

FAWCO Conference

Post Tour to Cork & Kerry – Sunday 25th March 2012

Day 1 – Guests will be transferred from Dublin to start their tour in County Cork, known as the 'Rebel County'!

Transfer time by coach is approximately 3 hours from Dublin.



En route from Dublin, guests will visit the famous Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle.



It's huge, it's complex, it's iconic, there is nothing like it anywhere else in the world and it's right here in Cashel at the heart of Tipperary. The Rock of Cashel (Carraig Phádraig), more formally St. Patrick's Rock, it is also known as Cashel of the Kings. Reputedly the site of the conversion of Aenghus the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century AD.

After enjoying some time at this iconic site, guests will continue on with their journey to Blarney Castle and later to Cork.



While walking the grounds, guests can see a druidic circle made of stones, explore the witches stove, or enter Blarney's dungeon!

Blarney Castle is one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles, an ancient stronghold of the McCarthy's, Lords of Muskerry, and one of the strongest fortresses in Munster. While visiting Blarney Castle guests may want to kiss the World Famous Blarney Stone and get the gift of gab or, as an 18th century French consul put it, "gain the privilege of telling lies for seven years".

The castle itself is a tower house and was built around 1446 on a solid limestone mound.

After this visit guests will continue on to the Blarney Woolen Mills where they may have lunch.

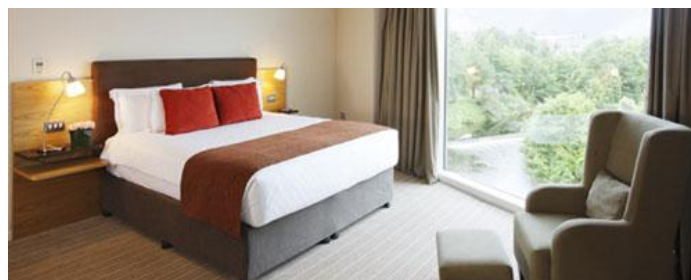
There will be time after lunch to shop in the Blarney Woolen Mills, which sell Irish Gifts including Waterford Crystal, Belleek China, Lladro, Aran Sweaters, Irish Crystal, Irish Linen, Irish Jewelry, Celtic Gifts and Royal Tara.

Upon arrival into Cork City, guests will check into the River Lee Hotel (4*).



The River Lee Hotel is a superb four-star luxury hotel in Cork with a range of facilities and amenities that are second to none.

And with its beautiful setting on the banks of Cork's River Lee, this luxury Cork hotel is the perfect base from which to explore all the delights which this great city has to offer, from its great music pubs to its bustling markets, and from its fascinating museums to its historic monuments.



Day 2 - Breakfast is served in the hotel before guests start the morning on an unusual trail – The Cork Food Trail. This trail is a relaxed but highly-focused walking tour with an engaging and experienced guide, that appeals to a broad range of people from enthusiastic foodies or to those who are just interested in seeing and tasting the best of Cork.

The trail brings people to places that are off the usual food route and the tastings are generous and frequent. Guests will visit different markets, cheesemongers, fishmongers, butchers, bakers and more and meet the people who produce some of the best food in the in Ireland. As you stroll, we point out the interesting architecture along the way and give a little of the history of the city.

Its then off to the sea side town of Cobh in County Cork where guests will enjoy a guided walking tour of the Titanic Trail.

Transfer time is approximately 40 minutes, 29km.



The Titanic Trail guided walking tour

We'll walk through the streets and environs of Cobh, revealing locations and incidents directly connected to the Titanic and many other aspects Cork Harbour history and Irish heritage.

Highlights include:

- Original buildings, streets and piers associated with Titanic
- The actual pier where Titanic passengers departed from
- St. Colmans Cathedral
- The Lusitania Peace Memorial
- The Titanic Monument
- Emigrant, military and maritime history
- The story of Spike Island & The Famine
- Convict Transportation

If still a little peckish, The Quays Bar and Restaurant is a good place to stop for some nibbles with its spectacular views of Cobh Harbour and relaxing atmosphere.



Day 3 – Breakfast is in the hotel before check out formalities and transfer by coach to the Kingdom of Kerry and magnificent Killarney.

En route, guests will enjoy a lunch stop in Kenmare.

Accommodation will be arranged at the Malton Hotel 4* which is located right in the heart of the town.



Day 4 – After breakfast it's off by coach to Kate Kearney's Cottage, where local "jarveys", their horses and their jaunting cars greet guests. This is the mode of transport for the next seven miles through the hauntingly beautiful Gap of Dunloe.



Lunch is a BBQ served at Lord Brandon's Cottage. This is followed by a boat trip across the three Lakes of Killarney and the day ends at an Irish castle, where guests are transferred back to the hotel.



Day 5 – Guests are transferred back to Dublin.

Cost per person sharing	€655.00
Single supplement	€60.00

Costs include:

- ✓ Accommodation including Breakfast at The River Lee Hotel & The Malton Hotel (4 nights).
- ✓ Coach
- ✓ Guide
- ✓ Entrance fee to The Rock of Cashel
- ✓ Entrance Fee to Blarney Castle
- ✓ Cork Food Trail
- ✓ Titanic Trail
- ✓ Gap of Dunloe
- ✓ BBQ lunch at Lord Brandon's Cottage
- ✓ Gratuities for your tour guide and driver

Tour fare does not include:

Meals other than those listed above; beverages; items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, phone bills, and all other items and/or services not specifically listed in the itinerary.