

SPECIAL OFFERS FROM VACATIONS EXOTICA

UNFORGETTABLE IRELAND - 08 DAYS

ONLY EUR 845/-

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Day 1 – Welcome to Ireland

Arrive at Dublin Airport. Transfers to hotel will be arranged at 08.00 am and 12.00 am. Arrivals after this time are under own arrangements. You are free to explore the city at your leisure this afternoon. Your hotel will be within walking distance of the city centre. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Dublin.



Day 2 – Ireland's Midlands, Blarney Castle & Kerry

After a full Irish breakfast at the hotel, check out, meet with your coach and English speaking driver/guide and depart Ireland's Capital and travel to County Kerry.



En route stop in the town of Blarney for a visit to **Blarney Castle**. Dating from 1446, the castle is a tower house built on solid limestone in wonderful grounds. At the top of the Tower you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence. Kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. But don't take our word for it – everyone from Sir Walter Scott to a host of American presidents, world leaders, and international entertainers has been eager to take advantage.

Enjoy some time for shopping at **Blarney Woollen Mills**.

The presence of the Woollen Mills during the famine shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine, due to its employment of local workers. The success story at the mills continued until a disastrous fire in 1869. By August 1871, the mill was once again operational with a labour force of 222. In 1976 Chris Kelleher, himself a mill worker, bought the old mill property. Within a short period of time Chris and his family transformed the mill into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland.

Continue to your Kerry hotel. Enjoy dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Kerry region

Day 3 – Ring of Kerry

Today, after a full Irish breakfast, you can enjoy a superb tour of the Iveragh Peninsula, which will give you the opportunity to discover the **Ring of Kerry**. Taking in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean. Leaving Killarney one passes through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Passing through the peat bogs one arrives at the sea town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous because of its brightly coloured houses. The road continues through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney.



Visit **Muckross House**, which was built in 1843 by the Herbert Family, in Elizabethan style. This house is one of the most sumptuous residences of Ireland. Muckross, surrounded by beautiful gardens, is in the heart of the Killarney National Park, the first to be opened in Ireland.

Today enjoy dinner on your own in one of the many restaurants or pubs in Killarney town

Overnight at hotel in Kerry region

Day 4 – Burren & Cliffs

After a full Irish breakfast at the hotel, travel northwards to Tarbert and take a short boat ride across the mouth of the river Shannon to land on Clare's shore at Killimer. Travel along the coast to the **Cliffs of Moher**. The most majestic cliffs in Ireland rise from the Atlantic Ocean at 215 metres and extend for over seven kilometres long. On a clean day, you can admire the Aran Islands, the Connemara Mountains and the many sea birds that colonise this place to nest in spring.



Enjoy a tour of the **Burren Region**. The Burren is a strange and unique region in Europe. "Burren" means "large stones": in fact its name describes this impressive scenery perfectly well. Often described as lunar, the Burren is a high plateau of porous limestone situated in Northern Clare between Ballyvaughan and Kilfenora. No trees are growing here, no land is covering the stone, and the limestone is bare. But the Burren is not as deserted as we believe: the cracks allow different types of flowers to grow all year round, though spring would be the best season for the botanists to explore.



The rocks hide many caves like Ailwee, as well as "Turloughs", an interesting phenomenon which transforms lakes into fields during the summer. You will also discover the testimonies of its rich history thanks to countless castles and monastic ruins. Continue to Limerick

Evening: Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle



Bunratty Castle was built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond and stands on the banks of the Raite River in County Clare. From here The Earl ruled over his Chieftom and was know for his generosity and his lavish entertainment and banquets. For over 40 years the ladies of Bunratty castle, aided and abetted by the Earl's Butler, have welcomed guests from the four corners of the globe to join them at The Earl's Banquet. The entertainment today is provided by the superb Bunratty Singers and is a fitting compliment to the lively mead reception, a four-

course meal and of course good wine. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening in the splendour of this magnificent castle, a true step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

Overnight at hotel in Limerick.

