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## 7 – 14 Day Guided Immersion Into Ireland's Bar Culture



### Guided tour of Ireland's Bar Culture

Brendan Behan was thrown out of 720 Dublin Pubs, but still found several welcoming hostelryes. There is reputedly a pub for every 300 of the population, man, woman & child. From sophisticated emporia of wit & alcohol to spit & sawdust shebeens, they offer a mirror for your every mood.

This tour takes you around the country visiting a range of taverns that offer fine food, good drink, & live entertainment. Here you will find the essence of Ireland, her pure spirit, flowing from taps & bottles that have inspired writers as disparate as James Joyce & J.P. Donleavy, Samuel Beckett & Sean O'Casey

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CUSTOM ITINERARY – YOUR FLEXIBLE INCLUSIONS DATES — 7-14 Day ITINERARY



## Day 1 Arrival Shannon Ireland: Shannon & Kerry

**Upon your Morning arrival at Shannon Airport,** you will meet your private driver in the arrival hall who will escort you to the baggage claims area to retrieve your luggage and begin your tour of Ireland.



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Limerick & stop in Adare, a quaint village of thatched cottages, antique stores & ancient abbeys, for an Irish coffee.

Leaving Shannon you'll go through the city of



On to Killarney for the night.

Killarney is one of the busiest tourist towns in Ireland, yet it lies within just a few minutes walk of some of the most stunningly beautiful and isolated scenery in Europe. Enjoy your first night amidst the lilting voices of Killarney, where melodious tenors and shrieking violins will be the background as you call, "Same again please!"

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After Dinner in one of the pubs and the conclusion of your Kilarney Pub Crawl, you will be returned to your hotel for the night.

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## Day 2 Ireland: The Ring of Kerry

### **Breakfast in the hotel.**

**After breakfast**, meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel to begin another day of touring. This morning explore the most beautiful county in Ireland. There'll be time to check out the smoked salmon in Killorglin before exploring the north side of the Ring of Kerry.

**Lunch in Waterville**, Charlie Chaplin's favourite retreat; Sneem, patronised by Charles de Gaulle;

Stop at the famous Muckross House & gardens & enjoy the stunning vistas of the Lakes of Killarney, sheltering under Ireland's highest mountains. Muckross is famous for so many things – the red deer, Queen Victoria's visit, the incredible flowers.

**This afternoon**, Spend time in Killarney, a busy city with galleries & shopping. Some leisure time in the hotel before you meet your private driver again and head out for Dinner on your own in town.

**After dinner**, Off to a traditional Irish pub for a celebration of Irish Music!

**Later**, you will be returned to your hotel for the remainder of the evening.

## Day 3 Ireland: The Ring of Kerry – Kerry to Kinsale CORK

### **Breakfast in the hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel to begin another day of touring.

Kerry and Cork – Your journey today follows the wild west coast of Ireland. Explore or shop in the little towns & villages along the way – Kenmare, a millionaires' hideaway; Glengarrif, where Maureen O'Hara lived; Skibereen, home to David Putnam & Jeremy Irons; ending up in Ireland's gourmet capital, Kinsale.

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Kinsale is a memorable old harbour town with narrow streets & winding passageways. You will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Stay in the heart of the old town in the charming 250 year old inn.



**After a little rest** at the hotel, you will visit The Kinsale Brewing Company in a beautifully restored malthouse dating from 1703. At the end of the tour you can browse through the gift shop and sample some of the beers produced, or you can just walk in and soak in the atmosphere of the old brewery bar upstairs.

**Dinner is on your own in town tonight.**

**After dinner**, this evening set your nerves jangling as you experience a ghost tour of the harbour. Who knows what could happen...

**After your tour**, you are at leisure to continue to enjoy the town (and it's pubs) or to return to the hotel for the evening.

## Day 4 Ireland: Cork – Galway

**Breakfast in the hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel to begin another day of touring.

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Cork to Galway – This morning we head to Blarney Castle for a quick tour of the castle, a chance to get the “gift of the gab” by kissing the Blarney Stone (and for the shoppers a quick visit to the Blarney Woollen Mills where you’ll find the biggest range & the best prices), you will proceed to Limerick.



In Limerick, check out The Lock Pub just by the Potato Market for lunch or head on the the world famous hostelery Durty Nelly’s at Bunratty Castle.



You’ll have an opportunity to explore a bit of the Burren on the way, as you head up to the fishing village of Kinvara on Galway Bay.



You will be transferred to your hotel for check-in. Tonight, you will sleep beneath the largest thatched roof in Ireland at The Merriman Inn.

Kinvarra is the home of the famous fiddler Frankie Gavin, so there is always good music here.



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Dinner is on your own tonight.

## 5 Ireland: Kinvarra – Galway – Dublin

**Breakfast in the hotel.**

**After breakfast,** check out of your hotel and meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel to begin another day of touring.



Galway to Dublin - The highway will have you in the city centre by lunchtime, with a quick stop at Locke's Distillery in Kilbeggan.

You'll arrive in Dublin in time to do some last minute shopping in the designer stores of Grafton Street and visit The Brazen Head. Dating back to 1198, The Brazen Head is officially Ireland's oldest pub.



You will check into your hotel in the city center accommodation.



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Then you have two options for this evening.

**Option #1:** Join a literary pub crawl, enjoy a private Literary Pub Crawl with Celebrity Colm Quilligan.

Colm Quilligan kicks off the Literary Pub Crawl with a song - Waxie's Dargle, with cheerful lines such as "When food is scarce and you see the hearse / You'll know you've died of hunger" - then takes us from the Duke pub through the cobbled square of Trinity College and into several pubs in a nearby maze of narrow streets.

He quotes at ease from Joyce, Behan, Beckett, Yeats and even James Larkin and Flann O'Brien, and although he must have said it all 1,000 times, he is witty, enthusiastic and informative, happy to veer off the mark and into subjects that wouldn't be covered by the city's tourist brochures, such as Eamon de Valera's signing, in 1945, of a condolence book for Adolf Hitler...

**Option #2:**



Visit Johnny Fox's- Ireland's highest pub where traditional Irish music plays all night and food is served.

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## Day 6 Ireland: **Dublin**

**Breakfast in the hotel.**

**After breakfast**, check out of your hotel and meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel for your transfer to the Dublin Airport. —

At the Dublin Airport you will have ample time for some last minute duty free shopping before boarding your flight home.



**your flight leaves in the afternoon** there will be time to visit the Guinness Brewery on the way.

**\*\*This tour can easily be customized to include more days, time in each destination, or a combination of both. Recommended length of itinerary is 7-14 days.**

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