



**Erin Go CE**

## **10 Day Dental CE Tour Of Ireland**

**COACHES 1 & 2  
(COACHES 3 & 4 REVERSED)**

**June 17 – 27, 2010**

### **Detailed Itinerary**

Thu, Jun 17

#### **UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN**

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Fri, Jun 18

#### **DUBLIN ARRIVAL & JAMESON SHINDIG**

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Then your driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the hotel. After you settle into your room you are free to rest or explore some of the city on your own. Use your Hop on/Hop off bus ticket to tour some of the main areas of the city. You may choose to visit the Guinness Storehouse to see exhibits on how this world famous stout was first created and why it is so popular today. In the evening join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink in your hotel prior to dinner.

This evening enjoy dinner and entertainment with your fellow travelers at the historic Old Jameson Distillery. We will begin with a guided tour and then a four-course dinner including Jameson's famous Irish coffee along with top class musical entertainment from the Jameson Players

OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL, DUBLIN

Sat, Jun 19

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION & FREE TIME**

This morning attend a Continuing Education Meeting before spending the day at leisure for individual pursuits. There are plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National

Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street and you may like to explore Temple Bar or visit some of the traditional pubs. In the evening you are free to choose from the many restaurants and pubs that Dublin has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: DAVENPORT HOTEL, DUBLIN

Sun, Jun 20

### **TEA AND SCONES, KINSALE & BLARNEY**

Depart Dublin and drive through the prosperous farming country and marketing towns of the midland region of Ireland. Stop at the Rock of Cashel, a stately limestone outcrop topped with medieval church ruins before heading to visit a farmhouse to sample freshly-baked scones with tea. You will have an opportunity to chat to the owners and learn how Irish farms are run. Also enjoy a sheep dog demonstration. Continue south past the gentle slopes of the Galtee Mountains and into the rich farming country of Cork en route to Blarney Castle where you can climb to the ramparts to kiss the well-known "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. They will ship and insure goods for you. You will then continue south to the harbor town of Kinsale and check into your hotel. After settling into your room you are free to relax before dinner with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE

Mon, Jun 21

### **KINSALE AND SCENIC DRIVE TO KILLARNEY**

Today explore Kinsale with a local guide on a short walking tour around this delightful town – the best way to navigate the narrow sloping Georgian streets. After an early lunch you will take a panoramic scenic drive around the Southwestern Coast through the towns of Bantry and Kenmare to Killarney. Check into your hotel and enjoy the balance of the afternoon and evening at leisure for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Tue, Jun 22

### **JAUNTING CARS & DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR**

This morning enjoy an old-fashioned horse drawn jaunting car which will bring you through the Killarney National Park, which is closed to motorized vehicles. Upon your return set-out by coach to discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean's movie, "Ryan's Daughter." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Stop in the town of Dingle before continuing to the western tip of the peninsula. Here the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. You will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages. Return to Killarney for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Wed, Jun 23

### **RING OF KERRY**

This morning attend a Continuing Education Meeting at the Cork Dental School. For those not involved in the meeting, journey around the Ring of Kerry, a tour of constantly changing mountain and coastline scenery. The road winds between the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, the highest mountains in Ireland, and the Atlantic Ocean and you will enjoy plenty

of stops to admire views. Travel through Caherdaniel and Waterville at the western end of the peninsula and enjoy the bracing Atlantic breezes. Continue your drive through the colorful village of Sneem and the vantage point of Moll's Gap. Return to Killarney for some free time to relax and browse around the town before dining with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Thu, Jun 24

### **CLIFFS OF MOHER & ASHFORD CASTLE**

Depart Killarney and travel north through the village of Listowel to Tarbert. Take a 20-minute ferry ride across the River Shannon estuary and drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, one of the country's most magnificent rock formations that rise to heights of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic swells. Pass through the Burren Country, an area of rocky limestone hills where a number of unique flowers thrive. This region also contains many dolmens, prehistoric monuments formed by large limestone slabs. Drive around Galway Bay before arriving in Cong's Ashford Castle to check in. Once you have settled into your room, you are free to relax or explore on your own before dining in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ASHFORD CASTLE, CONG

Fri, Jun 25

### **ASHFORD CASTLE & WESTPORT**

Enjoy a leisurely day at Ashford Castle and take advantage of some of the activities this beautiful estate has to offer; from golf and archery to fishing, clay pigeon shooting, horseback riding and falconing. You can also take a stroll into the charming town of Cong. In the afternoon we will travel to the coastal town of Westport. You will have free time to stroll around, explore and have dinner on your own.

OVERNIGHT: ASHFORD CASTLE HOTEL, CONG

Sat, Jun 26

### **MORNING AT LEISURE & DUBLIN/FAREWELL DINNER**

Enjoy a leisurely morning at Ashford Castle before boarding the coach and traveling across Ireland to the east coast. Drive through the villages of Ballinrobe, Ballyhaunis and Roscommon before crossing the River Shannon at Athlone. Continue through the midland region of Ireland where you can see how many Irish people make a living from agriculture. Drive east through Kinnegad into Dublin to check into your hotel.

On our last night together we again celebrate all things Irish as we enjoy an evening of traditional food, drink and Irish Cabaret including music, comedy, and song and dance at Taylors Three Rock in Rathfarnham Village.

OVERNIGHT: CLONTARF CASTLE HOTEL, DUBLIN

Sun, Jun 27

### **RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES**

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight, clear security and claim your VAT refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores. Then clear U.S. Immigration before boarding your aircraft and fly west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.