



# Ireland with the Family

7 days

## Tour Description

*We understand that your travel needs can be different when traveling with Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, Dad, cousins and/or young children. It requires a significant amount of effort and coordination to travel internationally with a group of family members. Therefore, the activities, accommodations, and pace should reflect that.*

*This 7-day, 6-night itinerary, taking you to many of Ireland's dreamiest spots, was designed specifically with families in mind. Ireland's lack of language barrier, friendly locals, and exceptional countryside make it an ideal family-friendly destination. With that being said, keep in mind that the itinerary below is just a sample and can be tailored to meet your family's needs and interests. If you're not traveling with very young children, many additional activities – such as visiting a whiskey distillery, attending a literary pub crawl, or playing a round of golf – could be substituted or added. If you like the look of this itinerary but would like to stay longer in Ireland, we recommend adding either a stay in Dublin or Cork.*

## Highlights

- ❖ **Attend a medieval banquet in 15th-century Bunratty Castle**
- ❖ **See Ireland's picture-perfect Cliffs of Moher!**
- ❖ **Visit a traditional Irish pet farm**
- ❖ **Take a carriage tour of Killarney National Park**
- ❖ **Explore the Ring of Kerry**
- ❖ **Spend a day on the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula**

## Sample Tour Itinerary

### ***Bunratty – 2 nights***

**Day 1:** Arrival to Shannon Airport – Bunratty, County Clare

Upon arrival to Shannon Airport, a driver-guide will accompany your family to the lovely village of Bunratty, your base for the next two nights. Depending on your flight's arrival time, should you land well before the hotel's official check-in time (generally around 3:00 pm), you can begin exploring the area with your driver-guide before heading to the hotel. This evening, your family will attend a special medieval banquet—complete with music and entertainment inside 15th-century Bunratty Castle!

**Day 2:** Bunratty Castle & the Cliffs of Moher

After having breakfast, your family is in for an exciting day of nature and Irish history! Begin with a visit to Bunratty Castle's Folk Park, a 26-acre delight for children of any age, where you'll see what life was like in a rural, Irish village a century ago. Visit the adventure playground, meet the village blacksmith, check out the natural adventure park, and see the farm animals. There will be free time for lunch before traveling to the soaring Cliffs of Moher. This striking stretch of coastline is one of Ireland's most dramatically scenic attractions. After seeing the cliffs, you'll return to the hotel in Bunratty. A stop can be



made in route, when fishing the village of Doolin, to see local crafts or to visit a local pub. This evening you'll dine in Bunratty.

### ***Killarney – 3 nights***

#### **Day 3:** Bunratty – Adare – Killarney, County Kerry

After breakfast and checkout, travel south with your driver-guide to Adare, a village often hailed as one of the prettiest parts of Ireland, for its traditional thatched cottages, medieval churches, and lovely gardens. You'll have time to look around and visit Adare's Heritage Center before continuing your journey south to County Kerry. Upon arriving to the town of Killarney, enjoy free time for lunch before paying a visit to spectacular Killarney National Park. Inside the park you'll travel by horse and carriage to Muckross House & Gardens, one of the area's most popular attractions. Enjoy the splendid scenery as you

traverse the Muckross Estate, including views of the MacGillicuddy's Reeks Mountain Range. This evening your family will dine in a local restaurant in Killarney.

#### **Day 4:** Killarney National Park

After having breakfast, head to Kennedy's Pet Farm & Activity Centre to learn about traditional farming in Ireland. See sheep, lamb, goats, rabbits, pigs, ducks, and more! Afterwards, your family will spend the remainder of the day blissfully unwinding in the gorgeous lake and mountain scenery of Killarney National Park, an official UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Should you choose, you can rent a boat and row out to the lakes' islands, which are home to several medieval ruins. The park is also rife with gardens and hiking trails, including one that takes you to Torc Waterfall. You'll find that there are several eating facilities inside the park; or better yet, take a picnic! After returning to the hotel in Killarney, your family will dine this evening in the hotel's restaurant.

#### **Day 5:** Ring of Kerry

After having breakfast, set out on one of Ireland's most breathtaking drives: the Ring of Kerry. As you circle the spectacular coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula, your driver-guide will take you past valleys, lakes, mountains and cliffs, and through the towns of Glenbeigh, Cahirciveen, Waterville, and Sneem. Return to Killarney in the afternoon and enjoy a relaxing evening at leisure.

### ***Shannon Airport Hotel - 1 night***

#### **Day 6:** Dingle Peninsula

After having breakfast, get ready for another day of magnificent Irish scenery! Today, your family will tour the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. Depending on the time of year, you could spend time on one of Dingle's unsullied beaches, which are often considered Ireland's finest. If you'd like to include an activity, there are bicycle rentals, golf courses, and hiking trails on the peninsula. An option for children would be two aquatic attractions that are extremely popular: Dingle's "Fungie the Dolphin" boat tour and the Oceanworld Aquarium.

In order to make tomorrow morning's departure stress free, you'll travel that night, arriving near Shannon Airport. Depending on how early your flight departs, good overnight options include Adare, Limerick or a Shannon Airport hotel. A special farewell dinner will be arranged in the hotel's restaurant for your family.



**Day 7: Early Morning Departure**

As the flight will likely depart very early in the morning, we are happy to request breakfast boxes from the hotel that you can take with you. The driver-guide will take your family to Shannon Airport for your return flight to the USA or Canada.

**INCLUSIONS**

- Hotel accommodations in Bunratty–2 nights, Killarney–3 nights, Shannon Airport Hotel or Limerick–1 night
- Meals: Continental breakfast daily. Lunch and dinner as noted in the itinerary
- Air-conditioned, private coaching with an Irish driver-guide
- Admission tickets as outlined in the itinerary