# Gardens of Ireland Small Group Tour

From \$5,342 NZD

Single \$6,272 NZD Twin Share \$5,342 NZD



28 May - 06 June 2017 - 1 departure 10 days





This small group tour explores the side of Ireland that is lush and green. You will see a country full of thatched cottages, friendly pubs, music, poetry, ebullient people and dramatically diverse rugged countryside. It is also a land of diverse and rich gardens from the dramatic Powerscourt to the impressive kitchen Garden of Kylemore Abbey and the secretive Anne's Grove.

Our Gardens of Ireland small group tour lasts 10 days. It ranges from the bustling capital of Dublin with its historic Botanic Garden to the greenness of Killarney with its rugged Kerry peninsula and charming Muckross House, as well as to the natural beauty of the Connemara. We will learn about Ireland's rich heritage and gardening history. We also explore Dublin and the Wicklow Mountains, Waterford, Limerick, historic Galway and Ulster.

## The ItiHerary

The Gardens of Ireland Small group tour begins in Dublin, a city abounding in historic and literary heritage. We take a walking tour of the city, while learning about its long history. Originally settled by Vikings it is home to Trinity College and the famous Book of Kells, the Abbey Theatre where Irish playwrights have long premiered their works, Dublin Castle, St Patrick's Cathedral and many fine Georgian squares. Dublin is home of the National Botanic Garden, Ireland's premier botanical and horticultural establishment. We then travel to Waterford, exploring the Wicklow Mountains and Powerscourt, one of Europe's most splendid gardens. We also take in the historically significant site of Glendalough, beautifully set in a valley between two lakes.

Next stop on our escorted tour is Killarney, the popular resort centre of County Kerry. This town is well placed to explore the dramatic landscapes of the world renowned Ring of Kerry, and Muckross Gardens, set in Ireland's premier national park, combining an outstanding collection of plants with the wild scenery of Ireland. Afterwards, we explore Connemara and Carrickfergus, before heading to Belfast, where the Gardens of Ireland Small group tour concludes.

### What's included in one Tone

- 9 nights hotel accommodation in en-suite share twin rooms.
- Typical local breakfast and dinners daily.
- Touring by comfortable and modern coach.
- Transport, lectures and field trips as indicated.
- Services of a tour leader throughout the tour.
- Applicable entry fees and services of local guides.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Detailed Tour Information Booklet.

#### (Mat's not included in only Tony

- Items of a personal nature.
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- International airfares and departure taxes.



#### For more information and to make a booking please contact:



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