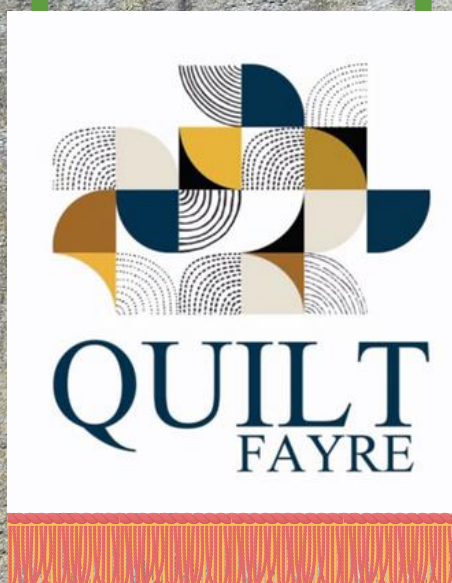




# Touring with Taran

# Best of Ireland

Aug 25 – Sep 09, 2025



“optional Belfast Quilt Fayre visit + more!”



# "Touring with Taran – Best of Ireland"



Small but mighty, the Emerald Isle is rich in culture and history, wild landscapes, lush gardens and culinary delights. Join your host, and Expedia Cruises consultant, Taran Wharram on our exclusive Best of Ireland luxury coach tour. In Northern Ireland experience the brilliance of Belfast, Derry and Giant's Causeway; to the south revel in the beauty of Connemara, the Cliffs of Moher and the Ring of Kerry. Feel the wind at your back on a horse-drawn jaunting-car ride through Killarney National Park, explore castles & medieval towns, and discover Dublin's "Fair City". Enjoy the relaxed pace of our tour with two and three night stays in first class hotels including a hearty full Irish breakfast daily, as well as 9 evening meals. For our quilt enthusiasts, we offer an optional excursion to the Belfast Quilt Fayre, a private "trunk show" at our hotel, plus the chance to visit local quilt shops throughout the tour.







#### Day 1 – August 26 – Welcome to Ireland

We will undertake a panoramic tour of Dublin with some free time to stretch our legs and grab a bite to eat before checking into our city centre hotel. Tonight, we meet as a group and get to know on another while enjoying a welcome dinner at our hotel.

Dinner/Overnight, Belvedere Hotel, Dublin (3\*+)

#### Day 2 – August 27 - Dublin's Fair City!

Today is yours to discover Dublin, consider purchasing a Hop-on Hop-off bus pass. Visit the library at Trinity College to view The Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, Phoenix Park, Glasnevin Cemetery, Guinness Storehouse or Jameson Distillery Tour. Tonight is free to indulge in traditional Irish fayre from a vast selection of restaurants and bistros, some with lively entertainment.

Overnight, Belvedere Hotel, Dublin (3\*+)

#### Day 3 – August 28 - Saint Patrick's Country and Titanic

Our travels take us through the majestic Mountains of Mourne into Saint Patrick's Country to visit the grave of Ireland's Patron Saint. In Belfast we'll visit the Harland & Wolff Shipyard and the Titanic Experience, where you will take a self-guided tour of the #1 attraction in Europe.

Dinner/Overnight, The Europa Hotel, Belfast (4\*)

#### Day 4 – August 29 - Belfast

This morning, we have a guided tour of Belfast City Hall before undertaking a panoramic tour which will include the Protestant Shankhill and Catholic Falls Road. Remainder of the day & evening are at leisure. You may wish to explore the Cathedral Quarter of town, home to many great restaurants and lively pubs.

Option to attend the Belfast Quilt Fayre this afternoon for those who are interested.

Overnight, The Europa Hotel, Belfast (4\*)





#### Day 5 – August 30 - Giant's Causeway and Derry

We drive north along the scenic Causeway Coastal Route through the Glens of Antrim to the iconic pillars of The Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO world heritage site. We continue to Derry (Londonderry), where a local guide will tell the "Story of Derry" on a fascinating walking tour of this historic walled city.

Dinner/Overnight, Kee's Hotel, Donegal (3\*)

#### Day 6 – August 31 - Donegal and Belleek

Enjoy an Irish Coffee while learning the history of Donegal Tweed, including a weaving demonstration on a 200-year-old Hand Loom. There will be time to shop for fashionable woollens and a selection of Irish knitwear. Back into Northern Ireland to visit Belleek Pottery, home to Ireland's oldest working fine China pottery before we enter the romantic domain of WB Yeats, and sites associated with the poet before arriving in Westport.

