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A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

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The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Your newest travel tale reveals the enduring allure of the magical Emerald Isle! Experience the best of Ireland's heritage and natural history while staying in Ennis, Killarney, Mallow and Dublin.

Inspiring Moments

- Marvel at the stunning, cliff-lined coastal scenery of the Loop Head and Dingle Peninsulas.
- Witness the Wild Atlantic Way's sensational beauty at The Burren and Cliffs of Moher, a UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Watch border collies expertly maneuver a flock in the **Ring of Kerry.**
- Experience classic Irish culture on the unspoiled Aran Islands.
- Savor farm-fresh dishes at a special dinner on a country estate.
- Delight in cosmopolitan
 Dublin.
- Celebrate Ireland's creative spirit, from heartfelt music and dance to renowned literature and storytelling.



Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

Alive with culture and folklore, Ireland has stolen the heart of many a traveler. It is a romantic country with majestic castles, verdant countryside and a history rooted in fascinating Celtic legends. You, too, will be enamored during our 10-night journey through southern Ireland's most captivating destinations!

Listen to pounding waves at the Cliffs of Moher, admire the Burren's stark, striking beauty and marvel at timeworn ruins. Delight in Irish food at its finest, and surround yourself with Dublin's medley of centuries-old architecture and fashionable boutiques. From bucolic villages to spirited cities, we invite you to discover the magic of the legendary Emerald Isle.

This expertly planned itinerary is distinguished by its unique educational component. As you travel, expert lecturers and guides share valuable insights and historical context to help you fully appreciate your excursions. Plus, your capable, professional Travel Director handles all the logistical details, allowing you to savor this exciting time in Ireland. Space on this ever-popular journey fills quickly, so make plans today to join us in enchanting Ireland!

Sincerely,

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Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland.

Day 2 | Shannon, Ireland | Ennis

Upon arrival, transfer**Э** to Ennis and check in to the Old Ground Hotel.

Enrichment and Discovery: Ennis Tour.

Delve into the history of County Clare's capital city on a guided walk. Hear about the area's folklore and the connections between Ennis and some of Ireland's most influential political figures.

Tonight, get acquainted with your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner in the hotel.

Enrichment: Irish Music and Dance.

Tap your foot to the lively beat of a traditional céilí band, accompanied by local dancers, during an exclusive performance after dinner.

Day 3 | The Burren | Cliffs of Moher

Enrichment: *Irish Seanchaí.* National treasure Eddie Lenihan carries on the revered tradition of the seanchaí, the Irish storyteller. Listen to Celtic lore and folk stories as only Eddie can tell them.

Discovery: *The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher.* The Wild Atlantic Way along Ireland's western coast dazzles the eye with panoramic vistas of cliffs, sea caves, inlets, the Aran Islands and Galway Bay. In The Burren, discover one of the world's most unique landscapes, featuring a rocky plateau of karstic limestone formations and diverse plants. Enjoy an audiovisual presentation at the Burren Center, followed by a walk through The Burren with local expert Tony Kirby, who will



Traditional Irish dancers

offer fascinating geological, archaeological and botanical insights. After lunch in a family-run pub, continue to the iconic portal tomb, Poulnabrone, a stark limestone monument built between 2500–2000 B.C. Later, drive along the scenic coast to admire the majestic Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 4 | Aran Islands

Discovery: Aran Island of Inishmore

(Inis Mór). Take a ferry this morning and sail across Galway Bay to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. Like The Burren, the island's striking landscape is defined by karst limestone. While exploring on a minibus, listen as your local guide



shares stories about the island's past and life today. People have lived here since roughly 3000 B.C., and Stone Age monuments and Bronze Age stone forts can still be seen, including Dún Aonghasa, the most famous of these fort ruins, which you will visit. Conclude your time on the island with lunch nearby, then ferry back to the mainland and return to Ennis.

Day 5 | Loop Head Peninsula

Discovery: *Loop Head Peninsula.* Gaze in awe at the spectacular, rugged cliffside scenery on either side of you as you head to the tip of this headland that juts out between the Atlantic Ocean and the Shannon Estuary. Relax over lunch before touring the Loop Head Lighthouse and the keeper's cottage. Hear the powerful crash of the waves, feel the ocean breezes and take in expansive views from this excellent vantage point.

Day 6 | Dingle Peninsula | Killarney

Discovery: *Dingle Peninsula.* Set off for Killarney via the picturesque Dingle Peninsula. Take a short ferry ride from Killimer to Tarbert, and enjoy the coastline views from the water. By coach, travel through the towns of Tralee and Dingle and revel in the natural beauty along Slea Head Drive, one of Europe's most captivating coastal roads. Stop for lunch along your route, then visit the Blasket Island Heritage Center, which honors the people who lived on these remote islands until the mid-1900s and their extraordinary literary legacy. Return to Dingle with free time to explore on your own. Check in to the Great Southern Killarney.

