

# October 20-30, 2024

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## “The Elders 2024 Ireland Tour”



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<b>Day 1</b> <b>October 20</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dublin Airport- Arklow.</b> Today the tour will depart Dublin Airport at 10AM sharp! For those that miss the transfer, they will be responsible for getting themselves to Arklow to meet the tour. We our journey to Arklow. We head south traveling along the coastline of the Irish sea to reach our destination. Welcome to Arklow, a lively town in the southern corner of county Wicklow. Arklow was, in its day, one of the busiest ports in Ireland and a renowned centre for boat building and sea fishing as well as having a fine tradition in the pottery industry. Tonight, we will enjoy a group dinner. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at the Arklow Bay Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 2</b> <b>October 21</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>Arklow- Kilkenny- Arklow.</b> Today after breakfast at our hotel we head east towards Kilkenny, for a visit to Kilkenny Castle. The castle was Built in the twelfth century, Kilkenny Castle was the principal seat of the Butlers, earls, marquesses and dukes of Ormond for almost 600 years. Under the powerful Butler family, Kilkenny has grown into a thriving and vibrant city, Its lively atmosphere can still be felt today. The castle, set in extensive parkland, was remodeled in Victorian times. It was formally taken over by the Irish State in 1969 and since then has undergone ambitious restoration works. It now welcomes thousands of visitors a year. Free time to enjoy Kilkenny. <b>Overnight Arklow Bay Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>October 22</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Arklow- Galway.</b> This morning after breakfast we head west and begin our journey to Galway. Our first stop is The cliffs of Moher, which are astonishingly impressive and staggeringly beautiful. The entirely vertical cliffs rise to a height of 700 feet, their edge falling away abruptly into a ceaselessly churning Atlantic. A progression of vast heads, the dark limestone marches in a rigid formation that's gobsmacking, no matter how many times you look at it. Then we head to Galway, epic coastlines, magnificent beaches and lofty mountain peaks, marvel at the epic scenery in County Galway. Then onto our city center hotel. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway.</b>
<b>Day 4</b> <b>October 23</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Galway- Connemara- Galway.</b> After enjoying breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to tour of The Connemara National Park. Connemara, (Conmaicnemara – the tribe of Cormac by the sea), white sandy beaches, dark bogs and tall jagged mountains make this one of the most scenic and unspoiled areas in the country. Wild and rugged, in some places here, Gaelic remains the only spoken language. We travel first to Clifden, (An Clochan). Founded in the early 19th century by John D’Arcy, it retains much of its Georgian architecture. Placed at the head of a broad Atlantic Bay and nestled below the Twelve Bens, the town is blessed by its beautiful setting. We then will stop to tour Kylemore Abbey. Nestled in the heart of Connemara, on the Wild Atlantic Way, Kylemore Abbey is a haven of history, beauty and serenity. Home to a Benedictine order of Nuns for the past 100 years, Kylemore Abbey welcomes visitors from all over the world each year to embrace the magic of the magnificent 1,000-acre estate. <b>Overnight at the Imperial Hotel Galway.</b>
<b>Day 5</b> <b>October 24</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Galway-Bundoran.</b> After breakfast this morning we head north to Donegal. On our way we will stop in Sligo. It takes someplace pretty special to be christened “The Land of the heart’s desire” by one of Ireland’s most beloved poets, William Butler Yates. Perched on the Wild Atlantic Way, with the coast on the west and lush lakelands to the east, Sligo town is the gateway to every Irish experience. After Sligo we head north to Donegal to visit Donegal Castle. A restored 15th Century, Norman tower house, located in the centre of charming Donegal Town, Built by the O’Donnell chieftains, it is situated beside the river Eske in Donegal Town. The Castle was rebuilt in Jacobean style in the 16th Century by Sir Basil Brooke, after Hugh O’Donnell burnt it to the ground rather than let it fall into enemy hands. Then it is onto Bundoran for overnight. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at the Great Northern Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 6</b> <b>October 25</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>Bundoran.</b> Today we will explore Donegal. We take to the road for a short jaunt to Donegal Town to tour the stunning <b>Donegal Castle</b> , first mentioned in 1544 in connection with the wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600, it had been captured and taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory in 1601. Time this afternoon to explore Donegal. <b>Overnight at the Great Northern Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 7</b> <b>October 26</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Bundoran- Derry- Belfast.</b> Today after breakfast we make our way to Derry. To fully experience Derry’s history, strolling along the parapet walkways as we do the <i>Walled in City Tour</i> . Derry is one of the last fully intact, walled-in cities left in all of Europe and a must-see for every visitor. We enjoy a panoramic tour of Derry including Derry’s Walls, The Bogside, The Peoples Gallery (Murals), The Bloody Sunday Story, The History of the Apprentice Boys, and The Marching Season Traditions. We continue to Belfast, the capital city of Northern Ireland. <b>Dinner &amp; Overnight at the Europa Hotel.</b>

