

Durgan Travel presents...

A JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR TO IRELAND

9-Days/7-Nights

YOUR CHOICE OF DATE

\$TBA

All rates are per person, twin occupancy,
and INCLUDE \$TBA in air and departure taxes (subject to change).

**VALID
PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Must be valid for 6 mos.
beyond return date



DAY 1 – BOSTON-SHANNON: Depart Boston's Logan Airport aboard our regularly scheduled transatlantic Aer Lingus flight to Shannon, Ireland with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while aloft.

DAY 2 – SHANNON-BUNRATTY-TRALEE-KILMURRY-KILLARNEY: Upon arrival at Shannon Airport, we will be met by our tour manager and escorted to our private motor coach. Departing the airport, travel the short distance to Bunratty Castle & Folklore Park and experience a fascinating insight into the history of Ireland. The Folk Park offers a glimpse of an entirely different era with the reconstructed buildings dating back over 100 years when the influence of the towns was just beginning to percolate through to rural communities. From Bunratty, we continue, via Limerick, to Tralee where lunch has been arranged. The town of Killarney is a short drive from Tralee, where after hotel check-in there will be some time at leisure to relax before dinner. Overnight. (L, D)

DAY 3 – BLENNEVILLE-DINGLE: After breakfast, board our private motor coach and travel to nearby Blennerville where we will be able to visit the Windmill (*entrance not included*) which is the focal point of a major visitor and craft complex on the shores of Tralee Bay. Blennerville was the main port of emigration from County Kerry during the Great Famine (1845 - 48). Continue onto the Dingle Peninsula with its historic sites and varied mountain scenery that is some of the most unspoiled land in the whole of Ireland. After lunch, there will be some free time to explore the town of Dingle before returning to Killarney. After dinner, why not take a walk into town and experience some of Killarney's nightlife. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – RING OF KERRY: Today will almost certainly be one of the highlights of our stay in Ireland as we board our motorcoach for a full-day excursion to the famous "Ring of Kerry"! There will be a stop at "Ladies View" one of the most spectacular views on the "Ring" and the stunning "Gap of Dunloe". There will also be a stop in the town of Sneem to view The Steel Tree, a modern, polished-steel Israeli sculpture given to former President O'Dalaigh in commemoration of the friendship between the two countries. The statue stands surrounded by beautifully landscaped gardens that sweep down to the banks of Muckcross Lake. Return to our hotel in time for dinner. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – BLARNEY-KILMURRY-CORK-WATERFORD: Departing Killarney and Kerry today, our journey takes us into County Cork where we'll visit the village of Kilmurry, where there is a tiny Jewish cemetery preserved in excellent condition, before heading on to the delightful village of Blarney where we will have the opportunity to visit Blarney Castle (*entrance not included*) and to kiss the famous Blarney Stone, said to bestow eloquence and the 'gift of the gab' upon all whom dare. Afterwards, there will some time for lunch and, of course, the chance to do some shopping in the world-renowned Blarney Woolen Mills. This afternoon, travel to the city of Cork and visit Cork-Trinity Pedestrian Bridge, opened in 1977 by Alderman Gerald Goldberg, the first Jewish Mayor of Cork and the synagogue, kept open by the handful of active Jewish people (20 to 30 out of 135,000) who live in the city. Next, there will be stop at the Cork cemetery, which contains the graves of Jewish passengers from the *Lusitania*, torpedoed on the 7th of May 1916. Our next port of call is Cobh, where there will be the opportunity to visit *The Queenstown Story*, dedicated to the 2.5 million adults and children who emigrated from Cobh between 1848 - 1850 as a result of crop failure and famine. Our last destination today is Waterford, for hotel check-in and dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – WATERFORD-WICKLOW-GLENDALOUGH-DUBLIN: After breakfast, we will be hosted on a fascinating visit to Waterford Crystal Museum. Re-board our coach for a trip through scenic County Wicklow, home of the TV series *Ballykissangel* and on to Glendalough in time for lunch and a chance for to admire the beautiful scenery of this picturesque region. Afterwards, continue through the Wicklow Mountains and onto Dublin, where the majority of Ireland's Jewish people live. Dinner this evening has been arranged at our hotel in Dublin. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 - DUBLIN This morning there will be a half-day panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin. Some of the sights on the tour include Trinity College which is home to the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, the National Gallery and Dublin Castle to name a few. There will also be a visit to the Irish-Jewish Museum, founded in 1985 and opened by Chaim Herzog, then President of Israel. It is housed in the former Walworth Road Synagogue which was opened in 1916. The Museum houses large collection relating to the history of the Jewish in Ireland and the synagogue sanctuary remains intact. Later on, why not take the opportunity of visiting one of Dublin's four remaining synagogues. The grounds of the synagogue in Rathfarnham Road house a memorial to the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. Finally, we'll visit a plaque commemorating the most famous Irish Jew of all - Leopold Bloom, the protagonist of James Joyce's novel *Ulysses*. This fictional character's house is at 52 Clanbrassil Street. This evening, dinner is on our own. An optional dinner with Irish entertainment at one of Dublin's premier Irish entertainment venues or a meal in one of Temple Bar's many excellent restaurants are available. Alternatively, by prior arrangement, it is possible to enjoy a Kosher meal at the Jewish Home of Ireland. Overnight. (B)

DAY 8 – ATHLONE-GALWAY-ENNISTYMON: After breakfast, it is time to say goodbye to Dublin and head to the historic town of Athlone. After some time at leisure in this Midlands town on the banks of the River Shannon, continue to Galway in time for lunch (*not included*). There will be some time at leisure to walk around Eyre Square, with its imposing 19th century buildings or perhaps browse the shops in the city's Latin Quarter. Depart Galway for a leisurely drive across the Burren, a strange and barren landscape famous for its unique plant life and deep underground lakes. En route there will be a short stop at the Cliffs of Moher, an impressive wall of rock that towers some 700-feet above the ocean offering breathtaking views across the Atlantic. Our journey today concludes in Ennistymon, our last overnight and time to enjoy a special farewell dinner. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – ENNISTYMON-SHANNON-BOSTON: A final Irish breakfast this morning before transferring to Shannon Airport and, unfortunately, the end of our tour, as we board our Aer Lingus flight for the last leg of our journey home to Boston. (B)

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- ❖ Round trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 30.
- ❖ Round trip Aer Lingus transatlantic flights Boston-Shannon and return, with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while aloft.
- ❖ Special meet-and-greet service at the Boston and Shannon airports.
- ❖ Porterage of luggage at the airports and hotels.
- ❖ 7-nights accommodations based-on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per person. Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ❖ Full Irish breakfast daily and 6 three-course dinners.
- ❖ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary (*front page*) including entrance fees where applicable.
- ❖ Experienced, professional tour guides where applicable.
- ❖ Services of a professional Tour Manager throughout.
- ❖ All touring and transfers via a deluxe, private, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- ❖ Complimentary Durgan Travel flight bag.

A \$400 DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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