



Ireland Through the Maker's Lens

with ROWAN TREE TRAVEL

June 10 - 19, 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 10 | 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. Ireland's wild Atlantic coast awaits us. By mid afternoon, we'll be in Doolin. Relax, take a walk to the Cliffs of Moher, head to bed early (jetlag recovery!) or head out for some rousing traditional music sessions going on at the folk festival.

Saturday, June 11 | A deep dive into Aran traditions. We'll travel by ferry over to Inisheer, one of the three Aran Islands. Amongst the stone walls and villages, we'll learn about island life and have a workshop in Aran knitting history & techniques. As we head back to the mainland, our ferry will take us to the iconic Cliffs of Moher for a sea-level view. We'll be back in time for the Saturday night sessions offered up at the music festival.

Sunday, June 12 | Today is yours to organize as you like. The Doolin Folk Festival is going on all day and is easily within walking distance. Your ticket gives you access to numerous music sessions and events. In between, why not take a hike along the headlands, explore the village shops, grab a book or your knitting and just relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere of town?

Monday, June 13 | Today is a true travel day. We'll head up north and visit some of our favorite places in Counties Clare and Galway, including The Burren, Irish Fibre Crafters, the Burren Perfumery, the port town of Galway and the wonderful Bridget's Garden! From harbor masts to fanciful garden walks, it's a day of varied adventure. We end with arrival at our comfortable hotel along the banks of Rough Lee, on the River Shannon.

Tuesday, June 14 | After breakfast, we're visiting with Sandra Coote, proprietor of Crafts of Ireland. Sandra and her family keep a farm in nearby Virginia. However, the true treasure of the place is time in Sandra's studio -- a trove of historic Irish crafting tools, techniques and tales. We'll enjoy a hands-on workshop plus traditional Irish luncheon there. Afterwards, a stop in at Kilbeggan Distillery. What could be better than an Irish coffee IN IRELAND?!?!?

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Wednesday, June 15 | A final step back in time before we head to hip, urban Dublin. We'll spend a bit more time exploring the history of the country and its handcrafting traditions with visits to the Mountmellick Embroidery Museum and (a Rowan Tree Travel favorite) Clonmacnoise Monastery. We're staying the night in a wonderfully quaint town called Kilkenny. You'll have time to shop, explore the restaurant options, visit the castle and maybe take a nice evening wander along the river.

Thursday, June 16 | Ah, Dublin. We can't wait to explore you. But first, a historic woollen mill (one of the last remaining in Ireland) awaits us. Cushendale Woollen Mills has been in operation in one form or another since the 13th century! The current proprietors continue its fine tradition of producing Irish yarns and textiles. Once we are thoroughly yarn-sated, we will head into the capitol city, check into our hotel and enjoy a walking tour to get oriented to the city.

Friday, June 17 | A full day exploring Dublin. Today we're out and about in Ireland's lively #1 city. We'll visit some of the most iconic sites plus wrap up the day with a storytelling session and dinner at The Brazen Head pub. True Irish *craic*!

Saturday, June 18 | Our final day in the country will offer you some fun surprises plus time to explore the sites and/or activities that interest you most. Do a little preparation work... how would you like to spend your free day in Dublin?

Sunday, June 19 | Our final morning. Enjoy a hearty breakfast before heading over to Dublin International Airport for your flight home.

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.

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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