ENCHANTING IRELAND
A TOUR OF THE EMERALD ISLE
July 26-August 7, 2020

13 days for $5,992 total price from Houston
($5,595 air & land inclusive plus $397 airline taxes and fees)

This tour is provided by
Odysseys Unlimited,
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Aggies & Friends of Texas A&M University
Howdy, Ags!

Join fellow Aggies on an exclusive 13-day small group tour as we crisscross Ireland to experience a land of breathtaking scenery, rich heritage and mystical appeal. From Dublin, traveling through festive Galway, and ending in medieval Kilkenny, our small group of travelers will experience Ireland's many charms. Stunning landscapes, fascinating history and cultural expression – the Emerald Isle has it all.

Begin in Dublin with a tour of Ireland’s beautiful capital. Next, head west to Galway and intriguing Inishmore, the largest of the fabled Aran Islands. Travel south along the scenic coastline of County Clare, cross by ferry into County Kerry and explore Killarney. Travel along the Ring of Kerry and visit 15th-century Blarney Castle, home of the celebrated Blarney Stone. Finally, tour the cultural capital of Kilkenny before returning to Dublin for a farewell dinner. An optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension in Northern Ireland is also available.

With room for only 24 guests on this exclusive Traveling Aggies departure, we expect our limited space will fill up quickly. Book today to secure your spot!

Gig ‘em!

Jennifer Bohac '87, Ph.D.
Director of Travel – Outreach and Engagement
The Association of Former Students

Marisa Liles
Director of Travel – Operations and Customer Service
The Association of Former Students

TRAVELING AGGIES RESERVATION FORM: ENCHANTING IRELAND

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Enchanting Ireland departing July 26, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: The Association of Former Students, 505 George Bush Drive, College Station, Texas 77840-2918. Or you may call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514 or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or fax your reservation form to 979-845-9263. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Badge Name __________________________________________ Class Year __________________________

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Address __________________________________________ E-mail(s) __________________________________

City _____________________________________________ State _____________________ ZIP ______________

Home Phone (______) ______________________ Cell Phone (______)________________________________

Please book my/our air from ____________________________________ I/We request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour “Northern Ireland” Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Enchanting Ireland, July 26-August 7, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________________ Date __________

Method of Payment  q Check   q American Express   q Discover   q MasterCard   q VISA

Account # ______________________________________ Security Code _________ Exp. Date __________

Name of Cardholder ________________________________________________________________________________

Signature __________________________________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
ENCHANTING IRELAND
A Tour of the Emerald Isle

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It’s a beautiful, magical land, where the gentle green landscape dazzles and the people delight; where warmth and hospitality are national traits and poets are national heroes. From Dublin to Galway, Killarney to Kilkenny, this full yet well-paced tour showcases Ireland’s many charms – both old and new – to our small band of travelers.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Dublin, Ireland

Day 2: Arrive Dublin We arrive in the intimate, and beautiful, Irish capital today and check in at our hotel located right on St. Stephen’s Green. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 3: Dublin This morning’s city tour includes a visit to Trinity College, home of the stunning 8th-century Book of Kells illuminated manuscript; and to St. Patrick’s, the national cathedral of the Church of Ireland. This afternoon we embark on an informal walking tour (led by our tour director), passing some of the haunts and hiding places of Ireland’s beloved literary sons. Dinner tonight is on our own in this enchanting city.

Day 4: Dublin/Galway We leave Dublin this morning for Galway in the West, the region some consider to be the “most Irish part of Ireland.” En route we stop for tea and coffee at Tyrrellspass Castle then continue on to 6th-century Clonmacnoise, Ireland’s most important early monastic site. After lunch on our own we resume our journey, reaching Galway City this afternoon. We dine at our hotel located in the village of Bearna just outside the city.

Day 5: Galway/Connemara A day of scenic highlights is in store as we travel through western County Galway in the legendary region known as Connemara, a rugged, silent landscape of mountains, glacial lakes, endless roads, and uninhabited bog lands. Our first stop is at beautiful Kylemore Abbey, built as a private home in 1861 and one of Ireland’s most photographed castles. We continue on through this singular landscape, stopping for lunch en route. Tonight we enjoy dinner with traditional Irish entertainment at Padraicins overlooking Galway Bay.

Day 6: Galway/Aran Islands Today we embark on an excursion to Inishmore, the largest of the fabled Aran Islands, whose unique culture and history have been an inspiration to artists, writers, and filmmakers. Sitting across Galway Bay in the midst of the Atlantic, the islands feature primitive stone forests, early Christian churches, and medieval castles – as well as shops,

Small Group Tour Highlights

Dublin touring, including Trinity College and St. Patrick’s Cathedral  •  Magnificent natural scenery of counties Galway and Kerry: Cliffs of Moher, the Burren, Connemara  •  Irish sheepdog demonstration  •  Beautiful Kylemore Abbey  •  Dramatic Aran Islands  •  Ring of Kerry scenic drive  •  Historic Muckross House  •  Visit to Blarney Castle  •  Rock of Cashel  •  Kilkenny Castle  •  Outstanding small group accommodations that enhance the Irish experience

Day Itinerary Hotel Rating
1 Depart U.S. for Dublin
2-3 Dublin The Shelbourne Deluxe
4-6 Galway The Twelve Hotel Sup. First Class
7-9 Killarney Killarney Royal Sup. First Class
10-11 Kilkenny Pembroke Hotel Sup. First Class
12 Dublin Finnstown Castle Hotel Sup. First Class
13 Depart Dublin for U.S.

