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Sample 5 Nights Killarney

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OVERVIEW

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Morning	Arrivals to Shannon Airport and Transfers	Dingle Peninsula Tour	Gap of Dunloe Arrive to the Gap of Dunloe by open top boat	Optional Activities: ◇ Golfing at Killarney golf Club ◇ Fishing on Killarney Lake ◇ Visit Muckcross House ◇ Jaunting Car to Ross Castle ◇ Shuttle to Killarney Town Centre for Shopping ◇ Spa Treatment	Departures
Lunch	Welcome lunch in the hotel	Dingle Pub lunch with Irish Trad Session	Lunch at Lord Brandon's cottage	At Leisure	
Afternoon	At Leisure	Visit a local workshop of Ireland's leading potter	Return by bike, hike or horse and trap	At Leisure	
Evening	Irish themed buffet welcome buffet in the hotel with entertainment and gift	Dinner at Lord Kenmare's Restaurant	Dine around in Killarney	Farewell dinner at The Muckcross Farms with traditional farm demonstrations and entertainment by world-champion Irish Dancers	
Overnight	The Europe	The Europe	The Europe	The Europe	

DAY 1 - WELCOME LUNCH OVERLOOKING THE LAKES OF KILLARNEY & IRISH THEMED DINNER

Arriving in **Shannon Airport** you will be met by your team of Meet & Greet Staff. Board your luxury transportation and transfer to Killarney.

Ireland's premier tourist destination is County Kerry in the South West of Ireland. Affectionately known as 'The Kingdom', Kerry has some of the best leisure facilities and attractions in the country. Green rolling hills, sandy beaches, magnificent rugged mountainous landscape, numerous ancient sites and a thriving tradition of Irish culture and music. The Skellig and Blasket Islands off the Kerry coast offer unspoiled beauty. Visitors to Kerry can enjoy world class golf, excellent watersports, fishing, sea angling, horse riding and hill walking. Traditional Irish entertainment and music is to be found in the many charming pubs on offer.

From here we will transfer to your **hotel for check in**. Your onsite **hospitality desk** will be open with local guides. Enjoy a **welcome lunch overlooking the lakes of Killarney on arrival followed by an afternoon at your leisure**.

Tonight enjoy an **Irish Themed Welcome Buffet** at the hotel complete with **entertainment** and a **special welcome gift**. During the drinks reception there will be an **Aran Sweater** pop up shop where guests can choose a gift of their choice.



DAY 2 - THE DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR & DINNER AT LORD KENMARE'S RESTAURANT

Breakfast in your hotel. Today you will 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!"

Our 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 colorful 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 and crafts people and musicians of world-renown. Dingle is also famous for its pubs and live traditional music, and no tour of Dingle is complete without experiencing a **Trad session in one of the local pubs**.

Beyond Dingle, is what is known as the Sleah 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 return we will **stop at a local workshop and showrooms of Ireland's leading potter** before returning to Killarney.

We will explore this magical region in the company of expert and passionate, local guides who's unique knowledge and passion for sharing their land and the story of its people will make this an experience sure to resonate long after.

This evening enjoy **dinner in Lord Kenmare's Restaurant**.



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DAY 3 - THE GAP OF DUNLOE & KILLARNEY DINE AROUND



Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today embark on a unique adventure in one of the most scenic locations in Ireland, **The Gap of Dunloe**. Today's trip combines a leisurely boat journey through the majestic nature of the Lakes of Killarney before experiencing the spectacular Gap of Dunloe where we will enjoy lunch. As you travel through the mountain pass and by open boats on the lake you can really imagine life prior to motor cars, electricity & Wi Fi when time passed slowly and in abundance – a luxury rarely experienced these days.

You will then travel through the gap of Dunloe, just on the outskirts of

Killarney town, by jaunting car, bike or by hiking. This is one of the most captivating trips to take in this part of the country and a really unique experience with the spectacular scenery, with ever-opening vistas open over Ireland's most spectacular mountain and lake scenery. Relax and enjoy a picturesque lunch by the lake before taking on the journey through the Black Valley.

