# Ireland in Depth LAND TOUR

Galway • Killarney • Cork • Kilkenny • Dublin

14 days - including international airfare from Detroit, airport transfers

from SVSU and pre-trip dinner at SVSU – from \$3795

Improve your value with these optional extensions:

Northern Ireland: 5 nights pre-trip from \$995 Dublin, Ireland: 3 nights post-trip from \$495



#### IT'S INCLUDED

- Choose to purchase Grand Circle's airfare, and your airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges are included. Or, make your own air arrangements
- Accommodations for 12 nights in comfortable rooms with private baths
- 21 meals: 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 6 dinners
- 13 included tours
- Exclusive Discovery Series events: Irish history & culture discussion • Sheepdog demonstration • Home-Hosted Lunch
- Hurling demonstration Avoca Handweavers visit
- Personal headset on all included and optional tours

- Exclusive services of a Grand Circle Program Director (assigned to no more than 42 travelers)
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next Grand Circle trip—an average of \$197
- Private motorcoach land travel
- Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

#### Now included for 2015

**Gratuities** on your main trip are now included for local guides and motorcoach drivers

Limited Time Offer: Reserve now, pay in FULL by check and \$ave 10%

#### ITINERARY

May 14, 2016

## PRE-TRIP OPTION: 5 NIGHTS IN NORTHERN IRELAND

DAY	DESTINATION/HOTEL
1	Fly U.S. • Galway, Ireland
2-4	Galway Ardilaun Hotel or similar
	DED TOUR: Galway NAL TOURS: Dinner & <i>ceili</i> , Connemara & Kylemore Abbey
5-7	Killarney

- Killarney Towers or similar INCLUDED TOURS: Burren & Cliffs of
- Moher, Killarney National Park, Ring of Kerry
- OPTIONAL TOURS: National Folk Theatre Performance & dinner, *Dingle* Experience
- The River Lee Hotel or similar

Cork

#### INCLUDED TOURS: Blarney, Cobh

**10-11** Kilkenny Pembroke Hotel or similar

INCLUDED TOURS: Cahir Castle, Waterford Crystal factory, Kilkenny

**12-13** Dublin

Ballsbridge Hotel or similar

INCLUDED TOURS: Glendalough, Guinness Storehouse, Dublin

14 Fly Dublin • U.S.

POST-TRIP OPTION: 3 NIGHTS IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

Please mention this code when booking:

G6-24365

Delve deep into the magic of the Emerald Isle, a land rich in history, romantic legend, verdant landscapes, and stirring music and song. From the natural splendor of the coastal Cliffs of Moher and the captivating Burren, to the celebrated blend of past and present on the streets of Galway and Dublin, the unforgettable heart of your journey is the warmth and charm of the Irish people.

#### YOUR ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Depart U.S.

Day 2 Arrive Galway, Ireland. Your arrival time will depend on your departure city. A Grand Circle representative will meet you at the airport and assist you to your hotel to meet your Program Director and fellow travelers arriving from their optional *Northern Ireland* extension. Tonight, get to know your group members over a Welcome Drink and Dinner. D—Ardilaun Hotel or similar

Day 3 Galway • City tour • Optional Irish ceili & dinner. This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Galway, a burgeoning center for the technology industry and a lively bohemian mecca, with your Program Director, followed by time to explore at your own pace. Tonight, you may join in the craic (fun) during an optional ceili, a celebration that includes dinner, dancing, and song with local musicians.

B—Ardilaun Hotel or similar

Day 4 Galway • Optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour. Join our optional Connemara & Kylemore Abbey tour today. You'll explore the former Mitchell Henry mansion before enjoying lunch onboard *The Connemara Lady* cruise boat while viewing the spectacular scenery of Ireland's only fjord. Then move on to Clough Na Mara, where you'll learn about the hardships of life in early Ireland. Or take the entire day today to explore Galway at your own pace.

