



**Exclusive Harrigan Holidays Emerald Isle Classic & Tour**  
**Saturday, August 25 – Monday, September 3, 2012**  
**10 days/ 9 nights**

**\$2195 PER PERSON LAND ONLY     Single Supplement \$580 per person**

Your seat will be reserved by making a \$200 deposit or \$330 if purchasing travel insurance. You may cancel with a full refund anytime before August 31, 2011.

**PRICES INCLUDE**

- 8 nights at good 3 & 4\* hotels, all rooms with private bath or shower
  - Full Irish breakfast at hotel each day
  - 5 dinners (none included in Dublin)
  - Porterage of 1 piece of luggage in and out of hotels
  - **Visits and Stops Include:**
  - Cliffs of Moher                      Guinness Storehouse                      Kilmainham Jail
  - Boat Trip to and from Holy Island and tour of site
  - Talk and tasting at Burren Smokehouse
  - Visit to Foynes Flying Boat Museum including an Irish coffee
  - Ring of Kerry Tour
  - Dingle Peninsula Tour
  - Chocolate Demonstration and tasting at Lorge Chocolate
  - Train ride on Waterford and Suir Valley Railway
  - Leisure time In Kilkenny
  - Tea and scones at Rothe House
  - Photo Stop at Macroom Castle – birthplace of William Penn
  - Ticket and transportation to the Emerald Isle Classic - Notre Dame vs Navy
  - Modern Motor coach with driver/guide
  - English speaking guide for ½ day Dublin City Tour
  - Services charges and taxes at existing rates (subject to change)
- \*\*\* Please note, itineray is subject to change based on availability

**HOTELS**

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>No. of nights</b>	<b>Category</b>
Old Ground Hotel	Ennis, Co. Clare	2 nights	4 star
Abbey Gate Hotel	Tralee, Co. Kerry	2 nights	3 star
Granville Hotel	Waterford	1 night	4 star
Camden Court Hotel	Dublin	3 nights	3 star

**Not Included: Dinner while in Dublin, lunch daily, personal expenses, gratuity for driver/guide**  
**Airfare – prices to be available in September 2011**  
**Optional Travel Insurance - \$130 per person**

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Overnight Flight USA to Shannon

### Day 2: Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Welcome to Ireland

Arrive at Shannon Airport, meet with coach and driver/guide and travel northwards into County Clare for a visit to the **Holy Island**

Holy Island or Inis Cealtra at the mouth of Scariff Bay on Lough Derg, is one of the most famous monastic sites in Ireland. Its many attractions include a well-preserved Round Tower, the ruins of six churches, a Holy Well, a unique graveyard with slabs dating from the eight century, Bullaun Stones, a cell like structure, which is one of the most extraordinary buildings in Ireland and a 'bargaining' stone where many a marriage was brokered. Their secluded position has enabled them to survive in a wonderful state of preservation. The first Christian hermits inherited an Island that was already sacred to our pagan ancestors. It is said that Colm, the first Saint associated with the Island found there an old man named Maccriche and a "tree whose juice had the flavor of honey and the headiness of wine". Unfortunately such a tree no longer exists. The Island is chiefly associated with St. Caiman who died in 653 AD. In his time it was a great center of learning. Like all monasteries it suffered badly from Viking attacks, the first recorded being in 836 AD. Brian Boru rebuilt the monastery and his brother Marcan was abbot there.

**Take a boat trip to the island where the group will get a guided tour of the monastic site.**

Return to the mainland and check into your hotel

Overnight, dinner and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Ennis.

### Day 3: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – County Clare

Travel to the coast for a visit to the **Cliffs of Moher**

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren Area, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. To the south of the cliffs is Hag's Head and was once the site of a castle. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O' Brien's Tower. Cornelius O' Brien, a descendant of Brian Boru (he who defeated the Vikings in battle), built a Tower at the cliffs in order to enjoy some tea with his lady friends. The Tower is adjacent to the seastack, *Breanan Mór*, which stands over 70 metres above the foaming waves and is home to some of the Burren's wildlife.

Visit the **Burren Smokehouse Visitor Centre**

One of the delicacies, most enjoyed in Ireland, is Smoked Salmon on brown bread. The Burren Smokehouse is a small visitor centre, which takes the time to explain to the visitor how salmon, taken from the Atlantic and Irish rivers, is smoked. Visitors are offered a short audio-visual display called '*The Salmon of Knowledge Experience*' which imparts the secrets on how to properly smoke a salmon. Visitors are then invited to taste and indeed may purchase smoked salmon if they wish at the small retail store which forms part of the visitor centre

Return via the **Burren Region**

The Burren, part of which forms the 100 square km Burren National Park, is a unique place. It is a Karst limestone region of approximately 300 sq. km, which lies in the north west corner of Co Clare. It is composed of limestone pavements, which have been eroded to a distinctive pattern. This pavement is criss-crossed by cracks known as grykes in which grow a myriad of wild flora and under which are huge caves and rivers which suddenly flood when it rains. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs and Celtic crosses as well as a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating back to the 12th century. You will discover small villages abandoned during the famine period and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. The flora on the

Burren is a mixture Arctic and Mediterranean and rare flowers such as gentian, orchids and bloody cranesbill are the rule rather than the exception. The Burren is truly an exceptional part of Ireland.

