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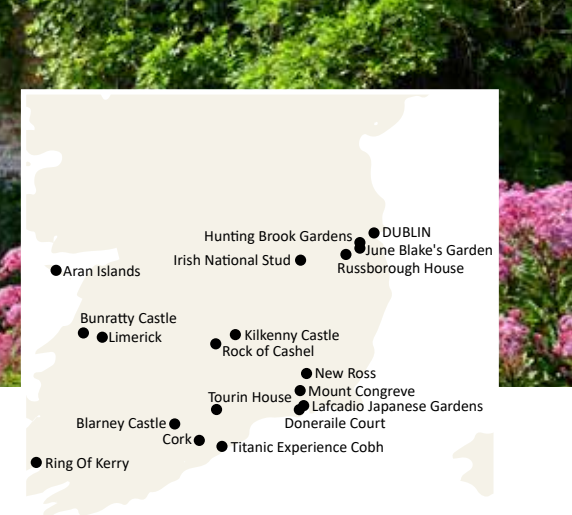


Rock of Cashel

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Mount Congreve



A Luxury Discovery of Southern Ireland

September 5 to 19, 2026 ♦ From \$9,300 per person

Delve into the spectacular beauty and cultural heritage of Southern Ireland, from the vibrant city of Dublin to the tranquil allure of Killarney. We experience the charm and elegance of Ireland's finest manors, such as Russborough House, Doneraile Court and the Dromana Estate and explore historic landmarks with guided tours that bring the past to life. We also step into Ireland's divine natural world, with a guided tour at Lafcadio Japanese Gardens, and an immersive scenic drive through the Ring of Kerry, along with a cruise to admire the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Illuminating visits, complemented by memorable experiences, deliver a real taste of Ireland's southern region.

What's Included

- ♦ Return airport transfers from Dublin*
- ♦ 3 nights at the Dylan Hotel, Dublin
- ♦ 2 nights at the Killashee Hotel, Killashee
- ♦ 1 night at Marfield House, Gorey
- ♦ 2 nights at the Cliff House Hotel, Ardmore
- ♦ 1 night at Hayfield Manor Hotel, Cork
- ♦ 2 nights at Europe Hotel, Killarney
- ♦ 2 nights at The Savoy Limerick, Limerick
- ♦ Welcome drink & canapés
- ♦ Full Irish/Continental breakfast each day
- ♦ 3-course table d'hôte dinner on 10 nights at the hotels** (with after-dinner tea & coffee)
- ♦ 1 lunch at a local restaurant
- ♦ Services of a tour director
- ♦ Travel to & from all excursions
- ♦ All excursion costs
- ♦ Porterage where available
- ♦ 1 bottle of water per person per day

*Supplement applies for transfers from all other airports and all other locations, including central Dublin.

**Please note that the availability of the 3-course table d'hôte dinner may vary depending on the hotel, as some establishments offer a set menu.

Itinerary

September 5: Depart your home city and arrive the next day in Dublin

September 6: Arrival

Upon arrival at Dublin Airport, a private transfer will take you to our hotel, the Dylan Hotel in Dublin. We then join the group for a welcome drink and canapés in the evening, followed by dinner.

Meals: Dinner

September 7: Dublin City Tour, Trinity College Tour & Guinness Storehouse Brewery

We start the day with a tour of Dublin and discover several landmarks such as the old city wall, Temple Bar and the River Liffey, before visiting Chester Beatty's library, described as the finest collection of manuscripts and books made by a private collector in the 20th century.

Next, we enjoy a tour of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, founded in 1592. The college's magnificent Old Library displays Ireland's greatest cultural treasure, the Book of Kells. Written around 800 AD and celebrated for its lavish decoration, the manuscript contains the four Gospels in Latin.

Our last stop is the famous Guinness Storehouse Brewery. We make our way through a series of audio-visual experiences exploring the history, brewing process and advertising successes of the beverage before, finishing at the rooftop Gravity Bar.

Meals: Breakfast

September 8: Russborough House & Walled Gardens

We spend today at the Palladian-style Russborough House, once home to notable families of the aristocracy. On our tour, we explore lavish interiors, featuring ornate plasterwork and fine furnishings, and learn more about the history behind magnificent artwork. There's time to wander the beautifully landscaped gardens before enjoying a light lunch.

Later, we check into the Killashee Hotel, where we stay for the next two nights of our tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 9: Hunting Brook Gardens & June Blake's Garden

Hunting Brook Gardens is a captivating display of imaginative plant combinations and borders of vibrant color, created by the renowned horticulturist Jimi Blake. We enjoy a guided tour here before heading to June Blake's.

