

## Southern Ireland 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023



### *Relaxed touring, History, the Atlantic Coast & Dublin*

*The Emerald Isle. Before you've travelled far in this country you'll be enchanted and captivated by the land, its people and its wonderful laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy late Spring as we tour around the south and west of the country, all in a relaxed manner.*

*Along the south and west coasts is where Blarney, The Ring of Kerry, The Dingle Peninsular, The Cliffs of Moher and Galway are all found. We include these as we travel leisurely along much of the Wild Atlantic Way route.*

*It's then time to be in Dublin, to take in the history and culture of Ireland's capital city. You'll be fascinated by the colourfulness of the city, which is home to Molly Malone, Guinness and Trinity College containing the Book of Kells.*

*This tour offers wonderful travel in your own motorhome, in lovely locations and at a relaxed pace throughout. The tour is also reasonably pet friendly, should you wish to include your pet.*

## 16 Nights

### Day One – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

We meet at a campsite near to Holyhead. Late afternoon the Tour Directors will host a welcome get together, a chance to meet your fellow travelling companions.

### Day Two – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

We take the morning ferry from Holyhead to Dublin. The crossing is around 3.5 hours, where we sail in comfort in the ships club lounge. Upon arriving in Ireland, we overnight at a Dublin campsite, a site we will return to for a longer stay towards the end of the tour. This evening we all go out for a group dinner at a local hotel restaurant. **15 miles Dublin port to campsite**

### Day Three – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May

We leave Dublin for now and travel south to Blarney for a 2 night stop. **160 miles**

### Day Four – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Today we visit Blarney Castle and for those who would like to, kiss the Blarney Stone. We take a walk into town, alternatively a taxi is available, where we have coffee and cake arranged before we enter the castle. After the castle visit, spend a little time around the picturesque town of Blarney, before returning to the campsite.

### Day Five - Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

A short drive today brings us to beautiful Killarney, the main tourist town on the Ring of Kerry. We stay at a well-appointed campsite for 4 nights. This evening we have a group dinner in the campsite's own hotel restaurant. **50 miles**

### Day Six - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Today has been left free as an opportunity to explore Killarney centre and some of its many parks.

### Day Seven - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May

A full day coach tour today around the Ring of Kerry, including time at the Muckross Estate. Relax and take in the scenery as someone else does the driving, followed by time to explore the Muckross estate and gardens. Light lunch included in the day.

### Day Eight – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Free day. Maybe take a jaunting car (pony and trap) ride through the Gap of Dunloe.



### Day Nine – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

We leave Killarney and travel to Doolin. For this journey we recommend you take the scenic route, which includes a local ferry across the Shannon estuary and picks up the Wild Atlantic Way. **110 miles**

### Day Ten - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June

This morning we have a group boat trip along the Cliffs of Moher followed by lunch in a local pub. Doolin is reputed to be the heart of traditional music, maybe this afternoon/evening there will be an opportunity to catch some in a local pub.



### Day Eleven – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

A free day. For those who would like to independently visit the Aran Islands, boats depart from outside our campsite. Alternatively, just take it easy around the well-appointed campsite.

### Day Twelve – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way route to reach Galway. **50 miles**

### Day Thirteen – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Our campsite sits on the coast, just like the city of Galway. Take the opportunity today to visit this relaxed city, which can be reached by a walk/cycle along a paved level path running all the way from the campsite to the city centre (4km). Alternatively, the local bus runs frequently from near the campsite entrance into the city.

### Day Fourteen – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We return to Dublin, this time to stay for 3 nights, allowing time to see Ireland's capital. Our campsite is situated on the edge of the city, within the grounds of the Camac Valley Park. **120 miles**

### Day Fifteen – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Today we go into the city for a group guided tour of the centre with a light lunch included. After lunch we visit the Guinness Factory for a tour and tasting of Ireland's famous beer.



### Day Sixteen – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

A free day. An opportunity to independently return to Dublin centre, the bus runs from outside our campsite, or you may relax around the campsite/Camac Park area, in preparation for this evening. Tonight we have our Farewell Dinner at a local Dublin venue, including live music traditional to the country.

## Day Seventeen – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June

A relaxed start to the day after last night, later we make our way to Dublin port for our afternoon return ferry to Holyhead, again with club lounge entry included. Our tour comes to an end upon arrival back in Holyhead.

**PRICE**                      **TOUR DEPOSIT £300** Balance 10 weeks prior to start of tour

Motorhome up to 8m with 2 people = £1,639 per person

Motorhome up to 8m with 1 person = £2,489

Ferry surcharge of £120 applies to motorhomes over 8m

### INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 16 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Transport for Excursions/Events where required
- Entrance fees on Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Tour Information Pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors throughout the tour travelling in their own motorhome
- Michelin Map of Ireland

### Excursions, Events and Meals

- Welcome Get-Together with drinks
- Ferry Holyhead to Dublin with club lounge entry
- Welcome to Ireland restaurant dinner with wine
- Blarney Castle visit with coffee and cake
- Killarney Hotel restaurant dinner with wine
- Coach tour of the Ring of Kerry
- Muckross estate visit
- Light lunch on tour
- Cliffs of Moher boat trip
- Pub lunch
- Tour of Dublin city
- Light lunch in city
- Guinness Factory tour and tasting
- Farewell Evening with dinner, drinks and Irish music
- Ferry Dublin to Holyhead with club lounge entry