Overnight, dinner and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Ennis

#### **Day 4: Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2012 –Foynes – Dingle Peninsula**

In the morning depart for a visit to the **Foynes Flying Boat Museum, including an Irish coffee**

From 1939 to 1945 Foynes was the centre of the aviation world, for air traffic between the United States and Europe. The Foynes Museum recalls this era with a comprehensive range of exhibits and graphic illustrations. You can travel back in time in the museum's authentic 1940's cinema, while watching the award winning film 'Atlantic Conquest'. The museum features the original Terminal Building, Radio and Weather Room (complete with transmitters, receivers and Morse code equipment). The exhibits feature an introduction to the first transatlantic passenger service and Foynes during the war years. Irish Coffee was invented in Foynes. Chef Joe Sheridan made the first in 1942 to warm up some damp and miserable passengers. Since then Irish Coffee has become one of the most popular welcoming drinks in the world.

Continue to tour the **Dingle Peninsula**, once cited as 'the most beautiful place on earth' by the National Geographic. This is a unique place where all you can see for miles are undulating hills, craggy mountains, and a creamy shoreline curving at the edge of thick, fragrant woods. One of the finest ogham stones is located in Dun Chaoin, overlooking the Blasket Islands, on the summit of Dún Mór (the big fortress). The strongest evidence for a Celtic presence is the Irish language, which is still spoken on the peninsula. Gaeilge was once spoken all over the country, but now survives only along the west coast and at a few other locations.

Overnight, dinner and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Kerry area

#### **Day 5: Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Ring of Kerry**

This day enjoy a **Ring of Kerry Tour**.

The Ring of Kerry (166km) is the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. The astonishing beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes from the great diversity of its scenery, which offers incessant contrasts. En route around the Ring, take in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean as one travels along the coast road. Leaving Killarney pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Continuing to Cahirciveen, you'll pass the birthplace of our National hero, Daniel O'Connell. Next, continue on through peat bogs to the town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly coloured houses. The road then continues through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney.

Enjoy a **Chocolate Tasting at Lorge Chocolate**

Benoit Lorge, award-winning chef, creates high quality chocolates for gourmet shops and high class hotels and restaurants. The chocolates are handmade in Bonane, just 3 miles from Kenmare on the Glengarriff road and are distributed nationally.

Demonstration of how chocolate is made, including a tasting and a hot chocolate per person –.

Overnight, dinner and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Killarney

#### **Day 6: Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2012 – Cork to Waterford**

In the morning depart for Waterford via Macroom town

**Photo stop at Macroom Castle**

Macroom is dominated by castle walls and grounds with old stone arches and guns providing an elegant centre for the town. It is thought that the castle was built in the reign of King John, on the site of an earlier stronghold. Its story reflects the trials and tribulations of Irish society over the centuries, passing from the hands of the

Carew Clan to the McCarthys, when they became overlords in the region. In 1650 Bishop Boetius McEgan failed to hold it on behalf of the McCarthys against Cromwellian forces, and McEgan was taken prisoner and hanged at Carrigadrohid. The castle was given, as a reward, to William Penn (father of William Penn founder the state of Pennsylvania – this is the birthplace of William Penn) who lived there for some time, and then sold it to the Hollow Sword Blade Company. Today it is a ruin.

Continue to Waterford

### En route **enjoy a ride on the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway**

The magic of rails golden age has been brought to life at Kilmeadan, Co Waterford. Visitors can again experience the beauty of the Suir Valley from the Waterford & Suir Valley Heritage Railway. A heritage narrow gauge railway follows over 6km of the route of the abandoned Waterford -Dungarvan line. The track runs mostly along the picturesque banks of the River Suir between Kilmeadan and Waterford offering panoramic views of the River Suir, rolling farmland and mountains. The timetable has been extended and the WSVR now offers trains from Kilmeadan to Carriganore or Bilberry ~ a distance of 12 km. The rolling stock includes a restored Simplex 60sp locomotive with a Perkins diesel engine and two Edwardian style carriages. Travelling at 15kph this is a real step back in time to the glory days of the permanent way.