A place of intrigue and restoration, this garden is a testament to the artistic flair and horticultural expertise of June Blake. We enjoy a guided tour here and explore the meticulously curated landscapes of native and exotic plants before stopping for some tea and cake.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 10: Rock of Cashel & Kilkenny Castle

This morning, we visit the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's top archaeological spots. The prominent hill is dotted with a range of ancient fortifications, including a storied 12th-century round tower, a 13th-century Gothic cathedral and a 15th-century castle.

We then stop for lunch at a traditional Irish pub in Kilkenny before making our way to the 12th-century Kilkenny Castle. We explore the period rooms on our audio-guided tour and learn more about the significant events witnessed here.

This evening, we head to Marfield House for our overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 11: New Ross, Mount Congreve & Lafcadio Japanese Gardens

Ireland's history is brought to life at the Dunbrody Famine Ship at New Ross, where we learn about the bravery of Irish people onboard an authentic replica of an 1840s emigrant boat.

Next, we visit Mount Congreve Gardens, abundant with a diverse range of flora, including magnolias, camellias and rhododendrons. We take a stroll through the meticulously maintained landscapes before enjoying a light lunch. Afterward, the Estate Director takes us on a tour of the estate.

This afternoon, we explore Lafcadio Japanese Gardens, featuring koi ponds, stone lanterns and pruned trees. Our guided tour provides an insight into the design philosophy behind these calming gardens, and we also visit the tea house.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 12: Doneraile Court & Estate & Tourin House & Gardens

We discover the beautifully landscaped gardens and architectural grandeur of Doneraile Court & Estate. The grounds include walking trails, ornamental gardens and a picturesque lake, while the court itself is a magnificent Georgian structure. We enjoy a guided tour and uncover more about Doneraile's connection to notable figures.

Later, we explore Tourin House and Gardens, a serene escape into horticultural artistry. On our guided tour, we wander the meticulously well-kept gardens and the house, wonderfully dressed in period furnishings.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 13: Dromana Estate & Titanic Exhibition Cobh

This morning, we visit Dromana Estate, a unique Hindu-Gothic style structure surrounded by gardens of flora and fauna. A member of the Fitzgerald family takes us on a guided tour, and we discover more about the family's significant influence on the region.

We then make our way to the maritime town of Cobh for our guided tour at the Titanic Experience. As the last port of call for the Titanic, the Titanic Experience here offers an insight into the lives of the passengers who boarded the ship from this location.

Meals: Breakfast

September 14: Cork & Blarney Castle

In the morning, we spend some free time in Cork. Take a leisurely walk along the scenic River Lee, explore the English Market or discover the impressive Crawford Art Gallery.

This afternoon, the medieval Blarney Castle awaits, built nearly 600 years ago by a powerful Irish magnate. Millions have flocked here to kiss the legendary Stone of Eloquence and never again be lost for words, but there is plenty more to see.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 15: Ring of Kerry scenic drive

Our tour manager takes us on a scenic guided tour of the Ring of Kerry, journeying through an untouched landscape of tranquil lakes and rolling hills, passing through charming towns such as Killorglin, Waterville and Kenmare.

Meals: Breakfast

September 16: Killarney & Bunratty Castle

We head to pretty Killarney, famed for its jaunting cars (horse-drawn carts) operated by the local jarvies that take visitors on guided tours of the town. We experience it for ourselves before enjoying lunch here.

Our next stop of Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, the most complete castle in Ireland and meticulously restored to reflect the grandeur of its past inhabitants. It's fascinating to imagine how lords and ladies once lived in this 15th-century gem.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 17: Aran Islands

After breakfast, we make our way to the smallest of the Aran Islands, Inisheer, peppered with ancient stone forts and traditional cottages, where the Irish language is still widely spoken. We are treated to a pony and trap tour to take in the highlights of this delightful isle.

Next is a leisurely cruise along the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, enjoying the geological wonders from below. Stretching for eight miles along County Clare's Atlantic Coast and 214m at their highest, the cliffs are home to one of the major colonies of cliff-nesting seabirds in Ireland.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 18: Limerick & Irish National Stud

We spend some free time in Limerick. As Ireland's third largest city, there is plenty to discover, including a variety of cathedrals, traditional pubs, museums and art galleries.

This afternoon, we combine the world of horses with serene Japanese gardens with a visit to the Irish National Stud. We learn more about the breeding and training of thoroughbred horses on our guided tour.

This evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner together at the hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 19: Departure

A private transfer will take you back to Dublin Airport for your return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: the order of excursions is subject to change and guided tours are subject to restrictions.

Albion Experiences

- ♦ Guided city tour of Dublin
- ♦ Book of Kells Experience
- ♦ Guided tour & lunch at Russborough House
- ♦ Guided tour at Hunting Brook Gardens
- ♦ Guided tour, tea & cake at June Blake's Garden
- ♦ Guided tour of the Rock of Cashel
- ♦ Self-guided audio tour of the period rooms at Kilkenny Castle
- ♦ Estate Director tour & lunch at Mount Congreve Gardens
- ♦ Guided tour & entry to the tea house at Lafcadio Japanese Gardens
- ♦ Exclusive tour of Dromana Estate with a member of the Villiers-Stuart family
- ♦ Kiss the Stone entrance at Blarney Castle
- ♦ Guided scenic drive of the Ring of Kerry
- ♦ Jaunting car ride & lunch in Killarney
- ♦ Cliffs of Moher cruise
- ♦ Guided tour at Irish National Stud

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make a booking?

Call National Trust Tours at **888-484-8785** to register by phone (preferred method) **Monday - Friday from 9am to 5pm (EST)** or register online at **www.nationaltrusttours.com**.

Please note: featured prices are inclusive of the National Trust membership discount. If you are not a National Trust Member, please visit **savingplaces.org/membership-benefits** to sign up. Thank you for your support.

When are payments due?

When you confirm your booking with us, a non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to secure your place. The final balance payment must be paid to us no later than 90 days prior to the tour departure date. Of course, full payment can be made at the time of booking if you prefer and for bookings made less than 8 weeks before the tour departs this will be a requirement.

How can I pay?

We accept debit and credit cards for deposits and full payment.

What paperwork will I receive?

When your booking is confirmed, we will email you a booking confirmation document along with a copy of our full Terms and Conditions and the reading list. Approximately 28 days prior to the tour, we will prepare and send you our Travel Pack with your finalized information and tour itinerary details.

Do I need travel insurance?

Yes, this is essential; we can only accept a booking on the basis that you have taken out a full and comprehensive travel insurance policy to cover the full duration of your trip. We will ask you to confirm this to us. If you choose not to take out travel insurance, this is done so against our advice and at your own risk; we will ask you to sign a declination form indemnifying us from any responsibility or cost in the event of medical emergency or repatriation.

Do I need a passport and visa?

Important UK Entry requirements
It is your responsibility to ensure you have a full passport and we recommend that it is valid for 6 months after the return date of your trip. Tourist visas are not required for US citizens visiting the UK however a new Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) will now be required.

Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETA) are being introduced for visitors to the UK who currently do not require a visa for short stays, they are digitally linked to a traveller's passport and ensure more robust security checks are carried out before people begin their journey to the UK, helping prevent abuse of immigration systems.

An ETA costs £10 and permits multiple journeys to the UK for stays of up to 6 months at a time and is valid for 2 years or until the holders passport expires – whichever is sooner. An ETA does not permit entry to the UK – it

authorises an individual to travel to the UK. British & Irish citizens do not need an ETA.

Apply for an ETA

Applications can done via a smartphone app - UK ETA app or online at Apply for an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) - **GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**

This is a simple process, and decisions are usually communicated within 3 days.

It remains your responsibility to ensure you have the correct travel documentation for your trip.

Are there single traveler room supplements?

Yes, you can contact us to enquire about single supplement prices. Please book early as single rooms sell fast.

Are room upgrades available?

All of the hotels on these tours have been handpicked for their high quality of accommodation and service. However, in some instances room upgrades are available and we would be happy to assist you to arrange these should you be interested. For more information on the hotels please visit our website.

Can you arrange extra hotel nights?

Yes, if you decide to arrive a few days before the start of the tour or leave a few days after the end of the tour, we are happy to arrange extra nights' accommodation. However, this service is only available at hotels that feature in the tour on which you are traveling and a \$35 administration fee is charged for this service.

Are meals included?

All breakfasts are included on all tours. Certain lunches and dinners are also included and you should study the tour itinerary in this brochure to determine what meals are included on your chosen tour. Meals not mentioned are not included and all beverages are at your own expense throughout the tour.

What do I do about any dietary requirements?

Please inform us at the time of booking, we will pass your information on to the hotel, property or restaurant who will do their best to accommodate your requirements.

How many passengers will be in the Albion Journeys tour group?

Typically, between 10 and 30.

What is the role of the Tour Director?

