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## Golf Tour Dublin & Killarney

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## *Day 1, Sunday*

Arriving into Dublin Airport you will be greeted by your German speaking Guide and BEM Ireland representative. Board your waiting coach and transfer to Dublin City for a panoramic tour and a visit to the **Guinness Storehouse & the Book of Kells**.

First stop will be at the **Guinness Storehouse**. The lease was signed on 31st December 1759, for 9,000 years at an annual rent of 45 pounds. At first, they brewed ale, but by the 1770's a new, strong black beer called porter was being introduced from London. The Guinness's brewed this beer that proved to be extremely successful and still is today. The Storehouse was built in 1904 to house the Guinness fermentation process, and is modelled on a giant pint glass, stretching up from reception on the ground floor to the Gravity Bar in the sky. If filled, this giant pint of Guinness would hold approximately 14.3 million pints of Guinness! On arrival you will enjoy a private tour. The circular, glass enclosed **Gravity Bar** is the highest point in Dublin – and one of the most exciting venues in the city! It is here you can enjoy a pint of Guinness overlooking the beautiful capital City.

The next stop will be at **Trinity College & The Book of Kells**. **Trinity College** is the oldest university in Ireland, located in an enviable position in the very heart of Ireland's capital. Trinity College, on its 40-acre site, retains some of its ancient seclusion of cobbled squares, gardens and parks. The College is famed for its great treasures including **The Book of Kells**, a 9th century illuminated manuscript written around the year 800 AD, one of the most beautiful books the world.

After this tour, we will transfer to the Hotel, the **4\* Portmarnock Hotel & Golf Links**, where you will be staying for three nights. Dinner this evening will be in **Aqua Restaurant** located in nearby Howth Village, with stunning views of the Irish Sea.



## *Day 2, Monday*

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will **play a round of Golf at Portmarnock Hotel's Golf Course**. Situated on the shoreline of a rugged peninsula, The Links Portmarnock opened for play in 1995. It was therefore fitting that **Bernhard Langer** chose this magnificent setting to design his first links course being a three time winner of the Irish Open at nearby Portmarnock



Golf Club and The Royal Dublin Golf Club. Along with architect Stan Eby they designed a course that is a challenge for all golfers, set in the grounds of the old Jameson Estate of St. Marnocks, the course has played host to professional and amateur events including 2008 and 2009 Ladies Irish Open. The recent investment programme by new owners has included, upgrading machinery, extensive upgrades of the course including the creation of a short game area, riveting traditional links pot bunkers, grass pathways, all enhancements that make full use of the dunes and natural terrain. **Dinner this evening will be in your hotel.**

### *Day 3, Tuesday*

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will **play a round at Carton House on the O'Meara Course.** Designed by 1998 Open Champion and US Masters Champion Mark O'Meara, this classic parkland course might lull you with its beauty but is still full of challenge. You'll find yourself skirting the banks of the river Rye then sending the ball soaring over its golden waters. And, when you cross the greens, it is as if your feet float on a thousand velvet kisses from beneath.

Dinner this evening will be at **Johnnie Fox's Pub.** Set in the Dublin Mountains, Johnnie Fox's is a uniquely Irish Traditional Pub and Restaurant,. The "**Johnnie Fox's Hooley Experience**" is famous throughout Ireland and abroad for its originality and unique atmosphere that cannot be found anywhere else. Guests are invited to a four-course meal in traditional Irish setting followed by an Evening of Irish Song, Music and Dance.



### *Day 4, Wednesday*

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel and check out. Today we will transfer to Killarney in County Kerry where you will be staying in the **4 Star Killarney Plaza Hotel**, located in the centre of Killarney Town. On arrival you will embark on an **Ales, Lakes & Castles Tour.** Combining a craft brewery visit with Jaunting Car ramble through the magnificent scenery of the National Park this tour allows you to sample all the delights of Killarney!

Enjoy the visitor experience of a guided tour of the Killarney Brewing Company with the opportunity to sample the hand crafted beers. Hear how the Brew-master makes some of Ireland's best beers from the pure mountain water. The tour continues with a Jaunting Car (Horse & Cart) ramble through the National Park to Ross Castle. View the magnificent scenery of Lough Léin and the MacGillycuddy Reeks – Ireland's highest mountain range. Enjoy some leisure time at the Castle before the tour returns to Killarney Town Centre.

