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CANADA - REYKJAVIK - GULLFOSS - GEYSIR - THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK
REYKJAVIK - DUBLIN - BLARNEY CASTLE - KILLARNEY - RING OF KERRY - CLIFFS OF MOHER
LIMERICK - GALWAY - DUBLIN - CANADA

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Sep, 2019
Departure date

CAD \$3895

Per person on a twin sharing basis

CAD \$1149

Single person Supplement

TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation at listed hotels or similar
- Arrival breakfast at Viking World
- Daily breakfast
- Half day Reykjavik City Sightseeing
- Full day excursion to Golden Circle Tour
- O1 Dinner in Reykjavik
- Jaunting Car ride
- Ferry across River Shannon
- Services of English speaking guides
- Ferry ride across the river Shannon
- Excursions in guided coach
- Non-guided arrival and departure transfers (note: guided transfer on the arrival in Reykjavik)
- Transportation and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking guides
- International round trip airline on Icelandair
- Air taxes and fuel surcharges

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TOUR LODGING INFO: 09 Nights' Accommodation + 01 Night onboard flight

Accommodation will be provided on a twin sharing basis in hotel listed below or similar

Hotel	Location	Nights
Hotel Reykjavik Lights or similar	Reykjavik	4 Nights
White Sands Hotel/North Star	Dublin	1 Nights
Gleneagles/Hotel Killarney	Killarney	2 Nights
George Hotel	Limerick	1 Nights
Grand Hotel Malahide/Gresham Hotel	Dublin	1 Nights

TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 01: 30 SEP TORONTO - REYKJAVIK

Find your own way to your chosen International Airport and board your overnight flight to Reykjavik. Overnight on-board flight (food for purchase).

DAY 02: 01 OCT REYKJAVIK (ARRIVAL) (B/-/-)

Welcome to Iceland! Upon arrival at Keflavik International Airport you will be met by your private driver and guide. We will start with a hearty Scandinavian breakfast at the Viking World café while we wait for the Blue Lagoon to open. There is no better way to start your Icelandic adventure than by bathing in the famous Blue Lagoon, (Optional CAD 140/pp – 2 hours) learn more about the volcanic eruption that created the surrounding landscape nearly 800 years ago and how the lagoon was formed and the wonders of geothermal seawater. Drive to the capital, Reykjavik to check in to your hotel. Please note that check in starts at 2pm.

Overnight in Reykjavik

Optional: Horseback Riding - Lave Tour (Min. 2 pax) CAD 175 per person (1.5 – 2 hours riding)

Get to know the Icelandic horse and its characteristic tolt gait, while riding through the lava fields around Mt. Helgafell or Lake Hvaleyjarvatn. Suitable for beginners as well as more experienced riders. This tour offers an adventurous ride through the lava fields around Mt. Helgafell or Lake Hvaleyjarvatn. The Icelandic Horse is unique to the country of Iceland, bred since the settlement in isolation from the outside world. Enjoy its smooth riding qualities, namely the tolt gait. Ride through rough lava fields and look at different rock formations, maybe you will be able to spot a troll or two. The beautiful Blafjoll mountains tower above on the horizon.

This tour includes: Non-guided coach transfer to & from the stables, guided riding tour, riding helmets, rubber boots, rainwear or warm outfit (depending on the season) during the ride.

Please note that you cannot take any backpacks or bags with you on the ride, but there are safety boxes at the stables where you can store your valuables. Pickup takes place approx. 60 minutes before the tour starts. Drop off after day tours may sometimes not be right in front of your hotel/guesthouse due to narrow streets and actual coach size used during the tour.

DAY 03: 02 OCT REYKJAVIK (B/-/-)

Today you'll be picked up at your hotel and taken on a comprehensive introduction to Reykjavik's past and present. During this tour, you will experience Reykjavik's main attractions on foot and by bus. The tour takes in all the key landmarks, such as The Pearl, Hallgrímskirkja church, the harbor and the famous 101 Reykjavik neighborhood. Reykjavik's unique proximity to nature - with the Salmon River Ellidaa, a thermal beach at Nautholsvík, green valleys and outdoor swimming pools - makes a city tour unforgettable. The afternoon is open to your inspiration- we suggest a visit to one of the many museums or art galleries around the city. For instance, The National Museum of Iceland, Reykjavik Art Museum and the Settlement Exhibition.