Our friendly Tour Director will meet you for a welcome dinner at the beginning of each tour. Their role is to facilitate the smooth organization of all operational aspects of the tour. If you have any queries or experience any issues during the tour, they are there to assist you.

Will the excursions change?

Please note that we plan our tours far in advance and the order and availability of excursions may be subject to change. In the event of a property not being available to visit, we will substitute with a similar visit, and you will be informed of the full details.

How much walking will there be on these tours?

As much or as little as you like. Any included guided tours will operate at a fairly relaxed pace, as with many historic houses and gardens, you may experience some uneven flooring and steps along the way. Of course, you will always have the option to explore any venue by yourself at your own pace. If you have any specific concerns, please contact us.

What are the arrangements for luggage?

The standard luggage allowance is one item of hand luggage and one suitcase per person restricted to a maximum weight of 20kgs (44 pounds). We do provide portage at each of the hotels used on our tours where available, however, as with all things of a personal nature, it is your responsibility to ensure your suitcase is loaded onto the vehicles we use throughout the tour.

What clothing should I bring?

Comfortable leisurewear is recommended for the daytime. In the evening many participants prefer to wear smarter dress for dining. While gentlemen may choose to wear a jacket in the restaurant in the evening, at most hotels this is not obligatory, we will of course inform you if any hotel does have a dress code. It is advisable to bring layered clothing and a light waterproof jacket. We recommend sturdy footwear when visiting gardens as the ground may be soft underfoot. Many historic properties request ladies do not wear high heels which may damage flooring.

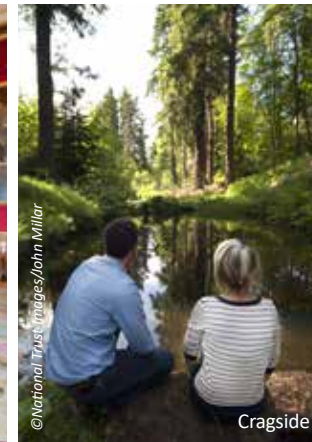
Can you arrange my flights to the UK?

Albion Journeys do not arrange your air travel for our tours; this is your responsibility and gives you the flexibility to decide on your own routing.

What should I budget for tipping?

While it is not compulsory, it is customary to tip the coach driver and Tour Director as well as offering a small gratuity to the transfer drivers to acknowledge the services they have provided. As a guideline we suggest a rate of £5 (about \$6.50 as of this printing) per day for your coach and transfer drivers and £10 (about \$13 as of this printing) per day for your Tour Director. Gratuities for hotel staff and the tour guides you may meet at properties are at your discretion.

All tours offered subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply. Errors and omissions excepted.



Terms & Conditions Extract

It is important that you read the following booking conditions extract and the full booking conditions shown on our website at albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions. These online booking conditions form the basis of your contract with us. Please read them and the extract below carefully as they apply to all bookings you make with us unless otherwise specified.

1. VACATION PAYMENT: When you make a booking you must pay a deposit for every person named on the booking. Deposits per person and the balance due date (the period before the departure date on which your full balance normally becomes due) are:

Deposit	Balance due date
\$1,000 (USD)	90 days before departure

If you cannot make a payment by card at the time of booking, please speak to one of our Reservations staff to discuss other options. You can make payments against your balance anytime between making the booking and the balance due date. If the balance is not paid on time we reserve the right to treat your booking as canceled by you and apply cancellation charges as set out in clause 3 below. For bookings made after the balance due date, the full amount is due at the time of booking.

2. OUR AGREEMENT: A contract is formed when we issue to you the booking confirmation document and terms and conditions. It is important you read through these and any other documents you receive and advise us of any inaccuracy within 14 days of the document date. By accepting the booking is correct you agree to our terms and conditions.

We regret we cannot accept any liability if we are not notified of any inaccuracy in any document within 14 days of our sending it out. This contract and all matters arising out of it will be governed by English law and will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

3. VACATION CANCELLATION BY YOU: If you want to cancel your booking after we have confirmed it with you either verbally, over the telephone or by email, you can do so over the phone or in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:

91 days or more prior to departure	\$1,000 (USD)
90 days or less before departure	100% of the program cost is non-refundable

If any member of your party is prevented from traveling, that person may transfer their place to someone else (introduced by you) providing we are notified no less than two weeks before departure.

Full terms and conditions will be provided with your booking confirmation. They are also available on request or via our website: albionjourneys.com/terms-and-conditions.

Bookings are accepted on the basis that you have read and understood them.

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