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# Royal Invitation

## Ireland Tour & 18<sup>th</sup> Century Costume Ball

**9 Nights / 10 Days**

**October 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

(Depart Canada October 6<sup>th</sup>)

**\$4995 /person**

Double occupancy | CAD  
Single Supplement add \$1070  
International Flights Not Included

*You are cordially Invited*

### **CFCW 18<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland Costume Ball**

When: October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – Cocktails 6 pm – Dinner 7:30 pm

Where: Kelronan Castle Estate & Spa (3 Nights at this castle included)

Dress: 18<sup>th</sup> Century Attire

**This is the Royal Event of the year that you simply can't miss...**

Seriously, when was the last time you were invited to a Royal Ball, in a castle?

Bring your costume to this very exclusive and private gala. You could be a king, a queen, a royal naval officer, or maybe a jester. You decide! We promise it will be an event to remember.

### **Ireland Tour Highlights**

- Escorted by Dean Thorpe (CFCW) & Rick MacSwain (Network Travel)
- 17 Meals: 9 breakfasts & 8 dinners
- 9 Nights - beautiful hotels / Castles (4-night castle stays)
- CFCW Costume Ball at Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa (3 Night stay)
- Guinness Storehouse traditional Irish night experience with dinner
- Experience a Medieval Feast & sip the "Water of Life" at a whiskey distillery
- Drive the spectacular Dingle Peninsula, stand in awe on the Cliffs of Moher
- Kiss the Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle
- Explore the exciting city of Dublin including a tour of Christ Church Cathedral and its imposing crypt
- Meet a local farmer for tea and scones and learn about farming in Ireland



## Tour Itinerary

### Day 1: October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Overnight Flight from Canada

### Day 2: October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

#### Arrive Dublin - Tour Begins

Welcome to Dublin!

Your tour opens in Dublin, Ireland's historic capital city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local farm-to-table restaurant.

#### Included meal: Dinner

**Overnight:** Hotel RIU Plaza The Gresham Dublin

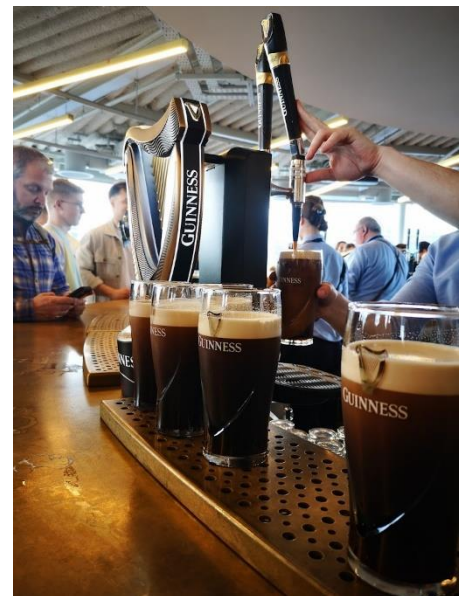
### Day 3: Dublin Tour – Guinness Storehouse

#### Enjoy breakfast at leisure.

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin, the “Fair City.” Take in the lively atmosphere of O’Connell Street, the city’s main thoroughfare dotted with monuments and historic buildings, and charming Grafton Street with its galleries, boutiques and pubs. See Trinity College before touring medieval Christ Church Cathedral and its imposing crypt. Then, enjoy some free time to independently explore the cultural offerings of delightful Dublin. Later, enjoy a culinary and cultural adventure that begins at the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top international visitor attraction. Explore the brewing process behind this beloved beverage and learn how to pour the perfect pint. At its spectacular Gravity Bar, enjoy a sweeping 360° view of Dublin as you savour a complimentary pint. Next, come to know Ireland's famed welcoming spirit, lively music and dynamic dancing during a fun filled evening of Irish entertainment at its very best. You will become Irish for the night as you take in the local entertainment and savour some of Ireland's most traditional dishes, such as homemade soda bread and Dublin coddle. The Irish dancers will dazzle you and the traditional Irish ballads will touch your heart. This toe-tapping evening will take you on a journey that captures the true local flavour in a welcoming setting that immerses you in the magic of Irish culture that is rich in tradition and cheer.

#### Included meal: Breakfast & Dinner

**Overnight:** Hotel RIU Plaza The Gresham Dublin





#### **Day 4: Depart Dublin for the market town of Killarney**

##### **Enjoy breakfast at leisure.**

Depart Dublin for Ireland's breathtaking countryside. Visit the town of Cashel for views of the historic Rock of Cashel, the reputed location where St. Patrick preached and converted the King of Munster. Next, journey to historic Blarney Castle where you'll have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. End your day in the market town of Tralee, and enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Killarney Avenue, Killarney**



#### **Day 5: Depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula**

##### **Enjoy breakfast at leisure.**

Set off this morning to follow what is perhaps Ireland's most majestic coastal route – the stunning Dingle Peninsula. Travel to the town of Dingle and drive the beautiful Sleah Head road, where some of the country's most spectacular landscapes are found.

