



**KENTUCKY'S EQUINE
ECONOMIC ADVOCATE**

Ireland Cultural & Equine Tour June 22 - June 30, 2019

Overnight flight to Dublin, June 22, Saturday.

Day 1 (Sunday, June 23) -

Arrival in the morning to meet your tour manager. City driving tour and orientation before checking in at your hotel. Have lunch before visiting sites such as Trinity College (also an opportunity to see the Book of Kells) and Christchurch Cathedral (includes entry fees). The Book of Kells, believed to have been created in 800 AD, is an illuminated manuscript, containing the four Gospels of the New Testament. Christchurch Cathedral, was founded in 1030 and officially claimed as the seat of both the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic archbishops of Dublin. In the afternoon, visit sites like Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin Castle Grounds (all optional visits to go inside) and the newly opened Pearse Lyons Whiskey Distillery for a tour and tasting.

(Overnight Dublin)

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Day 2 (Monday, June 24) -

Spend the morning touring the Curragh Training Center. The training grounds provide trainers with the opportunity to prepare their horses on approximately 1,500 acres of world-class training facilities. Continue on in County Kildare and visit the Irish National Stud for a tour and lunch. The Thoroughbred horse breeding facility was formed in 1946 and is also home to magnificent Japanese gardens. Spend the afternoon touring Aga Khan Stud, founded in 1904. Aga Khan has an incredible history in international horse racing. The Khan family had been associated with horses since 6th century Arabia, and Aga Khan III's grandfather established a stud and stable in India in the 19th century. Four Kentucky Derby winners can be traced through their bloodlines to one of Khan's most famous horses, Mahmoud.

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Day 3 (Tuesday, June 25) -

Travel to Monasterevin and tour Kildangan Stud, part of the famed Darley thoroughbred stallion operation. Visit Cahir Castle, one of the largest castles in Ireland, sited on an island along the Suir River. It was built in 1142 by Conor O'Brien, Prince of Thomond. Continue on to Coolmore Stud in County Tipperary. Coolmore is headquarters of the world's largest breeding operation of thoroughbred racehorses. The operation is currently owned and run by the Magnier family, which has been associated with a long sequence of top-class stallions since the 1850s.

(Overnight Limerick)

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Day 4 (Wednesday, June 26) -

Spend the day touring the highlights of the Ring of Kerry, a circular route in County Kerry, southwestern Ireland. One of Ireland's most popular destinations is the Iveragh Peninsula — known to shamrock-lovers everywhere as "The Ring of Kerry."

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The Ring, lassoed by a winding coastal road through a mountainous, lake-splattered region, is undeniably scenic. Visitors since Victorian times have been drawn to this evocative chunk of the Emerald Isle, where mysterious ancient ring forts stand sentinel on mossy hillsides. Enjoy lunch at a local pub. Return to Limerick for the evening.

(Overnight Limerick)

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Day 5 (Thursday, June 27) -

Enjoy a scenic drive to Ireland's coast and tour the Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs run about 14 km in length and rise to over 120 meters above the Atlantic Ocean at Hag's and 215 meters at O'Briens Tower. The Cliffs rank as one of the most visited locations in all of Ireland. Later, travel to Galway, where you will have the afternoon free to explore. Galway, a harbor city on Ireland's west coast, is famous for their oysters and hosts the International Oyster and Seafood festival each year. The city's hub is 18th century Eyre Square, a popular meeting spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs that often offer live Irish folk music. Nearby, stone-clad cafes, boutiques and art galleries line the winding lanes of the Latin Quarter, which retains portions of the medieval city walls.

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Day 6 (Friday, June 28) -

Depart Limerick for Dublin (Irish Clad farm) then travel to Dublin for some free time and shopping on your own. Tonight enjoy dinner with a traditional story telling about some of the magical tales in Irish history.

(Overnight Dublin)

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Day 7 (Saturday, June 29) -

Travel to Curragh for the Irish Derby. The Irish Derby is a Group 1 flat horse

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race that is open to three-year-old thoroughbred colts and fillies and is run over a distance of one mile and four furlongs. The first race was run in 1866 and became a major international race in 1962. You will enjoy a private reserved table in the balcony area with a four-course silver service lunch. You will finish this action packed day with a farewell dinner!

(Overnight Dublin)

(B,L,D)



Day 8 (Sunday, June 30) -

Depart for the Dublin airport for your journey home.

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Estimated pricing based on double occupancy, per person:

Travelers (20 minimum, 25 maximum)

20 travelers	\$3,325
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*Note*Pricing not confirmed until time of booking and passenger number is totaled.
Single supplement traveler \$685*

DELTA GROUP TICKET

<u>Departure City</u>	<u>Departure time</u>	<u>Arrival City</u>	<u>Arrival time</u>
Cincinnati (<i>June 22nd</i>)	2:00pm	Boston	4:15pm
Boston	9:35pm (overnight)	Dublin	8:35am (<i>June 23rd</i>)
Dublin (<i>June 30th</i>)	10:25am	Boston	12:38pm
Boston	1:45pm	Cincinnati	4:13pm (<i>June 30th</i>)

**Please note if booking your own airfare you must meet the group at 8:35am in Dublin airport
June 23rd to start the tour.*

Included:

Accommodations

Bus Transportation

Full time guide

Tours/Technical Visits

Gratuities for guide/driver

Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary

Meals as indicated on itinerary

B= Breakfast

L= Lunch

D= Dinner

Not Included:

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International Airfare (US>Dublin round trip)
Cost of valid U.S. passport
Alcoholic beverages
Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)
Airline seat upgrades
Excess baggage fees
Souvenirs
Leisure activities on free days
Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

Payment Schedule:

\$325- Non-refundable deposit to hold your space - due January 31, 2019

March 15, 2019- \$1,500 2nd payment

May 1, 2019- \$1,500 final balance due

**3% transaction fee for all credit cards*

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