

Quotation- Custom Group Tour for April 2016 Anderson Group- Proposal #365570

HOTELS (or similar)

Stephens Green Hotel, Dublin.....	3 nights
Premier Inn, Belfast	4 nights
City Hotel, Derry	1 night
Wyatt Hotel, Westport	2 nights
Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty	1 night
Killarney Plaza Hotel, Killarney.....	2 nights
Dooley's Hotel, Waterford	1 night
Trinity City Hotel, Dublin.....	1 night

PLEASE NOTE

- 1) The exchange rate is estimated for 2016.
- 2) This quotation is subject to the terms of our Conditions Sheet (attached).
- 3) Once the tour is booked, you will receive a written confirmation.
- 4) Tour is quoted in **Canadian Dollars**.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath for 15 nights
- Full breakfasts (16), includes breakfast on arrival at Glasnevin Museum
- Lunch at Eddie's Bar in Clonbur
- Dinners (8):
 - Table d'hôte dinners (4)
 - O'Connell's Restaurant with Entertainment
 - Crown Liquor Saloon
 - Crumlin Road Gaol
 - Medieval banquet at an Irish Castle
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at either Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery on Day 3 & 4
- Tour of Belfast with a local guide
- Guided walking tours of Derry, "Quiet Man" Tour of Cong, Galway and Waterford
- Catamaran cruise on Killary Harbour
- Horse-drawn jaunting car ride in Killarney
- Visits and admission fees to:
 - Glasnevin Museum
 - National Botanic Gardens
 - Trinity College (Book of Kells)
 - Boyne Valley Visitor Centre with Newgrange
 - Titanic Belfast
 - Giant's Causeway
 - Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
 - Doagh Famine Village & Visitor Center
 - Donegal Castle
 - Drumcliffe Churchyard
 - Westport House
 - Ballintubber Abbey
 - Cliffs of Moher
 - Blarney Castle & Woollen Mills
 - Dunbrody Emigrant Ship
 - Glendalough
- Hotel portorage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

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Itinerary

Day 1 **CANADA TO DUBLIN**

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

Day 2 **DUBLIN ARRIVAL & TRINITY COLLEGE (BOOK OF KELLS)**

After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Drive to the nearby Glasnevin Museum, Ireland's national necropolis, which is a who's who of modern Irish history as the final resting place of Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins, Charles Stewart Parnell, Brendan Behan and other prominent people. At the end of your visit, enjoy breakfast at the onsite café. Next, visit the National Botanic Gardens, which was founded in 1795. Stroll around the many different types of gardens containing numerous collections of plants and trees from all over the world. Drive into the city center for an orientation drive. Dublin is one of the liveliest capitals in Europe but there are plenty of historical places also. See the main thoroughfares of O'Connell Street and Nassau Street, the shopping streets and some lovely public parks. Next visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells, an 8th century illuminated manuscript of the gospels and see the Old Library. After your visit, drive to your hotel and check in. Once you settle into your room you may like to rest or explore some of the city on your own. Then enjoy dinner and traditional Irish music with your fellow travelers at O'Connell's Restaurant.

OVERNIGHT: STEPHENS GREEN HOTEL, DUBLIN

Day 3 & Day 4 **HOP ON HOP OFF DUBLIN**

Enjoy the next two days at leisure in Dublin, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. Using your vouchers you may either visit the Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery. There are also plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street and you may like to explore Temple Bar. You may also do Genealogy Research to learn more about your family's history. In the evening you are free to choose from the many restaurants and pubs that Dublin has to offer.

OVERNIGHT: STEPHENS GREEN HOTEL, DUBLIN

Day 5

BRÚ NA BÓINNE VISITOR CENTRE & BELFAST SIGHTSEEING

Depart Dublin and travel north into County Meath to visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre to learn about the nearby passage tombs of New Grange and Knowth constructed over 5,000 years ago. Learn about why they were built and how they were used as calendars. Next visit the actual tomb of New Grange, which is aligned to the mid-winter sunrise so that the beam of the rising sun falls directly into the chamber. The kidney-shaped mound covers an area of over one acre and is surrounded by 97 kerbstones, some of which are richly decorated with megalithic art. After your visit, continue into Belfast and in the Titanic Quarter, visit Titanic Belfast. Embark on a journey through the life of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Through state of the art technology, the exhibitions nine interactive galleries take you back to the sights, sounds and stories of Titanic as well as the City and people which made her. The exhibition also explores the discovery of the wreck and has live links to current marine expeditions. Then embark on a sightseeing tour around the city. In the city center see the Albert Memorial and the ornate Victorian buildings of the Opera House and the Crown Liquor Saloon. In Donegall Square view the imposing City Hall, completed in 1906. The richly decorated interior contains stained glass portraying Belfast's principal industries. Then check into your hotel and enjoy some time to freshen up before dinner at the Crown Liquor Saloon.

