



# Ireland Through the Maker's Lens

*with* ROWAN TREE TRAVEL

June 17- 26, 2022

Join us this summer for a very special journey to *The Emerald Isle* - one infused with Irish music, makers and culture. We'll start our time together at the dramatic Wild Atlantic Way on Ireland's west coast. The ongoing Doolin Folk Festival will fill the air with song and our journey across to the Aran Islands will have us stepping back in time. Next we head inland to get to know the Midlands before working our way across to lively Dublin. It's a trip full of lively towns and scenic countryside, Irish woollen mills and fiber artists, historic sites and farm-to-table venues. We'll try a bit of Irish whiskey and enjoy good Irish *craic* in the local pubs. What an adventure! We can't wait to take you there.

## **Tour Price**

\$3600 shared (double accommodation) | \$4200 private (single accommodation)

## **Included in Tour Price**

- Accommodations in Ireland
- An average of two meals per day (Breakfast is provided each morning; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's scheduled activities.)
- All entrance fees and activities
- Airport transfers, ferries and private mini-coach

## **Not Included in Tour Price**

Soda and alcoholic drinks · Personal items · Gratuities ·

## **To Register**

A Registration Form and \$720 [\$860] deposit (20% of total price) are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration (which arrives in our system with a time stamp) we will tentatively hold a spot for you. Next, we will email an invoice to you for the deposit, payable online with a credit or debit card, which you will need to pay within 24hrs. Once payment is received your spot is secure.

[Click HERE to fill out your registration form.](#)



## Ireland Through the Maker's Lens *Snippet Itinerary*

**Friday, June 17 | Welcome to Ireland!** You'll be met at the airport by staff from Rowan Tree Travel. Once our group is together, we'll take time to get our bags, visit the bathrooms, take out Euros from the ATMs and pick up snacks. Then we'll head into the capital city, Dublin. We'll have a relaxed first day so everyone can recover from their overnight flight. A few outdoor wanders, a visit to our favorite yarn store and (weather dependent) a few other surprises...

**Saturday, June 18 |** Today is a mix of hosted exploration in the city plus some free time. We'll get oriented with a historic walking tour. Then, the city is yours. We've reserved this time for you to be able to visit the places and activities that truly peak your interest. Do a little research ahead of time... Where in Dublin calls to you?

**Sunday, June 19 |** After a leisurely breakfast, pack up and get ready to head out into the Irish countryside. We're off to take a look around. Our first stop: County Laois (pronounced *leesh*). We're exploring the area's historic textile work and landing at one of our favorite historic homes, Roundwood House, for a fine, comfortable stay and wonderful farm-to-table meals.

**Monday, June 20 |** It's hard to leave Roundwood House... but acceptable once we get to our next Irish country house hotel, Longueville. This County Cork gem is our home for three nights. On the way there, we're stopping to visit Cushendale Woollen Mills. In operation since the 13th century, this historic mill is one of the few remaining textile mills still working with wool sourced in Ireland. They continue to produce beautiful yarns and woven textiles. After splurging at the Cushendale shop, we'll be ready to enjoy a tour of Longueville's gardens, orchards and distillery -- and enjoy the wonderful beverages made there.

**Tuesday, June 21 |** After breakfast, we're taking over the lavish sitting room at Longueville House to enjoy a workshop with Irish designer & yarn producer Carol Feller. Then, in the afternoon, we'll venture out to explore a bit of County Cork. Blarney castle, anyone? And we **MUST** stop in at Hedgehog Fibres, home of an outrageously wonderful dye studio. Then on into Cork for a bit of looking around.

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## Ireland Through the Maker's Lens *Snippet Itinerary, cont.*

**Wednesday, June 22** | Morning workshop with Carol Feller, part 2 in the Longueville House sitting room and a lavish lunch on the grounds (hopefully outside?!?!). The afternoon will have us exploring nearby County Kerry, often described as the most beautiful region of Ireland.

**Thursday, June 23** | Today, we depart Longueville house and head north... and west! We're going up to enjoy some time at Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. On our way to the west coast, we'll stop in for a visit with Apple Oak Fibreworks, a natural dye studio helping to produce Ireland's only all Irish (wool), all organic yarn. We'll keep driving west until we run out of land - at the dramatic Cliffs of Moher! Finally we arrive at the tiny hamlet of Doolin, home of amazing traditional music sessions and our jumping off point for a visit to the Aran Islands.

**Friday, June 24** | A full day on the Aran Islands. We'll take a ferry over to the smallest of the islands, Inis Oirr to enjoy an Aran knitting workshop, a hosted tour around the island (with cart and donkey!) lunch and time to explore on our own. Back at Doolin in time for evening music sessions. Good Irish *craic* at every pub!

**Saturday, June 25** | Our final day in the country offers up some of our most iconic cultural visits: Clonmacnoise Monastery and then Kilbeggan Distillery. That seems like a good combination, right? Plus you'll have plenty of time for last minute shopping, packing and preparing anything needed for the return home.

**Sunday, June 26** | Alas, we've a drive ahead of us to get back to Dublin airport. Pull out all your yarn and fibery goodness for our time on the bus and enjoy the green of Ireland while it lasts. Safe travels home, everyone!

*Please note: Some changes to this itinerary may occur as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. If that is the case, every effort will be made to provide replacement accommodations or activities of a similar character, quality and cost. You will be advised of those changes well before departure. Be assured, our primary aim is to provide a rich and wonderful experience while traveling with us.*

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## Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **14** participants in order to proceed. Deposits will be refunded in the event that the tour does not operate due to lack of participants.

### **Travel Insurance**

Rowan Tree Travel highly recommends purchasing travel insurance. Once the tour is given "GO" status we will provide a link to fully customizable trip insurance plans for your consideration. You can purchase through our preferred provider or through your own.

### **Arranging Your Flights**

Once our tour is guaranteed with the minimum number of travelers we will notify all registrants so you can begin making travel arrangements. You may purchase your flight reservations on your own or work with our booking agent, Vivienne at Crystal Travel. She can assist in identifying the best itinerary for your needs, coordinating with other participants, and with ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at (617) 327-2700 or [vivienne@crystal-travel.com](mailto:vivienne@crystal-travel.com).

Our tours include transportation to and from the airport for group arrivals/departures. In order to meet us for those airport transfers, we will give everyone an arrival and departure window to facilitate all of our travelers arriving and departing in close proximity. Flight itineraries outside the provided arrival and departure windows will likely result in extra transportation costs and possibly missing scheduled tour activities. For this reason we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking reservations that accommodate our arrival and departure specifications. These time windows will be provide to travelers once the trip is guaranteed.

### **Please note the following:**

Rowan Tree Travel reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary in order to address weather conditions, unforeseen circumstance or to improve the participant experience.

Our trips are categorized as active, moderately active, or relaxed. We would describe this trip as **moderately active**. Participants should be capable of walking distances as great as 2 miles, though this amount of walking will rarely be required.

Have questions? Please contact us at [\*\*info@rowantreetravel.com\*\*](mailto:info@rowantreetravel.com)

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