<b>Day 8 October 27 Sunday</b>	<b>Belfast- Giants Causeway- Belfast.</b> Morning departure from Belfast takes us north through the majestic Glens of Antrim. We travel along the spectacular coastline and on to the Giants Causeway. The phenomenal wonder of hexagonal columns expanding out to the North Atlantic is said to have been built by legendary Irish Folk Hero, Finn MacCool as “a path way to Scotland” to see his beloved. We will also stop (view only) the Carrick-a-Rede bridge, one of Northern Ireland’s most loved attractions. Connected to the cliffs by a rope bridge across the Atlantic Ocean, Carrick-a-Rede Island (home to a single building - a fisherman’s cottage). Suspended almost 100ft (30m) above sea level, the rope bridge was first erected by salmon fishermen 350 years ago Crossing the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the seat of devolved government and legislative assembly in Northern Ireland. <b>Overnight at the Europa Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 9 October 28 Monday</b>	<b>Belfast- Dublin.</b> Today we begin our adventures by driving South to the bustling town of Drogheda, which is a medieval town. Drogheda is the gateway to the world-famous Boyne Valley region and the UNESCO World Heritage Site at Newgrange. Rich in heritage yet young at heart, the largest town in Ireland still has a village feel and a wealth of unique attractions within walking distance of each other. Then it is off to our destination today, Dublin. You may find time to stop at Bazen Head Pub for a pint. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 10 October 29 Tuesday</b>	<b>Dublin.</b> Today included in your tour is the Hop On/Hop Off Dublin Bus Pass. You’ll be sure to see St. Patrick’s Cathedral where Jonathan Swift gave his sermons; or the G.P.O. on O’Connell Street, the scene of the 1916 Easter Uprising where bullet-holes remain to this day. Visit the famous Phoenix Park where Pope John Paul II said Mass in 1979 to over a million people; and finally, Trinity College to view the 8 <sup>th</sup> century manuscripts, the Book of Kells, still preserved as they were when the monks produced them all those centuries ago. Tonight, we will enjoy dinner and an Elders show at Taylor’s Three Rock. <b>Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.</b>
<b>Day 11 October 30 Wednesday</b>	<b>Dublin-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to Dublin Airport (One Group Transfer). In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Dublin has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way, we wish you “Safe Home”.

**Your Land Tour Includes:**

- **Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing, Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.**
- **Ten (10 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:**  
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- **Full Irish breakfast daily**
- **Three Hotel Dinners: Arklow, Bundoran & Belfast.**
- **Dinner & Entertainment with transfers to Taylor’s Three Rock.**
- **Fully escorted sightseeing per itinerary.**
- **Admissions to: Kilkenny Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, Donegal Castle, Walled in Tour of Derry, Giant’s Causeway, Hop on Hop off Bus Tour of Dublin.**
- **Portage of ONE big suitcase per person, with a carry on.**
- **Hotel taxes**
- **Not Included**
- **Any Items of a personal nature; Dinners and items not mentioned as included, Sightseeing not indicated as included.**
- **Tip to your driver guide.**

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