

This CORK & FORK sample itinerary has been developed based on a group of 8 individuals and is provided merely as a glimpse of the sort of customized travel experience CORK & FORK would delight in developing for independent travelers and groups.



# Culinary Gems of Ireland

## Highlights:

- 11 days/10 nights of epicurean and cultural immersion on the emerald isle of Ireland
- Deluxe accommodations in Dublin, Kinsale, Killarney and Adare
- Hands-on culinary lessons at two of Ireland's very finest "cooking" schools
- A delightful Epicurean Walking Tour of Dublin, featuring cultural highlights and charming food shops with tastings
- Guided visits to the finest food market in Dublin, as well as a 400-year-old covered market in Cork
- Guided visits to artisan food producers in West Cork and a salmon smokehouse in County Clare, including tastings of local specialties
- A high-end, educational Irish Whiskey tasting
- Scenic drives along the famed Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula
- A culinary guide/driver for the duration of the program
- An exceptional CORK & FORK fine-dining program, featuring the very best of contemporary and traditional Irish cuisine at some of Ireland's finest dining places



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**Day One:** Arrival in Dublin. Airport meet-and-greet with your culinary guide/driver for the duration of the program. Enjoy tea/coffee and scones on arrival at your hotel. After a light lunch in a local pub, enjoy a private guided walking tour of Trinity College and see the Book of Kells. Late afternoon at leisure. Dinner at Patrick Guilbaud, one of Dublin's top restaurants. Accommodation: The Shelbourne, a Dublin landmark overlooking magnificent St. Stephen's Green that was built in 1924 and recently restored

**Day Two:** Morning off-the-beaten-path Epicurean Walking Tour in Dublin, Europe's most compact capital. You will experience everyday food markets, fine Irish cheese, visits with tastings at the Guinness Storehouse and the Jameson Distillery and more. Enjoy dinner and a high-end whiskey tasting this evening at the Library at Number 6. Accommodation: The Shelbourne

**Day Three:** Day excursion to Wicklow, south of Dublin, for an interactive epicurean day at Ballyknocken Cookery School. On arrival, you will be greeted by the owner of the house, Catherine Fulvio, who is very well known and highly regarded in Irish culinary circles. With Catherine, you will prepare some of Ireland's finest traditional dishes, followed by lunch. Dinner this evening and wine tasting at Berry Bros and Rudd, Dublin's top wine emporium featuring more than 800 labels. Accommodation: The Shelbourne

**Day Four:** Morning transfer with your guide/driver to the southern coast and the town of Kinsale, widely considered to be the culinary capital of Ireland. En route (3 hours from Dublin), stop at Cork city for lunch at Greene's, one of the city's finest restaurants. Following lunch, enjoy a guided visit to The Butter Museum and the English Market, which dates to 1610. Continue 30 minutes to the coast to the delightful seaside town of Kinsale. Dinner at Man Friday's Restaurant. Accommodation: The Old Bank House, a 17-room luxury B&B located waterside in a former Georgian residence in the center of Kinsale

**Day Five:** Today, experience the Ballymaloe Cookery School - one of Ireland's most famous places of culinary excellence. Experience a cookery demonstration followed by hands-on cooking lesson focused on the preparation of a complete meal that will also serve as your lunch. Tour the very fine gardens at Ballymaloe. Dinner at Jim Edwards Restaurant in Kinsale. Accommodation : The Old Bank House

**Day Six:** Today you will enjoy an epicurean tour of West Cork, famous for its many farmhouse cheese makers. Visit Clonakilty, home of the famous Black pudding, along with the towns of Ballydehob, Schull and Skibbereen, which are pockets of exceptional local gourmet and organic food. You will visit local cheese makers and enjoy a gourmet tasting in Mannings Emporium of cheese, salamis and chocolates. Continue on to Kenmare for afternoon tea at the Park Hotel Kenmare (a CORK & FORK favorite) and then to Killarney. Dinner at Gaby's Seafood. Accommodation: Killarney Park Hotel, an outstanding five-star property regarded as one of Ireland's finest hotels

**Day Seven:** Experience the beauty of County Kerry via a guided tour of the breathtaking Ring of Kerry. En route, enjoy a sheepdog demonstration and an Irish Coffee in Caitin Bakers traditional pub. Lunch will be in Waterville at the Smugglers Inn overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. In the afternoon, stop for tea/coffee and scones in Sneem for a taste of local hospitality. Dinner in Killarney at Rozzers in the Killeen House Hotel. Accommodation: Killarney Park Hotel

**Day Eight:** Start the day with a jaunting car ride from Killarney to Muckross House and take in a visit of the house. Enjoy the craft shops on the estate followed by a traditional Irish pub lunch at Molly Darcy's. Afternoon at leisure in Killarney with tea at Miss Courtney's Tea Rooms, an experience you won't forget! Dinner at Lord Kenmare's. Accommodation: Killarney Park Hotel

**Day Nine:** Private transfer from Killarney to Adare via the spectacular Dingle Peninsula. Travel around the Sleat Head Drive, which juts out into the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Louis Mulcahy's pottery shop and then enjoy a spot of gourmet lunch at O'Gorman's Clifftop Restaurant. Enjoy epicurean visits in the town of Dingle. Continue on to Adare to the beautiful Adare Manor Hotel. Dinner in the hotel's Oak Room restaurant. Accommodation: Adare Manor Hotel, Ireland's top castle hotel set in the midst of a lovely, 840-acre estate

**Day Ten:** Enjoy a day in County Clare. Visit the towering Cliffs of Moher, and the Burren limestone area. Take in a visit to the Burren Smokehouse for a tour and tastings of some of the finest smoked salmon in Ireland. Lunch at the Roadside Tavern, one of the oldest pubs in the area. Continue back to Adare and dine off property at the Mustard Seed at Echo Lodge in Ballingarry. Accommodation: Adare Manor Hotel

**Day Eleven:** Transfer 40 minutes to Shannon Airport for departure

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#### **Whats included:**

- Airport meet-and-greet
- Ground transportation via luxury vehicle
- Escort via a culinary-focused guide/driver
- 10 nights deluxe accommodations as specified
- Two half-day culinary sessions at leading Irish cookery schools
- Epicurean tours with tastings as specified
- Cultural and other tours as specified in this itinerary
- All meals (10 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 10 dinners along with teas and tastings specified in this itinerary)
- All CORK & FORK fees, taxes and gratuities for program elements specified in this itinerary
- Portage for two bags per person
- Detailed CORK & FORK travel guide
- 24/7 phone availability of a CORK & FORK representative

**All-Inclusive Price Per Person** (based on a group of eight/double occupancy): \$7,750

*We would be happy to develop a personalized itinerary to accommodate your budget. Pricing and arrangements are subject to availability and price fluctuation. Pricing will be guaranteed prior to final booking.*

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