



Ireland: Off the Beaten Path with Larry Kanfer



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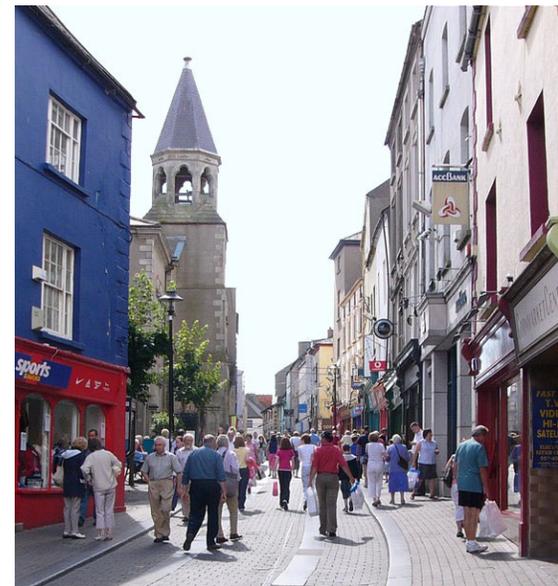
- Wicklow Mountains • Wexford
- New Ross • Waterford • Kinsale
- Ballylickey • Beara Peninsula
- Private “living room” concert with David Syme, renowned pianist
- Dingle Peninsula • The Burren
- Lisdoonvarna • Cnoc Suain
- Connemara • Cliffs of Moher
- Derryglad • Athlone • Sean’s Bar
- Dublin • Howth

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WHEN LARRY KANFER goes off the beaten path we can join him to experience towns and scenic landscapes not included on most tour routes. While we visit some well-traveled areas, we try to see them early before the crowds come. Ireland with its forty shades of green and eternally changing weather will provide drama all on its own, along with its spirited people. We mention only some of our sites off the beaten path and save some delight for later. Group size is limited to 32 so do not delay, book today.

Above: Dingle peninsula Photo by Bjorn Christian Torrissen

Below: Wexford





Wicklow Mountains' Glendalough Valley
Photo by Joe King

Itinerary

Day 1 Friday: Central Illinois-Chicago-Flight

Larry Kanfer welcomes us aboard our private motor coach to Chicago's O'Hare airport where we board our non-stop, overnight flight to Dublin on Aer Lingus.

Day 2 Saturday: Flight arrival-Dublin-Glendalough Valley-Wexford

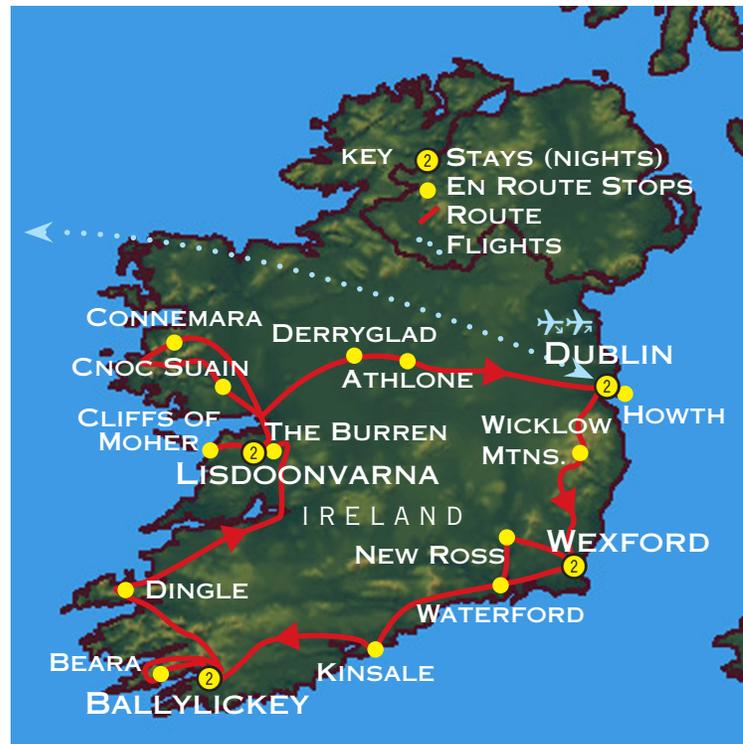
Flight arrives at Dublin Airport and after collecting our luggage, we meet our guide and board our touring coach. We head south to the Glendalough Valley in the Wicklow Mountains National Park and have lunch at the Wicklow Heather in Laragh. Continuing on in Wexford, we check in and have some free time before we are taken to our gala Welcome Dinner. (L, FD)

