



# Irish Heritage Tour: Dublin, Cork, County Kerry & Galway

11 days

On this adventure through Ireland, created in collaboration with Ancestry®, you'll uncover the country's highlights and enduring heritage. Start in historic Dublin and continue on through County Cork. After exploring the breathtaking Ring of Kerry, the mesmerizing Cliffs of Moher, and charming Galway, you'll say goodbye to the Emerald Isle with a deeper understanding of your genealogy.



## Your tour package includes

- AncestryDNA® kit
- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 5 dinners with beer or wine
- 7 sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists®
- Private deluxe motor coach

## Included highlights

- Special AncestryProGenealogists® sessions
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Cobh Heritage Centre
- Cork
- Muckross House
- Cliffs of Moher
- Clonmacnoise Monastery
- EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across moderately uneven terrain, including cobblestone streets and paved roads, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

14–28

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.  
+ Intermediate Pre-trip Family History Review  
+ Basic Pre-Trip Family History Review  
+ Premium Pre-trip Family History Review

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## Dublin → 2 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Dublin

*Included meals: welcome dinner*

Welcome to Ireland! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Then, get to know your fellow travelers and genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists® at an introductory meeting before sitting down to a welcome dinner with your group.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Dublin & National Library of Ireland

*Included meals: breakfast*

This morning, take a comprehensive tour of Ireland's capital with a local expert leading the way.

- Stop in Phoenix Park, site of the presidential residence, and pass by the Guinness Brewery
- Step inside the soaring St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church
- Pass St Stephen's Green and admire the Georgian architecture of Merrion Square as you go
- See Trinity College and walk past Grafton Street to the Molly Malone statue, ending in the Temple Bar district

Afterward, get an introduction to Irish genealogy and the ways you will be tracing your heritage during a visit to the National Library of Ireland.

- Walk through the building, which houses a variety of Irish records including newspapers, photographs, and maps
  - Listen to a presentation led by one of the library's staff members
  - Look through the archives to find out more about your Irish ancestry
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## County Cork → 2 nights

### Day 4: County Cork via County Kilkenny and County Wexford

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Travel to Cork, also known as the "Rebel County," stopping in County Kilkenny and County Wexford along the way.

- Tour the Gothic St. Canice's Cathedral, built in the 13th century
- Visit the Dunbrody Famine Ship & Irish Emigrant Experience for a guided tour of the museum

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 5: Cobh & Cork

*Included meals: breakfast*

Get a feel for the many sides of Ireland, from rural townlands and charming villages to vibrant cities and iconic castles.

- Discover the town of Cobh, a port once known as Queenstown, from which millions of emigrants left Ireland
  - Visit Cobh Heritage Centre for a tour of the museum's exhibits, which tell the story of Irish emigration over the past 150 years
  - Step inside the stunning St. Colman's Cathedral
  - Explore the city of Cork and enjoy free time to walk through the English Market, a traditional food hall
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## County Kerry → 2 nights

### Day 6: County Kerry via Muckross House

*Included meals: breakfast*

Travel to County Kerry today. On the way, stop at Muckross House, which was the seat of the Herbert landlord family. Take time to explore this Victorian mansion and stroll through its beautifully manicured gardens, then listen to your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists® describe landlord-tenant relationships.

### Day 7: The Ring of Kerry & Killarney National Park

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Make your way around the Ring of Kerry, a 112-mile coastal route that covers some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery.

- Pass the pristine Lakes of Killarney

- Explore the picturesque villages that line the Ring of Kerry
- Stop for photos at Muckcross Lake and Lough Leane in Killarney National Park

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

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## Galway → 2 nights

### Day 8: Galway via the Cliffs of Moher & the Burren

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Head north to Galway today, taking time to view spectacular scenery of County Clare en route.

- Walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the majestic Cliffs of Moher
- Pass through the Burren, a unique limestone plateau where fields of rock are dotted with wildflowers

This evening, get to know the living traditions of Galway on a walking tour led by your Tour Director.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre Company, and Eyre Square
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop

Sit down for an included dinner at a local restaurant this evening.

### Day 9: Free day in Galway

*Included meals: breakfast*

Spend a full free day in Galway or add an excursion.

+ Connemara History & Heritage

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## Dublin → 1 night

### Day 10: Dublin via Clonmacnoise

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner*

Stop to take a guided tour of Clonmacnoise, an ancient monastic site in County Offaly, as you travel east across the country to Dublin.

This afternoon, visit EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum in Dublin.

- Explore the interactive, digital exhibits that highlight the emigrant experience

- Learn how Irish emigrants have shaped modern-day culture

Celebrate your trip with your fellow travelers and enjoy a summary of all you've learned about Irish heritage with your genealogist from AncestryProGenealogists® at a farewell dinner tonight.

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## **Flight Home**

### **Day 11: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)*

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: [goaheadtours.com/QEI](https://goaheadtours.com/QEI) | 1-800-597-0350

## Day 1: Intermediate Pre-trip Family History Review

\$1,250 (10 hours, prior to tour)

Enjoy ten hours of pre-trip family history review with AncestryProGenealogists®. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 90 days prior to departure.

## Day 1: Basic Pre-Trip Family History Review

\$625 (5 hours, prior to tour)

Enjoy five hours of pre-trip family history review with AncestryProGenealogists®. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 90 days prior to departure.

## Day 1: Premium Pre-trip Family History Review

\$1,875 (15 hours, prior to tour)

Enjoy 15 hours of pre-trip family history review with AncestryProGenealogists®. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 90 days prior to departure.

## Day 9: Connemara History & Heritage

\$85/\$95\* (9 hours, departs in the morning)

Take in the stunning scenery as you travel north through Connemara, which contains the Gaeltacht, or Irish-speaking region. Visit Kylemore Abbey, a convent founded on the grounds of Kylemore Castle. After enjoying free time for lunch, drive through Connemara National Park to the Heritage & History Centre. Meet a local guide and tour the Centre's homestead and farm, where a simple farmer named Dan O'Hara once lived, to learn about what rural Irish life was like in the 19th century. Spend free time exploring on your own before returning to Galway for the evening.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)