Day 5 – Galway City & Lough Corrib Cruise

This morning travel to Galway.

On arrival enjoy an **orientation tour of the city**. Galway City is a delight with its narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, good restaurants and busy pubs. The city has attracted many musicians and artists, which add so much to the character of the city. A visit can start at Galway's modern Cathedral, which was built in 1965.

Visit **Galway Cathedral**. The Cathedral is one of the largest and most impressive buildings in Galway City. Built between 1958 and 1965, it



stands on the site of the old city jail. The architecture of the Cathedral draws on many influences. The dome and pillars reflect a Renaissance style. Other features, including the rose windows and mosaics echo the broad tradition of Christian art. The Cathedral dome, at a height of 145 ft, is a prominent landmark on the city skyline. Cardinal Richard Cushing of Boston dedicated the cathedral in 1965. The exterior design may not be to everybody's taste, while the interior, with its high curved arches and central dome has a simple but solid elegance.



Enjoy a **cruise on Lough Corrib**. This journey on the Corrib Princess takes you along the Majestic River Corrib and onto the lake, providing visitors with wonderful views of the historic monuments and scenery, which make this one of the most spectacular waterways in Ireland. The visitors will see unsurpassed views of the historic monuments and natural amenities that make this one of the most spectacular waterway in Ireland. The cruise lasts 90 minutes and sails from Woodquay in the heart of Galway City.

Enjoy the rest of your afternoon at leisure

Overnight at hotel in Galway

Day 6 – Connemara

Today, after a full Irish breakfast at the hotel, travel through the beautiful **Connemara Region**.

Connemara is a land of lakes and rivers, bogs and mountains. A land of small villages where Gaelic is still the spoken language and where little has changed little since the beginning of time. It is without a doubt the wildest and the most romantic part of Ireland. Connemara is a vast peninsula bordered by the arid and rocky coastline of Galway Bay in the south ~ a land characteristic for its stone walls and thatched cottages. On its northern shore the land is harsher and more secret, with spectacular views of the Ocean, the fjord of Killary Harbour, as well as the steep mountains overlooking numerous lakes and large bog areas. Connemara is a real paradise for Nature lovers and those in search of strong emotions.



Visit **Kylemore Abbey**. Kylemore Abbey is located in the Kylemore Pass in Connemara. A Mitchell Henry built the House in 1868, after having spent his honeymoon in the area. The architecture is best described as neo-gothic and the house still displays all the characteristics of that period. One of Kylemore Abbey's most famous features is its miniature cathedral, built in 1870 and known locally as the Gothic church. Today, the Abbey is home to the Irish order of Benedictine nuns. They bought the house in 1920, having

fled their convent in war-torn Belgium in 1914.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at hotel in Galway

Day 7 – Galway – Dublin's Fair City

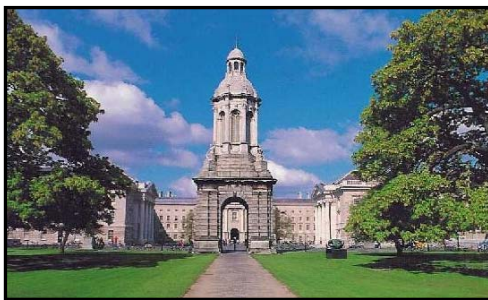
After a full Irish breakfast at the hotel, check out and depart Galway for Dublin via Clonmacnoise.

Situated in the wilds, on the banks of the Shannon, sixth century **Clonmacnoise** is nowadays partly in ruins. You visit the Visitor Centre where the original Celtic crosses are exhibited, followed by a tour of the site where you will see high towers, the eleventh century cathedral and the wonderful reproductions of the High Crosses.



Continue to Dublin to discover Dublin's Fair City. The north side of the River Liffey 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.



