# Chairman's Luck of the Irish Tour- hosted by Larry Kluger



March 15 - 26, 2026



#### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

- Free parking with roundtrip motorcoach transportation to a local international airport
- Roundtrip airfare from a local international airport to Dublin, Ireland
- · Ten night hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by luxury coach
- Services of a professional Brendan Vacations Tour Director/Driver
- Gratuities for the Brendan Vacations Tour Director/Driver and local guides
- Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & porterage for one suitcase per person
- Hosted by AAA Central Penn's Chairman of the Board, Larry Kluger
- · Services of a AAA Journey Manager

#### **PRICING**

Occupancy	Rate Per Person
Double	\$7,599
Single	\$10,999

#### All non-members must add \$60 to the above rates.

Rates are subject to availability at time of booking and include taxes, fees and fuel surcharges which are subject to change. All pricing and included features are based on a minimum of 35 passengers.

Single occupancy accommodations are extremely limited and are not guaranteed until space is confirmed.

Desired pick up location is not guaranteed until passenger minimums are met.



# **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Trinity College, Book of Kells
- Guinness Storehouse
- St Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin
- Ballykilcaven Brewery
- · Rock of Cashel
- Middleton Distillery Experience
- Blarney Castle and Blarney Stone
- Ring of Kerry
- Irish Night Celebration Dinner
- · Cliffs of Moher
- Game of Thrones Linen Mill Studio & Black Cab Tours
- Giants Causeway
- Titanic Belfast Museum
- Tracey's Breadmaking Experience
- Two castle hotel stays

# **ITINERARY**

# Sunday, March 15: Depart Central PA

Transfer by motorcoach from Central PA to a local international airport for an overnight flight\* to Dublin, Ireland.

\*Group air schedule will be released when available. Schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time the initial deposit is made.

# Monday, March 16: Depart Central PA, Arrive in Dublin

Welcome to Ireland! After meeting your Travel Director at the airport, visit Trinity College Dublin and the Book of Kells. This experience offers a captivating glimpse into Ireland's rich literary and cultural heritage. Established in 1592, Trinity College is renowned for its stunning architecture and prestigious academic history. The highlight of your visit will be the Book of Kells, a beautifully illuminated manuscript created by Celtic monks around 800 AD. As you explore the Old Library, home to this masterpiece, you'll be awed by its intricate illustrations and vibrant colors that showcase the artistry of the time. The library itself, with its stunning Long Room, is a sight to behold. To kick off your journey through Ireland, meet the group for a welcome dinner at your hotel later in the evening *Hotel: Brooks Hotel* (Dinner)

# Tuesday, March 17: Guinness Store House & St Patrick's Day Parade

After breakfast at your hotel, journey to the Guinness Store House. Around the world, Ireland is known for Guinness its famous dry stout. No trip to Ireland is complete without a visit to the Guinness Storehouse, an interactive multi-story sensory extravaganza in the heart of the city centre at St James Gate Brewery. With a 250-year history, you'll be taken through the intricate architecture of the seven story building, discover age old secrets of Guinness, visit the tasting rooms, and learn to pour the perfect pint. Complete your visit with the symbolic 'Head of the Pint', at the Gravity Bar, a top-floor bar with breath-taking panoramic views of Dublin city. Don't forget it's St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy the festivities with bleacher seating at the St Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin. (Breakfast)

## Wednesday, March 18: Ballykilcavan Brewery & Rock of Cashel

Meet David Walsh, owner of Ballykilcavan Farm & Brewery and learn how he set up the brewery to help secure the financial future of his family farm. Experience the passion behind his sustainable journey and the story behind the beer you taste. Then, head to Rock of Cashel. Originally the seat of the kings of Munster, the Rock of Cashel is one of the most spectacular historical sites in Ireland. Sitting majestically atop a high outcrop of limestone in Ireland's Golden Vale in Tipperary, the ancient medieval buildings are positioned right in the heart of Ireland. The remarkable site includes a 15th-century Tower house, a high cross, a Gothic cathedral an abbey and Cormac's Chapel, home to the only surviving Romanesque frescoes in Ireland. Hotel: Maldron Hotel Cork City South Mall Hotel(Breakfast)

# Thursday, March 19: Midleton Distillery Experience & Blarney Castle

Discover the Midleton Distillery with a "Behind the Scenes Experience", an exclusive journey into one of Ireland's premier whiskey distilleries in County Cork. The tour starts with a warm welcome from expert guides who lead you through historic 19th-century buildings. Witness the whiskey-making process, from grain milling to triple distillation in copper stills, and maturation in oak barrels. Visit the cooperage to see skilled craftsmen handcrafting barrels. Conclude with an exclusive tasting of rare and limited-edition whiskeys, perfect for whiskey enthusiasts seeking an unforgettable exploration of Irish whiskey heritage. Later in the day, visit Blarney Castle, best known as the home of the Blarney Stone. Legend says, if you kiss the stone you'll inherit the gift of the gab! Relax into the tranquility of the beautiful gardens and soak up the magic of Rock Close, with its fairy glade and waterfalls. Hotel: Great Southern Hotel (Breakfast)

## Friday, March 20: Ring of Kerry & Kate Kearney's Irish Night

Explore the Ring of Kerry, famous for its spectacular mountain road, inspiring poets, writers, and artists as an unspoken muse. See the spectacle yourself with a comfortable coach tour of the picturesque peninsula and learn about the history, geography, myth, and legends of the Ring of Kerry. Traverse the banks of the River Laune and make stops in Kells, Caherciveen, Glenbeigh, and Molls Gap where your friendly guide will reveal mystic secrets of the land. This evening, experience traditional Irish culture at Kate Kearney's Cottage in County Kerry. Enjoy a warm welcome and a hearty, homecooked meal featuring local ingredients. The evening unfolds with live performances from local musicians playing traditional Irish instruments and skilled Irish dancers. Join in the fun, clapping along and learning dance steps. (Breakfast, Dinner)

## Saturday, March 21: Cliffs of Moher

A natural masterpiece, and one of the most beautiful places in the world, the Cliffs of Moher are a must-see for any trip to Ireland. Set against the crashing waves of the Atlantic Ocean, the Cliffs tower a striking distance above the sea. Named a UNESCO Global Geopark, the Cliffs are best experienced on a walk or trek across the clifftop. Watch birds, study plants, and keep an eye on the water for breaks of dolphin pods or sharks. Come to know the myths and magic of the Cliffs of Moher with sights including the Tower viewpoint, the Aran Islands, and the Hags Head. *Hotel:* Radisson RED Galway (Breakfast)

#### Sunday, March 22: Clonmacnoise & Sean's Bar

On the banks of the River Shannon near Athlone in County Offaly, the ruins of Clonmacnoise reveal a once-thriving monastic site founded by St. Ciarán in the 6th century. The site features a cathedral, two round towers, high crosses, churches, and Europe's largest collection of early Christian grave slabs. Clonmacnoise is the burial place of many high kings, including Rory O'Connor, the last high king of Ireland. The site inspired some of Ireland's greatest literature, including works by Seamus Heaney. On your self-guided visit, explore Hiberno-Romanesque architecture, a purpose-built museum, and the whispering arch. Later, enjoy a visit to a local pub, situated in the Heart of Ireland, Sean's Bar plays host to visitors from all around the world. Sean's Bar is not only the oldest, but one of the best loved pubs in the world. Tonight, rest your head in the beautiful Cabra Castle Hotel! *Hotel: Cabra Castle Hotel* (Breakfast)

#### Monday, March 23: Game of Thrones Linen Mills Studio & Black Cab Tours

While Game of Thrones may have only recently exited stage left from TV screens around the world, a brand-new studio tour is opening in the Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland. An iconic filming location on the show, you will be treated to a 110,000-square-foot space taking in fully-dressed sets, props, costumes, and behind-the-scenes items from the show in an enchanting display of modern artifacts. See Westeros come to life in an explosive day out for Game of Thrones fans. Then, step on the Black Cab Tour, taking you through the world's largest outdoor art gallery of spectacular murals. Hear riveting accounts of the conflict, the murals, and the people behind them. Led by two guides, you'll hear the living history of the city told with the passion and storytelling that the Irish are renowned for. *Hotel: Europa Hotel* (Breakfast)

# Tuesday, March 24: Giants Causeway - Titanic Belfast Museum

Welcome to Northern Ireland! Stand on the shoulders of the past and sink into stories from a guide who channels the spirit of the seanchaí on this walking tour of the majestic Giant's Causeway. With a backdrop of craggy castles and jutting landscapes, the Giant's Causeway is nature at is wildest. Rumored to be forged by a legendary giant, the Causeway has been carved into history. Walk the basalt etchings, soak in majestic views and identify wildlife as you learn the secrets of the Causeway from a tour guide who has grown up in the area. Then, take an extraordinary journey into the past with the Titanic Belfast, an ode to one of the most famous tragedies of our time. Set across an iconic six-floor building with nine interactive galleries, you'll experience the Titanic through a series of stories, sights, and sounds. Traverse the recently restored SS Nomadic, one of the Titanic's service boats, see artefacts from the ship itself, walk the decks, explore the shipyard, and comb through film director James Cameron's redeveloped galleries of the ship's launch day and maiden, ill-fated voyage in the city where it all began. (Breakfast)

# Wednesday, March 25, 2025: Tracey's Breadmaking Experience & Farewell Dinner

Grab an apron and join Tracey Jeffery in her 18th-century thatched cottage near the shores of Strangford Lough, only thirty minutes from Belfast. In her farmhouse kitchen, you'll roll up your sleeves for a hands-on traditional bread-making experience, accompanied by tastings of local food and drink. The best part of this experience is that you'll get to take a copy of the recipes home to impress your friends with. This MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience helps make a positive impact on the local community and support the UN's sustainable development goals. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner at your hotel to celebrate your Irish getaway coming away with fond memories. *Hotel: Dunboyne Castle Hotel and Spa*(Breakfast, Dinner)

## Thursday, March 26, 2025: Depart for Central PA

After breakfast, transfer to the Dublin Airport for your flight\* and transportation back to Central PA with wonderful memories of Ireland! (Breakfast)

\*Group air schedule will be released when available. Schedule is in economy class. Seat assignments are controlled by the airline. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Air upgrades may be available and are by request only and are not guaranteed. Any air upgrades or deviations must be requested at the time the initial deposit deposit is made.

\*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without advanced notice and or compensation.

#### Activity Level: 3

Moderate- Good mobility is required for this trip. Climbing stairs and standing for 2-3 hours at a time, as well as walking on uneven terrain may be necessary. Portions of the itinerary may include higher altitudes. The itinerary may involve longer days up to 12-14 hours in length. This activity level is not recommended for travelers with significant mobility concerns.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Travel Documents**

Original, signed Passport valid for 6 months beyond stay, and with at least one blank Visa page for Visa Stamp(s) is required for this trip.

As of the publication of this brochure, all travelers visiting or transiting through the United Kingdom (including England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland) are required to obtain a UK ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization). This also applies to itineraries with layovers in the UK.

Please note that the UK ETA is not included in the cost of your trip, and it is the responsibility of each traveler to secure this authorization prior to departure. Please see your Travel Advisor for additional information.

As travel policies are rapidly changing, the final requirements will be communicated prior to departure. Please see your travel advisor for additional information.

## **Payment**

A deposit of \$350 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by December 19, 2025.

#### Cancellation Penalties

Deposit date to day of departure \$25 per person, plus...

From September 2, 2025 - \$350 per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
From December 19, 2025 - February 12, 2026 - 30% paid per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
From February 13 - February 28, 2026 - 50% paid per person, plus any additional suppliers' fees
After February 28, 2026 - NON-REFUNDABLE

\*Airfare is non-refundable after final payment

## **Flight**

Air arrangements are handled by the tour operator. Seat assignments cannot be confirmed until the tour operator releases names to the airline(s) 30 days prior to departure. Specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Some flights may contain code share agreements.

#### Insurance

For your protection, AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent. AAA recommends Allianz.

## Clothing/Climate

Temperatures for Ireland in mid March range in the low 50's with cooler nights in the 30s. Casual clothes that can be layered work best. Comfortable, waterproof walking shoes are a must and a small umbrella is recommended. Be prepared for areas of high wind including the Cliffs of Moher.

### Baggage

One suitcase per person will be allowed. You may also bring a carry-on bag small enough to fit under your seat. Baggage fees are not included in the price of the trip. Baggage fees and other charges may be directly assessed by airlines or airport.

#### **Travel Assistance**

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing needed assistance.

#### **GRP2726**

#### Consumer Disclosure Notice - Part of Contract of Service.

Please read this notice, it constitutes part of your contract for travel-related services.

AAA TRAVEL is acting as a mere agent for SUPPLIERS in selling travel-related services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by this travel agency (such as air and ground transportation, hotel accommodations, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). This agency, therefore, shall not be responsible for breach of contract or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay or injury to you or your travel companions or group members. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically stated in writing on your tickets, invoice, or reservation itinerary, we do not guarantee any of such suppliers' rates, bookings, reservations, connections, scheduling, or handling of personal effects. Travel agent shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside the travel agent's control. Traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases the agent from any duty of, checking and verifying any and all passport, visa, vaccination, or other entry requirements of each destination, and all safety or security conditions at such destinations. For information concerning possible dangers at international destinations, contact the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department. For medical information, call the Public Health Service. By embarking upon his/her travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Traveler's acceptance and retention of tickets, reservations, or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent of the above, and an agreement on his/her part to convey the contents hereto to his/her travel companions or group members.

For reservations or more information please contact your AAA Central Penn Travel Advisor at 1-888-743-2844 or visit AAA.com.