



## **NACAA Ireland Cultural, Gardens and Horticulture Tour Hosted by Danny Lauderdale May 7-14, 2025**

**(May 6, Tuesday)** - Overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland.

**Day 1 (May 7, Wednesday)** - Morning arrival and departure customs to meet your tour manager. Travel south towards the city of Cork, stopping first at the Irish National Stud. This Thoroughbred horse breeding facility was formed in 1946 and is also home to magnificent Japanese gardens. Continue to the Rock of Cashel. This landmark is a spectacular display of medieval buildings atop a limestone rock formation. The monastery on the Rock of Cashel has dominated the landscape of this area for over 1,500 years. Continue to your hotel in Cork for dinner at your hotel tonight.

***Overnight Cork***

**(L,D)**

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**Day 2 (May 8, Thursday)** - In the morning, the first visit will be to a commercial nursery that has supplied golf courses, Coolmore Stud and other famous facilities throughout Ireland. Next, visit Blarney Castle and gardens, which was built in 1446. This is the third structure to be built on this site, which remains standing today. This is the site where visitors can kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Next, take some time for a shopping and a lunch opportunity at Blarney Woolen Mills. Here, there are three levels of unique Irish shops of items such as pottery, sweaters and jewelry. Later in the afternoon, visit the Jameson Distillery for a tour and tasting. Travel back to Cork for the remainder of the evening on your own for dinner and to also explore the town/pubs.

***Overnight Cork***

**(B)**

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**Day 3 (May 9, Friday)** - Depart from Cork and head to the coast to visit Garnish Island via the Harbor Queen Ferry. Garnish Island is a beautiful island garden located in the sheltered harbor of Glengarriff in Bantry Bay, a small but deep natural bay located in southwest Ireland. The 37 acres of Garnish Island is known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all around the world as an island garden of great beauty. Continue to Killarney and check into your hotel.

***Overnight Killarney***

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**Day 4 (May 10, Saturday)** - Day tour of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most spectacular drive! It begins in Killarney and makes a circular route passing several attractions including: Waterville, Coomakista Pass with magnificent views over Kenmare Bay, picturesque village of Sneem, over Molls Gap and along the Lakes of Killarney, through Killarney National and back to Killarney. After the scenic drive, participate in a seaweed discovery walk along the pristine coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way. Also visit the Derrynane house which is a 300+ acre national historic park. It is the home of the Irish politician and statesman, Daniel O'Connell and its origins date back to the 1700s. Finish the day visiting the gardens of the Muckross House which has a collection of dwarf conifers and shrubs and the native strawberry trees native to the area. There is also a rock garden on a natural outcrop of limestone that has winding steps and small paths.

**Overnight Killarney**  
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**Day 5 (May 11, Sunday)** - Continue along the Wild Atlantic Way, crossing the Shannon River by roll-on/roll-off ferry to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most visited tourist destinations. The cliffs stand at an astounding 702 feet at their highest point and stretch for 5 miles along the Atlantic coast of County Clare. Lunch will be on your own this day. Afterwards, explore the city of Galway during a city walking tour and free time to explore on your own. Dinner at your hotel tonight.

***Overnight Galway***

**(B,D)**

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**Day 6 (May 12, Monday)** - In the morning after breakfast, enjoy some free time in Galway. Galway is a harbor city on the west coast, locally known for being the festival capital of Ireland, hosting about 122 festivals and events per year. In the afternoon, travel to Dublin, visit the National Botanical Gardens which are famous for the exquisitely restored historic greenhouses and plant species from all over the world.

***Overnight Dublin***

**(B)**

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**Day 7 (May 13, Tuesday)** - In the morning enjoy a panoramic tour around Dublin City to see and learn about this capital and Ireland's largest city. See sights such as O'Connell Street, Phoenix Park, Leinster House, Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, etc. Next, enjoy some free time and book optional visits to the Guinness factory, Epic Museum, etc. Finish the day with farewell dinner at an Irish Cabaret evening filled with live music, traditional Irish food and dancing.

***Overnight Dublin***

**(B,D)**

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**Day 8 (May 14, Wednesday)** - Transfer in the morning to Dublin airport for your return flight home. **Please note: If flight times are too spread apart, some participants may have to pay additional for transfer back to the airport.**

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**Included:**

*Accommodations*

*Transportation*

*Guide/Driver (one person)*

*Tours/Technical Visits*

*Meals as indicated on itinerary (includes water, coffee or tea)*

*B= Breakfast*

*L= Lunch*

*D= Dinner*

**Not Included:**

*International airfare*

*Gratuities for driver/guide*

*Soft drinks or alcoholic beverages with meals*

*Meals not shown on itinerary*

*Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for travel to Ireland*

*Travel insurance coverage*

*Excess baggage fees*

*Souvenirs*

*Leisure activities on free days*

*Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.*

**Price per person based on double occupancy, \$3,325**

**\*Based on minimum 20 travelers**

**Single Supplement add \$775**

**Payment Schedule:**

November 1, 2024 - Registration deadline

November 15, 2024 - \$500 non refundable deposit

February 15, 2024 - Remaining balance due

*\*3% transaction fee for all credit cards*

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