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Explore the Marvels of the Emerald Isle with Friendly Planet Travel's A Taste of Ireland Tour

Travelers can experience Dublin, Kerry, Killarney, Kilkenny, Limerick, and more with this seven-day tour, starting at just \$1,744

JENKINTOWN, Pa.—January 17, 2012—The rich history, warm hospitality, stunning landscape, and authentic Irish food and drink define Ireland as one of the world's most visited destinations. Thanks to [Friendly Planet Travel](#), a leading tour operator that offers high-quality, affordable vacation packages to exotic destinations worldwide, travelers can experience the authenticity of the Emerald Isle's rolling green countryside, historic castles, famous pubs, and more on the seven-day [A Taste of Ireland](#) tour, all for the unbelievable price of \$1,744.

"Ireland is one of the world's most stunning destinations with outstanding scenery, brilliant castles, and green, rolling hills," says [Peggy Goldman](#), President of Friendly Planet Travel. "It's no surprise that this picturesque island is referred to as the "emerald isle."

A Taste of Ireland includes round-trip airfare, including fuel surcharges, from [Newark](#) (many additional departure cities available for an additional cost); all ground transportation and transfers; accommodations in superior and deluxe hotels; daily Irish breakfast and two dinners; a comprehensive touring program including entrance fees; a professional, English-speaking driver and guide, and more.

The tour begins in Ireland's capital city of [Dublin](#), before traveling to [Ireland's Midlands](#) in [County Kerry](#). Travelers then stop in the little field town of [Blarney](#) for a visit to [Blarney Castle](#) and a chance to kiss the famous [Blarney Stone](#) for the gift of gab. They continue to the [Iveragh Peninsula](#) to take in the breathtaking scenery, mountains, and magnificent views of the [Ring of Kerry](#). The tour passes through [Killorglin](#), famous for its unusual street festival, [Puck](#)

[Fair](#), and the village of [Glenbeigh](#), with panoramic views of the [Dingle Peninsula](#) and [Dingle Bay](#). Passing through the peat bogs, the group arrives in [Waterville](#) and continues on to [Sneem Village](#), famous for its brightly colored houses. A stop at the renowned [Muckross House](#), in the heart of the [Killarney National Park](#), rounds out the day.

The journey continues northward to [Tarbert](#) with a short boat ride across the mouth of Ireland's longest river, [River Shannon](#), bringing travelers to the village of [Killimer](#). Travelers experience a view of the breathtaking [Cliffs of Moher](#) along the Atlantic Ocean, and enjoy a tour of the [Burren Region](#), known for its impressive scenery and numerous castles and monastic ruins.

After a relaxing day in [Limerick](#), travelers head back to Dublin, stopping in the medieval city of [Kilkenny](#). Stops at the [Kilkenny Castle](#) and [St. Canice's Cathedral](#) are the culmination of the Ireland experience before travelers take a departing flight from Dublin.

Friendly Planet's seven-day A Taste of Ireland tour is available for \$1,744 on the departure dates of April 23, May 7, and Oct. 8, if booked by Feb. 22.

And for travelers with a little more time, the nine-day [Discover Ireland](#) tour, from \$2,044, includes nearly all of the highlights of A Taste of Ireland, plus a visit to the old stone city of [Galway](#), known for its narrow streets and busy pubs and the [Connemara region](#), where Gaelic is still spoken. A tour of the Benedictine Monastery, [Kylemore Abbey](#), and the Monastery of [Clonmacnoise](#) brings travelers back to Dublin to enjoy their remaining time in "[Dublin's Fair City](#)" and explore [Trinity College](#), Ireland's oldest university.

For more information about Friendly Planet Travel's [A Taste of Ireland](#) and [Discover Ireland](#) tours, please visit the company's website at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com; the blog at blog.FriendlyPlanet.com; or contact Jackie Zima at 610-228-2138 (office), 215-534-2973 (mobile), or write to Jackie@GregoryFCA.com.

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Friendly Planet Travel makes high-quality exotic travel affordable for everyone. Since 1981, Friendly Planet Travel has been arranging all-inclusive escorted discount vacation packages and cruises to the most exciting destinations in the world at the lowest possible prices.

Each year, Friendly Planet Travel offers more than 30 different group travel packages to Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and South America—at discounts of hundreds of dollars off similar vacations. With no hidden charges, add-ons, or surprises, Friendly Planet Travel

vacations include convenient flights and airfare; carefully selected, first-class and superior hotels; knowledgeable, English-speaking guides; many meals; planned itineraries; as well as friendships and memories that last a lifetime.

Friendly Planet Travel offers its extensive, economical travel services to private groups, including universities, religious institutions, alumni associations, and families. Groups who wish to travel together can count on Friendly Planet Travel's three decades of experience to operate their group travel program expertly and always at the very best possible prices. Visit us at www.FriendlyPlanetTravel.com. You can also follow Friendly Planet Travel on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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