

8-DAY TOUR!

# Mystical Ireland

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COACH TOUR 2006

## ITINERARY

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Abbey Tavern Dinner  
& Traditional Music

Giant's Causeway  
& Old Bushmills Distillery

Walking tours around  
historic Derry & Belfast

Day Excursion to Achill Island

Catamaran Cruise of Killary Fjord

No hidden extras!

All visits and meals included  
as per itinerary

### Day 1: Dublin & Guinness

Arrive in Dublin Airport, complete immigration formalities and pick up your luggage. Go to the CIE Tours desk in the Arrivals Hall to arrange a group transfer to your hotel between 7:00 am and 12:00 noon. If your flight arrives later, you will need to transfer to the hotel at your own expense. At 2:00 pm tour the city centre and visit the **Guinness Storehouse** to learn about the famous brewery and sample a pint. In the evening meet your fellow travellers over a **welcome drink** and your guide will assist you in choosing a restaurant where you may dine independently.

### Day 2: Dublin Castle & Abbey Tavern

This morning a city sightseeing tour will introduce you to Dublin's many historic buildings, delightful gardens and lively shopping streets. Tour **Dublin Castle's** State Apartments built in the Georgian period, to view historical portraits and superb furnishings. Visit the **National Botanic Gardens** where you can see elaborate Victorian glasshouses. Walk through different types of gardens containing collections of plants and trees from all over the world. The afternoon is at leisure for

independent interests. In the evening drive to the **Abbey Tavern** for traditional Irish cuisine, Irish coffee and a lively session of popular folk songs.

### Day 3: Downpatrick & Mount Stewart

Drive north via Drogheda, past the gentle slopes of the Mourne Mountains and follow the shoreline to Downpatrick. Visit the **St. Patrick Centre** to learn about Ireland's patron saint and **Down Cathedral** to see his reputed burial place, marked by a huge granite boulder. Cross **Strangford Lough by ferry** to visit **Mount Stewart House and Gardens**. Home to Lord Castlereagh during Napoleonic times, this mansion contains portraits and furnishings. The extensive gardens are considered among the finest in the country. Check into your hotel in Belfast.

### Day 4: Belfast & Giant's Causeway

See the Victorian highlights of Belfast with a **local guide**, including the Albert Memorial, the Opera House and Crown Liquor Saloon. Drive north to experience one of Ireland's scenic coastal routes. The "Nine Glens of Antrim" offer wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop at **Old Bushmills Distillery**, which received a license in 1608. Learn how whiskey is distilled and have a sample. Drive to the nearby **Giant's Causeway**, hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. The enormous rocks have spawned legends about the mythical giant, Finn McCool. Continue along the coast to Derry. In the evening join a local guide for a **walking tour** around the ancient centre of Derry, including the medieval city walls, the Diamond and St. Columb's Cathedral.