OVERNIGHT: PREMIER INN, BELFAST

Day 6

BELFAST AT LEISURE

Spend today completely at leisure so that you may take in some of the many sites around the city. Perhaps you might like to visit Ulster Museum or the Stormont Parliament Building. There is also the Odyssey Arena and St. George's Market, in which you may visit. If you wish to venture further there is always Queen's University, founded in 1849 or visit the Botanic Gardens with its extensive collection of plants. You may also do genealogy research with your group. Tonight, you are free to sample one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout the city.

OVERNIGHT: PREMIER INN, BELFAST

Day 7

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & BELFAST FREE TIME

This morning drive north to experience one of Ireland's popular scenic routes along the coast road. Here you'll see the "Nine Glens of Antrim," which offer wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop to view the Giant's Causeway, an impressive area of hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava and has given rise to many legends. Continue on to visit the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge which spans a chasm of some eighty feet deep. Its construction once consisted of a single rope handrail and widely spaced slats, which the fishermen would traverse across with salmon they caught off the island. This swinging rope bridge is not for the faint-hearted, but the coastal views are wonderful, even without crossing the bridge. Then travel to Ballymoney to see the Hedges, a breathtaking line of beech trees planted in the 18th century by the Stuart Family. After your visit, return to Belfast, where the balance of the day is at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: PREMIER INN, BELFAST

Day 8

BELFAST FREE TIME & CRUMLIN ROAD GAOL

After breakfast visit the Ulster Historical Center as arranged by your group leader. Then enjoy the afternoon in Belfast to continue your genealogy research along with free time to explore the city. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the Crumlin Road Gaol along with a tour of the once operational facility.

OVERNIGHT: PREMIER INN, BELFAST

Day 9

DOAGH FAMINE VILLAGE & DERRY

Depart Belfast, and travel southwest into County Donegal and stop in Lagcurry to visit the Doagh Famine Village and Visitor Center. See a wide variety of attractions, which showcases life in Ireland from the 1840s to the modern day. After your visit, motor a short distance to Derry and enjoy a walking tour to see the principal sights. See the 17th century city walls, which are some of the best-preserved in Europe, and the Diamond, the main central square. Also pass the 17th century St. Columb's Cathedral, the Tower Museum with local history displays and the Guildhall where the history of Derry is depicted in stained-glass windows. Then check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CITY HOTEL, DERRY

Day 10

DONEGAL CASTLE, DRUMCLIFFE & WESTPORT

Travel southwest through Ballybofey to reach Donegal town. In the town center visit the ruins of Donegal Castle, which incorporates the gabled tower of a 15th century house built by the O'Donnell family. Partially restored, the castle reflects a long and turbulent history. Continue into Sligo and at Drumcliffe Visitor Centre see the grave of one of Ireland's most influential poets, W.B. Yeats, and a display about his life and work. Next, journey southwest to Westport and visit the Westport House, an 18th century mansion, set in superb parkland. While at the house see magnificent views of Clew Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Also view stunning rooms with priceless furnishings, paintings, books, silver and even Waterford Crystal. After your visit, check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax before dinner with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: WYATT HOTEL, WESTPORT

Day 11

'CONNEMARA LADY' CRUISE & 'QUIET MAN' TOUR

This morning travel Leenane to take a short catamaran cruise aboard the "Connemara Lady," through Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. You can see great views from this narrow inlet, which is surrounded by hills and cliffs. Also observe the seabirds, seals and otters that live in the waters. Continue on the Clonbur, where you will have lunch at Eddie's Bar. Then drive a short distance to the attractive village of Cong where the movie "The Quiet Man" was filmed with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in 1952. Take a short walking tour through the village to discover places that appeared in the production. Finish your walk at the Quiet Man Heritage Cottage, filled with memorabilia of the movie. Return to Westport for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: WYATT HOTEL, WESTPORT

