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TRAVEL VACATIONS AND EVENTS

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Departure Date: May 31, 2023

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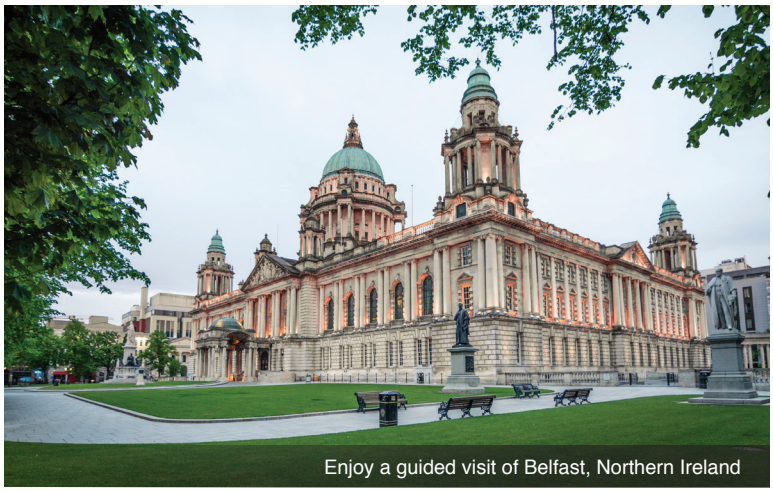
Witness the spectacular beauty of the Cliffs of Moher



Enjoy a guided visit of Belfast, Northern Ireland

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY 2 Dublin, Ireland: Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Mayflower Cruises & Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to become acquainted with the area.

DAY 3 Dublin: A guided panoramic orientation tour of this capital city awaits. See the River Liffey, St. Stephen's Green and travel along O'Connell Street with its monument to Daniel O'Connell and other notable figures from Ireland's turbulent past. Pass the General Post Office, site of rebel headquarters in the 1916 Easter Rising. Stop at Trinity College and see the Book of Kells, the famous hand-illuminated gospel manuscript. Visit St Patrick's Cathedral, one of the few remaining buildings from medieval times, and see its impressive altar and stained-glass windows. After free time for lunch, enjoy a special treat with an included tour of the Guinness Storehouse. The bird's-eye views of Dublin from the 7th-floor Gravity Bar, as you sample a pint, is a perfect end to the day of touring! **Meal: B**

DAY 4 Dublin: Venture out with your local guide along the Irish Food Trail to get to the heart of what it means to be Irish! This walking tour is steeped in history, which you will hear as you learn about Dublin's heritage while meeting and dining with locals. At each stop along the walking trail, sample some hearty, Irish cuisine and soak up the local folklore. The afternoon is at leisure to pursue independent interests. This evening, join in the merriment as you dine in an 18th-century pub and enjoy a traditional show featuring Irish dance, music and song. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Dublin – Killarney: It's time to depart Dublin via coach for the quaint town of Killarney. Travel through the scenic countryside and stop in the village of Blarney where you become caught up in the aura of magic and mystique during an included visit to Blarney Castle. Climb to the top and kiss the Blarney Stone. See if the "gift of gab" is bestowed upon you! Continue to Killarney, "the Jewel of Ireland", with a background of sparkling lakes, deep forests and jagged misty mountains. A brief panoramic orientation tour introduces you to this lively little town. Dinner is included at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Killarney / Ring of Kerry: Fall in love with the charm of Killarney during a morning Jaunting Cart ride through Killarney National Park. Your Jarvey (driver) will keep you entertained with tales about the history, folklore and beauty of the area. This afternoon is spent on an exciting and breathtakingly beautiful excursion along a portion of the Ring of Kerry – the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. With its diverse scenery of mountains, lakes and awe-inspiring views you'll see why words just can't describe its beauty. After a full day of scenery and adventure, the evening is at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 7 Killarney – Galway: Leaving Killarney, depart for Galway with adventures along the way. Stopping in the picturesque village of Adare, be transported back in time as you stroll through the quaint streets with thatched-roofed cottages and cozy shops. During the visit to Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, see what life was like in the 19th century. The recreated village showcases houses, shops and businesses in a typical rural setting. Continue to the Cliffs of Moher – a breathtaking sight where nature's wildness and spectacular beauty meet. Admire the grandeur of the Cliffs, soaring from the Atlantic Ocean to a height of 700 feet. Arriving in Galway early evening, check-in to the hotel and enjoy an included dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 8 Connemara: Begin the day with a cruise of Killary Fjord where scenic views abound. Hills rise steeply from the silvery sea, shifting light and shadows create colorful effects on the peaks and valleys, and deep green fields contrast with heather bogs. Return to dry land for a visit to Kylemore Abbey, the only home of the Benedictine nuns in Ireland. Discover the rich history of the Abbey, set amongst postcard-perfect scenery in the majestic Connemara. **Meal: B**