Dinner/Overnight, The Westport Coast Hotel, Westport (4\*)

#### Day 7 – September 01 – Connemara

This morning, we travel the Wild Atlantic Way into the rugged wilds of Connemara for a guided tour of Kylemore Abbey, a monastery founded in 1920 for Benedictine Nuns who fled Belgium in WW1. This afternoon is free for you to explore the pretty Georgian town of Westport. Famous for its stoned bridges, tree lined promenades, historical sites, and plenty of shops and galleries. This evening you may wish to dine at a local pub or restaurant.

Overnight, The Westport Coast Hotel, Westport

#### Day 8 – September 02 - Cliffs of Moher

Journey south along the picturesque shores of Lough Mask and Lough Corrib to Galway. Enjoy free time to wander or have a pint in one of the many pubs on Shop Street. In Doolin we board a tour boat for a unique view of the mighty Cliffs of Moher from the Atlantic.

This evening, an optional medieval banquet in an Irish castle is on offer.

Overnight, Radisson Blu Hotel, Limerick (4\*)

#### Day 9 – September 03 - Limerick and Killarney

After breakfast we tour Limerick City before travelling to Adare, one of the prettiest villages in Ireland, home to thatched roof cottages, quirky shops and cute cafes. Then onward to the beautiful town of Killarney, our home for the next 3 nights. We dine at our hotel before an evening performance of The Celtic Steps Show, featuring world-renowned musicians & dancers.

Dinner/Overnight, Earls Court Hotel, Killarney (4\*)

#### Day 10 – September 04 – Dingle

Today's adventure takes us along the Dingle Peninsula offering breath-taking views of rugged cliffs & coastline. In Dingle you will have free time to stroll the harbour, shop for handcrafts, and enjoy freshly caught seafood in a local fish shack or pub. Upon return to the hotel, the quilters among us will get to visit with local legend Nikki Foley as she provides a "trunk show" just for us!

Tonight, you may wish to enjoy a night on the town and dine in a local pub.

Overnight, The Earls Court Hotel, Killarney (4\*)







#### Day 11 – September 05 - Ring of Kerry

This morning, we begin our drive along the scenic Ring of Kerry through Moll's Gap and on to Kissane Sheep Farm for an entertaining display of sheepdogs hard at work. Back in Killarney we'll meet local Jarvies and take a jaunting car ride through town to Quill's Farmhouse, where we will enjoy a traditional Irish farmhouse dinner while being entertained by local musicians.

Dinner/Overnight, The Earls Court Hotel, Killarney (4\*)

#### Day 12 – September 06 - Blarney and Cahir Castle

Our first stop today is the village of Blarney. Shop for handcrafts, or for those who are feeling energetic, climb the 127 steps of Blarney Castle for the opportunity to kiss the 'stone of eloquence' (paid locally). We will also enjoy a guided tour of the 13th century Cahir Castle before we arrive at the medieval city of Kilkenny, our home for the next 2 nights.

Dinner/Overnight, Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny (4\*)

#### Day 13 – September 07 - Waterford and Dunbrody

This morning, we travel through the pretty village of Inistioge then on to Waterford Viking City for some free time. Be sure to visit the House of Waterford! This afternoon, we'll follow in the footsteps of a group of famine emigrants as we board the vessel, Dunbrody.

This evening, we will dine together at our hotel. After dinner you may wish visit Kyteler's Pub but be on the lookout for resident ghost Dame Alice while you are there!

Dinner/Overnight, Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny (4\*)

#### Day 14 – September 08 - Irish National Stud and Malahide

En route to our hotel in County Dublin, we undertake a guided tour of the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens. Home to many of Ireland's most famous champion racehorses. While there, you can take a stroll through the Japanese Gardens, one of the most beautiful gardens of its kind in Europe. There will be free time to explore the seaside town of Malahide before joining our travelling companions for a farewell drink and dinner at the hotel on this our last night.

Dinner/Overnight – Grand Hotel, Malahide (4\*)

#### Day 15 – September 09 – Departure

After a hearty Irish breakfast, a group transfer takes us to Dublin Airport for our flight home.





