



Carroll Brown Presents Springtime in Ireland

May 12th – 21st, 2015

\$2999* per person sharing

Single Supplement \$559



Your Tour Includes:

- ❖ Round-trip air from Charlotte on US Airways**
- ❖ Breakfast Daily (B)
- ❖ 4 Table d'hote dinners (D)
- ❖ 1 Night dinner & entertainment at Bunratty Banquet
- ❖ 8 Nights 1st class hotels
- ❖ Fully escorted via deluxe motorcoach
- ❖ Admissions as highlighted on itinerary
- ❖ Gratuity to driver/guide
- ❖ Deluxe document holder, luggage tag and tote bag.
- ❖ Portorage of one suitcase per person

Payment Schedule:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit secures your spot on the tour.

Final Payment will be due no later than February 10th, 2015

Tour price is based on double occupancy

Trip insurance is available for additional cost (7% of total tour price) and is strongly recommended. It should be purchased at time of deposit to cover any pre-existing conditions

**Price includes airline taxes and fees that are subject to change until group tickets are issued and paid for in full. Any special requests must be made at time of booking. Seat selection is determined by the airline. Isle Inn Tours cannot guarantee seat requests.

*Not Included:

- ❖ Single Supplement is \$559 (limited number of singles available)
- ❖ Meals where not indicated
- ❖ Travel Protection/Insurance

Sightseeing Highlights:

Trim Castle, Newgrange or Knowth, Galway Crystal, Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle, Bunratty Banquet, Rock of Cashel, Kilkenny Castle, Powerscourt House & Gardens, Trinity College, Guinness Storehouse.

***** PRINT FIRST, MIDDLE & LAST NAME **EXACTLY** AS ON YOUR PASSPORT *****

Please submit a copy of the picture page from your passport with payment.

NAME: _____ date of birth _____ NAME: _____ date of birth _____

ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____ PHONE: () _____

email: _____ email: _____

Sharing Accommodations Desired: Double (1 bed for 2 people): _____ Twin Bedded (2 beds for 2 people): _____ Single Traveler: _____

Accept optional travel insurance: Yes: _____ No: _____

The payment of required deposits or full payment for a reservation constitutes consent to all provisions of the Terms & Conditions contained in our brochure and on our website. I understand that airline taxes and fees are subject to change until group tickets are issued and paid for in full. Isle Inn Tours cannot guarantee special seat requests. Please sign below to accept the above terms and conditions.

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Send your deposit to:

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Itinerary

Tuesday, May 12 – Depart Charlotte on US Airways #724 at 6:40pm.

Wednesday, May 13 – Upon arrival at Dublin Airport we will meet our Irish driver/guide in the Arrivals Hall. Our flight is scheduled to arrive at 7.15am. Once everyone has convened, our driver/guide will escort us to our motor coach to begin our journey which will be filled with Irish culture, history, music and of course the hospitality the Irish are known for. We will stop for **tea & scones** before arriving in the lovely town of Trim in County Meath. Trim is perfectly picturesque. It's no wonder that the makers of the movie 'Braveheart' chose Trim and its surroundings as the shooting location for their film. One look at Trim Castle's stony outline against a dramatic Irish sky and storybook images of valiant warriors and timid monks spring to life. We'll tour **Trim Castle** before returning to our hotel for dinner this evening.

Overnight: Trim Castle Hotel, Trim (D)

Thursday, May 14 – After enjoying a full Irish breakfast we will embark on a tour of Co. Meath. Our first stop will be to the **Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre**. The Centre interprets the Neolithic monuments of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. We will visit the spectacular passage grave at either **Newgrange or Knowth**. Then it's on our way to the ancient city of Galway to enjoy some free time until dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Jurys Inn, Galway (B, D)