Day 3 Sunday: Wexford-New Ross-Waterford-Wexford

Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel. We head to New Ross to see the Ros Tapestries depict events around the Anglo-Norman arrival by a Norman knight, closely connected with four English kings, William



Larry Kanfer is a long time resident of Champaign-Urbana. He graduated in Architecture from the University of Illinois and immediately afterwards opened the Larry Kanfer Gallery. Larry has had the rare opportunity of making his art his profession. His interest in the land, and the connection between people and their environment, is a vital part of Larry's work with concepts of light and shadow, form, and composition being greatly influenced by the themes in architecture. Expanding his interest in landscapes beyond the Midwest has lead to "trips of a lifetime", with Larry traveling to India, China, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Italy and beyond. Even with research on the landscape, people and history of each location, what truly makes the travel experience great is exploring off the beaten path and capturing the unexpected!





Wexford's Curracloe Beach
Photo by Andreas F Borchert



Marshal, and his wife, Isabel de Clare, daughter of Strongbow. Then we see the Dunbrody Ship built to commemorate the Irish migration to America.



After free time for lunch we visit the House of Waterford Crystal to see how it is made. Return to Wexford for a free evening. (BB)

Day 4 Monday: Wexford-Kinsale-Ballylickey

Depart Wexford and drive east on our touring coach to the gourmet capital of Ireland, Kinsale, where we will have time to explore and have lunch (on your own). Then we drive along the scenic coast of the "Old Head" which is the start of the Wild Atlantic Way to the Shehy Mountains before arriving at our hotel on Bantry Bay on the southeast corner of Ireland. Dinner is included. (BB, D)

Day 5 Tuesday: Ballylickey-Beara Peninsula-Castletown-Bearhaven-Ballylickey

This morning we drive along the Beara Peninsula to Castletown-Bearhaven for free time and lunch on



David Syme is an American piano virtuoso living in Ireland and has had a long and colorful career. He has performed in Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Wigmore Hall, and in major venues in 17 European countries, Canada and Mexico. Since arriving in Ireland in 2005, he has been steadily forging a reputation as one of the finest pianists ever to grace its shores. He is best known there for his "Living-Room Concerts", held about 25 times a year in his West Cork home on the Beara Peninsula. David Syme performs regularly for public and private concerts throughout Ireland and the European mainland as well as in the U.S. He has played in the National Concert Hall in Dublin numerous times, as well as with the City Of Cork Symphony, in addition to his international orchestra appearances. David was recently awarded an honorary degree by the Royal Irish Academy Of Music for his "contributions to the Irish cultural landscape".



Beara Peninsula Photo by Andreas F. Borchert



Caroline Gleeson, tour manager for CHR, was born in Dublin and a very early gift from her father was a globe of the world. That began a fascination to travel and see as much of the world as possible. On a recent long flight she counted 55 countries she's visited so far and has lived in Ireland, Australia, India, Italy and England. She says, "I began my working life as a Librarian and also worked as an Editor with Reader's Digest in Sydney Australia. I'm living at home in Dublin again, and there is nowhere else I'd rather be! Though there is still lots more of the world to see and people to meet. My hobbies and interests are reading, music, animals and gardens."



your own. Then this afternoon we are treated to an exclusive concert at the house of concert pianist, David Syme. We also enjoy a tea with treats prepared by his wife. We return for our second night at the Seaview House Hotel. (BB, T)

Day 6 Wednesday: Ballylickey-Dingle Peninsula-Lisdoonvarna

Depart Ballylickey and head north then around the Dingle Peninsula, the westernmost point in Ireland and Europe. Then we continue to The Burren, a glaciated karst area of limestone. Dinner is included tonight at hotel in Lisdoonvarna. (BB, D)

