



ANGEL *Adventures*

MEREDITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE TRAVEL PROGRAM

IRELAND 2025 ITINERARY

A Note about airport transfers:

Individual airport transfer on arrival and departure are included.

While transfers can sometimes be private, guests may be grouped with other guests arriving at the same time. If group is arriving and departing on the same flights, a group transfer can be arranged.

Day 1 – 11 OCT (SAT) – DEPART US FOR IRELAND

Day 2 – 12 OCT (SUN) – ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

Céad míle fáilte! A hundred-thousand welcomes!

- Individual airport arrival transfers are included to your hotel.
- Meet your Tour Director for an orientation drive to see O'Connell Street, Georgian squares, and St. Patrick's Cathedral.
- Visit the National Museum Of Archaeology to view see the Tara Brooch and the Ardagh Chalice
- This evening join your group for a welcome dinner at your hotel.

(Dinner included)

Note: Transfers scheduled until 1:30 p.m. Passengers should plan to arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Day 2 – 13 OCT (MON) – DUBLIN

- Visit Trinity College for a guided tour before your Book of Kells Experience
- Visit the Jeanie Johnston Tall Ship Irish Famine Museum
- Visit Kilmainham Gaol with a guided tour **subject to availability.*
- This evening, enjoy a unique Dublin experience: a visit to the famous Guinness Storehouse for a self-guided tour and then dinner **subject to availability*

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 3 – 14 OCT (TUE) – DUBLIN – WICKLOW MOUNTAINS AND GLENDALOUGH EXCURSION

- Our drive through the Wicklow Mountains National Park offers open vistas of rounded peaks blanketed with heath and bog, and fast flowing streams descending into the deep lakes of the wooded valleys.
- Then, at Glendalough, the early Christian monastic settlement founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century, see the engaging audiovisual Ireland of the Monasteries before your Local Guide shows you the remains of this ecclesiastical settlement.
- Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses.
- The round tower is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the area.
- Visit a woollen mill **subject to change/see notes.*
- Return to Dublin for an evening at your leisure.

(Breakfast included)

Please note: Woollen mill visit subject to coach parking. If unavailable Day 3, your Tour Director will ensure there is a woollen mill stop elsewhere on the tour.

Day 4 – 15 OCT (WED) – DUBLIN – KNOWTH/NEWGRANGE – BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

- On your way to Northern Ireland visit Knowth, where your guide explains the passage-grave dating from the Bronze Age **subject to availability – see notes.*
- Continue to Belfast, for a “Living History” tour in the company of a Local Guide will highlight the City Hall, the Albert Memorial Clock Tower, Queens University, and the Parliament House at Stormont.
- The tour will also touch on the Troubles, including some of the famous murals.
- Then, visit the Titanic Exhibition and learn all about the building of the largest passenger steam ship, its maiden voyage, and the tragic night of April 14, 1912
- Your evening is at your leisure.

(Breakfast included)

Please note: Knowth tour is subject to availability due to guest and group limitations. Newgrange may be a possibility if Knowth is unavailable but is equally subject to availability.

Day 5 – 16 OCT (THU) – BELFAST. EXCURSION TO ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK AND HILLSBOROUGH CASTLE

- Visit the Ulster American Folk Park and learn about the historical link between Ulster and America.
- Afterward, travel to the outskirts of Belfast to see The King's beautiful Northern Ireland residence on this fascinating guided tour of Hillsborough Castle!
- Marvel at the late Georgian-style country manor with the elegant State Rooms, including the majestic Throne Room, Drawing Room, Study, Dining Room, and more.
- Experience traditional Irish afternoon tea and then free time to explore the grounds.
- The gardens feature 96 acres of stunning ornamental gardens, water features, and peaceful woodlands.
- Return to Belfast for an evening at your leisure.

