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Biagio's Blarney Tour, September 2015

Depart Friday, 18th September 2015

R/T JFK to Shannon, Ireland on Aer Lingus direct flight

Day 1: Saturday 19th September 2015

Arrive at Shannon Airport and meet with your experienced Irish driver/guide who will transfer you to a nearby hotel for a welcome breakfast. Feeling suitably refreshed visit one of Ireland's natural wonders, the Cliffs of Moher which rise to over 700 feet along a five mile stretch of the Clare/Atlantic coastline. Continue your journey to the popular town of Killarney via the ferry across the Shannon Estuary and the Heritage town of Listowel. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is free for independent sightseeing or shopping or just to relax before this evening's welcome dinner at your hotel. Overnight Killarney DBB



Day 2: Sunday 20th September 2015

Today you will discover some of Ireland's wonderful scenery as you drive around the famous Ring of Kerry. The road winds between the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, Ireland's highest mountains, and the varied Atlantic coast. You will be amazed at the breathtaking views and you will stop for photos at the most dramatic scenes. Visit a working sheep farm for a demonstration of sheep herding and travel through remote villages including Cahirciveen, Waterville, one of Charlie Chaplin's favourite spots, the colourful village of Sneem and pause at Moll's Gap to view the Three Lakes of Killarney. This evening there will be an Irish Night that will include return

transfers, dinner and a show of traditional Irish music, song and dance at the 200 year old Kate Kearney's Cottage. Overnight Killarney BB

Day 3: Monday 21st September 2015

This morning after breakfast you will be collected by jaunting car (horse & carriage) and taken on a magical ride through Killarney's National Park to Muckross House. This 19th century Victorian mansion stands close to the shores of Muckross Lake and its gardens are considered as some of the best in Ireland. The remainder of the day is free for independent sightseeing, shopping and dining. Overnight Killarney BB



Day 4: Tuesday 22nd September 2015

After breakfast visit Blarney Castle where the famous Blarney Stone will be found. For those brave enough climb the ramparts of the castle and kiss the stone which is said to grant the gift of eloquence. There will be time to visit the nearby Blarney Woollen Mills which stocks many quality Irish made goods to remind you of your visit. Then travel to Cobh where thousands of emigrants departed for a better life during the famine years and which was the last port of call of the Titanic. After the visits take the short journey to Cork City and after a panoramic tour there will be time for you to explore some of the sights including Cork City Gaol, St. Finbarr's Cathedral and the English Market. Overnight Killarney BB

Day 5: Wednesday 23rd September 2015

This morning enjoy a day tour to County Tipperary first stopping at one of Ireland's largest and best preserved castles, Cahir Castle. This 13th century structure was owned by the last Lord Cahir until 1961, when it reverted to the state on his death. Continue then to the iconic Rock of Cashel, a spectacular group of medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale including the 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Finally today enjoy the scenery as you return to Killarney. Overnight Killarney DBB



Day 6: Thursday 24th September 2015

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and travel to what is considered as one of the prettiest villages in Ireland, Adare. Here you can walk along the main street that is lined with thatched roofed cottages or explore the ruins of the monasteries and priory. Continue then to the 15th century Bunratty Castle and its associated Folk Park that recreates life in 19th century rural Ireland. Enjoy a drink at the nearby Durty Nellie's, one of Ireland's oldest and infamous pubs, before transferring to your Georgian accommodation – Adare Manor. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner or BBQ. Overnight Adare Manor BB



Day 7: Friday 25th September 2015

After a leisurely breakfast leave the hotel and travel to the vibrant city of Galway where there will be time for independent sightseeing and shopping after a walking tour on arrival. Overnight Adare Manor BB

Day 8: Saturday 26th September 2015

Enjoy a day tour of another of Ireland's beautiful regions, Connemara. Visit the small town of Clifden and the magnificent Kylemore Abbey, home to Ireland's Benedictine Nuns. Call at Connemara Marble and see how this unique stone is cut and prepared before returning to your hotel for dinner. Overnight Adare Manor DBB



Day 9: Sunday 27th September 2015

This morning enjoy the facilities of your hotel which include Spa's, Horse Riding, Golf, Falconry and much more. In the late afternoon return to Bunratty Castle for your Farewell medieval banquet. Overnight Adare Manor BB

Day 10: Monday 28th September 2015

After your final Irish breakfast transfer to Shannon Airport for your return flight.

BB = Bed & Irish Breakfast

DBB = Dinner, Bed & Irish Breakfast

\$3875.00 per person based on double occupancy

Included in the cost of your tour

- Roundtrip flights from ROC-JFK
- Roundtrip flight from JFK to Shannon
- Transfers on arrival and departure by private coach
- Sightseeing as per itinerary in a luxury air conditioned coach with experienced Irish driver/guide
- Accommodation in rooms with private facilities for 9 nights
- Irish breakfast daily
- 4 hotel dinners
- Welcome breakfast
- Shannon Estuary ferry
- Jaunting Car ride through Killarney National Park
- Farewell Medieval Banquet
- Sheep Farm demonstration
- Irish Night at Kate Kearney's including return transfers
- Entrance fees to the following attractions and sites: Cliffs of Moher and Atlantic Edge Exhibition, Muckross House, Blarney Castle, Cobh Heritage Centre, Cahir Castle, Rock of Cashel, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Kylemore Abbey
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person at each hotel
- Hotel service charges and tax

Not included in the cost of your tour

- Items of a personal nature such as wines, drinks, laundry etc.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities to driver/guide

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Ireland September 18-28, 2015
Info and Registration

A \$425.00 per person deposit must accompany your reservation form by **December 1, 2014. (Trip is non-refundable after March 31, 2015).**

Please submit a copy of your passport with your deposit. All pricing is based on double occupancy. Final payment is due by July 1, 2015. We accept MC, Visa, and personal checks made payable to Monti e Mare Vacations.

Cancellation and refund policy: After March 31, 2015 this trip is fully non refundable. Travel insurance is required and can be purchased through Monti e Mare Vacations. If you opt to purchase travel insurance from another party, proof of insurance with a signed disclaimer must accompany your deposit. Single Supplement charge \$1100.00.

The cost for DELUXE GROUP TRAVEL Insurance is being offered through Travel Insured is \$265.00 per person (no age limit). Additional "CANCEL FOR ANY REASON" option can be purchased for an extra cost of \$132.50 **no later than 14 days after initial deposit.** A separate check made payable to Monti e Mare Vacations for travel insurance should accompany your deposit.

Registration Form

Traveler's Name: _____ Traveling with: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____ Phone numbers: _____

Airplane seating preference*: _____ Airplane seating preference*: _____

*we cannot guarantee your preference, but we will request in advance to the airline your preference