

OUR TOP DESTINATION FOR THE PAST 40 YEARS

# IRELAND

TRAVEL GUIDE



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## WELCOME

Dear Traveler,

In 2025, Kelturas Vacations celebrated its 40th year of helping to create extraordinary experiences and making memorable moments for our clients. A family owned business based in Boston, Kelturas Vacations (formerly Crystal Travel and Tours) was founded in 1985 by our parents, Jim and Teresa, and since that humble beginning, it has grown into a trusted resource that has helped tens of thousands of people better enjoy their travel.

We recognize that you have plenty of choices when it comes to selecting a partner to assist in your vacation planning, and if we are fortunate enough to hear from you, we want you to know that we take great responsibility in providing you with the best quality, exceptional value, and personal service.

Our experienced team of destination experts are well-traveled and passionate, and enjoy sharing that with you. We leverage our years of specialist experience and the deep partner relationships we have developed since we opened our doors to assist you in crafting the type of travel experience you want. Whether you are interested in an escorted motor coach tour, prefer a customized chauffeur-driven excursion, or an independent self-drive holiday, we have the resources and experience to help make it exceptional and memorable.

At Kelturas Vacations, you will deal with the same travel expert from the moment of initial contact until you are safely back at home. You will form such a relationship with your agent that you will want them to be the first person to hear all about your trip - and they will be excited to listen!

For a vacation brimming with options, flexibility and truly authentic experiences, you need look no further than Kelturas Vacations. On behalf of our travel experts, I invite you to explore the extraordinary experiences and memorable moments that we can help create.

**Seán Kelly**

Operations Director

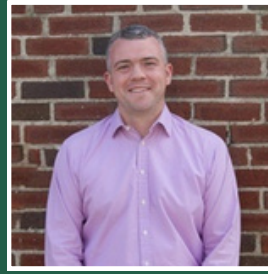
**Kevin Kelly**

VP of Business Development



# MEET THE TEAM

Kelturas Vacations is a family-run business with a close-knit team, many of whom have been with us for over 15 years!



Seán Kelly  
VP | Operations



Kevin Kelly  
VP | Business Development



Vivienne Stanley Kelly  
Group Air Manager



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Marketing Associate



Joe Donnellan  
Director of Leisure Travel

[Learn more about our team here!](#)



## THE WEATHER

*Ireland's weather is famously unpredictable. It's not unusual to experience sunshine, mist, rain, and wind all in one day. The country's mild, temperate climate—shaped by the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf Stream—brings little in the way of extreme temperatures but plenty of variety.*

### TEMPATURES

**Winter (Dec–Feb): 35–45°F**, cool and damp with short daylight hours.

**Spring (Mar–May): 45–60°F**, breezy and fresh with blooming landscapes.

**Summer (Jun–Aug): 60–70°F**, long days, mild warmth, and occasional heat.

**Autumn (Sep–Nov): 45–60°F**, colorful foliage, cooler air, and more frequent rain.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

Rain is common but often light and brief. A waterproof jacket is more useful than an umbrella. Coastal areas, particularly in the west, tend to be windy, though gusts are typically short-lived.

# GEOGRAPHY

## MOUNTAINS

Ireland's mountains form a rugged border around its mostly flat central plains, offering dramatic scenery without extreme altitudes. While few peaks exceed 1,000 meters, their cultural and scenic importance makes them some of the most iconic landscapes in the country.

## STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ Macgillycuddy's Reeks (home to Carrauntoohill, the highest peak at 3,405 ft)
- ◆ Wicklow Mountains
- ◆ Glens of Antrim
- ◆ Sperrin Mountains
- ◆ Twelve Bens / Maumturks
- ◆ Famous peaks: Croagh Patrick and Ben Bulbin. Only three peaks exceed 3,200 ft.



# GEOGRAPHY

## RIVERS & LAKES

Ireland's rivers and lakes shape much of its natural and cultural landscape, winding through towns and countryside alike. From the mighty River Shannon to the legendary Lough Neagh, these waterways are steeped in history and myth.

## STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ River Shannon is Ireland's longest at 224 miles, flowing into the Atlantic after Limerick and forming lakes like Lough Derg.
- ◆ Other major rivers include the Liffey (Dublin) and the Lee (Cork).
- ◆ Lough Neagh in Ulster is the largest lake in Ireland and the UK. Legend says Fionn mac Cumhail created it by scooping earth that became the Isle of Man.



# GEOGRAPHY

## ISLANDS & PENINSULAS

Scenic islands and rugged peninsulas, offering cultural depth and breathtaking views. From Gaeltacht communities to remote Atlantic headlands, these spots showcase a quieter side of the country.



