

Ireland from Dublin to Killarney

June 13 - At home pick-up and transport to airport for overnight flight to Shannon.

June 14 - Arrival in Shannon. We will head right out to the rocky Burren region to watch a fascinating demonstration by the local border collies as they direct flocks of sheep. We'll also explore the Caherconnell Ringfort and museum. Next we'll visit the astounding Cliffs of Moher before returning to our hotel in Bunratty.

June 15 - We will head north to Galway and spend some time exploring the cathedral and the historic downtown before driving west along the Wild Atlantic Way and visiting the area of disappearing lakes and the lovely old Dungaire Castle. We'll return to Bunratty in time for a music performance and dinner at Bunratty Castle or the Folk Park.

June 16 - Today we will depart our hotel and drive along the perimeter of the scenic Dingle Peninsula with our local guide. We will visit Dingle town and the Blasket Island Center and the famous Gallarus Oratory, an early Christian church dating from approximately 1100 AD. We'll arrive at our hotel in Killarney in time for dinner. You may choose to visit Kate Kearney's Cottage for some live music.

June 17 - We will spend the day exploring Killarney National Park, beginning with a scenic boat trip on Ross Lake followed by a jaunting cart ride through the town and forest to the magnificent Muckross House. We will have lunch here followed by a house tour and a chance to stroll the lake-front gardens. This evening we'll enjoy a nice dinner before taking our seats at the Celtic Steps Show nearby.

June 18 - Depart Killarney and visit the Rock of Cashel on our way to our lunch destination of Kinsale, a charming south coast village. We plan to arrive at our city center hotel in the medieval city of Kilkenny with time to explore the castle & Woolen Exchange.

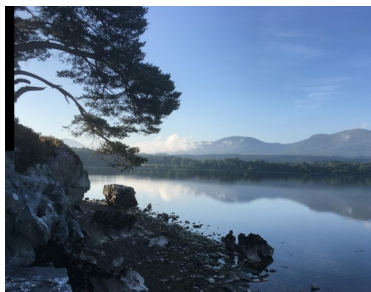
June 19 - Today we will have a chance to hear some live music in the numerous Kilkenny pubs, visit the Black Abbey and the Kilkenny Museum, stroll the twisted narrow streets of the walled city, or just enjoy some down time in the parkland that surrounds the ancient castle. Today is an easy and open day.

June 20 - Following a hearty Irish breakfast, we will drive to Dublin to begin our city tour with a private step-on guide with stops at Trinity College to view the Book of Kells, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Phoenix Park and the main sights of Dublin. Lunch at O'Neil's Carvery and your choice of either the Jameson Experience or the Guinness Tour. Overnight in downtown Dublin.

June 21 - A morning flight home or an afternoon ferry to Wales for those choosing the extension.



The Dunloe, near Killarney



Lake Killarney



Rock of Cashel