

**Harrigan Holidays Penn State vs Central Florida University
Game and Southern Tour of Ireland
Saturday, August 23 - Monday, September 1, 2014**

Saturday, August 23rd - Depart USA for your overnight flight to Ireland.

Sunday, August 24th - Following your arrival at Shannon Airport, you will meet your driver/guide and will depart for a visit to **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**. Bunratty Castle, built in 1425, is one of the most complete and authentic medieval castles in Ireland. Within the grounds of Bunratty Castle is Bunratty Folk Park where 19th century life is vividly recreated. The park features over 30 buildings in a 'living' village and rural setting. Enjoy the tastes, scents, sights and sounds of this enchanting place as you stroll from house to house or around the charming village complete with school, post office, doctors house, hardware shop, printers and of course the pub! Check into your Ennis/Clare area hotel before dinner. **(D)**



Monday, August 25th - 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. Next pay a visit the **Burren Smokehouse Visitor Centre**. 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 then invited to taste and may purchase smoked salmon at the small retail store which forms part of the visitor centre. Return to your hotel via the **Dysert O' Dea Castle and Clare Archaeology Centre**. The authentically restored 15th century Dysert O'Dea Castle, the stronghold of the O'Dea clan, houses the Clare Archaeology Centre. It is located on the original site where Saint Tola founded an 8th century monastic centre. The castle houses an extensive museum, an audio visual presentation and various exhibitions. Dysert O'Dea Church, which stands on the site of an early Christian monastery, dates mainly from the 12th century. Its most famous feature is the Romanesque Doorway. Near the church's north western corner stands the remains of a Round Tower. The High Cross, situated east of the church, dates from the 12th century and is one of the finest examples of its kind in Ireland. The Archaeology/History Trail features 25 sites all within a few kilometres radius of the castle. Dinner is included at hotel this evening. **(B, D)**

Tuesday, August 26th - This morning on our way to Kerry visit **Quin Abbey**. Quin Abbey was founded in 1433 and sections of the walls of an older De Clare castle, were used in its construction. Beside the friary is the 13th century Gothic Church of St Finghin. Today, even in ruins, Quin Abbey and its cloister is an imposing site.

Continue south of Limerick to visit **Foynes Flying Boat Museum**. 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. 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. Of course an original Irish Coffee is included in your tour. Overnight, dinner, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Kerry area. **(B, D)**



Wednesday, August 27th - Enjoy a full day exploring the **Dingle Peninsula**. Some of the finest coastal scenery to be seen in Ireland can be found on the Dingle Peninsula. This peninsula is famous for its Celtic, pre-Christian monuments and Christian churches. It is also a 'Gaeltacht' (Irish speaking) area, where the Irish language and traditional ways of life are preserved. Dingle town itself is a thriving fishing town and offers plenty of opportunity for shopping or simply savouring the atmosphere of a typical country Irish town with plentiful pubs, narrow streets and a busy harbour. Be sure to sample a Creans beer in one of the pubs. Return to your hotel for dinner. **(B, D)**

Thursday, August 28th - Today travel from Kerry to Kilkenny with your first visit for the day at **Crag Caves**. These Limestone caves were discovered in 1983. A tour of the caves takes the visitor past a maze of side passages from which comes the sound of underground streams and rivers traversing the depths. The visitor will also witness spacious chambers, clusters of stalactites and other spectacular limestone formations. You will also enjoy a **Birds of Prey Demonstration** before continuing on to **Cahir Castle**. Superbly set on a rocky island in the River Suir in Cahir town, County Tipperary, this impressive 15th century castle - the largest of its period in Ireland - was considered impregnable until the advent of heavy cannon. Once the stronghold of the powerful Butler family, the castle retains its keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure. The origins of the castle are traced back to the third century when a Dun (earthen fort) was built upon the rocky island. This gave the town of Cahir its original name "Dun lascaigh" (town of the fish fort). Overnight, dinner, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Kilkenny area. **(B, D)**

Friday, August 29th - This morning depart for Dublin where you will be introduced to the city with a **Panoramic City Tour**. Then onto a visit to **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. Next you will 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 7th floor Gravity bar to sample first-hand the elixir of life ~ a pint of Guinness. Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Dublin **(B)**



Saturday, August 30th - Game Day! Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Dublin **(B)**

Sunday, August 31st - Today you will return to Ennis. On the way you will visit the **Kilbeggan Distillery**. Your visit includes a tour and a tasting. You will next stop at **Clonmacnoise**, an early Cristian site founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century. You will dine independently tonight at your choice of one of the many restaurants in Ennis. Overnight, bed and full Irish breakfast at your hotel in Ennis **(B)**

Monday, September 1st - Depart to Shannon Airport. for your return flight to the USA

Price per person sharing a twin/double room is \$2445 per person land only or \$2370 if paying by cash based on a minimum of 20 people and current tax rates. Price is subject to change based on value of currency, fuel surcharges, or taxes. Single Supplement \$490.00

8 nights accommodations in 3 & 4* hotels
 Full Irish breakfast at hotel each day and 5 Dinners
 Visits and admissions to the following:

PSU vs CFU Game Tickets	Cliffs of Moher	Burren Smokehouse
Dyser O'Dea Castle	Quinn Abbey	Foynes Flying Boat Museum
Crag Caves	Cahir Castle	Kilmainham Jail
Guinness Storehouse	Tour of Dublin	Clonmacnoise
Bunratty Castle & Folk Park	Kilbeggan Distillery	

Not included:

Optional Travel Insurance - \$245	Airfare - \$1350 from PHL	Lunch Daily
3 Dinners in Dublin	Personal Expenses	Gratuity for Driver/Guide

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 Please note - itinerary is subject to change based on availability. We hope you can join us on this special tour of Ireland!

