

# The Hidden Heartlands of Ireland

**4 Star  
Hotels**

**Departs: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Returns: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Only £695**  
**Single supplement £89**

## Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Irish themed dinner 1 night
- Live musical entertainment 1 night
- Free day in Birr
- Irish coffee making demonstration
- Kilkenny visit
- Kilkenny Road Train Tour
- Lough Corrib Cruise with Irish Coffee & Dancing
- Galway visit
- Belfast visit

Our Hidden Heartlands of Ireland Tour stays at the 4 star County Arms Hotel in Birr, a converted 18th century Georgian Manor House with great Irish hospitality.

This super tour offers excellent value for money with some great extras like entertainment, Irish coffee making and dancing. We spend time in lovely Birr, Kilkenny and Galway whilst providing a taste of Belfast & Northern Ireland too.

### Day 1

Departing our local area we travel to Holyhead for the ferry crossing to Dublin.

On arrival in Dublin we travel via Tullamore to Birr and the County Arms Hotel. This is our base for the next 4 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast provided.

### Day 2

Today is a free day in order to relax and explore the historic town of Birr, with its Georgian architecture and its fine castle. Birr Castle was lovingly rebuilt and extended in the 19th century. The gardens are among the largest and most beautiful in Ireland while the Science Centre there includes a 170 year old telescope which was once the largest in the world.

### DAY 3

This morning after breakfast we head south to Kilkenny, where the past echoes in every step as you walk through this medieval city. Explore its ancient streets, wonder at magnificent Kilkenny Castle and experience the glory of the 13th century Cathedral.



We also take a ride on the Kilkenny Road Train where you'll see many historical sites including the Abbey of St Francis, the Brewery and the Old Court House. Later we return to the hotel for our specialty Irish themed dinner followed by Irish dancing.



#### **Day 4**

This morning we enjoy an Irish coffee as we take a cruise along the majestic River Corrib passing Menlo Castle to Lough Corrib. It is the second largest lake in Ireland after Lough Neagh. Surrounded by its abundance of wildlife such as otters, hawks, minks, birds the lake consists of 356 different islands. The most famous island among them is Inchagoil Island with its spectacular views of the Maumturk Range, Joyce Country, and the Mountains of Connemara.



After, we arrive in Galway, known as the city of tribes and once home to Christopher Columbus. The city is western Ireland's traditional capital and home to some of the finest traditional musicians. Our stop allows you to explore the city at your leisure. Explore highlights like the Spanish Arch, St. Nicholas Cathedral and the colourful Shop Street or maybe even sample some world famous Galway Bay oysters.



#### **Day 5**

We leave County Offaly behind today and we travel to Northern Ireland where we have allowed free time in Belfast to explore some of the city's most famous and historic sites. These sites include HMS Caroline, SS Nomadic, St George's Market and St Anne's Cathedral. After free time in Belfast we make our way to our overnight hotel set in lovely landscaped grounds, the 4 star La Mon Hotel & Country Club is located in County Down's countryside and is known for its excellent leisure facilities.



#### **Day 6**

After breakfast this morning we head into Belfast Port for our ferry crossing to Cairnryan. From here we continue through Dumfries and Galloway and into England arriving back at our original departure points in the early evening.

*\*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

