



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

- ♦ Arrival/departure airport transfers from Dublin*
- ♦ 3 nights at the Dylan Hotel
- ♦ 2 nights at the Killashee Hotel
- ♦ 1 night at the Marlfield House
- ♦ 2 nights at the Cliff House Hotel
- ♦ 1 night at the Hayfield Manor Hotel
- ♦ 2 nights at the Europe Hotel
- ♦ 2 nights at the Savoy Limerick
- ♦ Welcome drink & canapés
- ♦ Full English/Continental breakfast each day
- ♦ 3-course *table d'hôte* dinner on 10 nights
- ♦ 1 lunch at local restaurants
- ♦ Services of a tour director throughout your stay
- ♦ Travel to & from all excursions
- ♦ All excursion costs
- ♦ Porterage where available

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

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 the Dylan Hotel, where we stay overnight. In the evening, join the group for a welcome drink and canapés, followed by dinner.

Meals: Dinner

September 7: Dublin City Tour, Trinity College Tour & Dublin Castle

Tour Dublin and see 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.

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 on vellum (prepared calfskin).

An unforgettable grand tour of magical Ireland.

This afternoon, discover Dublin Castle a historic fortress and government complex.

Meals: Breakfast

September 8: Russborough House & Walled Gardens

We spend today at glorious Russborough House. This magnificent Palladian mansion was built in the mid-18th century and has been home to many notable families of the aristocracy, evidenced by its remarkable collection of art and antiques. We explore lavish interiors, featuring ornate plasterwork and fine furnishings. There's time to wander the beautifully landscaped gardens and also enjoy a light lunch.

Later, we check into the Killashee Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 9: Hunting Brook Gardens & June Blakes

We enjoy a guided tour of Hunting Brook Gardens. the gardens are thoughtfully designed to enable a diverse mix of exotic plants to thrive, making them a delight to wander, surrounded by peaceful countryside.

June Blake's Garden features an eclectic mix of plant species, each chosen for its unique beauty and contribution to the overall tapestry of colors and textures. Enjoy a guided tour here and some refreshing tea and cake.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 10: Rock of Cashel & Kilkenny Castle

Visit the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's top archaeological spots, set on a rocky outcrop.

Stop at a traditional Irish pub in Kilkenny, where we're treated to a hearty Irish lunch. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of Kilkenny Castle, a majestic fortress that has stood since the 12th century.

This evening we head to Marlfield 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. We learn about the bravery of Irish people onboard an authentic replica of an 1840s emigrant boat.

Visit Mount Congreve Gardens, a horticultural masterpiece of rare and exotic plants that thrive thanks to the passion and dedication of Ambrose Congreve. We take a guided tour with the Estate Director through the meticulously maintained landscapes, before enjoying a light lunch. Enjoy a guided tour of Lafcadio Japanese Gardens, including a visit to the tea house.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



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

Discover the beautifully landscaped gardens and architectural grandeur of Doneraile Court & Estate on a guided tour.

Explore Tourin House & 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

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.

Cobh was the last port of call for the Titanic. Our guided tour takes us through interactive exhibits, about the Titanic's journey and the stories of those who traveled on it.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 14: Cork & Blarney Castle

This morning, we spend some free time in Cork.

This afternoon, the medieval Blarney Castle awaits, built nearly 600 years ago by a powerful Irish magnate.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

September 15: Ring of Kerry scenic drive

Enjoy 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: Glin Castle & Bunratty Castle

Enjoy a guided tour of Glin Castle, nestled on the banks of the River Shannon followed by lunch.

Bunratty Castle and Folk Park is set in 26 acres of unspoilt County Clare countryside. The most complete castle in Ireland and meticulously restored to reflect the grandeur of its past inhabitants. We enjoy a wander through the castle and take a Jaunting Car Ride over the grounds.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

September 17: Aran Islands

Known as Inis Oírr in Irish (pronounced Inish-Ear), this charming island is renowned for its rich cultural heritage, pristine beaches and beautiful landscapes, peppered with ancient stone forts and traditional cottages. We are treated to a pony and trap tour to take in the highlights of this delightful isle.

Next cruise the Cliffs of Moher, enjoying the geological wonders from below, admiring the views of the Arran Islands and listening to the onboard commentary. Stretching for eight miles along County Clare's Atlantic Coast and 214m at their highest, the cliffs offer stunning scenery and 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 such as the Hunt Museum, which houses an impressive collection of artefacts and remarkable artworks, ranging from pre-historic archaeological material to masterpieces by the likes of Picasso, Renoir and Yeats.

This afternoon, we combine the world of horses with serene Japanese gardens, with a visit to the Irish National Stud, en route to Dublin. We learn more about the breeding and training of thoroughbred horses on our guided tour and enjoy a tranquil stroll through the gardens, which offer a peaceful retreat with their meticulously maintained landscapes and beautiful water features.

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.



Tour Highlights

- 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
- Guided 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
- Guided tour & lunch at Glin Castle Gardens
- Jaunting Car Ride at Bunratty Castle
- 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, there is a \$150 increase on the prices shown.

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. Information on travel insurance will be sent to you upon tour confirmation. USI Travel Insurance Services offers a plan designed specifically for National Trust Tours travelers. For details, please contact National Trust Tours at 888-484-8785.

Do I need a passport and visa?

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. At the time of printing, tourist visas are not required for US or Canadian citizens visiting the UK for under 90 days solely for the purpose of tourism. If you are not a US or Canadian citizen or you are combining your visit with business, it is your responsibility to check the requirements for visiting the UK, you can do this by visiting the UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) website to determine whether you need a visa to enter the United Kingdom.

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 hand-picked 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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