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Garvan's presents
a special 12-day group departure

GARVAN'S AUGUST SOUTHERN SWING July 29 – August 9, 2024

STARTING AT **\$5,750** LAND ONLY per person, based on double occupancy

Airfare from \$1,200 | Single Room Supplement \$2,500 | 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 (7)
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

HOTELS – 10 Nights

- Westbury Hotel, Dublin (2)
- Garryvoe Hotel, Castlemartyr (2)
- Great Southern Hotel, Killarney (2)
- The G Hotel, Galway (2)
- Dromoland Castle Hotel, Shannon (2)



HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome drink to get acquainted with your driver and fellow passengers
 Guided tour of Dublin | Skyline Tour of Croke Park Stadium
 Walking tours of Cork and Galway | Aillwee Cave & Hawk Walk

To book or for more information, contact:

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This tour is subject to CIE Tours' booking guidelines and cancellation penalties. Refer to General Conditions on your CIE Tours group contract.

Garvan's August Southern Swing

12-Day Itinerary

Mon, July 29 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 30 DUBLIN ARRIVAL

Land at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities before meeting your CIE Tours driver/guide, who will welcome you to Ireland. Have breakfast at a local venue with your group before setting off to visit Kilmainham Gaol (subject to availability) 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. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome drink. For dinner, choose from a variety of local restaurants and pubs to dine on your own. OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

Wed, July 31 DUBLIN GUIDED TOUR

After breakfast, 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 have shaped its architecture. Along the way, visit Croke Park Museum, Ireland's largest stadium, and home of the Irish sports known as Gaelic football and hurling. Hear about the history of the game and how it is interwoven in Irish culture. You might also like to try your own luck at hitting the ball. Afterwards, enjoy the Skyline Tour. Ascend to an above ground walkway and see panoramic views of the city while learning about the landmarks in the distance. In the evening, join your group for tasteful cuisine prepared with the finest ingredients at Fallon and Byrne Restaurant. After dinner, head back to your hotel for the evening. OVERNIGHT: WESTBURY HOTEL, DUBLIN

Thu, August 1 BLARNEY CASTLE

Today, travel to County Tipperary for photos of the Rock of Cashel, majestic church ruins clustered high on a limestone outcrop overlooking the surrounding countryside. Stop to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant or pub. After lunch, drive to Blarney, where you can climb the battlements of Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." While there, visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Travel to your hotel for check-in and an independent evening. OVERNIGHT: GARRYVOE HOTEL, CASTLEMARTYR

Fri, August 2 CORK WALKING TOUR

Following breakfast at the hotel, embark on a guided walking tour of Cork. See Shandon Church, a famous Cork landmark dating from 1722 and Crawford Art Gallery. Also, view Paul Street, known for its trendy restaurants and shops of all types. Travel to Middleton and visit the Jameson Middleton Distillery. Discover how whiskey is made as you walk through the old buildings. At the end of your tour, enjoy a sampling of the finished product. Head back to your hotel and enjoy a dinner with your fellow passengers. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GARRYVOE HOTEL, CASTLEMARTYR

Sat, August 3 CORK TO KILLARNEY VIA COAST

This morning, depart Cork and travel along the south coast of Ireland this morning. Stop for some free time in the small fishing town of Clonakilty which has been designated West Cork's Heritage Town by Board Fáilte. It is a town of tall spires, towers and historic buildings - the brewery buildings, the mills and the quayside warehouses, telling of the town's busy trading and industrial past. Then continue along the coast for some leisure time in Skibbereen. The name Skibbereen means "little boat harbor." The advance of commercialism hasn't yet reached Skibbereen which means that the town still retains its local, colorful and friendly feel. Then travel through Glengarriff, which is renowned for sheltered bays where sub-tropical plants flourish. Cross the Caha to Kenmare and on to Lady's View for views of Killarney, its three lakes and mountains. Arrive in Killarney and check into your hotel. Stop to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant or pub. Tonight, you are free to spend the evening as you wish. OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Sun, August 4 DINGLE PENINSULA DRIVE

Today, set off to discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, once described by the National Geographic Traveler as "the most beautiful place on earth." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, stunning green landscapes and rocky headlands. Pause at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Continue on to Slea Head at the western tip of the peninsula. This excursion will give you excellent views of mountains and coastline looking over to the Iveragh Peninsula. In the village of Annascaul, stop at the South Pole Inn to learn about the Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean. Head back to your hotel where you will dine with your fellow passengers. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Mon, August 5 CLIFFS OF MOHER

This morning, stop in at John B. Keane's Bar in Listowel for tea and fresh baked scones, which is where the author who the pub is named after, wrote many of his famous masterpieces. Next, take a short ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. Upon arrival, drive along the coast of County Clare to visit the Cliffs of Moher, which overlook the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince" along with "The Princess Bride" have scenes that were filmed at this stunning landmark. Stop for lunch at McGann's Pub, famous for its traditional Irish food and music. Travel to your hotel for check-in and an evening to be spent independently. OVERNIGHT: THE G HOTEL, GALWAY

Tue, August 6 GALWAY WALKING TOUR

Today, you'll join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of Galway. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's Castle and the narrow streets. Spend the balance of the day free to sightsee, shop and dine on your own. This evening, enjoy dinner with your group at the traditional Irish pub, Blakes Brasserie, followed by stories and songs with Brian Nolan that are sure to delight and entertain you. OVERNIGHT: THE G HOTEL, GALWAY

Wed, August 7 AILLWEE CAVE & HAWK WALK

After breakfast, visit Aillwee Cave, carved from limestone by melting waters during the Prehistoric Ice Age. Just outside of the cave, visit the Burren Birds of Prey Centre. Here, you can set off on a Hawk Walk, where you will learn about the hawks, see them in action and maybe even get a chance to fly one. Travel the short distance to check into Dromoland Castle Hotel, one of Ireland's finest castle hotels and your home for the next two nights. It is one of the few castle hotels that can trace its ownership back through history to Gaelic Irish families of royal heritage. The castle offers all guests deluxe accommodation and the experience of living as "Landed Gentry." Spend the balance of the afternoon relaxing in this lavish setting. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel with your fellow travelers. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DROMOLAND CASTLE HOTEL, SHANNON

Thu, August 8 DROMOLAND AT LEISURE

Today you may spend the entire day at leisure to relax and enjoy the many wonderful amenities that Dromoland Castle has to offer. You may wish to stroll through the many paths and trails that surround the lovely castle. Perhaps you would like to pamper yourself with a treatment at the spa, play a round of golf or even take a leisurely horseback riding excursion on the estate property. In the evening, you will join your group for a farewell dinner, also at the hotel. DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DROMOLAND CASTLE HOTEL, SHANNON

Fri, August 9 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 across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

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