

# S.E.E. Ireland! – "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling Tour!" May 27 – June 7, 2022 (Friday - Tuesday)



SEE - EXPLORE - EXPERIENCE IRELAND in 2022! Note, with overnight flights, a Thursday night flight (May 26) will be needed, to meet the group on Friday at Dublin Airport. Airfare will be additional and available approximately 11 months prior to our travel dates.

> Our highlights during our visit in Dublin will take us to the Irish Emigration Museum and Guinness Storehouse. Our afternoon is free for us so grab those walking shoes and get ready to explore the campus of Trinity College famous for its possession of the Book of Kells, St. Stephen's Park, or Kilmainhaim Gaol. Tonight, we will gather for our Welcome Dinner followed by an optional walk to explore the surrounding neighborhoods.

> In the morning – it is "rise and shine," then enjoy our breakfast prior to departing Dublin to Belfast via Dundalk and Downpatric and a visit to the St. Patrick's Center. How

exciting to explore Belfast and visit Titanic Belfast with its great innovative and interactive features to S.E.E. the Titanic Story in a fresh and insightful way! Learn of her conception in Belfast in the early 1900's, through her construction and launch, to her infamous maiden voyage and catastrophic demise. Our dinner tonight will be conveniently located in our hotel-planning on the Jury's Inn for 2 nights. More highlights include the infamous Giant's Causeway and Museum where we will the ancient fables of the Causeway and be awed by the volcanic column formed over 60 million years ago. No that's old! Ready for adventure while we venture along the Causeway Coastal Route best known for the outstanding natural beauty of Northern Island and we get to S.E.E. the Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge for ourselves. The rope bridge crosses the Atlantic Ocean to Carrick-a-Rede Island which is home to a single building-a fisherman's cottage. Tonight, we will have dinner in a local pub in Belfast-perhaps stay and enjoy the music or head out to explore more of Belfast.



As we bid farewell to Belfast, we will continue to Derry – Gleveagh – Donegal through the Sperrin Mountains a city tour and a visit to Glenveagh Castle & Gardens in the National Park! Have your cameras ready! After dinner and camaraderie (perhaps a Guiness) we will overnight at the Jackson Hotel (2 nts) and after breakfast venture out along the scenic route Atlantic Coast and experience the small village of Glenties to check out the several Irish craft stores. We will continue our adventure with many opportunities for panoramic views, walks, and time for lunch at any of the many local restaurants.

From Donegal along the coast through Kellybegs - Slieve League - Bellek - Sligo we will catch the beauty of the scenic views of Malin Bay and the Slieve League Cliffs that look out across the Atlantic! On a clear day, do you think we may Boston? (kidding!) Today is the day, too, that we get to visit the famed Belleek China showroom before settling into our castle hotel, Kilronan Castle for a fabulous dinner and our home for two nights.

In the morning, we will have a leisurely departure from our castle hotel and travel a short distance to the Arigna Mines, where we enjoy the unique Arigna Mining Experience. The surrounding natural scenery where the mine is located is striking. After touring the mine, we travel along scenic Lough Allen to Dromahair and the lake isle of Innisfree, immortalized by the poet William Butler Yeats. Continue on to the small village of Drumcliffe and the final resting place of W.B. Yeats, then onto Sligo Town, where we have free time to explore the history of the area, or perhaps visit the Yeats Library and Art gallery. This afternoon we travel the short journey back to our castle hotel so you can enjoy some free time and relax before dinner tonight.

What? It's Friday already? Today we will enjoy our breakfast Kilronan Castle before traveling south to the city of Galway. Called the "City of Tribes" after fourteen prominent families which settled this area, Galway long traded with Spain, and Spanish influences are many in the city notably the Spanish Arch, a gateway in the old city walls. Today Galway is still a prosperous commercial center, proud of its great university and its tradition of warm welcome. Situated in the city's center on Eyre Square, beautifully landscaped, is the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park, where the late President once spoke to the people of Galway. Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway or similar. Tonight we will venture out after dinner choose from a selection of recommended local pubs for some local music.

On Saturday, our driver will take us to the ferry to make our way across Galway Bay to Inis More, the largest of the Aran Isles and famous for its Aran Isles Irish Knit Sweaters. You may choose to venture out with us on electric or road bikes, or enjoy a 2 ½ hour tour that starts in the main village of Kilronan, or maybe a horse and buggy ride. We will have approximately 4 hours to explore and meet up for a snack or lunch before boarding the return ferry and heading back to our Galway hotel.

On the road again! Today we continue south via the mighty Cliffs of Moher and take in the absolute beauty of this famous scenic overlook before making our way to charming Killarney town via Lahinch and Adare. In Killarney, we enjoy dinner at our hotel this evening. Killarney is an excellent location to enjoy traditional music and pub entertainment. Overnight in Killarney at the Killarney Towers Hotel or similar.

