



AISLING TOURS

“Step into Ireland Tour” Cead Mille Fáilte

Day 1: Depart the United States for Ireland

Day 2 and 3: Overnight in Ballyvaughn, County Clare

Ballyvaughn is a beautiful village on the Clare coast overlooking Galway Bay. Here we will spend two days exploring Ireland’s fascinating west coast with possible visits to the Aran Islands (a Gaeltacht or Irish Speaking region). The area is home to some championship links courses for those interested in some challenging golf. Enjoy long summer evening walks in village of Ballyvaughn or stop in to Monks Pub for Guinness and mussels. In the evening traditional music and ceili sessions have been arranged for those eager to “step it up”. We will meet at the community hall and share our love of Irish dancing with dancers from Ireland.

Day 4: Overnight in Rosses Point, County Sligo

Today we will head towards Ireland’s Northwest. Along the way we will be in Galway City, where you will have a chance to explore this vibrant town and of course to do some shopping. Teenagers will love the atmosphere of Eyre Square, famous for its street performers and craft vendors. From Galway City we will head to Sligo town, with possible stops at one or more of the numerous sites in the area famous for their association with the renowned Irish poet W. B. Yeats. Then it is on into to Rosses Point where you can walk along the beach, watch the boats sail in and out of the harbor, enjoy a round of golf or just relax at the hotel.

Day 5 and 6 Overnight in Gleann Cholm Cille, County Donegal

This remote village on the edge of the Atlantic is in the heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht and our stay here we allow you to get a deeper understanding of the culture and music that inspires Irish dancing. Your stay here will include Irish language lessons, traditional music sessions, and ceilis where our group will have the chance to mingle with local people and showcase our steps for those in the village. For those of you interested in the outdoors the area is ideal for hill walking and hiking and offers breath taking views and scenery. Our accommodations here will be a unique and offer excellent opportunities for interacting with the local populace.

Day 7 Overnight in Kingscourt, County Cavan at Cabra Castle

Today’s itinerary will take us into the plush Irish midlands and the theme for the day is castles. From Glen Colm Cille we will either travel through Donegal Town, a bustling market town, home to Donegal Castle and famous for Donegal Woolens and other traditional Irish wares, or Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, home to a wonderful 15th Century castle and the majestic Devinish Island. We will round out our “castle

day” with an overnight stay in Cabra Castle, where walks, horseback riding and golf are among the featured activities for guests.

Day 8 and 9 Overnight in Dublin

Today we will drive the short distance from County Cavan to Ireland’s capital city, Dublin. Along the way we will pass through County Meath, an area rich in history and mythology. Possible morning stops include Trim Castle and Mellifont Abbey. Then it is on to Dublin for two packed days of dancing and exploring this fascinating city. During the day you will have choices of visiting such sites as Dublin Castle, The GAA Museum, and Kilmainham Gaol or you might partake of a walking tour of “Old Dublin.” Sports outings for those interested in learning about Gaelic sports and music and dance workshops will also be on the agenda. In the evening we have planned a special dance night at Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, the national headquarters of Ireland’s main traditional music and dance organization.

Day 10: Overnight in Castleconnell, County Limerick

Today we leave Dublin for one final touring day. We will head to Castleconnell for our last night in Ireland before departing from Shannon Airport. Among the counties we will visit today are Offaly and Tipperary and our main stop will be at the famous Rock of Cashel, site of abbey ruins dating from the 5th century and once the seat of the High King of Munster. Our last night will be spent in Castle Oaks Hotel, Castleconnell, County Limerick. Here you will participate in one final dance workshop and evening céilí before heading back home.

June 24th Depart Shannon airport



Majestic coast lines, Fabulous Castles, and
evenings filled with Irish Dancing:

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Slan Abhaile