## STATISTICS AND OUR MOST FAMOUS

- ◆ Achill Island is Ireland's largest island, located in the northwest and connected to the mainland by bridge.
- ◆ Aran Islands off southern Connacht are part of a Gaeltacht, preserving Irish language and culture.
- ◆ Valentia Island, off the Iveragh Peninsula, is accessible by bridge and home to a small year-round community.
- ◆ Dingle, Iveragh, and Beara Peninsulas in Kerry are known for dramatic coastlines and panoramic beauty.
- ◆ Malin Head is the northernmost point, while Mizen Head in the south frames the phrase "Malin to Mizen."
- ◆ Loop Head, in County Clare, sits between the Atlantic and the Shannon Estuary.



# IRELAND'S RICH HISTORY



**7500 B.C.**

The first known inhabitants settle

**600–150 B.C.**

Celtic tribes migrate to the island

**432 A.D.**

St. Patrick brings Christianity to Ireland

**795 A.D.**

Vikings raid Rathlin Island and Inishmurray

**1014 A.D.**

Vikings defeated at Clontarf and begin to integrate

**1541 A.D.**

King Henry VIII declared King of Ireland

**1608 A.D.**

Protestant settlers sent to take Catholic land

**1692**

Laws passed banning Catholics from voting, owning land, or practicing their faith

# IRELAND'S RICH HISTORY



**1845-1849**

Great Famine kills about one million from starvation and disease

**1916**

Easter Rising rebellion against British rule begins on Easter Monday

**1919-1921**

Anglo-Irish War leads to Britain giving up control of 26 counties

**1921-1923**

Irish Civil War breaks out between pro- and anti-treaty forces

**1949**

Ireland declares full independence from Britain

**1990**

Mary Robinson becomes Ireland's first female president

**1998**

Good Friday Agreement signed, advancing peace in Northern Ireland

**2023**

Irish culture experiences renewed international attention, with recognition of Irish film, music, and literature

# PLACES YOU'LL LOVE WHERE EVERYONE GOES



## DOOLIN & CLIFFS OF MOHER

Doolin is a small village on the edge of The Burren, famous for its singing pubs. The Cliffs of Moher is one of the best known naturally-occurring tourist attractions in the world.

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## DUBLIN CITY

Dublin, Ireland's capital city was founded by Vikings over one thousand years ago. Some of its most visited attractions are Guinness Storehouse, Book of Kells, Glasnevin Museum & Jameson Distillery.

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## GALWAY & CONNEMARA

Galway is many people's favorite place in Ireland due to its friendly people and year-round festival atmosphere. Connemara is a scenic region west of Galway that is full of mountains, rivers, lakes and castles.

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## DERRY & GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Donegal is a remote county in the north west of the county famous for its rolling green hills. Some notable attractions in Donegal include Glenveagh National Park, Slieve League Sea Cliffs and Malin Head.

# PLACES YOU'LL LOVE OFF THE BEATEN PATH

## WICKLOW MOUNTAINS

The Wicklow Mountains region is one of Ireland's most scenic landscapes, filled with steep mountain passes, glacial valleys, and heather-covered moors. It is often called "The Hollywood of Europe" thanks to the number of films and TV series shot in the area, including Braveheart and P.S. I Love You.

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## BELFAST & GLENS OF ANTRIM

Belfast's main attraction is Titanic Belfast, a museum for the famously "unsinkable" ship which was built there. Rugged cliffs stretch for 80 miles, broken by nine green glens, each with its own unique character.

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## KILLARNEY & RING OF KERRY

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# PLACES YOU'LL LOVE

## HIDDEN GEMS



### VIKING TRIANGLE

The Viking Triangle consists of the counties of Wexford, Waterford & Kilkenny. Aside from its Viking history, This area is known as the sunny south east and for its strawberries and potatoes in summer.

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### CORK CITY & COBH

Cork City sits on the banks of the River Lee and has an English Market visited by the Queen. Cobh was the main point of emigration in Ireland during and after the Great Famine and the last port of call for the Titanic.

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### KINSALE & WEST CORK

Kinsale is a beautiful little harbor town that is known as Ireland's Gourmet Capital. Festooned with little ports, bays, inlets and harbors, West Cork provides the perfect backdrop to an exciting road trip.

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### WESTPORT & ACHILL ISLAND

Westport is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay. From hill-walking to fishing, horse riding to surfing, windsurfing to diving, your visit to Achill can be as active as you like.

## SELF-DRIVE

# TOURING OPTIONS

Our most popular option! With a rental car, you set the pace and choose your own route. It's a great balance of independence and value. Use one of our suggested itineraries or build your own. As long as someone in your group is comfortable driving, this is a flexible and rewarding way to explore.

### WHY?

Driving yourself gives full control over each day, from scenic detours to spontaneous stops. With a well-planned route in hand and the freedom to adapt as you go, this option offers excellent value while still feeling personal and unhurried. It is a great choice if someone in your group is comfortable driving and you enjoy discovering hidden places along the way.



## SELF-DRIVE

# TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

### ANGELA | JULY, 2025



Driving Slea Head Drive was a highlight. We had a lot of fun on the boat trip off Dingle peninsula as well, we got to see lots of whales, dolphins, seals and puffins. You set us up for a successful trip, especially considering the age of our young kids!



