



Garvan's presents  
a special 12-day group departure

# GARVAN'S JULY NORTHERN SWING

July 1 – 12, 2024

STARTING AT **\$4,900** LAND ONLY per person, based on double occupancy

Airfare from \$1,100 | Single Room Supplement \$2,200 | Airfare via Aer Lingus from JFK | Optional Trip Insurance Available \$250 non-refundable deposit required to secure the booking, plus Travel Insurance. Cash, check or credit card accepted.

## Tour Includes:

- Luxury motorcoach to/from Garvans
- In destination, exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath as listed for 10 nights
- Full Breakfasts (11)
- Lunches (3)
- Dinners (6)
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

### HOTELS – 10 Nights

Westbury Hotel, Dublin (2)  
Ebrington Hotel, Derry (2)  
Lough Eske Castle & Spa, Donegal (2)  
Westport Plaza Hotel, Westport (1)  
Hardiman Hotel, Galway (3)



### HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome get-together drink | Tour of Dublin with a local guide  
Walking tours of Derry & Galway with a local guide | Slieve League Cliffs with tea & scones  
Sheepdog trials at Atlantic Sheepdog | Achill Island & Deserted Village  
Trad on the Prom Show | Aran Islands & Dun Aengus

To book or for more information, contact:

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## 12-Day Itinerary

### Mon, July 1 DEPART THE UNITED STATES

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.

### Tue, July 2 DUBLIN ARRIVAL

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Next, stop to have breakfast with your group at Roly's Bistro. Then, continue on to visit Kilmainham Gaol to see what punishment was like during its years of operation from 1796 to 1924. Learn about political prisoners, especially from the 1916 Rising, detained here because of their efforts to shape Ireland's history. Motor a short distance to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time before joining your fellow travelers for a welcome drink. After, spend the remainder of the day at leisure for individual pursuits and dining.

OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

### Wed, July 3 DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING

Today, set off with a local guide who will show you around Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture. Stop to visit the award-winning Pearse Lyons Distillery for a guided tour and tasting of their Irish Whiskey. Head back to your nearby hotel and enjoy the balance of the afternoon at leisure. You might like to relax or freshen up before tonight's festivities. This evening, join your group for tasteful cuisine prepared with the finest ingredients at Fallon and Byrne Restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

### Thu, July 4 DUBLIN TO DERRY

Leaving Dublin, take in beautiful panoramic views as you travel through the Irish countryside. Stop to have lunch with your group at a local restaurant or pub before continuing into Derry. Upon arrival, join a local guide for a walking tour to see the Guildhall, St. Columb's Cathedral, the Diamond and the 16th century walls. Transfer to your nearby hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, join your fellow travelers in the hotel restaurant for a delicious meal.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: EBRINGTON HOTEL, DERRY

### Fri, July 5 DOAGH FAMINE VILLAGE

This morning, set off to explore the Inishowen Peninsula. Drive the 100-mile route which mainly follows the coastline and provides wonderful views. Stop in Lagcurry to visit the Doagh Famine Village and Visitor Center. See a wide variety of attractions, which showcases life in Ireland from the 1840s to the modern day. Then, continue your journey into Buncrana, the peninsula's largest town before traveling to the rugged promontory of Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point. This spectacular headland offers distant views of the Scottish islands of Islay and Jura on a clear day. Return to your hotel in Derry and enjoy some free time before meeting your group for dinner at a local pub or restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: EBRINGTON HOTEL, DERRY

### Sat, July 6 GRIANAN OF AILEACH VISITOR CENTER

Departing Derry, travel to visit the Grianan of Aileach, one of Ireland's greatest circular ring forts. Archaeologists say that majority of the fort dates to around 500 BC. On site, you can also visit Grianan of Aileach Visitor Center, housed in a former 150-year-old stone church. Then, drive into Donegal to visit Donegal Castle, which incorporates the gabled tower of a 15th century house built by the O'Donnell family. Partially restored, the castle reflects a long and turbulent history. Motor a short distance and check into the stunning Lough Eske Castle. You may like to rest or explore some of the castle grounds before joining your group for a wonderful dinner in Lough Eske Castle's restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: LOUGH ESKE CASTLE & SPA, DONEGAL

### Sun, July 7 SLIEVE LEAGUE SEA CLIFFS

After breakfast, visit the Slieve League Sea Cliffs, where the highest point reaches 1,972 feet making them the highest in Europe. The cliffs drop straight down to the wild Atlantic waves below and you will see marvelous vistas.

While here, enjoy a cup of tea and freshly baked scones with your group. Next, head into Ardara to see demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting at Triona Designs. Return to your hotel in Donegal, where the rest of the day is free for independent activities and dining.

OVERNIGHT: LOUGH ESKE CASTLE & SPA, DONEGAL

### Mon, July 8 ATLANTIC SHEEPDOGS

This morning, travel to Atlantic Sheepdogs, where you will have the opportunity to experience farm life and see some of the world's smartest sheepdogs, working in their natural environment. Next, head to a local venue to enjoy an authentic Irish lunch with your group. Then, continue your travel along Curraun Peninsula to reach Achill Island, joined to the mainland by a bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful and wild scenic views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Stop to view the deserted village, which provides a haunting reminder of times past on Achill Island. Transfer to your hotel in Westport, check in and settle into your room. Tonight, dine in the hotel restaurant with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL, WESTPORT

### Tue, July 9 CONNEMARA SIGHTSEEING

Departing Westport, journey through the Connemara Region to admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. As you drive along you will see many sheep that graze freely and tracts of bogland where some people hand-cut peat for home heating. Travel into Clifden and stop to enjoy some free time to explore the town on your own. Then, take in beautiful scenic views as you continue your journey along the coast and into Galway. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, settle into your room and spend the remainder of the day at leisure to sightsee, shop and dine on your own.

After an independent dinner, head out for a night of Irish entertainment at the Trad on the Prom Show, which features the best of Irish music, song and dance. OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Wed, July 10 ARAN ISLANDS & DUN AENGUS

After breakfast, set off on a short ferry ride from Rossaveal to Inis Mor, the largest of the three Aran Islands. These rocky islands are renowned for the hardy islanders who maintained traditional fishing and farming. The Irish language is still spoken widely. Take a minibus ride to Dun Aengus, a huge pre-historic fortress perched on sheer cliffs, which fall away to the Atlantic Ocean below. Have a look around Kiltonan before stopping to have lunch with your group at a local venue. Head back to your hotel in Galway for an evening at leisure. OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Thu, July 11 GALWAY SIGHTSEEING

Today, join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of Galway. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. Return to your nearby hotel and spend the balance of the afternoon at leisure to rest or sightsee and explore around Galway. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HARDIMAN HOTEL, GALWAY

### Fri, July 12 RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation has come to its final day. Transfer to Shannon Airport in good time to check in for your flight. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying back to the United States.

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