Friday, May 15 – This morning we'll embark on a brief city tour which will showcase the cobble-stoned streets, narrow alleys, shops and restaurants that make Galway a unique place to visit. We'll visit the **Galway Irish Crystal Factory Shop** with the remainder of the day free to explore on our own. Known as the City of the Tribes, Galway is a walking city with a vast array of shops, restaurants and pubs. Eyre Square (renamed John F Kennedy Memorial Park) is an open green park where you can relax or view the many attractions. The Spanish Arch, built in 1584 and located on the banks of the Corrib, is an extension of the city walls that protected the quay. Lynch's Castle, a fine stone building and townhouse, dates back to the 14th century. This is where Mayor Lynch is reputed to have hanged his son for murder. Other attractions in the city are St. Nicholas' Church, Galway Cathedral, Galway Museum, Salmon Weir Bridge, National University of Ireland, and the Nora Barnacle House. **Overnight: Jurys Inn, Galway (B)**

Saturday, May 16 – Journey along the coast of Clare and stop for a refreshing walk along the breathtaking **Cliffs of Moher** that stand 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. We'll continue to the city of Limerick, located on the banks of the majestic River Shannon, Ireland's longest river. Its past is etched from Viking & Norman, to Medieval & Georgian, to modern times. We will tour **King John's Castle**. This 12th Century castle was built by King John of England and stands as a testament to 800 years of history. Tonight we will attend a **medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle**. The 4 course meal is a pleasant balance of contrasting Irish meat dishes served during the period and is accompanied with music and song. **Overnight: Savoy Hotel, Limerick (B, D)**

Sunday, May 17 – Leaving Limerick we will travel the short distance to Cashel in County Tipperary. Here we will visit the **Rock of Cashel**, a large mound of limestone bristling with ancient fortifications including an ancient cathedral, chapel and castle, some of which date back to the 12th Century. Arrive in Kilkenny with time to walk around before dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Kilkenny River Court, Kilkenny (B, D)

Monday, May 18 – This morning after breakfast we will enjoy a guided tour of 12th century **Kilkenny Castle**, home to the Butler family for centuries and now restored to its original splendor. Learn about the history and lifestyle of this powerful family and the great influence they had on politics of the region. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure in Kilkenny City, a vibrant, flourishing city with a fascinating medieval history and a thriving crafts industry. Kilkenny City is a hip, cosmopolitan destination with a diverse range of restaurants, lively pubs and bars. This city is also home to the popular brew, 'Smithwicks'. Try a pint at Kyteler's Inn and hear the fascinating story of Dame Alice Kyteler. Was she really a witch? Listen to the story and make your own decision.

Overnight: Kilkenny River Court, Kilkenny (B)

Tuesday, May 19 – This morning we will travel through County Wicklow, known as "The Garden of Ireland" and there we'll visit **Glendalough**, the valley of two lakes. Here we will see the ruins of St. Kevin's 6th monastic settlement, located in a beautiful valley in the Wicklow Mountains. One of the most atmospheric monastic sites in Ireland, the settlement was sacked repeatedly by the Vikings but nevertheless flourished for over six hundred years. The surviving round tower is one of the finest in the country. Then onto the enchanting **Powerscourt Estate and Gardens**. The finest designed gardens in Ireland set to dramatic effect at the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain. Bring your camera for some terrific nature shots. The Estate also has a modern coffee shop/restaurant and gift store. We'll arrive into Dublin with the afternoon and evening free to explore this cosmopolitan city on our own.

Overnight: Cassidys Hotel, Dublin (B)

Wednesday, May 20 – Following breakfast you will enjoy a driving tour of this ancient city, which was once occupied by the Vikings. Drive by St. Patrick's Cathedral, final resting place of Jonathan Swift, as well as many other famous landmarks. Our first stop will be **Trinity College**. The library is home to the world-renowned 9th century *Book of Kells*, an illuminated manuscript with meticulous artwork around the borders. The city tour will end at the **Guinness Storehouse** where you can explore exhibits with over 250 years of creative history. Your tour ends in the Gravity Bar with a pint of Guinness and a great view of Dublin.

Overnight: Cassidys Hotel, Dublin (B, D)

Thursday, May 21 – After enjoying one last full Irish breakfast, we'll head to the Dublin Airport and say goodbye to the Emerald Isle. We'll depart on US Airways #725 at 9:30am and arrive back in Charlotte at 12:50 pm. **(B)**

Weather and circumstances beyond our control may suggest or require changes to the itinerary. This tour is subject to the terms and conditions listed on www.isleinntours.com. Mobility requirement is moderate.