### ANNIE | OCTOBER, 2024



We loved finding and visiting archeological sites along the way, with structures from 4000 years ago! The Rock of Cashel and the tour was a high point. Driving the Wild Atlantic Way on the Dingle Peninsula was a really fun, and gorgeous.

### THERESA | MAY, 2025



We had family who commented on how they couldn't believe that we were able to get a Skoda which fit all our luggage! Having Kelturas ready to handle any issues and questions allowed me to enjoy my vacation. That is the value of using a travel agent.



### ROBERT | APRIL, 2025



This was our fourth trip to Ireland and we were seeking an authentic Irish experience. This was filled with slow travel, finding back roads, asking the locals where to go, and this trip did not disappoint. This trip exceeded our expectations.

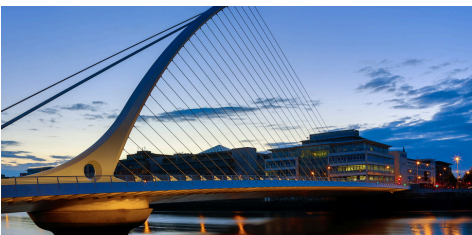
# SELF-DRIVE

## SUGGESTED ITINERARY

### BEST OF IRELAND

#### 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Ideal for first time visitors, this route covers Dublin, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, and the Rock of Cashel. Enjoy iconic sights with the flexibility of traveling at your own pace.



### HIDDEN GEMS OF THE WEST

#### 8+ Day Self Drive 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Explore Ireland's scenic west coast with stops in Westport, Doolin, Connemara, and the Burren. A relaxed itinerary perfect for discovering off the beaten path charm.



## SELF-DRIVE

# SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### CASTLES AND COASTLINES

#### 8+ Day Self Drive 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Drive along Ireland's dramatic coast while staying in historic castles. Highlights include Donegal, Sligo, and scenic stretches of the Wild Atlantic Way.



### IRELAND FOR FAMILIES

#### 8+ Day Self Drive 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Family friendly and flexible, this tour features shorter drives and fun stops in Kilkenny, Killarney, and Galway. A great choice for travelers of all ages.



# CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TOURING OPTIONS

For a relaxing and comfortable trip, the chauffeur-driven tour is ideal. You will have a personal driver who often becomes part of the experience, sharing local knowledge and handling the roads for you. This option works well for families, couples celebrating a special occasion, or anyone who wants ease and personal service.

## WHY?

Prefer to sit back and relax? A private driver lets you explore stress-free and often becomes part of the experience. You'll enjoy the freedom of a custom itinerary without navigating yourself. While this is one of the more premium options, it's ideal for families, special occasions, or those who want luxury and convenience.



# CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

## MICHAEL | JUNE, 2025

★★★★★

Our driver was fantastic. We wouldn't have wanted anybody else. Prompt, courteous, knowledgeable, and passionate about the country. He made our trip exciting and memorable.



## MORGAN | SEPTEMBER, 2025

★★★★★

Our driver was the absolute best! He was so accommodating, funny, and went above and beyond with his knowledge of every place we visited. I am so grateful we got to experience Ireland this way; I wouldn't do it any other way now.

## ED | AUGUST, 2025

★★★★★

This was a terrific investment! He made our Ireland trip so smooth and so memorable. Coach was brand new and incredibly comfortable. This was really our first time using a travel company and we were blown away by the experience.



## STEVEN | SEPTEMBER, 2025

★★★★★

We would not hesitate to book another trip with Kelturas! Our driver was exceptional! An excellent driver on all "roads." His knowledge of Ireland's history was amazing. Without a doubt, one of the highlights of our trip.

# CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

## CHAUFFEUR TOUR

### 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Travel in comfort with a private driver as you explore Dublin, the Cliffs of Moher, the Ring of Kerry, and the Dingle Peninsula. Perfect for those who want a relaxed and immersive journey without the stress of driving.



## LUXURY CASTLES OF IRELAND

### 8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Stay in Ireland's most luxurious castle hotels while enjoying scenic drives and private touring. From Ashford Castle to Dromoland, this tour blends elegance, history, and unforgettable views.



# CHAUFFEUR-DRIVEN TOURS

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOUTH AND WEST

### 8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

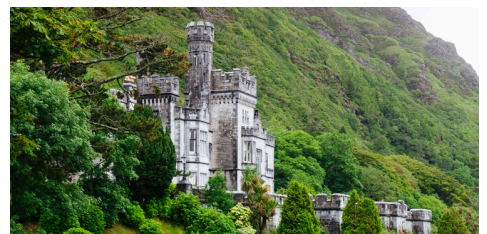
Discover Ireland's southern and western gems, from Cork and Killarney to Galway and the Aran Islands. Your driver guide brings each destination to life with local insight and storytelling.



## FAMILY TIME IN IRELAND

### 8+ Day Chauffeur Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

A family friendly adventure with the ease of a private driver. Visit castles, farms, and scenic spots with a flexible itinerary tailored to kids and adults alike



# ESCORTED COACH

## TOURING OPTIONS

Want everything taken care of? Escorted tours include accommodations, transportation, activities, and most meals. Just show up and enjoy the ride. These tours are perfect for meeting new people and are especially popular with older travelers seeking a no-hassle experience.