Optional Tour: Northern Lights - CAD 110 per person (Min 6 people) (Subject to weather)

This evening you will join a mysterious tour, looking for the Aurora Borealis, on a dark winter night in Iceland. Far from the glow of the city, we hunt for the elusive Northern Lights. The Northern Lights are a natural phenomenon and beyond our control. They are visible in Iceland from September through April but visibility is subject to Northern Lights activity and cloud coverage. We cannot guarantee sightings even if the tour is operated.

Duration: 3 hours

Overnight in Reykjavik

DAY 04: 03 OCT GULLFOSS - GEYSIR - THINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK (B/-/-)

Today you will explore The Golden Circle. The Golden Circle refers to the 'Big Three' - Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir hot springs and Thingvellir National Park. Begin the journey with a drive inland to Thingvellir National Park and experience one of the most outstanding landscapes in the country. The area is surrounded by mountains and encompasses a vast lava plain of green moss and wild flowers. In 2004, the site of Thingvellir was inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Continue to Gullfoss, the 'Golden Waterfall', the most famous of the country's many waterfalls. Here the river Hvita drops 96 feet (30 meters) in two falls, creating an awesome spectacle. Next is the Geysir geothermal area, with many bubbling hot springs and spouting geysers. Return to Reykjavik and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Overnight in Reykjavik

DAY 05: 04 OCT REYKJAVIK - VÍK - REYKJAVIK (B/-/D)

After breakfast at your hotel, we travel along the south shore. Pass numerous glacial rivers en route to Skogafoss waterfall. A famous folk museum is nearby, showcasing the buildings and daily life of Icelanders in the past centuries. Continue on to the black sands of Reynisfjara beach. Here you can witness the powerful waves and amazing basalt columns features carved by the power of the sea. In the evening enjoy a dinner with the group at a local restaurant in Reykjavik.

Overnight in Reykjavik.

DAY 06: 05 OCT REYKJAVIK - DUBLIN (ARRIVAL) (B/-/-)

Early morning transfer to the airport (without guide) to board your flight to Dublin.

On arrival at Dublin International Airport transfer to the hotel (no guide). Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Note: guaranteed check in time: 15:00

Overnight in Dublin

DAY 07: 06 OCT DUBLIN - BLARNEY CASTLE - KILLARNEY (B/-/-)

This morning you will meet your English-speaking driver/guide and depart Ireland's capital headed to County Kerry. En-route stop in the town of Blarney, home to the famous Blarney Castle. Dating from 1446, the castle is a tower house built on solid limestone within wonderful grounds. At the top of the Tower you will find the legendary Stone of Eloquence; kiss it and you'll never again be lost for words. Enjoy some time for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills. The presence of the Woollen Mills during the famine shielded Blarney from the worst effects of the famine, due to its employment of local workers. In 1976 Chris Kelleher, himself a mill worker, bought the old mill property. Within a short period of time Chris & his family transformed the mill into what is perhaps the largest quality craft shop in Ireland. Continue on to Killarney in County Kerry in the southwest of Ireland.

Overnight in Kerry or area.

DAY 08: 07 OCT RING OF KERRY (B/-/-)

Today enjoy a tour of the Ring of Kerry

The Ring of Kerry (166km) is the most famous and panoramic route in Ireland. The astonishing beauty of this large peninsula, Iveragh, comes

from the great diversity of its scenery, which offers incessant contrasts. En route around the Ring, take in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean as one travels along the coast road. Leaving Killarney pass through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Continuing to Cahirciveen, you'll pass the birthplace of our National hero, Daniel O'Connell. Next, continue on through peat bogs to the town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous for its brightly coloured houses. The road then continues through the mountains to Molls Gap and Ladies View with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. Molls' Gap is a spectacular photographic viewing point on the famous Ring of Kerry Tour. The visitor is presented with a magnificent view of Black Valley. Close by is the famous Ladies View viewing point with gives a different perspective of this magnificent countryside, with the 3 Lakes of Killarney all surrounded by the Kerry Mountains. Ladies View received its name from Queen Victoria, who was so impressed with the view that she insisted that her ladies-in-waiting should also visit here.

