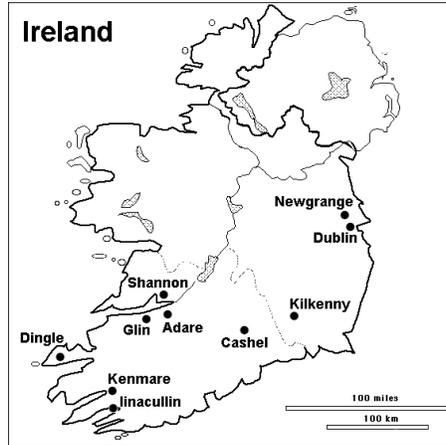


Ireland: For Your Eyes Only

May 1 – 12, 2015



This is a rare opportunity for ROM travellers only to enjoy private receptions, behind the scenes tours and personal welcomes by owners to their palaces, castles and gardens.

Art historian Marianne Gorman will introduce you to Ireland's stunning landscape that has been shaped by its people and their turbulent history. Discover how Celtic monuments and traditions, early Christian monastic sites, Anglo-Norman fortified stone castles, and elegant 15th-18th century palaces are woven into the fabric of Irish art and culture, past and present.

Even before the Celts, who are still the core of Ireland's heritage, there were megalithic burial chambers as found at Newgrange in the Boyne Valley. These predate the Egyptian pyramids. With St. Patrick's arrival, monastic settlements sprang up across the country producing national treasures such as the *Book of Kells*. The round towers and the Anglo-Norman fortified stone castles were part of the defenses of the Middle Ages. Inspired by a wave of "classicism", 18th century Dublin became a European showcase.

Castletown was the first great Palladian country house in Ireland built to "correct" classical proportions. Others followed, such as Charleville House and Marino Casino, all set in lush park-like settings.

On the south west coast where the Gaelic tradition is strongest, valleys, lakes and mountain passes blend into breathtaking five star scenery, illustrated by 18th century Bantry House with its scenic coastal location and beautiful gardens; and Inacullin Island. Warmed by the gulf stream, dazzling azaleas and rhododendrons will be in full bloom.

Dingle Peninsula sweeps into the wild Atlantic. Its villages are a colourful canvas of painted houses backed by stunning bluffs and craggy mountains. Dingle is also rich in prehistoric and early Christian remains. This exclusive experience concludes in picture perfect Adare whose main street is lined with stone-built, thatched-roof cottages.

Trace Ireland's heritage and culture through the development of its architecture and decorative arts.

Tour Itinerary & Highlights

Day 1 Dublin

Individual arrivals in Dublin. Private tour of the National Museum. Walking tour of Georgian Squares. Welcome reception in the Kildare Street Club. Introduction by Dr. Peter Harbison of the Royal Irish Academy to the Boyne Valley and High Crosses.

Day 2 Dublin

Boyne Valley. Hill of Tara; Newgrange, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; private lunch at Rosnaree, home of Aisling Law. Monasterboice's 9th century High Crosses.

Day 3 Dublin

Marino Casino, the most perfect building in Europe, with architect John O'Connell. Trinity College (*Book of Kells*), Dinner at the home of Robert and Sarah Guinness, in Straffan, County Kildare.

Day 4 Dublin

Private tour of Collins Barracks; private lunch at Killadoon House; tour Castletown House.

Day 5 Dublin

Kildare: National Stud; and Japanese Gardens. Killruddery: 17th century gardens; lunch in the Conservatory with the family of the Earls of Meath; behind the scenes visit to privately-owned Charleville House.

Day 6 Dublin – Kilkenny

Drive to Luggala to meet the family; on to Birr Castle for tour and lunch with the owners, the Earl and Countess of Rosse.

Day 7 Kilkenny

Kilkenny Castle Design Centre; St. Canice's Cathedral; Jerpoint Abbey; private dinner at Borris House with the McMurrough Kavanaghs, art collectors.

Day 8 Kilkenny – Kenmare

Rock of Cashel; lunch at Cashel Palace Hotel.

Day 9 Kenmare

Glencarriff, Bantry Bay; boat to Inacullin Island; early 19th century Italianate gardens; Bantry House.

Day 10 Kenmare – Adare

Dingle Peninsula around Sleah Head: Dunbeg Bronze Age fort; the Clochans; Kilmakedar Church; Gallarus Oratory. Private dinner with the Countess of Dunraven at Kilgobbin House.

Day 11 Adare

Farewell dinner with the Stacpoles, President of the Antique Dealers Association.

Day 12 Adare – Shannon

Individual departures from Shannon.

Marianne Gorman

Art Historian Marianne, who is energetic and enthusiastic about her country, will make its people and history come alive. She completed graduate studies in the History of Art at Trinity College, Dublin. For the past 15 years she has led tours for institutions such as the Art Institute of Chicago, The Garden Club of Toronto and the ROM. She is well connected and an active member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries. She will make our trip.