(Breakfast, Afternoon Tea included)

Day 6 – 17 OCT (FRI) – BELFAST – GIANT'S CAUSEWAY – DERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND – SLIGO, IRELAND

- Depart after breakfast to Giant's Causeway, the UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Visit this geological wonder made up of approximately 40,000 massive black basalt columns sticking out of the sea.
- Learn the legend about an Irish giant named Finn McCool who created a causeway to get across the Irish Sea and face his Scottish rival - Benandonner!
- Stop in Derry, known as the only remaining completely walled medieval city in Ireland and one of the best-preserved walled cities in Europe.
- Walk around the 17th-century fortification masterpiece with 7 gates and 24 cannons while also discovering a city full of history, heritage and culture.
- Stop in the village of Drumcliffe to visit William Yeats' grave.
- Continue to Sligo for dinner at your hotel.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 7 – 18 OCT (SAT) – SLIGO. EXCURSION TO ROSSES POINT

- Visit Carrowmore, the largest-megalithic cemetery in Ireland.
- Enjoy a scenic drive to Rosses Point, from where you will have spectacular views of the Atlantic Ocean and Sligo Bay as well as Oyster Island and the original Coney Island.
- This evening head into the breathtaking scenic countryside for a fun evening outing to enter the unique world found only in Ireland: the warm atmosphere of the traditional Irish pub where you enjoy two drinks of your choice and some live music.

(Breakfast included)

Day 8 – 19 OCT (SUN) – SLIGO – CONNEMARA – GALWAY

- Head for the unspoiled region of Connemara, an area known for its hardy breed of ponies.
- Visit Kylemore Abbey, a massive yet graceful castle acquired by Benedictine nuns as a precious heirloom for Ireland.
- Continue to Galway for your 2-night stay.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 9 – 20 OCT (MON) – GALWAY – EXCURSION TO THE ARAN ISLANDS

- From Galway travel to Rossaveal to board a comfortable, modern ferry for the 45-minute crossing to Kilronan on Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands and where Gaelic is the first language of the islanders.
- Your fascinating day continues with a presentation on life on Inishmore by an island historian.
- After a light lunch at a local pub, board a minibus to enjoy your local guide's commentary on a tour of the island, ending with a visit to clifftop Dun Aengus, one of the most spectacular and dramatic prehistoric stone forts in Europe.
- Back in Kilronan, board your ferry back to the mainland.
- In Galway, enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

Day 10 – 21 OCT (TUE) – GALWAY – CLIFFS OF MOHER – ADARE – TRALEE

- A day full of spectacular scenery!
- First, a special treat: at Rathbaun Farm watch the farmer shear a sheep and maneuver a flock with the help of a sheep dog.
- Then enjoy a morning coffee and home-baked scones in the 150-year-old thatched farmhouse.
- Next, motor to the Cliffs of Moher, rising 668 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.
- Savor the breathtaking panorama of the Clare coast then cross the limestone plateau of The Burren.
- Stop in Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages.
- Arrive in Tralee

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 11 – 22 OCT (WED) – TRALEE. EXCURSION TO DINGLE PENINSULA

- Panoramic views on the Dingle Peninsula on the way to the basket islands centre.
- Learn about the way of life and unique literary achievements on the string of remote offshore islands evacuated by the last inhabitants in 1953.
- Visit Dingle, a favorite place to visit in Ireland for many folks of excellent taste, before returning to Tralee.
- Tonight, an entertaining evening in Tralee with dinner and tickets for Siamsa Tire National Folk Theatre. *subject to availability/not guaranteed.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

Day 12 – 23 OCT (THU) – TRALEE – CASHEL – KILKENNY

- Stop for a photo opportunity at the Rock of Cashel, where St. Patrick preached.
- Continue to Kilkenny for a guided walking tour to admire national landmarks and stroll down the Medieval Mile to learn the fascinating local history.
- Arrive at your hotel for an evening at your leisure.

(Breakfast included)

Day 13 – 24 OCT (FRI) – KILKENNY – KILDARE – DUBLIN

- Stop in County Kildare to visit the world renowned Irish National Stud, considered the beating heart of Ireland's thoroughbred industry.
- Return to Dublin to celebrate at an Irish cabaret evening including a farewell dinner, dance, song, and laughter.

(Breakfast, Dinner included)

DAY 14 –25 OCT (SAT) – DEPART DUBLIN, IRELAND

- Your tour comes to and end after breakfast with individual transfers to the airport.

(Breakfast included)

Note: Flights should be scheduled for 10 a.m. or later when possible to allow time for breakfast.