This afternoon enjoy a **Jaunting Car Experience in Killarney National Park**

Killarney National Park became Ireland's first National Park in 1932 when the Muckross Estate was presented to the Nation by Senator Arthur Vincent the owner of Muckross house. Situated in South-west Ireland, close to the most westerly point in Europe, the National Park covers over 10,000 hectares of mountain, moorland, woodland, waterways, parks and gardens. A major geological boundary occurs within the Park, and this, in combination with the climatic influence of the Gulf Stream and the wide range of altitudes in the Park, gives rise to an unusual and varied ecology. Step aboard a jaunting car and discover areas of the National Park that you might not otherwise visit. Relax aboard a jaunting car as your Jarvey (driver) takes you through the magnificent scenery of Killarney National Park.

Overnight in Kerry or area.

DAY 09: 08 OCT KILLARNEY - CLIFFS OF MOHER - LIMERICK (B/-/-)

This morning depart Kerry for Limerick.

Take the Shannon Car Ferry to cross the Shannon River.

En-route visit the Cliffs of Moher

Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and bordering the Burren region, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Standing 230 metres above the ground at their highest point and 8km long, the Cliffs boast one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay as well as the valleys and hills of Connemara. The cliffs reach their highest point just north of O' Brien's Tower built by Cornelius O' Brien, a descendant of Brian Boru, to entertain his lady friends. A visit of the tower is also possible. The sweeping view across the Atlantic has recently been ranked the best 'cliff-view' on the planet by Conde Nast Traveler. The respected travel

publication has voted the world-famous landmark at the top of a new chart of 'Nine Gorgeous Cliff Views That Rival the Grand Canyon'. Atlantic Edge is the exciting new interpretive centre at the Cliffs of Moher and is built into the natural landscape. The centre is a huge domed cave that contains images, exhibits, displays & experiences exploring different elements of the mighty Cliffs of Moher: Ocean, Rock, Nature and Man.

Travel through the Burren Region

The Burren landscape covers over 150 square kilometres and is one of Ireland's 6 National Parks. The region is visually similar to a moonscape, yet shelters a mixture of flora and archaeological sites which have attracted visitors for centuries. Man came here over 6000 years ago, cleared the forests and set in motion soil erosion. Centuries of weathering has produced a terrain of fissured limestone pavements, disappearing lakes, terraced mountains, and underground cave systems. For millennia man has left his mark, megalithic tombs and cooking sites litter the pavements, while medieval tower houses and churches guard the valleys. Today man is absent from most of the upland, leaving behind ancient field systems, route ways and place names. Today's visitors to the Burren will find Arctic, Alpine and Mediterranean plants growing together.

Continue to Limerick (or area) and on arrival check into your hotel.

Optional: Medieval Banquet at Bunratty Castle (or similar) CAD 115 per person

Note: transfer from Bunratty Castel back to the hotel is not included. Bunratty Castle, built in the 15th century by the Earl of Thomond, stands on the banks of the Raite River in County Clare. The Earl was known for his generosity and his lavish banquets. The entertainment today is provided by the superb Bunratty Singers & is a compliment to the lively mead reception, a four-course meal & of course good wine. Guests are invited to enjoy an unforgettable evening & take a true step back in time to Medieval Ireland.

DAY 10: 09 OCT LIMERICK - GALWAY - DUBLIN (B/-/-)

After a full Irish breakfast this morning visit Galway City with its narrow streets, old stone and wooden shop fronts, good restaurants and busy pubs. The city has attracted a bohemian crowd of musicians and artists, which add so much to the character of the city. Enjoy some free time in the city for some personal sightseeing or shopping. Continue to Dublin. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Dublin

DAY 11: 10 OCT DUBLIN - TORONTO (DEPARTURE) (B/-/-)

After a full Irish breakfast this morning you can transfer to Dublin Airport for departure flight home (no guide on the departure transfer).

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