### WHY?

If you prefer to have everything organized for you, an escorted coach tour may be the best fit. These group tours include your accommodations, transportation, many meals, and guided activities. It is a great way to meet fellow travelers and enjoy a smooth, well paced journey without planning each detail yourself.



## ESCORTED COACH

# TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

### GERRY | SEPTEMBER, 2024



Everything was perfect from the flights, hotels, meals, the driver was both informative with great jokes. For a short tour could not be better. Totally impressed with all aspects of the tour. My family LOVED it all. Not 1 hiccup the entire time.



### JEREMY | JULY, 2025



Guides were great and transportation was well thought out. We also enjoyed the information provided on our days without tours booked so we could take in additional sites.

### ELANA | NOVEMBER, 2024



We had 3 tours. All the tours were different. It was a small group each time. The folklore, history, and sites were breathtaking. We'll definitely be going back to Ireland and Scotland again.



### DENISE | SEPTEMBER, 2024



I particularly loved the “extra” stops that our tour director planned for us. A couple of stops at local pubs where the locals would go. The main tourist attractions were great too, of course. Killarney was our favorite by far.

# ESCORTED COACH

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### ESSENTIAL IRELAND

#### 8+ Day Escorted Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Join a small group and explore Ireland's must-see sights with an expert guide. This tour includes Dublin, Blarney Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Ring of Kerry



### IRISH TRADITIONS

#### 8+ Day Escorted Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Experience the heart of Irish culture through music, storytelling, and food. Travel through lively towns and scenic countryside while enjoying local experiences and group camaraderie.



# ESCORTED COACH

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### COAST TO COAST

#### 8+ Day Escorted Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4 Accommodations

Discover the beauty of Ireland's coastlines from the Wild Atlantic Way to the shores of the Irish Sea. Highlights include Galway, Killarney, Kilkenny, and a night in a traditional village.



### HIGHLIGHTS OF IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

#### 8+ Day Escorted Tour 7 to 10 Nights | 3 to 4

See the best of both countries in one journey. Visit Belfast, the Giant's Causeway, Derry, Dublin, and more, with a guide who shares stories that bring Ireland's history to life.



# CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

## TOURING OPTIONS

Great for budget-conscious travelers who don't want to drive. Stay in key cities and enjoy optional tours and attractions at your own pace. You'll rely on public transportation, like trains, or group day tours, which keeps costs down while offering plenty of flexibility.

### WHY?

Basing yourself in key cities keeps costs down while maximizing choice. Public transport like trains makes moving between places straightforward, while optional day tours handle the details when you want them to. This style suits travelers who prefer independence, slower mornings, and the freedom to shape each day as it comes.



# CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

## TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR CLIENTS

### GREGORY | MAY, 2024



Train ride to Belfast from Dublin was perfect after the flight and time change. We loved traveling across Ireland and the small cities/ towns of Cork, Galway and Kinsale. All accommodations were great, location was perfect to walk into the cities.



### JANET | MAY, 2025



All our hotels were so close to everything that we never needed taxis to get to the train or bus stations. Everything was perfect! Just talking to locals.. it was an amazing trip!

### NANCY | MAY, 2024



The bus tour we went on to Kylemore Abbey/Connemara/Cong was awesome! All of our transport connections were set up and that was so helpful. Our favorite part of the trip was the scenery in Ireland. It's just breathtaking!!



### LAUREN | JULY, 2025



We loved never having to worry about drinking as we weren't driving, where we were headed or the plans for the day as everything was organized. I am so grateful, we had the best trip. Have recommended to many people.

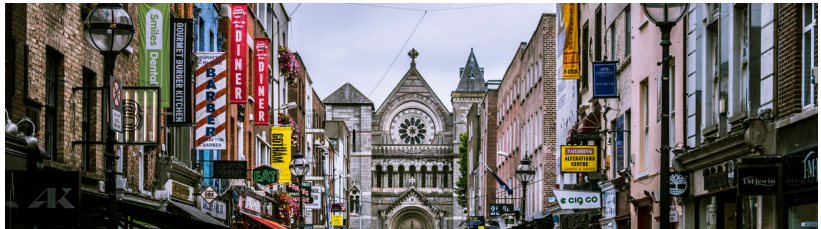
# CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

## SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

### DUBLIN CITY STAY

#### 4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Discover Ireland's capital at your own pace. Enjoy literary landmarks, lively pubs, and coastal day trips, all from a walkable and vibrant city center.



