



The Cliffs of Moher, County Clare



Kylemore Abbey, Connemara

Missouri Order of the Eastern Star  
Ireland, 2010 . . . July 9-18  
Hosted by Amy Tripi, WGM  
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Jaunting Cart, Killarney National Forest



Our hotel in Killarney, 4-star luxury, great location!

# Missouri Order of the Eastern Star in Ireland!

July 9-18, 2010, 10 glorious days!

Dublin, The Burren and Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Bunratty Castle  
Kylemore Abbey, Adare, Ring of Kerry, Muckross House, Blarney Castle

## Only \$2995 from Kansas City or St Louis . . .

. . . including fine Irish hotels, deluxe coach, full breakfast daily, six three-course dinners, lots of touring, all tipping. Escorted by Dr. Ronald L Cansler, Ph.D.

**Friday, July 9:** depart from Kansas City or St Louis, then connect to your non-stop flight to Shannon, gateway to the western coast of Ireland (the shortest possible flight to Europe from America).

**Saturday, July 10:** morning arrival in Shannon, Ireland. After meeting our pleasant and knowledgeable coach driver, we'll go to nearby Limerick (famed for rollicking poems and the setting of *Angela's Ashes*) for your first sightseeing and perhaps a morning coffee (maybe your first "Irish Coffee" to get in the mood of things). Then head north along the Atlantic coast, stopping at **The Cliffs of Moher** (pronounced "more"), five miles of cliffs soaring as much as 650 feet above the crashing sea below—and on every pictorial calendar of Ireland. Drive through **The Burrens**, a dramatic geological limestone formation stretching on for miles with unique flora and fauna and ancient stone tombs rivaling Stonehenge. Continuing northward, arrive in the village of **Oughterard**, gateway to the wild western Irish territory known as Connemara (what most people think of as "real Ireland" with rushing rivers and peat fires, setting for the great John Wayne/Maureen O'Hara film *The Quiet Man*—do be sure to watch the movie before the trip!). Check in for two nights at the charming family-run Connemara Gateway Hotel ([www.connemaragateway.com](http://www.connemaragateway.com)), where you can enjoy your evening drink in the atmospheric hotel pub, warmed by a peat-burning fireplace. **Full Irish breakfast** of bacon and sausage and eggs plus such traditional sides as soda bread toast and kippers is included every day, plus six **three-course dinners** are included in the trip.

**Sunday, July 11:** full-day guided tour of scenic rural **Connemara**, including Cong, where *The Quiet Man* was filmed. Enjoy drives through the 5,000 square acres of the **Connemara National Forest** with wild peat bogs and the Twelve Ben mountain scenery and do just a bit of walking escorted by a National Park Ranger. Delight in the view of **Kylemore Abbey**, what every romantic castle on a lake ought to look like, then tour the elegant interior of this living monument.

**Monday, July 12:** we head down the coast toward the Gulf Stream-warmed southwestern Ireland town of Killarney, stopping along the way at **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**, Ireland's most popular attraction—a genuine furnished stone castle plus a re-created traditional Irish village of shops and cottages. Also stop in the center of County Kerry at the typically picturesque Irish town of **Adare**. Then on to **Killarney**, a delightful tourist center renowned for its own colorful streets filled with shopping and pubs and Irish music. Killarney developed originally because it is situated in the heart of the spectacular surrounding landscape. Killarney's three magnificent lakes, Lough Leane (the Lower Lake), Muckross Lake (the Middle Lake) and the Upper Lake, are only the appetizers. Behind them looms the mountain grandeur of Macgillycuddy Reeks. Check in for four nights at the first-rate International Hotel, right in the center of bustling Killarney ([www.killarney-international.com](http://www.killarney-international.com)).

**Tuesday, July 13:** the Iveragh Peninsula jutting into the Atlantic Ocean is lassoed by the winding coastal road that has been crowned "**The Ring of Kerry**" with breathtaking scenery

on both sides of the Ring . . . the highest peak in Ireland on the left, sparkling sea to the right. Shepherds, sheep, and sheep dogs dot the green hills and valley (perhaps you'll want to watch a handsome young shepherd as he demonstrates his dogs' skill); crashing surf and colorful small fishing villages are vibrant set against the sea. With a wealth of small, picturesque towns to stop in for shopping and the occasional pint, a full day of natural beauty and plain old fun is certainly in store.

**Wednesday, July 14:** laze around a bit after breakfast, then a special treat . . . a picturesque drive by "jaunting car," the traditional horse-drawn cart squired by a loquacious and flirtatious Irish driver, out to **Muckross House**, described by travel writer Rick Steves as "perhaps the best stately Victorian home and gardens in Ireland." Muckross House, built in 1843, is magnificently set at the edge of Killarney National Park, adjacent to a fascinating open-air farm museum. Your included entry to the property includes a guided tour that gives meaning to the mansion where Queen Victoria was a house guest. The grounds and gardens are just magnificent, an Irish National Trust gem.