Dinner this evening will be in **Bricín Restaurant.** The name Bricín is a by-word for delicious food with an emphasis on traditional Irish cuisine in Killarney. Brothers Johnny and Paddy McGuire believe in offering their diners a unique experience in terms of enjoying the best and the freshest of Irish food served in a restaurant unique for its old-world ambience and warm welcome.





### **Day 5, Thursday**

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will **play a round at Killarney Golf Club's Killeen Course**. The Killeen course is very much the flagship course at the club. The Killarney lakes and high mountain range provide an imposing backdrop to this Championship course. Re-opened in June 2006 the course is slightly longer with faster greens that have been brought closer to the water hazards around the course. Killeen was the host venue of the 2010 and 2011 Irish Open with England's Ross Fisher and Simon Dyson emerging the respective winners. Nick Faldo on winning The Irish Open in 1991 was one of only three players to finish under par. The challenging golf is matched by the spectacular views with the 10th being a firm favourite where you are playing virtually onto the lake.

This evening you will have **dinner at your hotel**.



### **Day 6, Friday**

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will **take a tour of the Dingle Peninsula**. Experience some of the most breath-taking scenery in the world and learn of the incredible history of this land - one of the richest archaeology landscapes in Europe. The Dingle Peninsula is the northern-most of five peninsulas that extend into the Atlantic from Ireland's south western corner. It is a place once described by the National Geographic as **"probably the most beautiful on Earth!"** The trip will leave the Killarney Valley via the ridge line of Aghadoe that overlooks the region before heading west around the head of one of the great Atlantic bays that divide these fingers of land and onto the peninsula itself. The landscape changes spectacularly, particularly on reaching the magnificent beach of Inch and as we approach the colourful **Dingle township**.

Dingle is home to less than two thousand souls. This fishing and market town is also home to an eclectic and highly creative community that comprises many outstanding artists, crafts people and musicians of world-renown. Dingle is also famous for its pubs and live traditional music. Beyond Dingle is what is known as the **Slea Head Drive** and it is this piece of Ireland that in particular draws us here; tapestries of stone-walled fields, rugged sea-cliffs, ancient sacred sites, spectacular beaches - and light that illuminates the land and ocean in a very special way. Along our way, we will visit some of the archaeological sites of the region (the peninsula is roughly 30 miles long by an average of 6 or so wide and holds a staggering 3,500 antiquities!)

On your return to Killarney, enjoy dinner in **the Lord of Kenmare Restaurant**. Lord Kenmare's Restaurant introduces you to fine contemporary cuisine combining the rich culture of the Mediterranean with the flavour of modern Irish cuisine.





## ***Day 7, Saturday***

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today you will **play a round of Golf on Waterville Golf Links**.

Make no mistake about it; Waterville Golf Links in Kerry is one of the finest links golf courses in the world, never mind Ireland. Located on the Ring of Kerry, the surrounding scenery and quality of golf holes is breath-taking to say the least. The Waterville area and Ballinskelligs Bay also play an important role in the mythology and history of ancient Ireland. The granddaughter of Noah (of Ark fame) is reported to have landed in Ballinskelligs Bay, while the last of the mythical invaders, the Milesians, settled here in 1700 BC, leaving behind many archaeological reminders. These rich legends combine with a serene location to form a mystical aura that visitors to Waterville can sense to this day.

Since opening in 1973, Waterville has enjoyed great popularity and has hosted some of the world's leading professionals from Faldo and Floyd to Stewart, O'Meara and Woods, all of whom have been captivated by the course. Raymond Floyd subsequently wrote of his experience: "this is one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen & it has some of the finest links holes I have ever played". In September of 1994, Waterville's favourite son, John A. Mulcahy, passed away and as requested, his ashes were buried on the famous "Mulcahy's Peak", the par three 17th at Waterville.

Dinner this evening will be in **Foley's Townhouse** in Killarney Town. Foley's is an award-winning, seafood & steak restaurant, boasting a long-established reputation for good food, using only the finest and freshest locally sourced produce. Also, on offer is an extensive list of over 300 wines from which to choose.



## ***Day 8, Sunday***

Enjoy an early breakfast in your hotel and check out. Transfer to Dublin or Shannon Airport for your return flight home.