B—Ardilaun Hotel or similar

Day 5 Galway • The Burren & Cliffs of Moher • Killarney National Park. This morning, you'll set off for Killarney. Your first stop will be the Burren, a surreal moonscape full of huge limestone crags, massive dolmens, and ancient stone forts, known as *cahers*. Despite the seemingly inhospitable climate, a diverse array of plant life thrives here. Then discover the majestic Cliffs of Moher, precipitous rock formations towering more than 700 feet above the ocean.

Later in the afternoon, celebrate your arrival in Killarney with a ride on a jaunting car (a traditional Irish horse-drawn carriage) for a tour of the forested hills of Killarney National Park, and the Kenmare Estate, a former residence for an Irish noble family.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

Tonight, join your fellow travelers at the hotel for an included dinner, and then learn about rural Irish life during a discussion with a local resident who grew up on a small farm in the 1950s.

B,D—Killarney Towers or similar

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### Pacing

• 5 locations in 13 days

#### **Physical Requirements**

- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them throughout the trip
- You must be able to walk 2 miles unassisted and participate in 1.5-2.5 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs
- Agility, balance, and the ability to climb stairs are required to kiss the Blarney Stone

#### Climate

- Daytime temperatures range from 48-67°F during touring season
- June-August are the warmest months
- February and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly within a short period of time
- Rain is common and should be expected

#### Terrain

 Travel over uneven walking surfaces, including unpaved paths, hills, stairs, and cobblestones

#### **Transportation**

 Travel by 45-seat motorcoach and jaunting car (horse-drawn carriage)

#### Cuisine

• Meals will be based on the local cuisine





Day 6 Killarney • Ring of Kerry • Optional National Folk Theatre performance & dinner. On this morning's included tour, you'll discover the Ring of Kerry, enjoying breathtaking views of Ireland's majestic mountains and rugged coastline. We ride most of the way, making scenic stops and disembarking in Moll's Gap for lunch. The afternoon is yours to discover Killarney on your own. This evening, join us for an optional performance by the National Folk Theatre of Ireland, including dinner.

B,L—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 7 Killarney • Optional Dingle Experience tour. After breakfast, join our optional Dingle Experience excursion. First, you'll travel to Kerry County Museum, where you'll enjoy a re-created medieval street in Tralee. Then visit the rugged Dingle Peninsula, known for its spectacular coastline, where you'll stop for a fish-and-chips lunch in the fishing town of Dingle.

**B**—Killarney Towers or similar

Day 8 Killarney • Blarney Castle • Cork. This morning, set off for historic Cork.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

Along the way, you'll stop to view Ireland's finest Border Collies in action during a sheepdog demonstration at a working farm (weather permitting).

En route to Cork, you'll stop in Blarney, a village nestled in the Irish countryside. Atop the south battlement of its famous castle, you'll find the Blarney Stone, reputed to bestow eloquence on those who manage to kiss it—a feat that can only be accomplished by hanging upside down.

B,D—The River Lee Hotel or similar

Day 9 Cork • Cobh • Home-Hosted Lunch. This morning, enjoy an included tour of Cobh, a seaside town that served as a major emigration point for families leaving Ireland during the Great Potato Famine. The city was also the last port of call for two famously doomed ships: the *Titanic* and the *Lusitania*, whose sinking brought America into World War I.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

This afternoon, learn about contemporary life in Ireland while savoring a traditional meal during a Home-Hosted Lunch with a local family.

The rest of the day is yours to make your own discoveries.

B,L—The River Lee Hotel or similar

## Day 10 Cork • Cahir Castle tour • Waterford Crystal tour • Kilkenny.

Travel from Cork to Kilkenny today, stopping en route to visit Cahir Castle and Waterford. Situated on a rocky island in the River Suir, Cahir Castle once featured a state-of-the-art defensive design, and is now one of Ireland's best-preserved castles. Continue on to visit the Waterford Crystal factory, where you'll tour the Waterford Crystal factory, renowned globally as the standard for the highest quality lead-cut crystal. After your tour and free time to shop, head to a local pub for a drink and some live music. Arrive in Kilkenny this

evening, where you'll enjoy an included dinner at your hotel.

