The foundation of St Kevin at Glendalough became one of the most famous religious centres in Europe.

The remains of this 'Monastic City', which are dotted across the glen, include a superb round tower, numerous medieval stone churches and some decorated crosses. Of particular note is St Kevin's Bed, a small man-made cave in the cliff face above the Upper Lake. It is said that St Kevin lived and prayed there, but it may actually be a prehistoric burial place that far predates him.

Learn all about this hallowed place in the fine interpretive centre before exploring the site for yourself. If you do, you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the two lakes and a uniquely spiritual atmosphere.



Glendalough Visitor Centre | Heritage Ireland



Visit Avoca Woolen Mills

On the banks of the Avoca river, you'll find the Avoca Village, consisting of the Avoca store, cafe and mill. This location is the birthplace of the Avoca experience, and the origin of the family's company name. Dating from 1723, this very special Avoca location is home to the handweaving mill, Avoca Store, Cafe and a visitor centre which tells the story of the mill from the beginning. There are even third generation weavers to show you what goes into the making of an Avoca throw.



Visit our store in Avoca Village, Wicklow



Avoca

Avoca, WICKLOW, IE
+353 402 35105



Travel To Dublin



Visit the Irish Jewish Museum

The former Synagogue, which could accommodate approximately 150 men and women, consisted of two adjoining terraced houses built in the 1870's.

These premises remained locked for almost fifteen years, and were brought back to life again with the establishment of the Irish Jewish Museum Committee in late 1984.

The Museum was officially opened by the Irish born President of Israel Dr. Chaim Herzog on the 20th June 1985 during his State visit to Ireland. The Museum was managed by a Committee of dedicated people, varying in numbers from 20 to 30, who voluntarily give of their time.

The Museum preserves an important, though small, part of Ireland's cultural and historic heritage and contains a substantial collection of memorabilia relating to the Irish Jewish communities and their various associations and contributions to present day Ireland.

The Museum is an all-Ireland museum and its material represents the Jewish communities of Belfast, Cork, Derry, Drogheda, Dublin, Limerick & Waterford and relates mostly to the last 150 years.



Visit EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum

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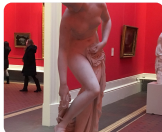
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EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, located in Dublin's Docklands, covers the history of the Irish diaspora and emigration to other countries. It was voted as "Europe's Leading Tourist Attraction" at the 2019, 2020 and 2021 World Travel Awards.

You won't find leprechauns or pots of gold here, but you will discover that what it means to be Irish expands far beyond the borders of Ireland through the stories of Irish emigrants who became scientists, politicians, poets, artists and even outlaws all over the world. Discover Ireland from the outside in and find out why saying "I'm Irish" is one of the biggest conversation starters, no matter where you are.



EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum | Home | EPIC Museum Dublin, Ireland



EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

The chq Building, Custom House Quay
+353 1 906 0861



Check into 4 Star Dublin City Center Hotel



Dublin

Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, 1
087 240 6339



Enjoy an evening with The Merry Ploughboys

Named after the ballad of the 1916 rebellion, The Merry Ploughboys are a traditional folk group from Dublin, Ireland, who have been "singing it like they mean it" for 30 years, with gutsy and engaging vocals backed by arrangements of fiddle, mandolin and guitar and often joined by uilleann pipes, whistle or tenor banjo.

The repertoire spans humorous old Dublin music hall and street-songs, classic ballads from 19th and 20th century Irish history, timeless songs of emigration and romance, and peppered with traditional Irish dance tunes and their own original material.



The Merry Ploughboy

Rockbrook, Edmondstown Road, Rathfarnham
(01) 493 1495

September 19 - Thursday



After a wonderful night's rest, enjoy a delicious Irish Breakfast



Explore the sights and sounds of Dublin Today

Suggested sights could include;

The Guinness Storehouse

The EPIC Museum

Trinity College; The Long Library & Book of Kells

The Jameson Experience

St Stephen's Green

Christ Church Cathedral

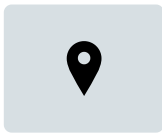
Grafton Street

The Temple Bar District



The Temple Bar

47-48 Temple Bar, Dublin, IE, 2
+353 1 672 5286



Grafton Street

Grafton Street, Dublin, County Dublin, IE



Christ Church Cathedral

Christchurch Pl, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, Dublin 8
(01) 677 8099



St. Stephen S Green

Stephens Green Shopping Centre, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, 2
1850 777 070



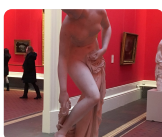
Old Jameson Distillery

Bow St, Smithfield, Dublin City, IE, 7
+353 1 807 2355



The Book Of Kells

College Street, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE, 2
(01) 896 1661



EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

The chq Building, Custom House Quay
+353 1 906 0861



Guinness Storehouse

Dublin, IE, 8
+353 1 408 4800

September 20 - Friday



Enjoy our final breakfast in Ireland



Check out of our Hotel

After Breakfast, we'll check out of the hotel, and transfer you to Dublin Airport, to begin your journey back to the USA.



Arrival to Dublin Airport

Arrive at Dublin Airport, check in, process through security, enjoy some last minute duty free shopping, and clear US Customs and Immigration prior to departure



Dublin Airport Authority

Dublin Airport, Dublin, DUBLIN, IE
(01) 814 1111



Dublin Airport - Welcome to Dublin Airport Official Website



Farewell

Enjoy your flight back to the USA, as you reflect back on your wonderful trip with The Travel Connection and Irish Travel Tours.



Welcome to The Travel Connection



Irish Travel Tours – Experience Ireland



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