**Included meals: Breakfast**

**Overnight: Killarney Avenue, Killarney**

#### **Day 6: Dairy Farm visit - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis**

##### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family and enjoy homemade scones and tea during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to the stunning 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic and the Aran Islands. End your day in the charming town of Ennis. Enjoy the ambience of your historic hotel, and feel the warmth of Irish hospitality. This evening in a beautiful land of rolling green fields, ancient battlefields and medieval fortresses once inhabited by generations of clansmen, you can conjure up a world filled with lords and ladies, knights and damsels as you experience a true medieval banquet hosted in a real castle! The 15th century magically comes to life the moment you enter the castle. Sip honey-rich mead



and admire the ornate

tapestries and royal furnishings before sitting down for a sumptuous four-course meal and some fine wine suitable for toasting the royal court. Spirits run high with delightful song and dance performances reminiscent of this unique period.



**Included meals: Breakfast and Dinner**

**Overnight: Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis**

## **Day 7: Ennis - Irish Whiskey Distillery Tour & Castle Stay**

### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish whiskey territory. During a visit to a historic distillery, learn the process of whiskey making and delight in a tasting of the final product. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of a historic castle where you toast to a fabulous day during your castle dinner.

**The Fitzpatrick Castle** is an 18th-century luxury castle hotel, located near the historic village of Dalkey and the coastal town of Dun Laoghaire & only minutes from Killiney Beach, nestled next to Killiney Hill, with panoramic views over Dublin Bay and beyond. The family-owned & run Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, now in its



third generation offers guests tranquility, breathtaking scenery, and old-world elegance which blends seamlessly with the hotel's modern luxury.

**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

**Overnight: Fitzpatrick Castle, Killiney**

## **Day 8: Ennis to Kilonan Castle Estate & Spa**

### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**



Today travel from Ennis to County Roscommon. You have arrived, settle in for 3 luxurious nights at the Kilonan Castle Estate & Spa. This beautiful estate is situated in County Roscommon in a secluded corner of the idyllic West of Ireland. Built in the 18th century, the Kilonan Castle resort welcomes its guests through a set of magnificent medieval gates at the top of a meandering driveway through an ancient forest which is surrounded by fifty acres of lush green estate and next to a beautiful lough making the castle look like something straight out of a fairytale.



Guests at Kilronan Castle Estate are treated to luxurious castle accommodation that includes four poster beds and antique furniture while dining at Kilronan Castle is one of the finest dining experiences in Ireland. Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa also offers its guests one of Ireland's best Spa experiences as the spa at the Kilronan Castle treats guests to a journey of relaxation and indulgence in intimate and luxurious surroundings.



Kilronan Castle Estate is also a site that is full of history as it was lovingly transformed from the ancestral home of a royal family into a luxurious Irish castle hotel with a spa. The castle hotel seamlessly mixes the elegance, sophistication, and tradition of the past with the luxury and comfort of the modern era. This makes Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland to stay in. Kilronan Castle's location and surroundings include breathtaking views as well as peace and quiet which makes a break at Kilronan Castle feel like time is standing still.



**Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**  
**Overnight: Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa**

**Day 9:**  
**CFCW 18<sup>th</sup> Century Royal Costume Ball**  
**Enjoy Breakfast – Today, enjoy the estate.**

Waking up in a country castle in Ireland will be an experience to remember. Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa is situated amongst some of the best activities found anywhere in Ireland. All within 30 minutes of you, the team of dedicated experts are on hand to answer your queries, book everything for you, and ensure that whatever you're into, you'll never be short of something memorable to do during your unforgettable stay. Later, prepare your costume for our main Gala Event!

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**18<sup>th</sup> Century CFCW Royal Costume Gala (Dress: 18<sup>th</sup> Century attire)**

**6 pm:** Cocktail Reception  
**7:30:** 18<sup>th</sup> Century Gala Dinner with music, drinks, & entertainment  
 After our cocktail reception guests will be invited for dinner and as you enter the dining room you will be formally announced. You decide your title: Duke, duchess, naval officer etc. (Dress attire not required)

**Included meals: Breakfast & Gala Dinner**  
**(pre-dinner cocktail reception)**  
**Overnight: Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa**



## **Day 10: Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa**

### **Enjoy Breakfast at leisure.**

Today enjoy another day at leisure exploring this beautiful castle. Then this evening join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner at the castle.

### **Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner**

### **Overnight: Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa**

### **Local Activities at Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa**

- Carrick on Shannon Golf Club
- Fishing, Moorlands Equestrian Center,
- Lough Key Forest Park – located in Boyle only a short drive away from the Castle
- Lough Gara Adventures – Hawk Walk / Clay Pigeon Shooting / Archery
- Moon River – River Shannon Pleasure Cruises
- Blueways Ireland – Acres Lake Trail
- Arigna Mining Experience

## **Day 11: Departure to Dublin International Airport**

**Enjoy breakfast and sadly today we check out and depart for our shuttle to the Dublin International Airport for your flight back to Canada.**

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- Entrance fees to the monuments and museums as mentioned on the program
- English-speaking Tour Manager during the tour
- Porterage at the hotels and airport
- Modern motor coach transportation including WIFI and bottled water every day during the drive
- All taxes (Tips not included)

**International flights not included** - Network Travel and we will be happy to assist with your flights.

### **Payment Schedule (per person based on double occupancy)**

1<sup>st</sup> Deposit: \$500 due at time of booking - Non-Refundable

Final Balance Due: August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

### **Contact to book!**

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