B,D—Pembroke Hotel or similar

Day 11 Kilkenny • City tour. Kilkenny boasts some of the best-preserved medieval structures in the country, which you'll explore today on an included walking tour. You'll visit the immaculately manicured, sprawling gardens of Kilkenny Castle, built around 800 years ago, and a delightful destination for locals and visitors alike today.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

During an included demonstration, you'll also learn about hurling, an energetic and uniquely Irish sport—not unlike field hockey or lacrosse—introduced by the Celts around 2,000 years ago.

The rest of the day is yours to discover Kilkenny at leisure, and dinner is on your own this evening.

B,L—Pembroke Hotel or similar

#### Day 12 Kilkenny • Glendalough • Dublin.

#### **EXCLUSIVE DISCOVERY SERIES EVENT**

After breakfast, you'll set off for Dublin, stopping along the way at the river town of Avoca, made famous by the Avoca Handweavers. When you meet with them, you'll hear about what it's like to work at the oldest clothing manufacturer in all of Ireland. Then, advance to the lovely monastic city of Glendalough.

Arrive in Dublin in the afternoon and visit to Trinity College to view the ancient Book of Kells. This evening, join your companions for an included dinner.

B,D—Ballsbridge Hotel or similar

#### Day 13 Dublin • Guinness Storehouse •

City tour. Learn the history of the iconic Irish beer during a tour the Guinness Storehouse, then explore Dublin on an included city tour. Enjoy lunch on your own, and an afternoon at leisure to make your own discoveries before joining your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner.

B,D—Ballsbridge Hotel or similar

Day 14 Dublin • Return to U.S. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or continue your discoveries of the Emerald Isle on an optional post-trip extension in *Dublin*, *Ireland*.

Please note: We reserve the right for our Program Directors to modify participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home if their limitations are impacting the group's experience.

## Make the most of your international airfare: Stay longer and discover more

## Northern Ireland

5 nights pre-trip from \$995 Travel from only \$199 per night

#### Your optional extension includes:

- Accommodations for 2 nights in Belfast at the First-Class Europa Belfast or similar, 2 nights in Londonderry at the First-Class City Hotel Derry, and 1 night in Galway at the Superior First-Class Ardilaun Hotel or similar
- 5 meals: 5 breakfasts
- Included tours: Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Londonderry
- Exclusive services of a Grand Circle Program Director
- All transfers

#### Now included for 2015

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#### FEATURED HOTEL



#### City Hotel Derry (Moderate First Class) Derry, Ireland

Located on the banks of the River Foyle, the Moderate First-Class City Hotel Derry is about a five-minute walk from the historic Derry Walls, which form a promenade around the inner city. The hotel offers a restaurant, bar, and health club. Your room includes a telephone, TV, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.

#### Day 1 Depart U.S.

#### Day 2 Arrive Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Arriving in Belfast today, you'll be met at the airport and assisted to your hotel. Join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Drink and briefing, and then a vicinity walk. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Europa Belfast or similar

Day 3 Belfast • City tour. This morning, you'll see the sights of Belfast on a panoramic tour, as you drive by the city's elaborate Victorian and Edwardian buildings. Then enjoy the entire afternoon to explore Belfast on your own. You may wish to visit its numerous parks, art museums, wonderful pubs, or check out its lively arts scene.

B—Europa Belfast or similar

Day 4 Belfast • Giant's Causeway • Londonderry. Depart this morning for Londonderry. Along the way, you'll visit the stunning lunar landscape of the Giant's Causeway.

B—City Hotel Derry or similar

## Day 5 Londonderry • City tour • Optional Ulster American Folk Park

tour. This morning, enjoy an included walking tour of the city, featuring a closer look at the city's great 17th-century walls. You'll have the rest of the day at leisure to make your own discoveries. Or join an optional tour to the Ulster American Folk Park, an open-air museum.

B—City Hotel Derry or similar

#### Day 6 Londonderry • Galway, Ireland.

Depart this morning for Galway, stopping on route to visit a churchyard in Drumcliffe where William Butler Yeats was laid to rest. You'll arrive in Galway in the late afternoon, and dinner will be on your own this evening.

