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Celtic Treasures of Ireland

2024 Departures



Guest Speaker
for
May 7-16, 2024:

**The Rev. Dr.
Brett
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Day 1 – Depart Home

Today, you leave home behind as you board your overnight international flight to Dublin.

Day 2 – Arrive in Ireland – Dublin

Our local representatives will meet you at the Dublin airport. Stop at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The church was transitioned from a Catholic church to the Church of Ireland over the centuries. Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels and a critic of British rule, was a pastor here. Enjoy a pub lunch in downtown Dublin. Travel on to Phoenix Park. Once a private park only for the titled gentry, it now serves the public as both a recreational venue and home to the Dublin Zoo. After a short driving tour of Dublin, we will check into our hotel for some downtime before dinner on our own. Take the opportunity to wander the streets of Dublin in the late evening light. Perhaps, make your way along the River Liffey to the Temple Bar area, where outdoor music can be enjoyed. (B, L)

Day 3 – Bru na Boinne, the Hill of Tara & Monasterboice

Head north and discover the rich history of Celtic life at the Bru na Boinne Prehistoric Monuments. You will see one of the Passage Tomb sites here, such as Newgrange and Knowth. They are richly decorated with megalithic art. From the time of the first Celtic influence until the 1169 invasion, the Hill of Tara was the island's political and spiritual capital. It contains several ancient monuments and, according to tradition, was the seat of the High King of Ireland. Walk the grounds of Monasterboice Monastery, where some of the finest 9th-century High Crosses can be seen. Founded in 521 AD by St. Buite, the ruins remain a testament to their Christian heritage. Finish the day in Armagh and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 4 – Downpatrick & Armagh

Journey into the soul of Christian Ireland at Downpatrick. See the church and grave of St. Patrick, as well as a visitor's center that presents the saint's life and the conversion of Ireland. Then, return to Armagh and visit the Church of Ireland Cathedral to St. Patrick here. With foundations dating back to 445 AD, this church represents one of the oldest places of continuous worship in Ireland. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5 – Clonmacnoise & Galway

Cross Ireland, stopping to visit Clonmacnoise, an important monastic site and the burial place of kings. Among these ruins is the famous thousand-year-old cross. Three high crosses, two hundred graves, and the ruins of a 13th-century ring fort also remain. Finish the day in Galway, whose main thoroughfare is lined with buildings that date back to the 15th century. Christopher Columbus visited the city in search of support for his search for trade routes to India by crossing the Atlantic. Check into your hotel in Galway overnight. (B)

Day 6 – The Burren, the Cliffs of Moher & Bunratty Castle

As you travel through the Burren Region, arrive at the Cliffs of Moher. These sheer cliffs drop 600 feet to the water below. This is the most impressive stretch of shoreline on the west coast of Ireland. The eroded limestone rock through the Burrens has flowers popping up through the crevices. Continue to Bunratty Castle, near the



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town of Limerick. Bunratty is Ireland's most complete, authentic, and elaborately furnished medieval castle. Finish the day in Killarney and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B)

Day 7 – Ring of Kerry, Waterville, & Muckross House

Delight in some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery as you travel around the Ring of Kerry, where the sea crashes into the soaring coastline. Weather permitting, take in a sheepdog demonstration. Stop around lunchtime in Waterville. Charlie Chaplin brought his family here in the summers. You can choose from several seafood restaurants along the shore for a delicious lunch. After lunch, visit the 19th-century Muckross House. Enjoy the magnificent Victorian mansion, considered one of Ireland's leading stately homes. Imagine yourself in that time when you wander through the elegantly furnished rooms. Downstairs, however, reveals the working conditions of the servants employed in the house. Finish the day in Kinsale and enjoy a walking tour. See the Norman French inscriptions at St. Multrose Church, which was built in 1190 and remains in use to this day. The courthouse in town was used for the inquiry over the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. Check into your Kinsale hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 8 – Blarney and Rock of Cashel

Travel to Cork to visit Blarney Castle and see the fabled Blarney Stone. Legend says that those who kiss the stone acquire the gift of eloquence. You will see the Rock of Cashel, the traditional seat of Irish kings. Here, St. Patrick is thought to have converted the King of Munster. The present ruins are from structures built in the 12th and 13th centuries during the Norman era. Check into your Dublin hotel for an overnight stay. (B)

Day 9 – Glendalough & Dublin

Then, on to the bus for a ride through scenic Wicklow County to Glendalough, one of the most beautiful spots in all of Ireland. Here, St. Kevin founded a monastery in 498. See the Celtic High Crosses and a stone-roofed church. Explore the wonderful hiking trails around the two lakes. Finish the day with time on your own this afternoon in Dublin. (B)

Day 10 – Return to the USA

We will carry the people, beauty, and history of Ireland with us as we return home. (B)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION



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3-day Post-Tour • \$548*

Day 10 & 11 – Dublin on Your Own

Enjoy the sights of Dublin with two more days to explore and shop on your own. Hotel accommodations and breakfast included.

Day 12 – Return to the USA

Transfer to the airport after breakfast. Return home with memories of the people and places of Ireland.



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\$100 9 Months Prior to Departure	\$75 8 Months Prior to Departure
\$50 7 Months Prior to Departure	\$25 6 Months Prior to Departure

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.



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Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
Part A *	
Trip Cancellation	Trip Cost
Part B	
Trip Interruption	Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$1500 Per Day)	\$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident and Sickness Medical Expense	\$25,000
Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation	\$50,000
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$25,000
Baggage and Personal Effects	\$1,000
Baggage Delay	\$200

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. **Part B** - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

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PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Meals as listed in the itinerary • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$300
- Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure • Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, meals not listed in the itinerary, beverages at meals & baggage fees
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents
- Visa for non-US citizens • Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$798 during the basic tour; \$348 Dublin Stay.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$100*	Registrations received more than 10 months prior to departure *Additional \$500 deposit will be due 6 months prior to departure
\$300**	Registrations received 6-10 months prior to departure **Additional \$300 deposit due 6 months prior to departure
\$600	Registrations received 6 months-106 days prior to departure
\$1,200	2nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account 105 days prior to tour to be ticketed
\$1,800	Registrations received between 105-76 days prior to departure must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.
Full Payment	Final Payment is due for all guests 75 Days prior to departure. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be no later than 105 days prior to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED less than 105 days prior to departure:

We welcome registrations after 105 days prior to departure Registrations received between 104-90 days prior will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 89-75 days prior will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 74-60 days prior will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received after 59 days prior or less will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$800; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 105 days prior to departure. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on the entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.aspx.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

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Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

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