Day 12

BALLINTUBBER ABBEY & CLIFFS OF MOHER

Drive north to visit Ballintubber Abbey, which is known as “the Abbey that refused to die.” The abbey has been used continuously for worship since 1216, even when burned down by Cromwell in 1653. Ballintubber Abbey today retains an air of ancient beauty and spirituality enhanced by its simple but elegant restoration. There is a video display and an interpretive center at the Abbey and the grounds are landscaped to portray spiritual themes. Continue through the Connemara region to admire the sweeping views of boglands and misty mountains. Stop in Galway, where you will join a local guide for a gentle walking tour around center of the city. See the medieval city walls, Lynch’s Castle and the narrow streets. After your tour, drive around the shores of Galway Bay and through the Burren Country, a unique region of limestone hills where many rare flowers thrive in the sheltered crevices. Stop at the Cliffs of Moher, a wall of rock that plunges 700 feet to the churning Atlantic Ocean below. See more of the Burren Country as your drive to your hotel in Bunratty. Check into your room where you may wish to relax or freshen up before tonight’s festivities.

This evening join in the fun and feasting at Bunratty or Knappogue Castle. Your medieval-style banquet is served in the Great Hall of the 15th century castle during which the lords and ladies of the castle transport you in spirit to the Middle Ages with their songs and stories.

OVERNIGHT: BUNRATTY CASTLE HOTEL, BUNRATTY

Day 13

DINGLE PENINSULA TOUR

Today discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, made famous by David Lean’s movie, “Ryan’s Daughter.” Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach and rocky headlands. There will be frequent stops at strategic locations to admire the views and take photos. Stop in the town of Dingle before continuing to the western tip of the peninsula. Here, the scenery becomes wilder as the influence of the open Atlantic Ocean strengthens. You will pass early Christian monastic beehive huts and small fishing villages on your way to Killarney. Upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Day 14

JAUNTING CAR RIDE & KENMARE

After breakfast take a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the grounds of the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle, an old keep set on the shores of the Lower Lake with views of the mountains on the other shore. Drive to the delightful town of Kenmare where traditional buildings are gaily painted and enhanced with flowers. Travel along a part of the awesome Ring of Kerry route to view spectacular mountain scenery at Moll’s Gap before returning to Killarney for a free evening.

OVERNIGHT: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL, KILLARNEY

Day 15

BLARNEY CASTLE & WATERFORD

Leaving Killarney, drive into the rich farming country of Cork. At Blarney, stop to climb to the battlements of Blarney Castle; here, you may kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence." Also visit the Blarney Woollen Mills, which has an excellent range of Irish products of all types. They will ship and insure goods for you. You will also have time to browse around the village, charmingly set around a large village green. Continue on to New Ross to visit the Dunbrody Emigrant Ship. This is a replica of a sailing vessel built in 1845 to transport emigrants from Ireland to North America. The visit will give you an insight as to what life on board ship was like as well as filling you in on the history of the famine years. From New Ross, travel southwest to Waterford and check into your hotel. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

After dinner, take a short walking tour through the older sections of Waterford with a local guide. Walk along Merchant's Quay where ships docked in former times and see the Clock Tower. Pass the Norman stronghold of Reginald's Tower and stroll along the Mall to see the City Hall, Theatre Royal and many other places.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: DOOLEY'S HOTEL, WATERFORD

Day 16

GLENDALOUGH & DUBLIN FREE TIME

From Waterford, travel through Avoca and its picturesque Vale of Avoca to Glendalough. Visit the 6th century monastic settlement with the ruins of seven churches and a round tower in a lakeside setting in a deep valley. The Visitor Center explains the history of the region and the settlement. Then drive across the Wicklow Mountains and through the suburbs into the center of Dublin. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. You may use your Hop On Hop Off Voucher to get around the city. Also you may visit the Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery, if you so choose. Tonight, you are free to sample one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout the city.

OVERNIGHT: TRINITY CITY HOTEL, DUBLIN

Day 17

RETURN TO CANADA

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to the end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight, clear security and claim your VAT refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to Canada.