### GALWAY CITY STAY

#### 4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Stay in the heart of the west with easy access to Connemara, the Aran Islands, and the Cliffs of Moher. Galway's music, food, and charm make it a perfect base



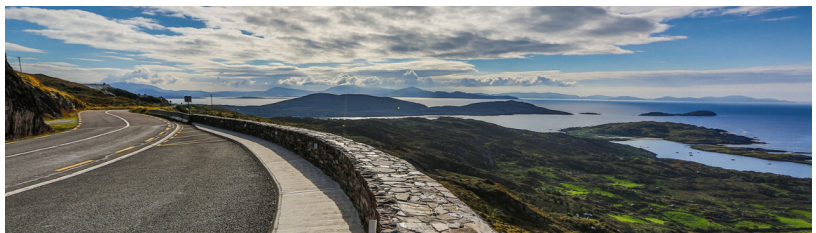
## CITY SKIP & DAY TRIP

### SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

#### KILLARNEY CITY

##### 4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

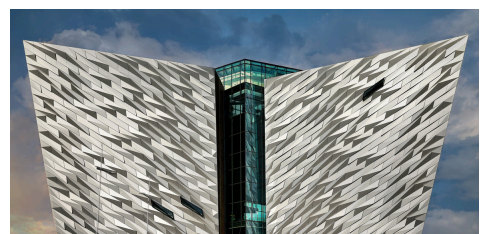
Enjoy the beauty of County Kerry from Killarney. Explore the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and National Park with ease, all while staying in a friendly and scenic town.



#### BELFAST CITY STAY

##### 4+ Day Independent Travel 3 to 5 Nights | 1 Accommodation

Explore Belfast's rich history and modern culture. Highlights include the Titanic Museum, Causeway Coast, and a growing food and arts scene.



# TRIP PLANNING TIMELINE

## BOOKING STEPS FROM 6 MONTHS TO 1 WEEK OUT

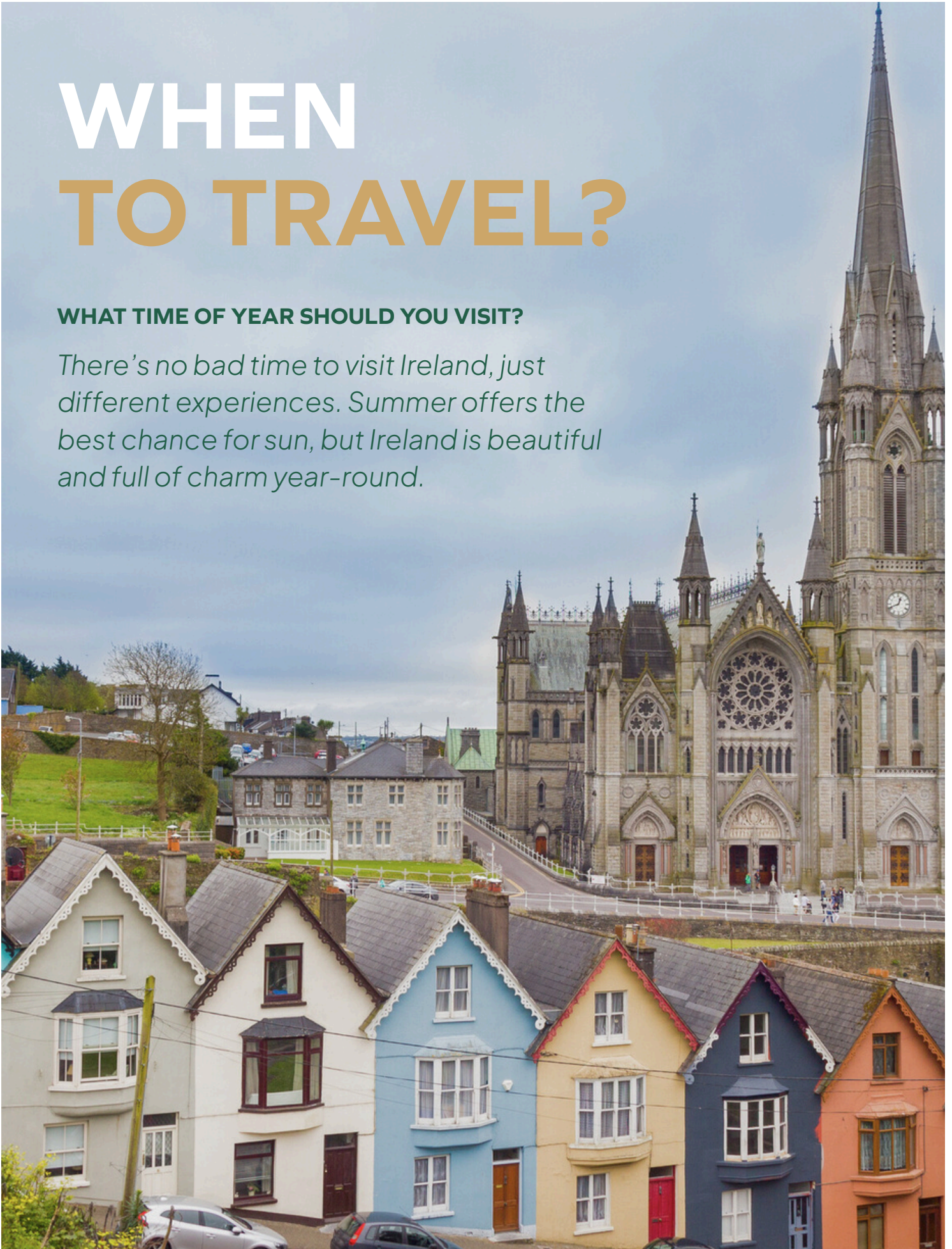
- 1** You make an Inquiry on our website under your desired Tour or reach out to us. We'll assign a suitable agent based on your request. We strive to respond in 48 hours but that may be longer depending on your booking window.
- 2** We discuss your dream plans with you however you feel most comfortable - video or phone call, over email, or in office if you are local.
- 3** We'll send you a first draft based on everything we've discussed and will rework it twice more until you're fully satisfied. Some trips may require a planning deposit, but we'll confirm this with you in advance.
- 4** Once you are happy with your plans, we will book everything. A deposit will be taken for your land portion, while flights and travel protection (if desired) are payable in full at the time of booking.
- 5** Ten weeks before travel, we will request your final payment and finalize all trip details before sending your travel documents.
- 6** It's time to jet off! We will be there every step of the way with 24/7 support while you travel.



