

8-DAY OR 7-DAY TOUR!

# IRISH SPIRIT

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

'Shindig' Evening at the Old Jameson Distillery

Trinity College & the Book of Kells

Blarney Castle & Lakes of Killarney

Ring of Kerry & Connemara Tours

Cliffs of Moher

Catamaran Cruise of Killary Fjord

Guinness Storehouse — drink in highest pub in Ireland

No hidden extras!

All visits and meals included as per itinerary

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2006

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Dublin & "Shindig" Evening

Arrive at Dublin Airport and proceed through immigration and pick up your baggage. Go to the CIE Tours desk in the Arrivals Hall where personnel will arrange a group transfer to your hotel between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. If you arrive later than noon, you will need to transfer to the hotel at your own expense. At 3:00 pm join your group for an introductory look around central Dublin. Visit the **Guinness Storehouse** for an explanation of the making of this famous brew and try a creamy pint in the rooftop bar overlooking Dublin. Return to your hotel and get together with your group for a **welcome drink** and talk about your vacation. In the evening attend a "**Shindig**" at the Old Jameson Distillery. Tour the recreated distillery before sitting down to a dinner of Irish specialties, followed by a fun entertainment program.

#### Day 2: Dublin Sightseeing & Book of Kells

This morning take a city sightseeing tour to learn about Dublin's lore and legends as you drive around the principal sights of the city. See the shopping mecca of Grafton and Nassau Streets, view the many elegant Georgian townhouses and pass the Dail where the government convenes.

Tour **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, to see memorials to many prominent people who contributed to Dublin life. Visit Trinity College's Old Library to view the 8<sup>th</sup> century **Book of Kells** with exquisite illustrations and learn about its origins and monastic traditions. The afternoon and evening are completely free for further sightseeing, shopping and dining.

#### Day 3: Rock of Cashel & Blarney Castle

Depart Dublin to travel through the Irish countryside where you can see the "Forty Shades of Green" as you pass many farms. Stop for photos at the Rock of Cashel, a magnificent limestone outcrop with church ruins. Just outside Cork visit **Blarney Castle** where you may kiss the popular stone in the ramparts of the castle. Take some time to walk through the gardens, around the village green or shop at the Blarney Woollen Mills, renowned for their quality Irish merchandise. Continue your drive into the mountains of County Kerry to your hotel in the centre of Killarney. After dinner in your hotel you may like to take a stroll around this compact town and sample one of the singing bars.

#### Day 4: Ring of Kerry Tour

Today you will discover the wonderful scenery around Killarney as you drive around the famous Ring of Kerry. The road winds between the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, Ireland's highest mountains, and the Atlantic coast. You will be amazed at the variety of views and you will stop for photos at the most dramatic scenes. Pass Killorglin where the annual festival honours a goat. Continue your trip through the remote villages of Cahirciveen and Waterville at the western tip of the peninsula. On the return, pass through the colourful village of Sneem and stop at Moll's Gap to view the three lakes of Killarney. Enjoy some free time in Killarney before dinner in your hotel.

#### Day 5: Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Depart Killarney and travel north through the village of Listowel to Tarbert. Take a short **ferry ride across the River Shannon** and drive along the coastline of County Clare to view the **Cliffs of Moher**. This wall of limestone rises to heights of almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic swells. Drive through the Burren, an area