Day 7 Thursday: Lisdoonvarna-Connemara-Cnoc Suain-Lisdoonvarna

Today we motor to scenic Connemara National Park where we may see some of the other local residents, Connemara Ponies. We have



lunch in the park's Tea Rooms. This afternoon we head to Cnoc Suain a restored 17th century private village. (BB, L)





Cliffs of Moher Photo by Joachim Kohler Bremen



Day 8 Friday: Lisdoonvarna-County Roscommon-Athlone-Dublin

For our last look on the Wild Atlantic Way, we head to the Atlantic Coast and the Cliffs of Moher before

the dozens of tour coaches get there. Then we visit Derryglad in County Roscommon for a slice of life in old Ireland and then to Athlone, the home of Sean's Bar, the oldest pub in Europe welcoming visitors for over a millennium. We arrive Dublin where we will stay two nights. (BB, L)

Day 9 Saturday: Dublin-Howth-Dublin

This morning we have a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin. Then you can choose an optional excursion to the fishing village of Howth or have the afternoon free in Dublin. Tonight is our gala farewell dinner! (BB, FD)

Day 10 Sunday: Dublin-Chicago-Central Illinois

We have breakfast and head to the airport where we



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Connemara Photo by Michal Osmenda

clear US customs before boarding our same-day flight from Dublin to Chicago O'Hare. So, on arrival, we are considered a domestic passenger and just claim our bags and board our waiting private motor coach back to Champaign with golden memories of the Emerald Isle. (BB)

Howth Photo by Ralf Houven



What's Included: • Round trip transportation from Champaign • Baggage handling • Round trip flights • Round trip transportation from airport to hotel • Tour manager, transportation, sightseeing and admissions per itinerary • 16 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 1 Tea & 4 Dinners • \$120 current total taxes & fees, subject to change • Hotel accommodations • Admissions per itinerary • Led by Larry Kanfer

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner with additional letters to distinguish local differences.

To make it easier for you, we include the first night's dinner in every stay until the end when we arrive in Dublin. There are plenty of choices and instead include a gala farewell dinner on the last night. Likewise, we include lunches on certain days when it is more convenient for you than having to look for a choice when options may be limited.



Dublin Trinity College Library's Long Room

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Accommodations: (8) total number of nights
 Wexford (2) Talbot Wexford Hotel
 Ballylickey (2) Seaview House Hotel
 Lisdoonvarna (2) The Burren Castle Hotel
 Dublin (2) Herbert Park Hotel

What's Not Included: • Airline baggage fees (none currently) • Optional tours and meals not noted in itinerary • Tax/fuel surcharges in effect if any • Tips to tour manager, driver and local guides • Travel insurance

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, double or triple: \$3986, or with single supplement of \$542, single: \$4528. • Document required for US Citizens is Passport valid through the duration of your stay in Ireland with one blank page; no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate. • Insurance coverage is available via a Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard at a cost of 7.2% of the tour cost to cover accident, bags, cancellation/trip interruption charges, for coverage details see www.steviejaytravel.com/insurance. Other terms at www.steviejaytravel.com/terms-and-conditions are incorporated by reference. • Details and price subject to change, due to conditions beyond our control, such as fuel surcharges, government-imposed taxes and fees. Acct#180831S 27MAR18 14:32

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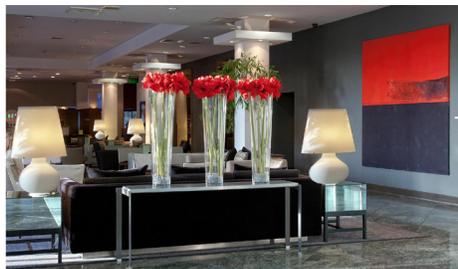
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St. Stephens Green in Dublin Photo by Dronr



Our Hotels

1. Wexford, Talbot Hotel, exterior
2. " interior
3. Ballylickey, Seaview House
4. Lisdoonvarna, The Burren Castle Hotel
5. Dublin, Herbert Hotel, exterior
6. " interior

Since at each we have a two-night stay, on every other day you have the option of doing what tour is doing or have even more free time.

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