B—Ardilaun Hotel or similar

Day 7 Galway. Meet your fellow travelers arriving today and begin your *Ireland in Depth* Land Tour.

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## Single Supplement: FREE ►EIP2015

This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details.



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## Dublin, Ireland

## 3 nights post-trip from \$495 Travel from only \$165 per night

#### Your optional extension includes:

- Accommodations for 3 nights in Dublin at the Moderate-Deluxe Ballsbridge Hotel or similar
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Included tours: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, St. Stephen's Green
- Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Pass to explore Dublin on your own
- Exclusive services of a local Grand Circle representative
- All transfers

#### Now included for 2015

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#### FEATURED HOTEL



#### Ballsbridge Hotel (Moderate Deluxe) Dublin, Ireland

This Moderate-Deluxe hotel offers convenient access to locations like St. Stephen's Green, Temple Bar, and Grafton Street—one of Dublin's fashionable shopping areas. Hotel facilities include a restaurant and pub. All non-smoking rooms feature a TV, trouser press, complimentary coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.

**Please note:** Select departures feature similar accommodations.

#### Day 1 Dublin • St. Patrick's Cathedral • Dublin Castle & City Hall. After

breakfast, discover the area around St. Patrick's Cathedral—and tour this Dublin landmark—during an included tour with your Hospitality Desk representative using your Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Pass. The afternoon is yours for discovery. Perhaps you'll stroll along the narrow cobblestone streets of Temple Bar, the area between the Bank of Ireland and Christ Church Cathedral, or simply chat with locals while enjoying a pint at one of Dublin's countless pubs (all of which are smoke-free).

Day 2 Dublin • Optional Powerscourt House & Gardens tour. Explore Dublin on your own today, using your included Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Pass. Or join an optional tour to discover the world-renowned gardens of Powerscourt House, an immaculately manicured landscape of sprawling lawns, colorful flowers, planted trees, terraces, grottos, cascades, and tree-lined footpaths. Your optional tour continues at the medieval village of

Single Supplement: FREE

Dalkey, where you'll have lunch at an 18th-century pub, followed by free time to explore on your own before returning to Dublin.

B—Ballsbridge Hotel or similar

#### Day 3 Dublin • St. Stephen's Green.

Join your Hospitality Desk representative this morning for an included discovery walk of St. Stephen's Green, a 22-acre public park designed in the Georgian era. Among many points of interest, a memorial garden to W.B. Yeats features a Henry Moore sculpture. Then spend the day exploring Dublin on your own. You might consider visiting the National Library of Ireland, whose collection includes manuscripts spanning a thousand years. Or you could follow the enlightening route walked by Leopold Bloom in Joyce's *Ulysses*, including Eccles Street and Bachelor's Walk.

B—Ballsbridge Hotel or similar

**Day 4 Dublin • Return to U.S.** This morning, transfer to the airport for your flight home.

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### IRELAND IN DEPTH

#### 2016 Air Add-On with Detroit

#### MAY 14, 2016

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Land Tour only	\$3795	\$3855
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#### Air Add-On

Detroit	Included
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$350 per person.

**Single Supplement:** FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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After you reserve your trip, toll-free Customer Service and our Air Department are available Monday-Friday 9 am to 8 pm ET, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 7 pm ET at 1-800-321-2835.

## SAVE up to 10% and lock in your price!

PAY IN FULL prior to your departure date	YOUR SAVINGS off your total trip price*
12 months or more prior to departure	10% off
11 months prior to departure	7% off
10 months prior to departure	6% off
9 months prior to departure	5% off
8 months prior to departure	4% off
7 months prior to departure	3% off
6 months prior to departure	2% off
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GOVERNMENT TAXES AND FEES The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to \$2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—\$5.00 USD one-way, \$10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to \$18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to \$3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to \$200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to \$300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at www.qct.com/tc.

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Please be ready to give the reservations agent the following information Trip name/code: Ireland in Depth/EID

Departure date: May 14, 2016

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