

Tom Comerford proudly presents, in conjunction with Terry Flynn Tours, "Into the West, Ireland 2017"

Sunday Nov 5th:

Having collected guests newly-arrived at Dublin airport, and those who are already in Dublin city centre, we set our sights firmly on the West of Ireland.

Today we will drive all the way across Ireland, from East to West. Don't worry, it doesn't take very long and there will be comfort stops along the way. Our destination is Westport, where we will be guests of the Corcoran family for two nights, at their Castlecourt Hotel. This property is centrally located, and that's why we have left the afternoon free, for you to walk around and soak up the sights and ambience of this vibrant, historical, friendly town, with it's quaint pubs and stores. Dinner at the hotel, tonight.



We have a nice touring day planned for today. We will follow the route of the old coastal railway, which is now the Great Western Greenway cycleway. We will cross the bridge onto Achill Island for a coastal drive, following the breathtaking Wild Atlantic Way, and on to Lavelles Pub, for a drink or lunch, before setting off again, this time to view Ireland's Holy Mountain, Croagh Patrick. Adjacent to this, on the shores of Clew Bay, is the National Famine Monument.

Tuesday Nov 7th:

We leave Westport, destination Dromoland Castle. But of course we are in no hurry, so we will pay a visit first of all to the sacred, spiritual Knock Shrine. Behold the peace and tranquility of this special place......

Our next visit today, is to the world renowned Cliffs of Moher, before making our way for a late afternoon check in at Dromoland Castle. Dinner is at the castle tonight.

Wednesday Nov 8th:

There is nothing arranged for today, and for good reason. The good folks at Dromoland have a plethora of activities, all of which can be viewed, arranged, and paid for through the Dromoland castle website. This is a 5 star property, so make the most of your visit. Or, perhaps you'd like to take it easy? Wander through the hallways or explore the Castle estate? Whatever you decide today belongs to you.

Thursday Nov 9th:

Upon departing Dromoland, we set our sights on the South West, and the county of Kerry. Travelling via Limerick, we are bound for the picture-perfect postcard village of Adare, with it's thatched roofed cottages, and well kept gardens. Onwards then, to Killarney. One of the most welcoming, and visitor-friendly towns in Ireland. But, before we get to the hotel, we have some exploring to do, so a visit to the scenic Gap of Dunloe might just be in order, and if you're so inclined, there is an option afterwards to take a jaunting car ride, with one of the very-entertaining and knowledgeable local "jarveys"

Our accommodation is at the family owned Killarney Plaza, and dinner is included tonight.

Friday Nov 10th:

The county of Kerry is recognised as being one of the most naturally beautiful parts of our country. Mountains, lakes, rivers, valleys.....it's all there. Not to mention also having a couple of hundred miles of the most rugged coastline in Ireland, all of which is part of the famed Wild Atlantic Way. Today, we will experience the Dingle peninsula and Slea Head



(we recommend trying the fish and chips for lunch in Dingle). It's a tremendous touring and sightseeing day, taking in some of the best of what county Kerry has to offer. Afterwards, for those who are inclined to shop, we we going to Mackens. We highly recommend this family-owned Irish store. They stock a wide range of woollens, tweeds, crystal, linens, jewellery, as well as a wide array of craft, novelty, and gift ideas. Your shopping here, is tax free.

Saturday Nov 11th:

Today, we leave Killarney, and we travel from the South West, to the East. Near Dublin, but actually in the county of Kildare. Along the way today, we will stop in county Tipperary to wander and wonder at the Holy Cross Abbey. A beautifully restored medieval abbey on the banks of the River Suir, built in 1182, which was once home to an order of Cistercian monks. Later in the afternoon we will stop at the fabulous family-owned Newbridge Silverware. There's an eclectic selection of goods that they produce on the premises, but, interestingly, there's also a museum with a few "un-related" surprises.

Our billet for the next two nights is at the family owned Lawlor's Hotel, in the town of Naas. It's a really cool boutique-style hotel, with a nice old-fashioned bar. Dinner tonight, however, is at the Taylor's Three Rock venue in Dublin, where we will attend their Irish cabaret evening.

Sunday Nov 12th:

After our hearty breakfast, we're heading for the big smoke. Dublin city, Ireland. Relax on the bus while we give you a guided tour around some of our capital city highlights. You'll get a chance to see the American ambassador's residence, and the home of the Irish president, both of which are in the Phoenix Park, and many more houses and monuments of interest. We will also allow free-time in the city in the afternoon, before heading back to Lawlor's hotel, for our last evening together. There's nothing planned for this evening, as people like to pack, and check in online etc., but we will have a chance to say our farewells, until we meet again.

Monday Nov 13th:

For those folks who are going home today, we will arrange airport transfers.

Included in the land tour package:

8 nights in accommodation as outlined

Breakfast each morning

3 evening meals at hotels

One dinner and show in Dublin

Entertainment from Tom Comerford, and friends, along the way

Entrance fee to the following:

Holy Cross Abbey

Newbridge Silverware

Cliffs of Moher

Deluxe touring coach for the duration

Professional Driver-Guide for the duration

Porterage

Coach parking fees

Government taxes on land tour package



The Hotels

Nov '17 5th & 6th 7th & 8th 9th & 10th

11th & 12th

Castlecourt Hotel Westport <u>www.castlecourthotel.ie</u> Dromoland Castle <u>www.dromoland.ie</u>

Killarney Plaza Hotel www.killarneyplaza.ie

Lawlors Hotel Naas www.lawlors.ie

The cost of the above land tour package based on a minimum of 30 people travelling is \$1,750 per person sharing. Single supplement is \$995 and limited to 3 places.

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