Here choose to Hike, Cycle or take a pony and trap back through the Gap of Dunloe for a scenic return to Killarney. On the way, ever-opening vistas open over Ireland's most spectacular mountain and lake scenery.

From the saddle, the going is all downhill and flat (5 miles) and ends at Kate Kearney's Cottage pub with coaches for the short transfer back to your hotel..

Option Jaunting Car: The traditional carriages 'Tub-Traps' can accommodate 3-4 passengers or you can choose to book the pony-ride for this section. There will be opportunities to stop and walk for those who wish.

Option Bike: Participants of this option then have the chance to bike ride along one of the most spectacular sections of roadway in Ireland, including a little uphill – and an adrenaline-raising downhill ride. The rise is accessible to any moderately fit cyclists though many may wish to walk with the bikes some of the way, taking in the views of Ireland's most spectacular mountain and lake scenery.

Option Hiking: The walk will provide a very special opportunity to intimately experience the wildest landscapes in Ireland - and in the company of a local scholar, learn of the region's extraordinary human story. The rise is accessible to any reasonably fit hikers – for the most part on the single track/road that runs through the Gap but hiking short, rugged section of old trails where possible with the option also available for people to remain on the road and make the longer but gentler ascent this way.

Tonight enjoy a **dine around in Killarney.**



DAY 4 - OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FAREWELL DINNER AT MUCKCROSS FARMS

Enjoy breakfast in your hotel. Today take on one of the optional activities:

- **Golf at Killarney Golf Club** - The Killarney Golf Club is comprised of three parkland/lakeside championship golf courses. 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. At 6593 meters it will challenge long hitters with accuracy being vital as there is water on virtually every hole. 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 favorite where you are playing virtually onto the lake.
- **Fishing on Killarney Lake** - Drop a line for Brown Trout and Salmon in the River Laune. Fishing equipment is provided and the kitchen at your hotel will be pleased to prepare and cook your catch for you on return. You will have the services of a ghillie to instruct and guide you to the most fruitful parts of the river.
- **Muckross house Tour** - Muckross House is a nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. Dating from 1843 it is a former private residence where you can view the famous Killarney furniture of the library & drawing room & the famous specially prepared bedroom where Queen Victoria slept during her visit in 1861.
- **Jaunting Car to Ross Castle** - Ross Castle is a 15th century towerhouse and is a typical example of the stronghold of an Irish Chieftain in the middle Ages. The castle and outer defenses were built by the O'Donoghue Ross Chieftains. The Barrack alongside dates from the mid-18th century. The castle is fully restored and furnished with period oak furniture.
- **Shuttle to Killarney town centre for Shopping** - Killarney has been Ireland's top town for tourism for many years. Killarney is a quaint little village which has much to interest the tourist, not least, the fine restaurants, gift shops and traditional pubs, of which there are many.
- **Spa Treatment** - ESPA at the Europe, a stunning resort spa on the shores of Killarney's Lough Lein captures the beauty and serenity of this most enchanting corner of Ireland. After your treatment relax in the cocoon of our heated loungers where the peaceful sound of the water on the lakeshore will lull you into a gentle rest, delaying the return to the outside, the blissful escape lasting just a little longer. ESPA at the Europe truly offers a place of peace, calm and tranquillity, a unique experience you will always remember.



This evening, take a step back into Ireland's past with an event at **Muckross Farms**, a recreated traditional Irish Farm complete with three traditional Irish Farm Houses. Upon arrival you will be greeted by the farm staff in traditional costume before experience a **bag pipers welcome, drinks reception** and all the while be treated to **traditional demonstrations** such as basket weaving, Clydesdale Horses Demonstrations, and Butter Making with the smell of open turf fires burning in the background. Don't forget to get a photo with the two Irish Wolfhounds!! **We will complete the evening with dinner at the farms, including entertainment from a local traditional Irish music group.**



DAY 5 - DEPARTURES

Breakfast in your hotel. Check out and transfer to the Airport for departure.