Visit **Trinity College**, the oldest University in Ireland, which was founded in 1592 by Elizabeth 1st. Within its walls, you will be able to admire Parliament Square and its 18th Century edifices. The visit of the ancient library, containing over twenty thousand manuscripts, is often surprising by its splendour. The ninth Century Book of Kells, famous for its precious illuminations, is exhibited in these premises.

Some time at leisure for some last minute souvenir shopping.

Overnight at hotel in Dublin.

Day 8 – Farewell

After a final Irish breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport for your departure flight home. Return back with wonderful memories of your holiday with Vacations Exotica.

PACKAGE PRICE

VALIDITY	PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARE	PER PERSON IN A SINGLE ROOM
APRIL & OCTOBER 2011	EUR 845/-	EUR 1,101/-
MAY TO SEPTEMBER 2011	EUR 939/-	EUR 1,199/-

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- ❖ 7 nights accommodation at 4 star hotels, all rooms with private bath or shower
- ❖ Full Irish breakfast at hotel each morning
- ❖ Dinner at Hotels on day 1, 2 and 5 - 7
- ❖ Medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle on day 3
- ❖ **VISITS**
 - Blarney Castle
 - Muckross House
 - Cliffs of Moher
 - Galway Cathedral
 - Kylemore Abbey
 - Clonmacnoise
 - Trinity College
- ❖ Ferry ride across the river Shannon
- ❖ Cruise on Lough Corrib
- ❖ Modern motor-coach with driver/guide included as per itinerary
- ❖ English speaking guide for ½ day Dublin City Tour
- ❖ Service charges and taxes at existing rates



PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- ❖ International Airfare
- ❖ Visa and insurance charges
- ❖ Transfers between airports, hotels and bus depots (unless mentioned)
- ❖ Tips, Beverages & Drinks (usage of mini bar in the room), Room Service, Laundry charges, Telephone call charges, Porterage & expenses of personal nature.
- ❖ Gratuities to sightseeing motor coach drivers, rail personnel, and taxi drivers
- ❖ Early Check in & Late Check out charges: International Check in (1400 hrs)/ Check out (1200 hrs)
- ❖ Anything not mentioned in the package inclusions
- ❖ Surcharge rates maybe applicable on the entire package, depending upon the final date of travel.

DEPARTURE DATES

APRIL' 11:	19
MAY' 11:	10, 24
JUNE' 11:	14, 28
JULY' 11:	12, 26
AUGUST' 11:	16, 30
SEPTEMBER' 11:	13, 27
OCTOBER' 11:	11

NOTE:

- ❖ All arrangements made by VACATIONS EXOTICA are in the capacity of an agent only. VACATIONS EXOTICA will not be liable for claims or expenses arising from circumstances beyond our control such as accidents, injuries delayed or cancelled flights & acts or forces of nature. All passengers must be covered by suitable travel/health insurance prior to departure from the country of origin.
- ❖ This proposal supercedes all the proposals given till date.
- ❖ We are holding no bookings as of now. We will request for all services once the booking has been finalized with VACATIONS EXOTICA.
- ❖ The rate of exchange is subject to change with or without prior notice due to frequent fluctuations in the rate of exchange and airfare.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Our booking procedures would be as follows:-

- ❖ As soon as you decide to confirm your holiday booking with Vacations Exotica, we would request you to please send us an initial non-refundable, interest free deposit amount of EUR 300/- per person.
- ❖ All cheques / demand drafts to be drawn in favour of Vacations Exotica, Mumbai
- ❖ On payment of this deposit amount, we shall start processing your booking
- ❖ Balance payments need to be made 15 days prior to your departure date.
- ❖ In case you decide to travel closer to the departure date or payment is made 10 days prior to your departure then the same will have to be paid in cash / bank draft.
- ❖ We shall try our best to confirm the same hotel / airline that we have based our quotation upon. However the same would be subject to availability at the time of confirming your booking. We shall however ensure that we confirm a hotel of similar category.
- ❖ We shall deliver your final tour documents viz. air tickets, tour itinerary, briefing sheet, medical insurance on receipt of full and final payment of the tour cost.