Day 7 | Killarney

Discovery: Killarney National Park by Carriage and Cruise. Situated on the Ring of Kerry, Killarney National Park is an oasis of oak woodlands and shimmering lakes at the foot of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks mountain range. It's Ireland's first national park, encompassing more than 25,000 acres and a part of the Kerry UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Ramble through the park on a leisurely ride in a traditional horse-drawn carriage called a jaunting car. Your jarvey, or driver, will reveal the local lore and history on your way to the 15th-century Ross Castle. Later, board a cruiser and glide across the serene waters of the Killarney Lakes. Learn about the park's unique wildlife and historical sites from the captain.

Free Time: Spend time in Killarney at leisure.

Below: Abandoned cottages along Slea Head Drive







Enrichment: *Irish Whiskey.* This evening at the hotel, appreciate the complexity of Irish whiskey during a tasting led by a local expert.

Day 8 | Ring of Kerry

Discovery: *Ring of Kerry.* Located on the Iveragh Peninsula, the circular drive of the Ring of Kerry is among the most beautiful coastal drives in the world. View a pastoral region of Ireland seemingly untouched by time. Watch border collies bound through the fields and maneuver a flock of sheep during a demonstration. Meet the local shepherd and ask questions about the dogs, farm life and the flock, which includes rare breeds from around the world. Break for lunch in Waterville before driving through the villages of Caherdaniel and Sneem to one of the best spots to view the pristine Killarney Lakes.

Day 9 | Mallow

This morning, venture further inland to Mallow in County Cork. Check in to Longueville House, a family-owned Georgian country house set within a lovely 500-acre estate.



Top: Coastal drive | Left: Local shepherd | Above: Dalkey Village

AHI Connects: Field to Fork Dining.

Meet the owners of this family-run hotel, who will share how they revitalized the farm, gardens and orchard to achieve their field to fork vision. Then savor a very special dining experience, prepared by the chef-owner of Longueville, that showcases the estate's freshly picked produce.

Day 10 | Dublin

Depart for Dublin after breakfast this morning. Upon arrival, join your Travel Director for an informal walk through the neighborhood around your hotel on bustling, colorful Grafton Street. Check in to The Westbury.

Free Time: The afternoon is yours to plan! Rich with cafés, art galleries, museums, parks, gardens and cobblestone streets, Dublin offers something for everyone. For a taste of local life, sip a pint of Guinness at a pub and enjoy the *craic*, Irish for "a good time."

Enrichment: *Irish Literature.* Ireland boasts four Nobel Prize winners in Literature, and Dublin is a UNESCO City of Literature. Learn about the key figures who shaped Dublin's literary heritage.

Day 11 | Dalkey Village | Dublin

Discovery: *Dalkey Heritage Town.* Journey along the curve of Dublin Bay, a UNESCO





Biosphere Reserve, past sweeping vistas of the Irish Sea and pretty coastal towns to charming Dalkey Village. Steeped in ancient history, the village prospered in the Middle Ages as Dublin's main port with ships anchoring in Dalkey Sound's deep waters. Today, it's beloved for its vibrant culture, food scene and seaside walks. Stroll with your guide through the heart of town, which features a 10th-century church and two 14th-century Norman castles.

Free Time: Set your own agenda when you return to Dublin. Many top attractions are within easy walking distance of your hotel, including St. Stephens Green and Trinity College, which houses the hand-illuminated Book of Kells.

At tonight's Farewell Reception and Dinner, pay tribute to your fellow travelers and your time together by proclaiming *Sláinte*, the traditional Irish toast for health.



Shopping in Dublin

Day 12 | **In Transit**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. **Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Flights and Otransfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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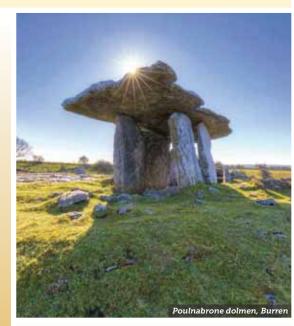
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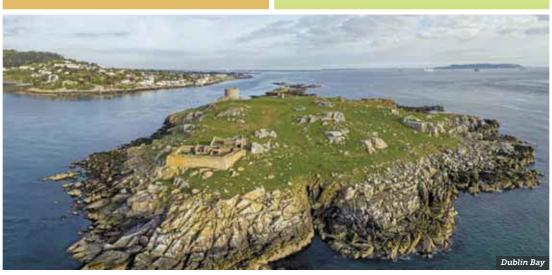
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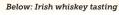
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