Transfer to your hotel and check in. Overnight, dinner and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Waterford

## **Day 7: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 – Kilkenny to Dublin**

This day travel to Dublin via the medieval city of **Kilkenny**

Capital of County Kilkenny, the town of Kilkenny is often referred to as “the Marble City”. It is the most interesting and best preserved of the medieval Irish cities. It owes its immense charm to the various impressive historical monuments. A medieval city of 24,000 people it is characterised by many beautifully restored buildings and winding slipways ~ it is small and compact enough to explore on foot, yet full of fascinating historical buildings and contemporary shops, design galleries and restaurants. The ancient city of Kilkenny was named after a 6th century monk St Canice. A native of the area, St Canice built a monastic enclave on the site where today we find the beautifully restored 13<sup>th</sup> St Canices Cathedral. The town is dominated by 12<sup>th</sup> century Kilkenny Castle, built by the Normans on their arrival in this part of Ireland.

### **Enjoy some time at leisure in the city and at the design centre**

The National Crafts Gallery is located in Castle Yard directly across from Kilkenny Castle. This gallery was initiated by the Crafts Council of Ireland with the objective of stimulating an innovative and quality design ethos in the Irish crafts sector. The gallery boasts an impressive range of craft exhibitions that successfully communicate and showcase the cultural and commercial attributes of the craft sector in Ireland. Its high-quality exhibitions highlight the diversity and imagination of crafts in Ireland, with a special emphasis on ceramics.

### **Enjoy tea and scones at Rothe House** before continuing to Ireland’s Capital

Rothe House, on Parliament St, is a fine Tudor house ~ one of the best surviving examples of a 16<sup>th</sup> century merchant’s house in Ireland. Built as a home for the Rothe Family, who were rich merchants, the house was built around a series of courtyards. It now houses a museum with a collection of local artefacts and costumes from various periods of its existence all of which are displayed in its old timber-vaulted rooms.  
check in to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Dublin.

## **Day 8: Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 – Match Day**

Today transfer to the **Aviva Stadium** for the **Emerald Classic - Notre Dame vs Navy**.

Transfer back to your hotel Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Dublin.

## Day 9: Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2012 – Dublin's Fair City

In the morning meet with your local guide and enjoy a **panoramic tour of Dublin City**, discovering the north side of the River Liffey. This area offers great striking monuments such as the **GPO (General Post Office)** on the city main thoroughfare, **O'Connell Street**, or the **Custom House** along the quays, as well as the **Phoenix Park**, the largest public park in Europe.

The south side appears more sophisticated with its vast **Georgian squares**, such as **Merrion Square**, where **Oscar Wilde's House** can still be found (today owned by an American College), its colourful doors, along with Grafton Street and its quality shops. Not so far from St. Stephen's Green, in Kildare St., you will see **the house of Bram Stoker**, the author of Dracula. This part of the city is also dominated by the students of **Trinity College**, where the famous book of Kells is permanently exhibited in its library. The university is facing the medieval district where **Dublin Castle** and the two **Anglican Cathedrals** can be found. Barrack, now part of the national museum, before arriving back into O'Connell Street and the city centre.

### Visit the **Guinness Storehouse**

The Guinness Brewery in Dublin is Europe's largest stout producing brewery and home to the Guinness Storehouse. Opened in 1904 The Storehouse was an operational plant for fermenting and storing GUINNESS. Today it houses a very fine exhibition dedicated to the Guinness story. Visitors will discover what goes into the making a pint of GUINNESS - the ingredients, the brewing process, the time, the craft and the passion. The exhibition shows how the brew has been marketed and how it is today sold in over 150 countries. The visit ends with a visit to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor Gravity bar to sample first-hand the elixir of life ~ a pint of Guinness. The Storehouse has a retail store, gallery and exhibition area, a restaurant and two bar areas.

### Visit **Kilmainham Jail**

Built in 1796, Kilmainham Jail has witnessed many of the events leading to Irish independence. It has housed many patriots taken prisoner during the many rebellions witnessed in Ireland ~ from the United Irish Rebellion of 1796 to those prisoners taken during the Irish Civil War. While opened initially as a jail for all offences, it became intrinsically linked with Irish Nationalism. The jail has two main areas of cells, and several exercise yards, one of which was used for executing the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising. The original wing dating from the opening of the jail is incredibly dark and oppressive. The later Victorian wing with its wide walkways and toplit main hall paved the way for new thinking in designs of jails in the 19th century. Touching in so many ways on the people and forces that shaped modern Ireland, Kilmainham Jail offers a panoramic insight into some of the most profound, disturbing and inspirational themes of modern Irish history.

Transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Dublin.

## Day 10: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 - Farewell

After a final breakfast transfer to Dublin Airport for your departure flight.

