Shades of Ireland
Departing March 11 – 20, 2017

Highlights....
Dublin ● Irish Evening ● Kilkenny ● Waterford Crystal ● Blarney Castle ● Killarney ● Jaunting Car Ride ● Ring of Kerry ● Farm Visit ● Limerick ● Cliffs of Moher ● Galway ● Castle Stay

10 Days ● 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts ● 5 Dinners

**BOOK NOW:** Double $2,949; Single $3,349; Triple $2,919

Regular rates: Double $3,199; Single $3,599; Triple $3,169

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

**Included in Price:** Round Trip Air from San Antonio Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of $280 per person

**Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare**
Additional rate of: Business Class $3,990

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 1: Overnight Flight
Travel to the magical Emerald Isle. Soak in the landscapes of rolling hills and feel the warmth of an Irish welcome. Visit Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Limerick as this comprehensive tour introduces Ireland’s natural beauty, rich history and most importantly, its hospitable culture.

Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins
Open your tour in Dublin. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for some traditional entertainment during a fun-filled Irish evening. **Today dinner will be included.**

Day 3: Dublin
Today you decide how you want to explore Dublin. You may choose to set out with a local guide on a drive to see St Patrick’s Cathedral, St. Stephan’s Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park. Or, you may select a walking tour of the city’s historic center, exploring O’Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey. Spend the remainder of your day relaxing or set out to explore more of charming Dublin on your own. **Today breakfast will be included.**

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford
Travel to Kilkenny to explore the medieval atmosphere of this city situated on the banks of the River Nore. **Then, arrive in the historic city of Waterford and visit the House of Waterford Crystal.** Enjoy a fascinating factory tour and browse the retail store housing the largest collection of Waterford Crystal in the world. Complete your day with a leisurely paced walking tour of this unique city. **Today breakfast and dinner will be included.**

Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney
Today, journey to historic Blarney Castle and embrace the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Legend has it that those who kiss the stone are bestowed with the gift of eloquence. This afternoon, decide how you would like to explore charming Killarney. You may enjoy a time-honored jaunting car ride* to beautiful Muckross House. Set out on a tour of this stately home
and its gardens and get a glimpse into the elegant lifestyle of the Victorian gentry as you explore the perfectly restored rooms of this magnificent mansion. Or, perhaps you’ll choose to enjoy a scenic jaunting car ride* through Killarney National Park to Ross Castle; then, board a traditional boat* and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman known for their local knowledge and ‘craic’ (amusing nature). This evening its Diner’s Choice...tonight your dinner is included and you’ll choose the perfect spot from a ‘menu’ of Killarney's great restaurants. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney
Travel along one of the most beautiful coastal routes in the world, the Ring of Kerry. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for traditional Irish goods handcrafted by local artisans. Enjoy pristine ocean scenery as you move through picturesque villages. Continue on as you traverse rugged mountain passes into “Ladies View.” From this spectacular vantage point, one of Ireland’s finest, gaze upon the Lakes of Killarney. Tonight, use your leisure time to sample a true taste of Irish culture. Today breakfast will be included.

Day 7: Killarney - Limerick
Today, experience the customs and daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable visit to the Molanna Dairy Farm. Continue to Limerick where a panoramic city tour showcases King John’s Castle and the Treaty Stone. Delve into the fascinating history of the "city of the violated treaty." Today breakfast will be included.

Day 8: Limerick - Cliffs of Moher - Galway - Limerick
An exciting day awaits. Journey to the stunning, 700-foot-high Cliffs of Moher for awe-inspiring views of the mighty Atlantic. Then, travel through the vast limestone landscape of the Burren, known for its stark beauty and Neolithic tombs. Continue past scenic countryside into Galway, where a brief city tour introduces “The City of Tribes.” Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 9: Limerick - Tullamore/Kilbeggan - Kingscourt
Start your day with a cross-country journey to Irish Whiskey territory. The ancient towns of Tullamore and Kilbeggan have long been associated with the whiskey industry. Become engaged in the process of whiskey making and enjoy a tasting of the final product during a visit to one of these historic distilleries. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle, where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. Today breakfast and dinner will be included.

Day 10: Kingscourt - Tour Ends
Your tour ends in Kingscourt. Today breakfast will be included.

Experience It! ______________ Cabra Castle

Cabra Castle stands on 100 acres of gardens and parkland with delightful views over the Cavan countryside, famous for its beautiful lakes. Formerly known as Cormey Castle, the history of the castle dates back to the pre-Cromwellian times of the 16th century. The property was bought in the early 19th century by Colonel Joseph Pratt, who rebuilt it and renamed it Cabra Castle. Its long legacy lends a mature, cultured air to the castle which can be felt by strolling through the castle’s magnificent hallways and stairwells. Experience this history when you enjoy an overnight stay on the castle grounds. The rooms are outfitted to the highest standards with every comfort and modern facilities. The bar and restaurant offer views of the countryside famous for its lakes and fishing, as well as Dun an Ri Forest Park.

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On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Please Note:
Book Now rates valid until Sep 12, 2016, valid on air inclusive packages only. Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.
To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing Collette airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.
Days of features are interchangeable.
Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
*Jaunting car ride and boat cruise are included, weather permitting.
Air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.
On day 10, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel. Return flights should not be booked prior to 8:30 a.m.
This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.
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