

# Escorted Tours

C.I.E. Tours offers a wide variety of escorted tours of Ireland. They vary from 6 to 21 days priced accordingly. Best described as “a cruise without the water” they offer accommodations from basic hotel style, premium first class to Luxurious Castle stays. In most cases breakfast is included each morning, with some dinners and admission to most scheduled attractions. Self-drive itineraries with bed & breakfast vouchers are also a consideration for those who prefer to wind their own way..

**“Ireland is the greatest place to visit in the world. There is no language barrier, everyone wants to chat and offer advice, the food is great ( many European Chefs come to Ireland to train ) historical sites abound all across the land, it’s where your ancestors were from, - and there are over 5,000 more reasons to visit - so what if we drive on the left ?**

## So you want to visit Ireland

### Sample 6 day Irish Tour

Plan ahead to arrive in Dublin Airport, with final departure from Shannon. The overnight flight from most U.S. departure airports will arrive in Dublin the following morning. Ireland is 5 hours ahead of the U.S. therefore your arrival will seem like the middle of the night . Rent a Car - we Irish drive on left, if your not used to it, we recommend you figure on insurance.

**Day 1.** A short 40-50 minute drive north will bring you to the Boyne Valley. Look for signs for Bru na Boinne. Visit the Irish version of the “Valley of the Kings” 6,000 year old tombs with Newgrange “the cathedral of the Megalithics. Also in this area you will find the Hill of Tara - Ireland’s ancient seat of the High Kings, and Slane Castle and abbey where St. Patrick lit the Pascal Fire and used a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.

**Day 2..** Drive to Clonmacnoise via Athlone, in the midlands to the site of St.Kieran’s 6 Century Monastic settlement. Clonmacnoise has a fantastic interpretive center which will teach you so much about early Christian Ireland and you will be able to view two of Ireland’s most famous Celtic Crosses- The Cross of the Scriptures and the Southern cross.

**Day 3..** Follow the road across the Shannon to Portumna and N.W. towards Loughrea and Galway. About 20 miles north of Galway you will find the Village of Cong - where the **Quiet Man** was filmed in 1951. Although much time has passed you will find little has changed, and you will recognize many of the scenes from the movie.

**Day 4..** Visit the City of Galway, the Spanish Arch and the village of Claddagh - Home of the famous Claddagh Ring. Shopping is abundant and the Pubs are great, well worth staying for the day and night.

**Day 5..** Head south for the Burren of Co.Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, the Ailwee Caves and Poulnabrone (another 5,000 old tomb) and don't miss Doolin - Ireland's Seisun capital) Seisun is an Irish term for a gathering of local musicians as the wile away the hours with traditional music and a smattering of Pints. Lisdoonvarna is also worth a visit.

**Day 6..** Visit Bunratty Castle and Folkpark. See how the native Irish lived and survived hundreds of years ago and don't miss a visit to Durty Nelly's Pub and the evening Medieval Banquet at the Castle the night before departure. Don't worry you are only 10 miles from Shannon Airport. In the morning you will have lots of time to prepare for the homeward journey and even get in some last minute shopping at the World's most Famous Duty Free Shops at Shannon.