**Thursday, July 15:** spend a final day in Killarney on your own . . . or take an optional jaunt by coach to **Blarney Castle** (\$40). Yes, you will have the chance to "kiss the Blarney Stone"—or just stroll the lovely grounds and photograph the ancient castle. The best souvenir and sweater shopping in Ireland is probably at the Blarney Woolen Mill, with an excellent café for lunch on your own.

**Friday, July 16:** an easy day's travel (just four hours) to Dublin by scenic highways, with a pleasant lunch stop and visit at The Irish National Stud horse farm (entry fee included, lunch on own), with beautiful Irish horses but also much more, including two lovely gardens and lakes with pleasant walking paths. Then on to Dublin to check into our 4-star hotel, with the remainder of the day free (<http://www.burlingtonhotel.ie>). The hotel is within a pleasant walk or short bus ride to the main Grafton Street pedestrian shopping area and

the beautiful St Stephen's Green (park), to which tour escort Ron Cansler will be happy to lead you. Dinner is on your own in Dublin—or you may want to enjoy the optional world-famous evening of dinner and traditional Irish music and dancing at The Arlington Hotel (<http://www.arlington.ie/irish-nights.php>).

**Saturday, July 17:** morning guided tour of Dublin highlights with motor coach. Your afternoon is free, perhaps to visit Trinity College and see the famous Book of Kells exhibit. Our tour escort Ron Cansler will lead those interested to the excellent (and free) Irish National Gallery of paintings and the Irish Museum of Natural History. You will be so familiar with central Dublin that you will have spotted a place for dinner on your own (for a special treat, dinner at the famous Shelbourne Hotel on St Stephen's Green is fabulous).

**Sunday, July 18:** shuttle transfer to the Dublin airport to catch the flight home, arriving back at Kansas City and St Louis the same day.

**Ireland Weather in July** (from tour escort Ron Cansler): Ireland is a small island, so its sea-influenced weather is temperate the year 'round, seldom very cold or very hot during any season. I recently had a small family group in Ireland in July, when daytime highs were in the upper 60s, which is about normal, with evening fireplaces pleasant. Showers are always possible in Ireland, which is why they call it "The Emerald Isle," green the year round—so a light waterproof windbreaker might be handy. Travel expert Rick Steves says, "July and August are my favorite season in Ireland with long days, the best weather, and the absolute best schedule of tourist fun."

### An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
May rains fall soft upon your fields.  
And, until we meet again, may God  
Hold you in the palm of His hand.

## Terms and Conditions, Ireland, July 9-18, 2010

**U.S. passport** valid through January, 2011, is required.

**Payment schedule:** \$300 deposit required to guarantee air space. Second payment of \$1200 is due February 15, 2010. Final payment of \$1495 is due May 15, 2010. Credit cards may be used with a non-refundable 5% processing fee.

### **Tour price includes . . .**

**Air transportation** is scheduled on Continental but may be on any regularly-scheduled jet carrier, economy class. Cancellations after the air tickets have been issued (anytime after May 1, 2010) are subject to a cancellation penalty as imposed by the airline. Current air taxes and fees as of August 20, 2009, included but may change up or down.

**Accommodations** are in first-class and 4-star hotels in twin-bedded rooms with private bath. Single supplement \$395.

**Meals** full, hot breakfast everyday in hotels and six three-course dinners (all dinners included except in Dublin).

**Sightseeing** as specified in the itinerary using motor coach or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and services of English-speaking guides are included.

**All tips** to guide, driver, hotel and restaurant staff.

**One regular-sized suitcase** per person maximum 50 pounds is allowed free of charge plus one airline approved "underseat" or "overhead" bag. Tour organizers accept no liability for loss or damage to any baggage.

**Tour price does not include** lunches; wines, liquors, bottled water, coffee or tea not part of menu; sightseeing or services not specifically mentioned or noted as optional; excess baggage.



Dublin, across the Liffey River

**Cancellations:** No penalty for written cancellations received before December 1, 2009. Written cancellations received December 1-February 14, 2010, are subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Written cancellations received February 15-April 30, 2010, are subject to a 25% cancellation fee of the total tour price. Written cancellations received May 1-June 15, 2010, are subject to a 50% cancellation fee of the total tour price. Written cancellations received after June 15, 2010, are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. No refund made for missed services while on tour. **In addition to the above cancellation fees**, airline tickets are not refundable once issued, which can be anytime after May 1, 2010. *We recommend the purchase of travel insurance, especially since **Healthcare and Medical Costs** outside the USA are not covered by Medicare.* Travel insurance information is available upon written request.

**Important notice:** brochure price based on a minimum of 32 passengers, euro/dollar currency exchange rate and airfare both current as of July 1, 2009.

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Name (as on passport)

Address

Phone(s)

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Passport number and expiration date

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Do you prefer single accommodation? ( ) No ( ) Yes at cost of \$395

I would like my name tag to read

Primary physician's name and phone number

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For further information and to enroll, send this completed form to our tour operator: **Dr. Ronald Cansler, 1002 N Sergeant Ave, Joplin MO 64801**, email [ron.cansler@yahoo.com](mailto:ron.cansler@yahoo.com), 417 499 8685

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Address and phone

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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. . . or send it as soon as you get your new passport!