**Tour Cost \$5199.00 CDN per person (based on twin share, includes taxes)**

**NOTE: early booking expires March 15th, when rates increase by \$500 per person**

#### TOUR INCLUSIONS

14 nights accommodation in first class hotels

Full Irish breakfast daily

8 evening meals in hotels

Traditional farmhouse dinner at Quill's Farmhouse

Panoramic tours of Dublin, Belfast and Limerick

Cruise along the Cliffs of Moher

Celtic Steps show in Killarney

Guided walking tour in Derry

Jaunting car ride in Killarney National Park

Visits & admissions to: Saint Patrick's Centre, Belfast City Hall, the Titanic Experience, the Giant's Causeway, Belleek Pottery, Kylemore Abbey, Kissane Sheep Farm, Dunbrody Famine Ship, Irish National Stud

Round-trip group transfers in Dublin

Tour transportation by modern coach throughout

Services of an experienced local driver and a Royal Irish Tours accredited Tour Manager

Porterage for 1 bag and gratuities at hotels

#### Not Included:

Gratuities to guides/drivers/staff

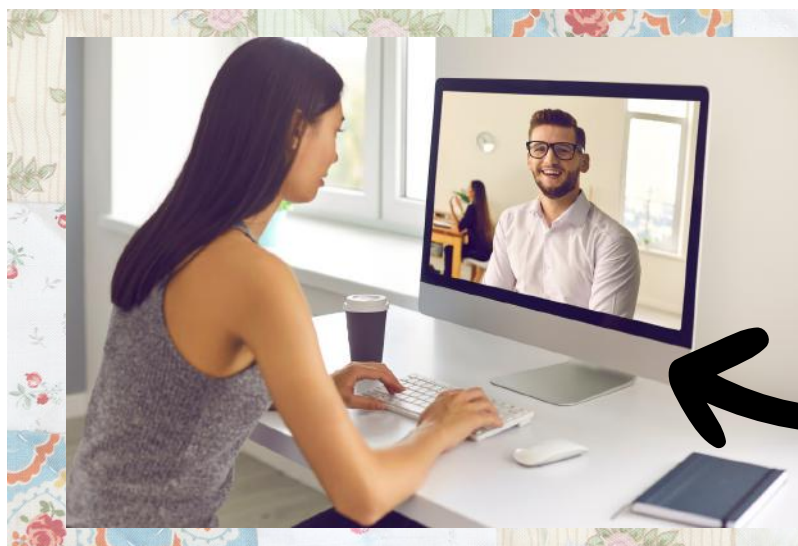
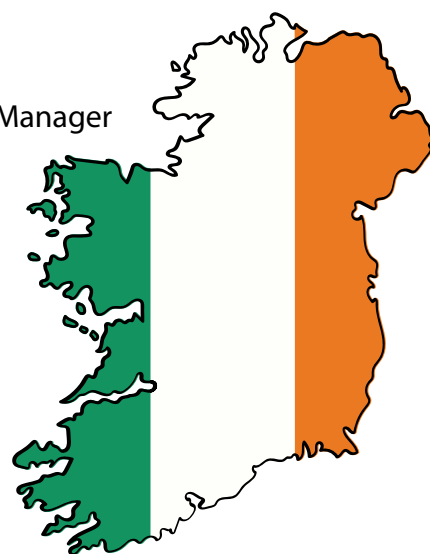
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Documentation: Canadian passport valid 6 months beyond scheduled return date, plus a UK ETA (£10) that we will help you obtain.

Deposit: \$500.00 per person is due at time of booking which becomes a non-refundable agency fee.

\*\*\*NOTE: deadline to book this tour is April 4th 2025\*\*\*

Final Payment: balance is due 15 Apr 2025 which becomes a non-refundable agency fee.

NOTE: avoid an additional 3% credit card processing fee by making ALL payments by cheque or bank draft.

Form of Payment: we accept cash, cheque, money order, MasterCard, Visa

#### Terms & Conditions:

Prices are per person in Canadian dollars based on double occupancy and include all group savings. Valid on new bookings only. Space is capacity controlled, subject to availability at time of booking, promotional offers can be recalled at any time by supplier. Expedia host based on a minimum of 25 full fare passengers. Should the tour not meet our minimum numbers, a tour host may not be offered.

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Your Hostess: Taran Wharram was born in Haliburton and grew up in Port Hope. Northumberland County is where she raised her 3 sons. She has been an Expedia Cruises Vacation Consultant since our Cobourg office opened in 2009 and has travelled extensively. One of her favourite destination being Ireland, which she has visited 3 times, and of course a multitude of cruises. Her passion is helping others make their travel dreams come true, and quilting! Taran looks forward to creating wonderful memories with each and every person on this tour and experiencing the optional quilt excursion with fellow quilt enthusiasts.



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