# Polaris Point Travel presents...

# Countryside of the Emerald Isle

with Optional 4-Night Belfast Pre Tour Extension

September 20 – 30, 2026



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**Small Group Travel** rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

11 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Dublin, Experience Gaelic Games, Rock of Cashel, Distillery Tour, Kinsale, Dingle Peninsula, Dingle Sheepdogs Demonstration, Aran Islands, Cliffs of Moher

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Trinity City Hotel, Dublin Days 4, 5 Garryvoe Hotel, Cork

Days 6, 7 Dingle Skellig Hotel , Dingle
Day 8 Aran Islands Hotel, Aran Islands

Days 9, 10 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Sunday, September 20, 2026 Overnight Flight This is your chance to experience the many and seldom-explored sides of Ireland. From the vibrant pulse of Dublin's historic streets to the windswept beauty of Dingle's coastal hills, this journey invites you to connect with the heart of the Emerald Isle and to your Irish roots (even if you don't have any).

Day 2: Monday, September 21, 2026 Dublin, Ireland Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland's cosmopolitan capital. With no scheduled activities through the afternoon, you can take time to soak up the vibrancy of Dublin's fair city. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and toast the start of a wonderful adventure. (D)

Day 3: Tuesday, September 22, 2026 Dublin A local expert escorts you through Dublin's magnificent streets on a walking tour, taking you through the history and culture of this eclectic city. Get up close and personal with Dublin as you discover the vibrancy of the capital and its evolution over the centuries. This afternoon, experience an Impact Moment as you immerse yourself in Irish culture with Experience Gaelic Games. This social enterprise benefits the wider community, giving local youth opportunities to engage in community-based sport and cultural activities. Learn why these national sports are so important to many Irish people - and if you're feeling sporty, have a go yourself! (B)

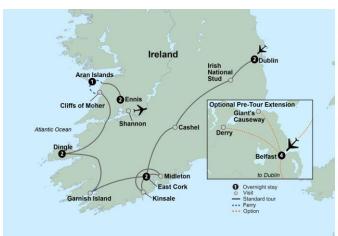
**Day 4: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 Dublin - East Cork** Take to Ireland's country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of outstanding natural beauty that's home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Continue south to the awe-inspiring Rock of Cashel. Be amazed by its imposing facade and visit the spot where St. Patrick preached. (*B, D*)

Day 5: Thursday, September 24, 2026 East Cork This morning, visit the Old Midleton Distillery, home of the world-famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. Indulge in a tipple with a tasting of the distillery's production. Next, head to the pretty coastal town of Kinsale for the afternoon, Enjoy free time to peruse the charming shops, galleries, and cafés. (B)

Day 6: Friday, September 25, 2026 East Cork - Garnish Island - Dingle Travel through forty shades of green before arriving in the charming village of Glengarriff. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed – Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbor of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland's most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to the colorful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula – your home for two nights. (B)

Day 7: Saturday, September 26, 2026 Dingle - Dingle Peninsula - Dingle This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula with a drive along Slea Head, with its enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs. During a visit to a Dingle farm, witness the remarkable skill of sheepdogs in action, all set against a backdrop of sweeping ocean views. Later, soak in the charm of Dingle with a lively pub lunch in the heart of town. Then, step into the story of a beloved local brewery and discover how one man's passion for craft beer brewed a thriving business. The rest of the day in Dingle is yours - wander the colorful streets, chat with friendly locals, or simply savor the harbor's peaceful rhythm. (B, L)

Day 8: Sunday, September 27, 2026 Dingle - Aran Islands (Inishmore) Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure. Board a ferry bound for Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands.\* Upon arriving in Inishmore's ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Visit the east of the island and see the Old Cromwellian Castle and Port Aodh. Learn about the island's 850 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, breathe in the fresh Atlantic air and settle into your cozy island chalet. The humble accommodations in the heart of Inishmore allow the striking, rocky coast to be the star of your stay. (B, D)







## **Book Now & Save \$300 Per Person:**

Double \$6,299; Single \$7,599; Triple \$6,199

Double \$5,999\*
Single \$7,299;
Triple \$5,899

For bookings made after Feb 21, 2026 call for rates.