Hotels

Dublin	Merrion Hotel	5 nights
Thomastown	Mount Juliet Hotel	2 nights
Kenmare	Park Hotel	2 nights
Adare	Dunraven Arms Hotel	2 nights

ROMtravel Coordinator

Sally Tuck, a past President of the Department of Museum Volunteers, and a past Chair of ROMtravel, has coordinated ROMtravel trips to Ecuador and the Galapagos; Barcelona; Malta, Tunisia and Ireland.

Tour Cost

Double Occupancy	\$8,190
Single Supplement	1,995

Tour begins at Dublin Airport.

Tour ends at Shannon Airport.

International flight costs are NOT included.

Photos

- A view of Dingle Peninsula from Dunmore-Head, courtesy of Wikipedia and Bjørn Christian Tørrissen
- Georgian doorways, Dublin, courtesy of alysandalex

Terms & Conditions

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Tour Cost Includes

- Group bus transfer from airport to hotel in Dublin on Day 1 for those arriving before or at the arrival time of the ROMtravel Coordinator. Group bus transfer from hotel to airport in Shannon on Day 12 for those departing at same time as the ROMtravel Coordinator.
- Porterage of one standard sized suitcase per person.
- Ground transportation in a deluxe, air-conditioned bus for transfers and excursions as per itinerary. Boat transportation as per itinerary.
- Shared accommodation in double occupancy room with private facilities.
- Meals: breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 6 dinners. Bottled water each day.
- All visits, entrance fees, speakers' fees and events as per itinerary.
- All taxes and tips for all goods and services, drivers, hotel, restaurant and guiding staff related to the basic tour; all hotel and local taxes.
- Services of a ROMtravel Coordinator and a Travel Agency Escort.
- Services of English-speaking local guides. Services of Worldwide Quest.
- Pre-trip orientations; post-trip reunion.
- A travel handbook.

Not Included

- International flight costs to/from your home and Ireland.
- Items of a personal nature, e.g., laundry, telephone calls, internet.
- Airline baggage fees where applicable. Visa costs where applicable.
- Meals, snacks, and beverages unless specified.
- Trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance.

Costs

All prices quoted herein are based on rates, fees and taxes as of June 16, 2014. Costs are subject to change without notice. Should tour costs increase, Worldwide Quest (as per TICO regulations) reserves the right to increase the price accordingly up to a maximum of 7%. Note that the itinerary may be subject to change without notice.

ROM Membership Requirement

Participants must be members of the Royal Ontario Museum. Individual annual membership is \$97; family annual membership is \$149 (if both partners join the tour, only one needs to be a member). Non-resident family annual membership (outside L/M postal zones) is \$102. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Deposits and Final Payment

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 per person is required at the time of booking. Optional trip cancellation and hospital/medical insurance are also payable at this time. **A second payment of \$1,000.00 is due on November 3, 2014. The balance of payment, \$6,390.00, and single supplement of \$1,995.00 are due on February 25, 2015.**

Reservations

As the number of participants is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible. In the event of over-subscription, a waiting list will be maintained.

Physical Limitations or Disabilities

Any physical limitation or disability requiring special attention or treatment must be reported when reservation is made. Worldwide Quest and/or its agents reserve the right to decline to accept or retain anyone who may in their sole judgment require care and attention beyond that which can be provided.

Cancellations

Should a confirmed participant cancel, notification must be received in writing by Worldwide Quest. **All payments are non-refundable.** No refund will be issued for unused services. No claim or refund will be considered unless submitted in writing and received by Worldwide Quest within 30 days of the termination of the tour.

Documents

A passport valid for six (6) months after the return is required. Neither Worldwide Quest nor ROMtravel is responsible for missing or incorrect travel documents.

ROMtravel values your Privacy

Your contact information will be published in the Trip Handbook unless you advise NOT to do so. It is for the sole use of trip participants, ROMtravel and the Travel Agency, and will not be shared with anyone else.

Insurance

Comprehensive insurance to afford protection against penalties caused by cancellation of trip due to injury, illness or death of tour participant or member of participant's family is recommended. It is underwritten by Manulife Financial. The insurance premium is non-refundable and must be submitted at time of deposit. A waiver will be necessary if insurance is not taken. Taxes are included in the quoted prices. The rates quoted below are subject to change until insurance policy is issued.

Based on shared accommodation			Based on single accommodation		
Age	Comprehensive	Non-Medical	Age	Comprehensive	Non-Medical
To 54	\$478.44	\$435.24	To 54	\$564.84	\$521.64
55-59	\$486.00	\$440.64	55-59	\$572.40	\$527.04
60-64	\$599.40	\$517.32	60-64	\$707.40	\$625.32
65-69	\$718.20	\$599.40	65-69	\$847.80	\$729.00
70-74	\$915.84	\$687.96	70-74	\$1,067.04	\$839.16

For those aged 75 and over, or for other coverage, please contact Kerry at Worldwide Quest.

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