

tour

IRELAND

with TOMÁSEEN FOLEY and THE BIGLEYS

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Experience Ireland as one of the neighbors! We will explore it's incredible landscape and unmistakable musical and literary heritage. An adventure worthy of any bucket list!
\$2945 includes four-star hotels, 9 breakfasts and 5 dinners.

DAY 1: DEPART THE UNITED STATES

Depart your home town and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you travel to start your vacation.

DAY 2: DUBLIN ARRIVAL



After landing at Dublin Airport, complete customs and immigration formalities. Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you and your luggage to the coach. Stop for a traditional Irish breakfast at a local restaurant or pub with your group. Then journey along through Ireland's rolling hills and rugged countryside and into Dingle. Upon arrival, drive a short distance to your hotel, check in and settle into your room. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner and overnight: Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle

DAY 3: DINGLE PENINSULA DRIVE



Today, discover the beauties of the Dingle Peninsula, once described by the National Geographic Traveler as "the most beautiful place on earth." Drive along the south shore of the peninsula for plenty of vistas of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, stunning green landscapes and rocky headlands. Pause at strategic location to admire the views and take photos before heading to Dingle town. Return to your hotel in time to relax or freshen up before dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner and overnight: Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle

DAY 4: DINGLE AT LEISURE



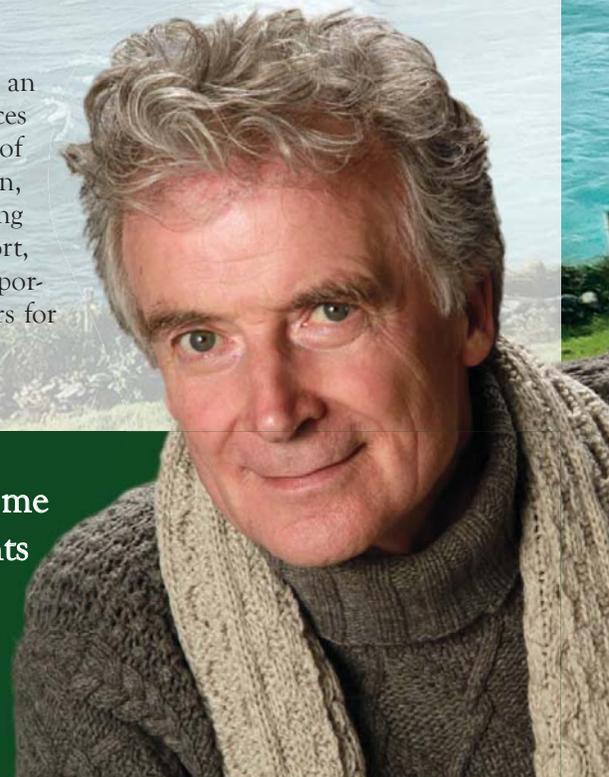
After breakfast, spend the day at leisure in Dingle, an area situated below Slievanea Mountain and faces comfortably onto the sheltered harbor. For a number of years it has been possible to rely on a resident dolphin, named Fungie, showing up for tour boats operating from the harbor. As a market town and fishing port, Dingle has long been well supplied with pubs and oppor-

tunities to hear traditional Irish music. In the evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Dinner and overnight: Dingle Skellig Hotel, Dingle

For 20 years, all over the country, people have been asking me to show them the Ireland that I know . . . the island of saints and scholars and Guinness. Thanks to Brian and Kristen Bigley, I'm delighted that it's finally happening.

- Tomáseen Foley



DAY 5: MUCKROSS HOUSE & GARDENS



This morning, journey along through Ireland's green pastures and stop just outside of Killarney to visit Muckross House, an elegant 19th-century mansion set beside the tranquil Muckross Lake. Enjoy the elegant rooms and rich furnishings before strolling through the gardens. Afterward, drive into the beautiful town of Killarney, check into your hotel and settle into your room before meeting your group for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner and overnight: Scotts Hotel, Killarney

DAY 6: RING OF KERRY



Today, set off to explore the Ring of Kerry, which consists of over 100 miles of marvelous scenery. See some of Ireland's highest peaks on one side of the road and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. There will also be plenty of stops to take in the scenery and to snap photos. Return to Killarney in time for dinner.

Dinner and overnight: Scotts Hotel, Killarney

DAY 7: CLIFFS OF MOHER



After a wholesome Irish breakfast, drive through Ireland's beautiful countryside and stop to visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most beloved natural landmarks. See magical vistas overlooking the shimmering Atlantic Ocean along with Ireland's western coastline. Continue your drive into the bustling city of Galway, check into your hotel and settle into your room. In the evening, you are free to explore the beautiful and lively city of Galway at your own pace.

Overnight: Ardilaun Hotel, Galway

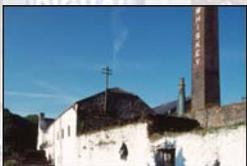
DAY 8: GALWAY WALK



This morning, join a local guide for a gentle walking tour of Galway. See the medieval city walls, Lynch's castle and the narrow streets. Return to your hotel where the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure. In the evening, join your group in the hotel restaurant for a traditional Irish dinner.

Dinner and overnight: Ardilaun Hotel, Galway

DAY 9: KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY

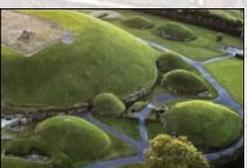


Today, journey along towards Kilbeggan and stop to visit the Kilbeggan Distillery, which was established in 1757 and is one of the oldest licensed distilleries in the world. Enjoy a tour and tasting of the finished product. Continue your drive through many market towns and into the metropolitan area of Dublin and set off on an orientation drive. Dublin is one of the liveliest capitals in Europe, but there are plenty of historical places as well. See the main thoroughfares of O'Connell Street and Nassau Street, the shopping streets and some lovely public parks. Drive into Drogheda, check into your hotel and settle into

your room before dinner with your group at the hotel restaurant.

Dinner and overnight: D Hotel, Drogheda

DAY 10: BRU NA BOINNE VISITOR CENTRE & KNOWTH



After a hearty Irish breakfast, visit the Boyne Valley Visitor Centre. Learn about the nearby passage tombs of Newgrange and Knowth constructed over 5,000 years ago. Also, visit the actual tomb of Knowth, which is similar in size to Newgrange. Continue on to visit the Hill of Tara, seat of the High Kings of Ireland, which was at the height of its power in the early centuries after Christ. It is also the site of a passage tomb dating from the late Stone Age.

Return to Drogheda, where the remainder of the day is completely at your leisure.

Overnight: D Hotel, Drogheda

DAY 11: RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

All too soon, your vacation in Ireland has come to an end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight, clear security and claim your VAT refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.



Kristen & Brian Bigley

Sláinte na bhfear agus go mara na mná go deo!

Good health to the men and may the women live forever!