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**Durgan Travel Service** *presents...*

**"STAY PUT"**

# Ireland

*Featuring* Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula,  
Cliffs of Moher, Blarney, Waterford, &  
Dublin

**9 Days/7 Nights**

**Departures:**

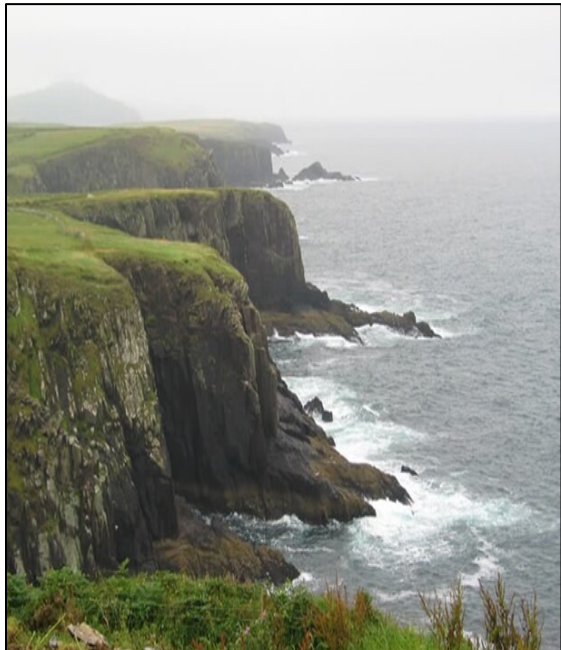
**March & November** at \$TBA\*

**April & October** at \$TBA\*

**Early May** at \$TBA\*

**Valid Passport Required!**

Passport must be valid for  
6 months after RETURN date!



\*Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discount cash and check rates. All rates are per person, twin occupancy, and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

**WE DID IT!** For years, our traditional Durgan Travel tours have featured minimal hotel moves, which our travelers love for the simplicity of minimal packing and unpacking, and the sense of having a "home base" for the week. We've never been able to do that in Ireland - until now. Staying in the vibrant city of Limerick (made famous in Frank McCourt's "Angela's Ashes" but vastly improved since those days) we are able to do our entire standard Ireland tour, plus a few extras! *Limerick was named Ireland's first City of Culture in 2014, in recognition of the vibrant city's cultural life, where arts, culture, historical sights, and sport are the core of the city's existence.*

#### OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT "STAY PUT" TOUR OF IRELAND ITINERARY:

**DAY 1 – BOSTON~DUBLIN:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our overnight flight to Dublin with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

**DAY 2 – DUBLIN~LIMERICK:** Welcome to Ireland! Upon arrival at Dublin Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort and take a panoramic tour of the capital. We will visit the elegant Georgian squares, famous for their architecture and brightly-colored doors. Continue to St Patrick's Cathedral. Built in 1192, it is one of Ireland's largest cathedrals made famous by its former dean Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels." We will also see Christchurch, built by the Anglo-Normans in 1172 to replace an earlier Church built by the Vikings in 1038, on our way to Phoenix Park with its many monuments including the Papal cross. Return to the city center via the Quays, past the Guinness brewery, and Collins Barrack, before arriving back on O'Connell Street and the city center. We will visit Trinity College to see the 9th century "Book of Kells." Before viewing the famous book, we will pass through an excellent exhibition based on it and other important books written in monasteries around Ireland from the 9th century. After viewing the book of Kells, we will visit the Long Room. Built in 1745, it contains over 200,000 books, Brian Boru's harp (said to be the "oldest harp in Ireland") and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation. Travel to Limerick and check into our 4-star hotel. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner at the hotel. Overnight. (D)

**DAY 3 – LIMERICK~ADARE:** After a full Irish breakfast, we travel to one of Ireland's most picturesque villages, Adare, a small village with thatched cottages dotted throughout the town, created by the third Earl of Dunraven in the 1820's for his estate workers. Today they are mostly used as craft shops or restaurants. We will enjoy some free time in Adare before returning to Limerick. The Vikings founded Limerick in the 9th century as a base for raiding local monasteries and Celtic settlements. Today Limerick is the main city of County Limerick and is Ireland's third largest city, with a population in excess of 80,000. The city has recently achieved fame as the setting for Frank McCourt's best-selling autobiography "Angela's Ashes." Enjoy an Angela's Ashes Walking Tour of Limerick and a visit to the Frank McCourt Museum. Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – CASHEL~CAHIR~WATERFORD:** After breakfast, we travel to Waterford via the town of Cahir. We will have a photo stop at Cahir Castle which is superbly set on a rocky island in the River Suir. The tourist center attached to the castle has a fine audiovisual presentation. We continue to Waterford to visit the Waterford Crystal Visitor Center at its magnificent new home in the heart of Waterford. After the tour, we can browse the world's most famous crystal in a lavish retail store, which houses the largest collection of Waterford Crystal found anywhere in the world. After some free time for lunch (*on our own*), we will return to Limerick via Cashel to visit the Rock of Cashel. Possibly the most photographed site in Ireland, the Rock of Cashel towers over the town of Cashel from its perch on a 200-foot high outcrop of limestone. St. Patrick visited the rock in 450, while Brian Boru was crowned the first high King of Ireland here in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Today the impressive stone walls enclose a round tower, a cathedral, a 12<sup>th</sup> century Romanesque chapel and high crosses. Return to Limerick for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – GALWAY~THE BURREN~THE CLIFFS OF MOHER:** After breakfast, we travel to the coast and visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. We will then travel through the Burren Region on our way to Galway. The Burren is a unique place. It is a Karst limestone region of approximately 300 sq. km, whose pavements have been eroded to a distinctive pattern. On arrival in Galway, we will enjoy a panoramic city tour. Galway, at the mouth of Galway Bay, is both a picturesque and lively city with a wonderful avant-garde culture. It has many relics of its medieval past and is worth taking time to explore. The center of the city is compact enough to ramble around comfortably. Enjoy free time at leisure for personal sightseeing and shopping. Return to Limerick for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – THE RING OF KERRY:** After breakfast, we travel to the town of Kenmare. Kenmare's location, nestled between the high mountains and the sea, explains its name in Irish, Neidin – "little nest." A heritage town, Kenmare is an important example of a planned town. Built by the first Marquess of Lansdowne in 1775, the town is laid out in an X-plan and has a fine, wide main street and square. It is better known today as an attractive tourist town with many fine restaurants, hotels, and interesting craft shops. We will continue north to Killarney, taking in the highlights of the Ring of Kerry, including Molls Gap and Ladies View. The famous Ladies View viewing point gives a different perspective of this magnificent countryside, with the three Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains. In Killarney we will enjoy time at leisure for our own personal sightseeing or shopping. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 7– BLARNEY~COBH:** After breakfast, we travel south to Cobh. Cobh began to develop at the end of the 18th century when Cork was used as a harbour for British military ships. Transatlantic ships such as the Queen Mary or the Queen Elizabeth stopped there. Thousands of Irish emigrants also left from Cobh. Today it is a pleasant town. Its streets climb the steep slope of a hill, the top of which is crowned by the very fine St. Colman's Cathedral. Visit the Titanic Experience Cobh situated in the original offices of The White Star Line, the departure point for the last 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic on its fateful maiden voyage to America. We will enjoy some free time in Cobh for lunch (*on our own*) and then continue towards Cork and Blarney Castle, which we will visit. Built in 1446, Blarney Castle is famous for its Blarney Stone, The Stone of Eloquence, which is traditionally believed to have the power to bestow the gift of eloquence on all those who kiss it. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – DINGLE PENINSULA:** After breakfast, enjoy a full-day tour of the Dingle Peninsula, with some of the finest coastal scenery in Ireland. Famous for its Celtic pre-Christian monuments and Christian churches, it is also "Gaeltacht" (Irish-speaking). Dingle itself is a thriving fishing town with opportunity for shopping or simply enjoying a typical country Irish town with its plentiful pubs, narrow streets, and busy harbor. The road around the peninsula is truly spectacular. It passes through a chain of mountains, called Slieve Mish. From Inch, a long beach bordered by dunes and made famous by David Lean's movie "Ryan's Daughter," admire the Iveragh Peninsula and Rossbeigh Beach. From Dingle, we drive around the coast to Sleah Head. Here the blue of the marine landscape surrounds the Blasket Islands, deserted since 1953. We will visit the Blasket Island Heritage Center in Dún Chaoin, located on the tip of the Dingle Peninsula. It celebrates the unique literary achievements of the island's writers. Tonight we will enjoy dinner and entertainment at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet. Bunratty Castle was built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond on the banks of the Rathy River. The evening begins with a mead reception in the Great Hall of the castle, then continues downstairs with a four-course meal with red and white wines, followed by entertainment by the Bunratty Castle Entertainers with harp and violin. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – LIMERICK~SHANNON~BOSTON:** Farewell to Ireland. After breakfast, we will transfer to Shannon Airport for our return flight home to Boston, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight.

**OUR "STAY PUT" TOUR OF IRELAND INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- ⊗ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ⊗ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ⊗ All transfers and touring aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ⊗ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ⊗ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Dublin and Shannon-Boston, with full meal and beverage service while in flight.
- ⊗ 7-nights' accommodations at a 4-star hotel, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ⊗ Breakfast (B) and dinner (D) daily, including one dinner and entertainment at the Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet (or similar).
- ⊗ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ⊗ Full services of a professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ⊗ Expert step-on tour guides where required.
- ⊗ All room and meal taxes, as well as gratuities to bellmen.
- ⊗ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

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

**Travel Protection Insurance:** All persons traveling with **Durgan Travel Service** are automatically enrolled in **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292)** if they checked off the "YES" box on the Reservation Form. Please **ONLY** call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24 hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.

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**TRIP DEVIATIONS:** Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from [www.durgantravel.com](http://www.durgantravel.com) or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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