**Harrigan Holidays Emerald Classic**  
**August 25 – September 3, 2012**  
**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

An initial deposit of \$200 per person and \$130, for optional premium for travel insurance, is required when booking this trip. A second deposit of \$1,000.00 will be due by August 31, 2011 with balance due by June 1, 2012. Initial deposits made after August 31, 2011 are \$1200 per person plus \$130 for optional travel insurance. Full or partial payments will be accepted at any time. *Credit card payments are subject to a 3% service charge, please ask about cc procedures.*

Please note that the travel insurance is optional but highly recommended and must be purchased when making deposit. Please see cancellation terms and insurance information at end of document.

Full or partial payments on this trip will be accepted at anytime.

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_  
as it appears on passport                      expiration                      date of birth

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I want single room, I understand this is \$580 additional \_\_\_\_\_ If available – find me a room mate \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate's Name \*

\_\_\_\_\_ as it appears on passport                      expiration                      date of birth

*(If you do not have a passport we recommend applying for one as soon as possible to avoid booking problems)*

**Accommodation Type:** (can not guarantee but every effort will be made to accommodate you)

Smoking Room \_\_\_\_\_ Non Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ King Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Twin Beds \_\_\_\_\_

**Travel Insurance:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I am including travel insurance and understand it must be paid with deposit

\_\_\_\_\_ I have been offered travel insurance and have elected not to purchase it

**Dietary Restrictions/Allergies:**

**Air Preferences:** (can not guarantee but every effort will be made to accommodate you)

\_\_\_\_\_ Aisle    \_\_\_\_\_ Middle    \_\_\_\_\_ Window

If I do not have a copy of your passport, please send me a copy with your payment.

Checks should be made payable and sent to:

HARRIGAN HOLIDAYS

66 McCandless Drive

East Berlin, PA 17316

For questions or additional information you may contact:

**Kathy Harrigan @ 717.818.3024 or ksharrigan@verizon.net**

**\*\*Please note – the itinerary is subject to change.**

*Travel insurance gives travelers coverage for unforeseen problems, from a cancelled flight to a serious illness—or in rare cases, even an act of terrorism or the financial default of a travel supplier. If an illness, accident, or other covered unforeseen circumstance forces a traveler to cancel or interrupt their plans, they face two major financial losses—money invested in nonrefundable pre-payments, and medical expenses that in many instances may not be covered by health insurance. In addition to trip cancellation and interruption, the plan will also cover emergency medical expenses; emergency medical transportation, when ordered by a doctor, to the nearest adequate medical facility; reimbursement for accommodations and expenses incurred due to travel delays; reimbursement for the purchase of essential items if baggage is delayed; and coverage against lost, stolen or damaged baggage, including passports.*

Cancellations must be submitted **in writing** by the participant (and /or parent/guardian if he/she is a minor) and cannot be accepted over the telephone. Please note that cancellation dates referred to below pertain to the postmark date of your cancellation notice to Harrigan Holidays.

Because the operation of international tours requires extensive long-term planning, cost is incurred long before the actual departure. Many suppliers require deposits in advance of travel in order to secure low rates. With this in mind Harrigan Holidays has created the following Tour Cancellation and Refund Policy.

Prior to August 31, 2011	Full refund
Sept. 1 to December 31, 2011	Full refund less \$100.00 cancellation fee
Jan 1 thru May 30, 2012	Full refund less 75% of tour cost
June 1 thru Aug 25, 2012	No refund can be made

The purchase of the optional travel insurance will cover the costs above.

### **Responsibility statement/conditions:**

---

**RESPONSIBILITY** Harrigan Holidays gives notice that services provided in connection with these tours are rendered by suppliers acting as independent contractors and not as agents or employees of Harrigan Holidays. All tickets, vouchers and coupons issued by them and all arrangements for transport, car rental or conveyance or for the hotel or guesthouse accommodations made them, are made upon the express condition that neither they nor their owners or employees shall be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying or providing transportation or services to the passenger throughout the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. The airlines, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The aforesaid Harrigan Holidays and/or their agents and representatives can accept no responsibility for losses expenses due to delay or changes in schedules, strikes, war, quarantine or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be paid by the passengers. If for operational reasons it becomes necessary to delete a feature of this tour, any refund due is strictly limited to the cost of that feature. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a member of any tour or to cancel or alter the tours. If at the sole discretion of the tour operator it is deemed to be in the best interest of the group to remove a passenger from the tour, the tour operator's liability is limited to a refund for the unused portion of the tour. The terms of this agreement cannot be changed or amended, except in writing, signed by an authorized officer of Harrigan Holidays. Full or partial payment for trip reservation constitutes agreement to all the provisions in this brochure.