DAY 9 Galway – Derry, Northern Ireland: Departing Galway, the journey into Northern Ireland begins with the scenic landscapes of County Sligo and touring along the way. In Drumcliffe, see the final resting place of the famous Irish poet William Butler Yeats. This peaceful churchyard, set in a stunning location at the foot of Benbulben Mountain, has the remains of a round tower and 11th-century high cross. Continue to Donegal for a visit of the 15th-century castle with period furnishings and detailing the history of the O'Donnell clan. Crossing into Northern Ireland, arrive in the city of Derry for dinner and overnight. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 10 Derry: Discovery of Northern Ireland begins with a guided walking tour of Derry before visiting the Inishowen Peninsula, the northernmost point on the island of Ireland. With its remote, rugged landscape of castle ruins, towers and ancient churches, along with Celtic crosses and pagan monuments, the sights along the peninsula weave a colorful tapestry of an earlier age in this timeless place. Return to Derry for an evening at leisure and overnight. **Meal: B**

DAY 11 Derry – Belfast: Today's highlight is the journey to Belfast along the *Giant's Causeway*, Northern Ireland's most famous site. Considered the Eighth Wonder of the World, and the only World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland, this astonishing complex of basalt columns is home to many fairies and folklore tales! Hear the myths of the giant Finn McCool and the legends surrounding this mystical place. The journey ends with arrival into Belfast where you are free to explore on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 12 Belfast – Dublin, Ireland: A guided panoramic visit of the city showcases the Grand Opera House, Victorian and Edwardian buildings, an authentic working-class community and the Falls Road area. See the murals on almost every gabled wall which tell stories of the city's violent past and its belief for the future. Visit *Titanic Belfast* where the story of the ill-fated ship is told from her conception, to the construction and launch to her catastrophic demise. Interpretive and interactive galleries bring the history of the *Titanic* to life. Depart Belfast and return to Dublin, enjoying the final evening and farewell dinner at the Dunboyne Castle Hotel. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 13 Dublin / USA: Filled with wonderful memories of the history, scenery and people of the Emerald Isle and Northern Ireland, transfer to Dublin Airport for your flight home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 4 – Ashling Hotel or similar, Dublin, Ireland
Days 5 and 6 – Killarney Towers or similar, Killarney, Ireland
Days 7 and 8 – Ardilaun Hotel or similar, Galway, Ireland
Days 9 and 10 – Everglades Hotel or similar, Derry, Northern Ireland
Day 11 – Hilton Hotel or similar, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Day 12 – Dunboyne Castle Hotel or similar, Dublin, Ireland

Tour Highlights

- 16 meals: 11 breakfasts and 5 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Included panoramic city tour of Dublin
- See the Book of Kells at Trinity College
- Visit St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Tour the Guinness Storehouse and sample its famous product
- A traditional Irish evening with dinner, dance, music and song
- Kiss the famous stone at Blarney Castle
- Entertaining Jaunting Cart ride through Killarney National Park
- Journey along the famous "Ring of Kerry"
- See the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher
- Cruise through the scenic Killary Fjord
- Visit Bunratty Folk Park for a glimpse of rural life in the 19th century
- Discover the scenic beauty of the Connemara and historic Kylemore Abbey
- Tour Donegal Castle
- Experience the coastal beauty along the *Giant's Causeway* in Northern Ireland
- Visit the *Titanic Museum* in Belfast
- $65 in Mayflower Money

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Experience Killarney National Park on a Jaunting Cart ride

Tour Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room
May 31, 2023	$3,949	+ $1,369

Round trip airfare from Phoenix $1,550

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) –$349 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

• 91 days or more	Deposit Amount
• 90 to 45 days prior	20% of tour cost
• 44 to 15 day prior	30% of tour cost
• 14 to 1 day prior	40% of tour cost
• Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour	100% of tour cost
• No refund on unused portions of the tour	

PASSPORT REQUIRED

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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