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from Minneapolis St Paul Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers **Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from MSP

### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590; Business Class \$4,490

- \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Monday, September 28, 2026 Aran Islands (Inishmore) - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis In the morning, visit Dun Aonghusa, a prehistoric hill fort facing the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to the Seven Churches, a pilgrimage site in the Middle Ages. Look to catch a glimpse of a colony of seals on your way to visit a familyrun goat farm. Savor the flavors of locally produced awardwinning cheeses during a tasting. Later, enjoy time in Kilronan village to explore and peruse the famous Aran sweaters. Then, ferry back to the mainland, taking in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. (B)

**Day 10: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 Ennis** This morning, join a local historian on a walking tour of the town of Ennis. Your walk ends at the site of the medieval Franciscan friary, where you may

wish to tour the ruins and grounds at leisure. The afternoon is yours with free time to shop for those last-minute souvenirs before joining your fellow travelers this evening to toast the end of an incredible adventure. (B, D)

**Day 11: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 Ennis - Tour Ends** Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (*B*)

### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Feb 21, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an onthe-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for

### **Experience It! Aran Islands**

These rugged islands stand fast against the Atlantic, just outside of Galway Bay. Just a few miles from the Cliffs of Moher, each of the three islands, Inisheer, Inishmaan, and Inishmore, possesses its own distinct character. Seemingly frozen in time, these islands have remarkably kept the modern world at bay. Visit Inishmore (or Inis Mór, meaning "the big island"). Inhabited by a population of only 850, this rocky enclave is the largest of the islands. In addition to its stark natural beauty, it is well-known for playing home to a number of archaeological sites. Na Seacht Teampaill, or the Seven Churches, was a pilgrimage site on the Aran Islands during the Middle Ages and part of this ancient structure remains today.

### **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

### **Optional 6 Days 4-Night Belfast Pre Tour Extension**

Per Person Rates: \$1,799.00 USD double, \$2,199.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1390887

longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

Your time in Dublin includes a city walking tour which will last approximately 3 hours with periods of standing up to 15 minutes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention

Days of features are interchangeable.

If your tour falls over a public holiday in Ireland, some shops and amenities may not be open.

Hotel rooms in Ireland may be much smaller than you are used to, and older properties may not have elevators or air conditioning.

Due to the remoteness of the Aran Islands, hotels are carefully chosen yet are also reflective of the rustic nature of the landscape and are 3-star properties. Your hotel in the Aran Islands will not have air conditioning or provide porterage.

\*Ferry crossings and overnights on the Aran Islands are subject to weather conditions. If weather conditions prohibit crossing to the Aran Islands, alternative arrangements will be made for accommodation and activities. The overnight accommodation on Aran Island requires that you bring an overnight bag only. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Our transfers will arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Shannon airport.

Our air travelers will arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Shannon airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



### **Travel Requirements:**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their

passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\_en

An ETA is required for travel to the UK. Applications are accepted online or through the UK ETA app, at the approximate cost of £16, subject to change based on governing authority. For more information please visit: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-electronic-travel-authorisationeta.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of February 14, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 22, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until February 21, 2026.

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### **Extend your vacation with**

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Per Person Rates: \$1,799.00 USD double, \$2,199.00 USD single, land only 6 Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

### Day 1: Overnight Flight

You're on your way to Northern Ireland where your adventure begins in Belfast.

### Day 2: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Experience Belfast, the cultural capital of Northern Ireland. Since arrival times will vary, there will be no included activities during the day. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant. *Today dinner will be included*.

#### Day 3: Belfast

This morning, join a local guide for a two-hour walking tour to get to know Belfast and explore this cultural hub's historical significance. This afternoon, take advantage of your free time to discover more of this vibrant city. Perhaps you'll decide to visit one of city's many museums, like the world-famous Titanic Belfast exhibition. *Today breakfast will be included*.

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

Spend a full day exploring as you head off by motor coach to the iconic Giant's Causeway. After spending time exploring this World Heritage Site, enjoy some wonderful Irish hospitality in a traditional pub for lunch, with live entertainment. The evening in Belfast is yours to discover more of its charms. *Today breakfast and lunch will be included*.

#### Day 5: Belfast

Take advantage of a free day to relax or visit more of the surrounding areas of Belfast City. You might choose to join an optional tour to Derry, taking a local commuter train to the old walled city. There, meet a local guide for an in-depth walking tour and cap off the afternoon with an included lunch before heading back to Belfast on the train. *Today breakfast will be included*.

### Day 6: Belfast - Dublin, Ireland

Your pre-tour extension in Belfast ends today. Travel by motor coach to The Republic of Ireland, arriving in Dublin for the start of your main tour. Today breakfast will be included.

### **Important Tour Extension Information:**

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

Fully-guided extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

Extensions not purchased at time of deposit are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

The Belfast city tour includes approximately two hours of walking.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Traveling to Derry on the optional tour requires using public transportation.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

The purchase of an additional air segment is required for this extension. Please inquire for air rate at the time of booking.

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