Then on Monday, be amazed by one of Ireland's most popular and beautiful drives, the Ring of Kerry. Traveling from Killarney, we come to the town of Killorglin, famous for its traditional Puck Fair, and from here we commence the ring tour. Our drive is along the coastline of the broad Iveragh Peninsula, through the towns of Glenbeigh, Cahirciveen, Waterville, and Sneem. The scenery is spectacular as wind-swept cliffs, still lakes, lost valleys, and rocky mountains blend in awesome beauty before we circle back to Killarney for our farewell dinner and overnight. Tonight, let us enjoy yet another after-dinner get together before packing our bags—treasures and memories—for tomorrow's return home.

Rise and Shine! Tuesday, we have an early breakfast and morning departure from Killarney to Shannon Airport for our return flight home.

Note: Flights arriving in Dublin after 11:00 am or departing Shannon before 11 am will not work with our one group transfer. If you are not booking your flight with S.E.E. Mates Ski & Travel Club, please book flights after 11 am to take advantage of our group transfer.

# S.E.E. Mates Member Price: \$3,389 per person/double occupancy. Single supplement: \$756

### Land Arrangements Include All of the Following:

- S.E.E. Mates Host and Driver/Tour Guide with step-on local guides
- \* Transportation: Deluxe Motorcoach group transfers from Dublin and to Shannon, Ireland and touring
- 11 nights (1) Dublin (2) Belfast (2) Donegal (2) Roscommon (2) Galway (2) Killarney with deluxe hotel and castle lodging, daily breakfast, 10 hotel dinners and 1 pub dinner
- ✤ Welcome Reception hosted by S.E.E. Mates Ski & Travel Club
- S.E.E. Adventure Touring Highlights: As describe on itinerary overview
- Baggage Tags and travel packets for all participants
- \* All resort & airline taxes, surcharges, and fees (subject to change), driver & bell service gratuities
- Guaranteed rate. No adjustments for rate of exchange

Not included: flights from your local international airport, airline checked baggage fee; items of personal nature, and services not listed above.

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#### DEPOSIT / PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

#### \$750 deposit per person due to hold space. Early Booking Bonus Save \$50.00 off final payment when deposited (postmarked) by May 27, 2021 Second deposit of \$750 per person due August 15, 2021 Third deposit of \$750 per person due November 15, 2021 Final payment / the remainder of balance due by February 15, 2022

Cancellation penalties will apply after August 15, 2021. \*Attempts will be made to provide a suitable roommate, but if one is not found, or if your cancellation leaves your roommate single, a supplement may be incurred.

#### CHANGE OF ITINERARY

Any individual changes in the itinerary will result in a \$100 change fee, plus any additional charges resulting from the change--if the change is **possible**. There will be no refunds for any unused portions of the trip as the group rates are based on everyone following the same itinerary.

#### CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Some restrictions and penalties apply to your vacation investment. If you cancel your reservations, YOUR RIGHT TO A REFUND IS LIMITED, as set forth in the following schedule. All cancellations **must be discussed with the trip organizer and be in writing to S.E.E. Mates Ski & Travel Club**, 106 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950. Date of postmark will determine applicable policy:

#### After August 15, 2021 and up to 120 days (January 27, 2021) prior to departure cancellation policy is as follows:

A: Any and all cancellations are subject to a \$95.00 per person contracted administration fee up until 120 days prior to departure.

- B: Any and all cancellations received 119 to 91 days prior to departure \$ 395.00 per person contacted cancellation fee.
- C: Any and all cancellations received 90 to 61 days prior to departure \$ 695.00 per person contacted cancellation fee.

**D:** Any and all cancellations received 60 days or less to departure – **no refunds**.

No refunds for early departure or late arrival. No shows, no refund. No partial refunds for any unused portions of this package.

#### Refunds will be made as soon as they are received from vendors (minimum eight (8) weeks).

TRIP INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip insurance covering, accident, sickness or death of a participant or a covered family member that would result in cancellation either prior to or during the trip or Cancel for Any Reason.

Trip participants can go to insuremytrip.com to find the insurance policy that will work best for individual needs.

## Enclosed is my (our) \$500 per person deposit(s) for the May 27 – June 7, 2022 S.E.E. IRELAND ADVENTURE

Name(s)	Rooming with:
(as appears on your <u>Gov't ID</u> )	Email :
Address	Home Phone:
	D.O.B required by TSA:
	Emergency contact:
Yes, I have read and understand the cancellation/refund policies/insurance recommendation above.	

Signature:

Date: