

Riches *of the* Emerald Isle



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Ireland's dazzling beauty and enticing culture take center stage on this enriching, 9-night journey featuring County Clare, Killarney and Dublin! Join us as we explore the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, the windswept grandeur of Inishmore in the Aran Islands, the stunning Ring of Kerry and beyond.

In storied Ennis, clap along to an exclusive performance of traditional Irish music and dance and learn about old Celtic lore in the company of an acclaimed local storyteller. Journey to Killarney to ride in a traditional horse-drawn carriage and visit the renowned Dingle Peninsula. Cap off this special journey in historic Dublin. Here, visit Trinity College, home to the hand-illuminated Book of Kells, and enjoy a fun food tour! This well-rounded itinerary also includes traditional storytelling, whiskey tastings and a sheepherding demonstration on a family farm!

Along the way, expert guides and lecturers will share insights and historical context to help you fully appreciate your excursions. You'll also enjoy the ease and camaraderie of traveling with a small group with ample opportunities to explore on your own. Ensure that you're a part of this grand Irish adventure by reserving today!

All the best,

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. City of Literature, Dublin
2. Cliffs of Moher Global Geopark, Republic of Ireland

Readers Garden, Museum of Literature, Dublin





Discovery begins here



The Emerald Isle's spectacular awe awaits you on this heartwarming, culture-filled journey. Feast your eyes on the majestic Cliffs of Moher and discover the ruggedly beautiful islands of Inishmore and Achill. Discover the lovely Lakes of Killarney by boat and travel along a portion of the Ring of Kerry to soak up fantastic scenery, both coastal and inland. Along the way, share in traditions and authentic foods and relish the warm, welcoming ambience of cozy towns and lively cities!

*Top: Cliffs of Moher | Above: Jaunting cars, Killarney
Cover: Doolin | Mail panel: Traditional shop | Dun Aengus,
Inishmore, Aran Islands*

Inspiring Moments



- Travel the scenic **Ring of Kerry** and learn about **traditional sheepherding** during a border collie herding demonstration.
- Admire picture-perfect views and delve into Irish culture during forays to the **Dingle Peninsula** and the outstanding **Cliffs of Moher**.
- Hear Irish lore and tales from **one of Ireland's most famous storytellers**.
- Marvel at the exquisitely illustrated **Book of Kells** at Dublin's Trinity College.
- Explore the rolling Killarney National Park in a traditional **horse-drawn jaunting car** and **boat**.
- Tour the beautiful island of **Inishmore**, the largest Aran Island, and learn fascinating history and culture.
- Tap your toes to a rousing **Irish music and dance performance**.
- Experience two **UNESCO-designated sites**.



Ennis

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Shannon, Republic of Ireland. 🚗

Day 2 | Shannon, Republic of Ireland | Ennis

Arrive in Shannon, transfer 🔄 to Ennis and check in to the hotel.

Ennis Walking Tour. Set off on a stroll through this bustling, 11th-century market town. From tales of banshees to local witches, hear how this area is steeped in legend and folklore.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner featuring spirited music and dancing.

Day 3 | Cliffs of Moher | Ennis

Cliffs of Moher. Spend today admiring the region’s countryside, coastline and unique landscapes. The majestic Cliffs of Moher rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, perched along Ireland’s iconic Wild Atlantic Way. Marvel at the dramatic cliffs, sea caves and inlets, and revel in sweeping views of the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. Enjoy lunch at a traditional pub.

Enrichment: Irish Seanchaí. Eddie Lenihan, a premier folklorist/seanchaí, tells traditional tales of folk heroes, mythology and the supernatural.

Day 4 | Aran Islands | Ennis

Aran Island of Inishmore. Ferry across Galway Bay to the largest of the Aran Islands. As you travel on a minibus, your local guide will share entertaining stories about life on this stark, arresting island, where Gaelic is the first language. See cliffside Dun Aengus, the most famous of the Aran Islands’ Bronze Age forts, and pause for lunch before your return ferry.

🌍 **AHI Connects | Music in Doolin.** Soulful Irish music is beloved around the world. In Ireland, the village of Doolin is synonymous with music because of the number of musicians who live here. Enjoy an invitation into the home of a local musician. Sip some wine while listening to traditional songs and musical lore. The remainder of the evening is at leisure.

Day 5 | Ennis | Killarney

After breakfast, depart Ennis for Killarney. En route, stop in Listowel for lunch.

Jaunting Car Ride. Ride through beautiful flora, fauna and scenery on a traditional Irish horse-drawn carriage, a “Jaunting Car.” These two or four-wheeled horse-drawn carts were built as a mode of personal travel beginning in the 1800s. During your ride, your driver shares tales and lore of the area. Next, board a boat for a peaceful cruise through the scenic Lakes of Killarney. Search for the rare white-tailed eagle while admiring the passing landscapes. Continue to Killarney to check in to the hotel.

Spirited Irish music





Killarney National Park

Day 6 | Ring of Kerry | Killarney

Ring of Kerry. Located on the Iveragh Peninsula, the circular Ring of Kerry is among the most beautiful coastal drives. View a pastoral region seemingly untouched by time. A highlight of today is meeting a local shepherd who will demonstrate sheep herding with the help of loyal border collies.

Stop for lunch in Waterville and relish views of the Atlantic Ocean while dining. Next, drive through the villages of Caherdaniel and Sneem to Windy Gap and Ladies View. Then, enjoy a visit with “Seaweed John.” Learn about different varieties of Irish seaweed from local expert John Fitzgerald.

Whiskey Tasting. Gather to learn about Irish whiskey production. While tasting local whiskey, enjoy a selection of appetizers and listen to music during this fun experience. Dinner is at leisure tonight.

Day 7 | Dingle Peninsula | Killarney

Dingle Peninsula. Depart for the picturesque Dingle Peninsula. Visit the Blasket Island

Blasket Islands Heritage Center



Heritage Center, a facility that honors the rich heritage of the people who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until the mid-1900s and the extraordinary literary legacy they left behind. Learn about the island's rich history, local life and the challenges that the islanders faced. Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

Free Time: Spend free time exploring the town's pubs, craft galleries and shops.

Day 8 | Killarney | Dublin

Following breakfast, depart Killarney for Dublin. Take in stunning views of rolling emerald-green hills along the way. Stop to explore Adare, one of Ireland's most picturesque villages. Founded in the 13th century, Adare boasts a colorful High Street and cozy, thatched-roof cottages, lively pubs and independent shops.

Arrive in Dublin and check in to the hotel. Choose to stroll through town during free time.

Day 9 | Dublin

Enrichment: Irish Literature. Ireland has produced four Nobel Prize winners in Literature



Seaweed John



Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Ennis, County Clare, at the first-class Old Ground Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Killarney, County Kerry, at the deluxe Aghadoe Heights Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Dublin, County Dublin, at the deluxe Fitzwilliam Hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Killarney

and Dublin is celebrated for its rich literary history. Learn about the key figures whose contributions have shaped global literature.

Dublin Walking Tour. With medieval, Georgian and Victorian architecture and lush green spaces, Dublin boasts a captivating atmosphere. Visit historic Trinity College and see the famous hand-illuminated Book of Kells. Explore St. Patrick's Cathedral, named for the Patron Saint of Ireland, and discover the shops and boutiques of Grafton Street.

Free Time: This afternoon is at leisure. Dublin offers something for everyone, from cafés and art galleries to museums and parks.

Dinner is at your leisure tonight. In Dublin, you will find a rich and diverse food culture.

Day 10 | Dublin

Dublin Food Tour. Discover traditional Irish flavors on a gastronomic walking tour. Sample quintessential Irish dishes and taste local finger foods during your excursion.

At tonight's Farewell Reception and Dinner, raise your glass and toast "Sláinte."

Day 11 | Depart for home city

After breakfast, AHI FlexAir passengers are transferred to Dublin Airport for their flight.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and 🚗 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats





Blasket Islands



Grafton Street, Dublin



Trinity College, Dublin



Sheep herding demonstration

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **September 13-23, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **September 14-23, 2026**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price **\$6,245**

Special Savings **\$750**

Special Savings Price* **\$5,495**

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

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- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

Accommodations

Our travel experts have carefully selected these three properties ideally situated near celebrated Irish landmarks. Their prime locations also make it easy for you to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of their services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Old Ground Hotel | Ennis



Aghadoe Heights Hotel | Killarney



Fitzwilliam Hotel | Dublin



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