# WHEN TO TRAVEL?

## WHAT TIME OF YEAR SHOULD YOU VISIT?

*There's no bad time to visit Ireland, just different experiences. Summer offers the best chance for sun, but Ireland is beautiful and full of charm year-round.*





# WHEN TO TRAVEL?

## NOVEMBER–MARCH- LOW SEASON

This is the most budget-friendly time to go. Expect cooler temperatures (usually in the 40s), more rain, and shorter daylight hours. Some tours and attractions may be closed or operate on limited hours. Holiday periods like Christmas, New Year, and St. Patrick's Day may see price increases.



## APRIL & OCTOBER- SHOULDER SEASON

A great balance of cost and comfort. Weather begins to improve, and most attractions are open. You may still see some reduced hours, but crowds are lighter and prices lower than summer. Sometimes this season extends into early May or late September.



## MAY–SEPTEMBER HIGH SEASON

The most popular time to visit. Expect higher prices and bigger crowds, especially in July and August. Attractions are in full swing, and days are long with the sun sometimes rising at 5am to 11pm. While the weather is at its best, pack for everything, including rain.

# PACKING TIPS

## 1. Layer Up

Bring light layers you can easily add or remove - think T-shirts, sweaters, and a warm fleece or jumper.

## 2. Waterproof Essentials

A reliable rain jacket and waterproof shoes or boots are must-haves, as showers are frequent year-round. A small umbrella may also be useful.

## 3. Comfortable Walking Shoes

Ireland is best explored on foot, so pack supportive shoes for city streets and countryside paths.

## 4. Smart Casual Clothes

Most places are relaxed, but pack one nicer outfit for dining out or a castle visit.

## 5. Travel Adapter

Ireland uses Type G plugs (same as the UK), and voltage is 230V. Bring a universal adapter.

## 6. Compact Day Bag

For day trips, hikes, or carrying snacks and souvenirs.

## 7. Medications & Toiletries

While pharmacies are common, bring any prescriptions and preferred travel-size items.

## 8. Power Bank & Charging Cables

Useful for long touring days or rural areas with limited outlets.



# THINGS YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU KNEW



## Pack Layers

The weather can change by the hour so bring layers and a rain jacket.



## Drive on the Left

If you plan to rent a car, drive on the left and prepare for narrow, rural roads.



## Euros & Pounds

Ireland uses euros (€); Northern Ireland uses pounds (£). Carry some cash just in case.



## Rent an Automatic Early

Manual cars are more common in Ireland. Book automatic vehicles in advance if needed.



## It's Grand!

You'll hear "grand" a lot. It means good, fine, no problem!



## Say "Sláinte!"

(*slawn-cha*). Meaning "cheers" in Irish - the locals will love it!



## Pubs are Family-Friendly

Many pubs serve food and welcome families during the day.



## Expect Slower Pace

Relax and take your time. Locals value conversation and storytelling.



## Credit Cards Are Widely Accepted

But it's smart to have a bit of cash for small towns, markets, and tolls.



## Book Castles & Tours Ahead

Popular spots fill up, fast. Reserve early for places like the Cliffs or Blarney.



## Electricity is 230V

Bring a Type G plug adapter (UK-style, 3-pin)



## Check your bag

and your packing list often! Do not forget your raincoat!

# YOUR TRIP, MADE SIMPLE

## WHAT DO WE BRING TO YOUR TRAVELS?

*At Kelturas Vacations, we take care of the details so you can enjoy the journey. Here's what we handle for you:*



- Personalized itinerary planning based on your interests, timeline, and travel style
- Hand-picked accommodations that match your comfort level and budget
- Rental car bookings or private chauffeur arrangements for stress-free travel
- Escorted coach tour selection and reservations for a worry-free experience
- City-skip packages with day tours and public transport guidance
- Flights booked upon request with preferred schedules and carriers
- Dining recommendations and advance reservations
- Guided tour and attraction bookings with skip-the-line access when available
- Travel insurance guidance and options for peace of mind
- Insider tips, local contacts, and destination support
- Emergency assistance while you travel
- Group travel coordination, including payment tracking and communication support

*Let Us Take On  
The Guesswork!*



# HOW TO GET THERE?

*When booking a vacation, it is always better value to book an air-inclusive package. Our airline partners make available special discount airfares for inclusive tour participants. Kelturas Vacations works with most international airlines, frequently offering the most competitive fares for travel to Ireland, Britain and Europe.*

## **WE CAN BOOK YOUR FLIGHTS!**

Our expert team of agents can assist you in booking an ideal combination of price, convenience and preference for your itinerary. We offer economy, business and first class airfares, as well as arranging private jet services for those who prefer to travel on their own schedule.

With 24/7 customer support, you won't have to wait on hold for hours with an airline in the event of a disruption. Our team is ready to assist whenever you need us!



## DUBLIN OR SHANNON?

*Dublin and Shannon are the two main airports in Ireland. Dublin is the busier of the two and offers quick access to the capital city along with well-connected routes to the rest of the country.*

### WHY CHOOSE SHANNON?

Shannon Airport is typically much quieter, making it a great choice for avoiding crowds and easing into your vacation. It's also closer to popular destinations like Cork, Killarney, Doolin, and Galway, making travel in the west and south of Ireland more convenient.

### WHY CHOOSE DUBLIN?

Dublin Airport is the busier of the two, and offers quick access to the capital city along with well-connected routes to the rest of the country.

### OTHER AIRPORTS IN IRELAND

Alongside Dublin and Shannon, Ireland is served by airports in Belfast, Derry, Cork, Knock, Kerry, Waterford, Donegal, Sligo, and Galway.

Depending on your preferred location, travel plans, or onward trips within Europe, these airports offer flexibility and make it easy to explore on your own terms.





*Sláinte!*

# IRELAND'S CULTURE



## PUB CULTURE

Many pubs serve excellent home-style dishes, and café culture is growing fast in cities and small towns alike. Farmers markets and local bakeries are also great spots to taste the best of regional produce. Don't be shy and ask around for recommendations!

Ireland's food scene is cozy, hearty, and quickly evolving—think fresh seafood by the coast, warm bowls of stew in a pub, or a full Irish breakfast to start your day. To eat like a local, don't skip classics like brown soda bread, boxty (Irish potato pancakes), coddle, or a pint of Murphy's or Guinness with your meal. Or try the new Irish popular dish the spice bag!



## HERE ARE A FEW IRISH PHRASES YOU COULD USE

“**Sláinte!**” (pronounced slawn-cha) – Cheers!

“**Grand**” – Everything's fine/good

“**Craic**” – Fun, good times (e.g. “What's the craic?” = What's going on?)

“**Cheers**” – Used for thank you, not just for toasts

“**Lads**” – Guys, often used casually

“**Grand**” used to describe good feelings





#### OLD FAVORITES

U2 | ENYA | THE CRANBERRIES | THIN LIZZY  
THE DUBLINERS | THE CHIEFTAINS  
SINEAD O'CONNOR | CHRISTY MOORE

#### NEW FAVORITES

HOZIER | DERMOT KENNEDY | KINGFISHR  
THE SCRIPT | GAVIN JAMES | INHALER  
FONTAINES D.C. | KODALINE | AMBLE

### IRELAND ON THE BIG SCREEN

Ireland has always drawn filmmakers, but recently it has become a major hub for big productions. Its dramatic landscapes, strong production facilities, and deep cultural heritage make it especially appealing, and the success of recent projects has firmly placed Ireland on the global filmmaking map with momentum continuing to grow.

#### THE BANSHEES OF INISHERIN (2022)

ACHILL ISLAND & INISHMORE

#### STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI (2017)

SKELLIG MICHAEL

#### GAME OF THRONES (2011-2019)

DOWNHILL BEACH & THE DARK HEDGES

#### THE QUIET MAN (1952)

CONG & CONNEMARA

# IRELAND'S CULTURE

## THE SOUNDTRACK OF IRELAND

Ireland's music scene is woven into everyday life, from the storytelling roots of traditional tunes to the lively sessions found in pubs across the country. Its musical heritage runs deep, yet it continues to evolve with modern artists shaping fresh sounds. Together, these traditions and contemporary influences create a culture where music feels both timeless and alive.



# WHERE TO STAY?

## HOTELS

*Ireland is home to more than 1,000 hotels ranging from luxurious five-star resorts to charming boutique properties and affordable family-run spots. Whether you want to pamper yourself with spa treatments and gourmet dining or keep it simple and central, hotels offer a wide variety of experiences to match your travel preferences.*

### A FEW OF OUR MOST POPULAR

#### **BROOKS HOTEL, DUBLIN**

A chic boutique hotel in the heart of Dublin, offering cozy rooms and exceptional service.

#### **TRIDENT HOTEL, KINSALE**

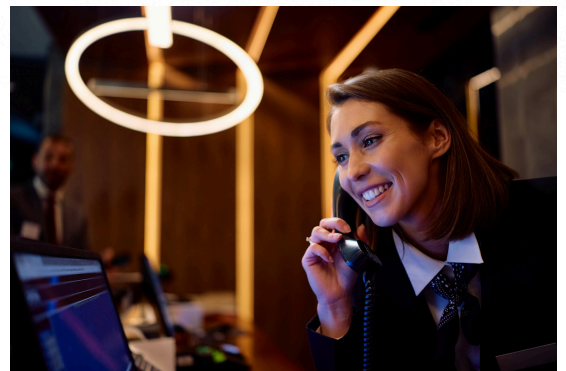
A modern hotel with spacious rooms and panoramic views across Kinsale's marina.

#### **THE FAIRVIEW HOTEL, KILLARNEY**

Warm hospitality and classic comfort define this centrally located hotel.

#### **PARK HOUSE HOTEL, GALWAY**

Classic interiors and exceptional service create a relaxed, upscale stay in the heart of Galway.



# WHERE TO STAY?



## CASTLES

*For a truly magical experience, spend a night or two in an Irish castle. These historic properties blend ancient charm with modern comforts, offering an unforgettable stay. From grand estates to smaller, more affordable options, castles can suit a variety. Stroll their lush grounds, soak in the history, and feel like royalty.*

### A FEW STANDOUT OPTIONS

#### **ASHFORD CASTLE, CONG**

A grand 13th-century, luxury castle surrounded by woodlands and water.

#### **BALLYSEEDE CASTLE, CO. KERRY**

Storied 16th-century castle hotel famed for its historic character and famously friendly resident dogs.

#### **DROMOLAND CASTLE, CO. CLARE**

A 16th-century, castle estate known for grand interiors and landscaped grounds.

#### **LOUGH ESKE, CO. DONEGAL**

A secluded lakeside retreat offering 5-star luxury and warm, personal service.

## WHERE TO STAY?

### B & BS

*Ideal for travelers looking to slow down and soak up the countryside, Irish B&Bs offer more than just a place to rest. These are welcoming family homes where you'll be treated to warm hospitality, local stories, and hearty homemade breakfasts. It's the most affordable and flexible way to explore Ireland arrive as a guest and leave as a friend.*

#### SOME OF OUR FAVORITE STAYS

##### **SEA BREEZE LODGE, GALWAY**

Five-star luxury overlooking Galway Bay, known for refined comfort and sea views.

##### **HEATON'S GUESTHOUSE, DINGLE**

Welcoming, family-run guesthouse with views across Dingle Bay.

##### **SUNVILLE HOUSE B&B, BALLYCOTTON**

Peaceful coastal B&B close to Ballycotton's scenic shoreline.

##### **DESMOND HOUSE, KINSALE**

Elegant Georgian townhouse right in the heart of Kinsale.



# GROUP TRAVEL

*Traveling with others is a rewarding experience, but group size can shape how your trip comes together. Whether you are planning with a few friends or a large family, understanding what to expect will help make the journey smoother and more enjoyable for everyone.*

## **TRAVELING WITH 5 OR MORE**

When planning for groups of five or more, it's important to keep these essentials in mind.

## **UNDERSTAND GROUP DYNAMICS**

Every group travels differently, with varying interests and energy levels. Setting expectations early keeps everyone on the same page..

## **IMPORTANCE OF EARLY PLANNING**

Bigger groups need reservations well in advance for stays, dining, and key activities. Early organization keeps the group together and avoids stress.



## TRAVELING WITH 5 OR MORE

### CHOOSING ACCOMMODATION

Look for places that offer plenty of space to relax, with shared areas where everyone can gather. Staying in the same property or connected rooms helps the group feel unified without feeling crowded.

### TRANSPORTATION

Private drivers and pre-booked transfers make getting around much easier for bigger groups. If everyone travels together, timing is simpler and no one gets left behind.

### COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Try to choose one main activity each day for whole group, then smaller optional choices for those with different interests. A little flexibility goes a long way toward keeping everyone happy.

### ASSIGNING A GROUP LEADER

Designating one person (or a few) to handle confirmations and communication helps keep things organized. It's less about being "in charge" and more about making sure information flows clearly.

### MANAGING BUDGETS

Clear budgeting from the start helps everyone understand what to expect. With your trip priced upfront and no hidden fees, it's easier to plan together and split costs.

### BUILDING IN FREE TIME

A bit of downtime gives everyone space to recharge. These small breaks keep the group refreshed and make shared moments more enjoyable.



## TRAVELING WITH A SMALL GROUP

Trips with fewer than five people offer more flexibility and spontaneity. It is easier to agree on plans, book last-minute activities, and dine without reservations

Boutique hotels, B&Bs, and unique stays are often available. The pace can be relaxed, with decision-making quick and the itinerary more open to change.





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