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: On Day 5, in Connemara, we visit beautiful Kylemore Abbey.
galleries, and restaurants. An islander guides our tour here, imparting local lore along the way. We stop at Dun Aenghus Fortress, the three prehistoric stone walls crowning the tallest cliffs of Inishmore; have lunch in a local pub; and enjoy some free time before returning to the mainland and our hotel late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant in the village of Bearna.  

**Day 7: Galway/County Clare/Killarney** Another day of breathtaking scenery as we leave Galway for Killarney, traveling south along the fabled coastline of County Clare. We pass through the Burren, the 116-square-mile “rocky place” of craggy gray karst (limestone) formations that stretch endlessly in all directions. Then we visit the Cliffs of Moher, the majestic flat-topped “mountains” that rise vertically from the sea for five miles from north to south. After lunch on our own here, we cross by ferry into County Kerry, reaching Killarney in beautiful Killarney National Park late this afternoon. This evening we enjoy dinners in local family-run B&Bs. **B,D**

**Day 8: Killarney** Our exploration of this attractive town, founded as a resort in the 18th century, begins with a jaunting cart ride from the center of town to 15th-century Ross Castle, the last stronghold to fall to Oliver Cromwell’s forces in 1652. Then we travel by boat to Muckross House, a 19th-century Elizabethan-style manor housing the Kerry Folklife Centre, which showcases the art and craft of bookbinding, pottery, and weaving. We tour the elegantly furnished rooms, as well as the informal garden. Lunch is on our own here before we return to Killarney mid-afternoon. **B**

**Day 9: Killarney/Ring of Kerry** Today we experience one of Ireland’s most popular attractions, the stunning mountain and coastal scenery of the Ring of Kerry, a 110-mile route connecting Dingle, Iveragh, and Beara peninsulas. This is the Ireland of postcards and pictures, with tiny villages dotting the breathtaking landscape; we stop in one of them for an Irish sheep dog demonstration and in another for lunch. We return to Killarney late this afternoon then dine tonight at our hotel. **B,L,D**

**Day 10: Blarney/Cashel/Kilkenny** On our way to Kilkenny this morning we stop in the small town of

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**Post-Tour Extension**

August 7-10, 2020

**Northern Ireland**

4 days/3 nights for $1,295 total price

Single Supplement: $295

Savor the dramatic beauty of the Antrim Coast, one of the most scenic in all of Ireland and the British Isles, and encounter the lively capital city of Belfast.

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**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip private motorcoach or van transportation Dublin/Belfast
- 3 nights’ accommodations: 2 nights in Belfast at Fitzwilliam Hotel (Deluxe); 1 night in Dublin at Carlton Hotel Dublin Airport (Superior First Class)
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing including Belfast, Antrim Coast (Giant’s Causeway UNESCO site, Bushmills Distillery, Carrick-a-rede Bridge), new Titanic Museum in Belfast
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Gratuities for dining room servers and airport and hotel porters
Blarney to visit the ruins of the 15th-century castle, with its celebrated Blarney Stone believed to bestow the “gift of gab” on those who kiss it. We also visit the Blarney Woolen Mills, housing an excellent selection of Irish crafts as well as knits and woolens of all kinds. After lunch on our own in Blarney, we continue on to the Rock of Cashel, the celebrated – and beloved – archaeological complex (c. 432 CE) of medieval ruins atop a limestone outcropping that presides over the surrounding plain. Late this afternoon we return to Kilkenny and our hotel, where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 11: Kilkenny Today is devoted to Kilkenny, a well-preserved medieval city known as Ireland’s cultural capital – and the country’s smallest city. We tour 12th-century Kilkenny Castle, considered one of the country’s most beautiful, then embark on an informal walking tour of Kilkenny itself, noting the many buildings of “black” or Kilkenny marble, quarried locally. After lunch together at a local pub, the remainder of the day is at leisure. B,L

Day 12: Kilkenny/ Dublin We leave Kilkenny this morning for a final visit to Dublin, where we tour fascinating EPIC, The Irish Emigration Museum depicting 1,500 years of Irish history in an interactive environment. Mid-afternoon we reach our hotel outside Dublin; tonight we celebrate our adventure over a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 13: Depart for U.S. We leave this morning for the Dublin airport and our return flights to the United States. B

Your Tour Price Includes

• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
• 11 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
• 22 meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 8 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: July 26, 2020
Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $397, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,495.

All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $3,595 per person from Newark, Washington, DC, in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For more information and reservations, please call the Traveling Aggies at 979-845-7514, or toll-free at 800-633-7514, or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time.

“After all, the wrong road always leads somewhere.”
– George Bernard Shaw
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited tour director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund. If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests