



O'CONNOR COACH TOURS

Tours of Scotland
Tours of Wales/South of England
Tours of Ireland
Day Tours of Ireland

2013



WELCOME

O'Connor Bus Hire is a family run business based in Kilbrittain near Bandon in West Cork. We are delighted to welcome you to our new 2013 brochure. It is with great pleasure that we invite you once again to consider travelling with us in 2013.

Our attention to detail and high quality service has allowed us to grow in strength and size over the years preserving the personal touch which is essential with our family run business. This year we are delighted to offer you a larger and more varied selection of tour options than we have done before. Our coach drivers, tour guides and office staff will share with you a wealth of knowledge in the field of planning and operating tours throughout Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK.

Our team pays particular attention to detail and ensures that every tour is carefully researched, and offers value for money, while choosing comfortable hotels, good food, and includes admission to all attractions.

Our repeat business over the years is a testament to the personal, approachable and yet professional service we offer. We hope you will find a tour to suit your individual taste and interest in our new and extended range of trips this year.

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Tour Operators Licence No. T.O.259

International Road Passenger Transport Operators Licence - Licence No. 2671

This offers you security and peace of mind when booking your holidays with O'Connor Bus Hire.



Cormac O'Connor, transport manager and founder of the very successful O'Connor Bus Hire Ltd., which provides fully packaged holidays at home and abroad.



Our coaches are Fáilte Ireland approved and have a 5 star rating



We are members of FTA Ireland and comply with the standards required to ensure the safe and sustainable operation of a road passenger transport business.



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GIFT VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

YOUR TOURING COACH

We pride ourselves in maintaining a modern, spacious and luxurious fleet of 2010/2011 Volvo coaches. O'Connor Coaches have successfully reached the required standards set out by Failte Ireland and have been awarded membership to the Failte Ireland Quality & Standards framework coach operator accreditation scheme for 2013. These coaches have been awarded five star approvals and feature the following extras:

- Three point seat belts
- Fridge
- Climate Control Air Conditioning
- TV & DVD with road monitors giving passengers at rear of coach full view of road ahead
- Toilet & wash room
- Lowering front step facility
- Reclining seats

Spacious Legroom:

Coach seating have been reduced from 51 to 49 seats in order to provide extra legroom between seats and make it more comfortable for the passengers, especially on longer trips.

Coach Seating:

Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis (excluding the first two pairs on either side - 8 persons - e.g. disability, bad traveller). We will allocate a seat number when you pay your deposit and you will receive a coach ticket which will display your seat number of which we will have a copy. This will be your seat for the entire tour. Therefore it is important to book early if you require a seat towards the front of the coach. These seating arrangements apply to our package tours only, not day trips. We will not allocate seats on a day trip.

When a club books one of these package tours, and fills a coach themselves e.g. if Kilbrittain young at heart group have 49 people going to Wales, then they will fill the coach on their own. We are not responsible for allocating seats on that tour, it is the responsibility of the leader of your group. And if people on that trip require front seats, that has to be arranged with again the group leader. We will give the coach tickets to the people in charge of the group, and they in turn will give a coach ticket to each person travelling on the tour.

NB: GUIDE SEAT IS FOR CREW MEMBERS ONLY. THE GUIDE'S SEAT IS NOT A LICENCED SEAT

TOUR PICK UP POINTS

All our tour pick up points begin at the Celtic Ross Hotel in Rosscarbery, and travel through the following towns where a pick up point has been allocated:

Clonakilty, Bandon, Innishannon, Cork City, Fermoy, Mitchelstown. Further pick up points available.

For groups of 15 or more we will try to facilitate to pick you up in your home town or village, and transfer you to meet up with the main coach at a suitable point en route. We will arrange this with your group about one week prior to the departure date of your tour, or you may join the tour at the port of Larne or Rosslare.

BOOKINGS AND PAYMENTS

- A deposit of €150 per person or €300 per couple is required to book a seat on all tours.
- Full payment for UK tours is due 6 weeks before tour departure date.
- Full payment for Northern Ireland, Wexford/Wicklow, and West Cork tours are due 5 weeks before departure date.
- Please note that final payments for Scottish or Welsh tours are non-refundable if seats are cancelled less than 30 days before tour departure date.
- We advise all passengers intending to travel to take out holiday insurance in the event of illness during or prior to departure of tour.
- We advise all passengers travelling to bring some form of photo identification, preferably a passport in the event of anyone needing to take a flight home before the tour ends due to unforeseen circumstances.

HOTELS

We have carefully chosen a range of 3, 4, and 5 star hotels, either in city centre or scenic locations.

**Our Scottish tour is based at the
4* Hilton Hydro Hotel Dunblane**



**Our Northern Ireland tour is based at the luxurious
5* Culloden Estate & Spa in the leafy suburb of
Hollywood, Co. Down, and at the luxurious 4* Slieve
Donard Hotel & Spa, Newcastle, Co. Down.**

Culloden Estate & Spa



Slieve Donard Hotel



**Our Wales tour is based at the
3* Legacy Cardiff International Hotel**



**Our Wexford/Wicklow tour is based at the
4* Ferrycarrig Hotel**



**Our West Cork tour is based at the
3* Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery**



SEATING ARRANGEMENT

1	5	9	13	17	Washroom Toilet	Steps	27	31	35	39	43	47	
2	6	10	14	18		28	32	36	40	44	48		
	7	11	15	19	21	23	25	29	33	37	41	45	49
	8	12	16	20	22	24	26	30	34	38	42	46	50



UK Tours

TOUR DATES 2013

SCOTLAND TOURS

19/05/2013 to 24/05/2013
02/06/2013 to 07/06/2013
23/06/2013 to 28/06/2013
07/07/2013 to 12/07/2013
21/07/2013 to 26/07/2013
04/08/2013 to 09/08/2013
11/08/2013 to 16/08/2013

WALES TOURS

07/07/2013 to 12/07/2013
14/07/2013 to 19/07/2013
28/07/2013 to 02/08/2013
04/08/2013 to 09/08/2013
25/08/2013 to 30/08/2013
01/09/2013 to 06/09/2013
06/10/2013 to 11/10/2013



Scotland

SIX DAY TRIP



TOUR THE HEART OF SCOTLAND

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Full Irish Breakfast at Castle Arms Hotel
- Lunch at the Carrickdale Hotel
- Ferry Crossing to Scotland
- One Night Accomodation and Breakfast at The Horizon Hotel, Ayr
- Guided Cruise of Loch Lomond
- Lunch at Ardlui Hotel
- Four nights Accomodation and Breakfast and Four nights evening Meal at The Hilton Hotel Dunblane.
- Admission to Distillery at Glenturret, Crieff Visitor Centre, Caithness Glass Factory
- Admission to Stirling Castle
- Guided coach tour of Edinburgh city
- Tea/coffee stop at Downhill Farm shop on Day 6
- Return Ferry from Cairnryan, Scotland to Larne, Co. Antrim
- Three course evening meal at Carrickdale Hotel
- Luxury 5* Failte Ireland Approved Coach
- Onboard Blue Badge Tour Guide for complete tour

€750 per person sharing
€870 pp including single room supplement



"Unforgettable memories of your O'Connor Coach tour to Scotland"

Haste ye Back

ITINERARY - Tour to the Heart of Scotland

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

Travel to Scotland

Tour pick up points:

Rosscarbery, Clonakilty, Bandon, Innishannon, Cork City, Fermoy, Mitchelstown. Further pickup points available.

We travel via Durrow to start the holiday with a "Full Irish Breakfast" at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co Laois. With "comfort stops" along the way our coach will make one last stop at the Carrickdale Hotel, Co Louth to enjoy a light lunch and collect our regular "on-board" guide Barbara who will escort and guide us throughout the tour. We now travel on to Larne to catch the afternoon ferry (2 hours crossing time) from Larne to Cairnryan, Scotland. With free time on board you will have the opportunity to enjoy the on-board facilities.

From Cairnryan, we make the short journey for a one night stop in the family owned Horizon Hotel situated on the seafront in Ayr, Scotland where we will have high tea, bed and breakfast.

DAY 2 - MONDAY

Cruise Loch Lomond & Travel The Trossachs National Park

After breakfast we travel on through Glasgow over its famous Erskin Bridge to the beautiful little village of Luss, situated on the bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. After tea, coffee and scones at the Tarbert Hotel we enjoy a guided cruise of Loch Lomond and on to the Ardlui Hotel at the top of the Loch for a light lunch, enjoy the views and take some photographs.

After lunch, we travel the Trossachs National Park, once home to Scotland's notorious Rob Roy McGregor, to the beautiful Woollen Mills Centre at Callender. Here you will have free time to browse, shop and photograph Haemish - one of the famous Highland cattle breed.

Finish the day in the "Double Tree Hilton Dunblane Hydro Hotel & Leisure Complex set in the medieval town of Dunblane, 5 miles from Stirling City and home of the famous Scottish chef Nick Nairn Restaurant.

Set within 10 acres of private landscaped grounds, this impressive mansion built in the nineteenth century to facilitate ladies and gentlemen wishing to drink or bath in the medicinal values of the spring water of Dunblane, has today been rejuvenated into a luxury elegant hotel. This will be your bed in Central Scotland for the next 4 nights.

DAY 3 - TUESDAY

Stirling Castle & The Famous Grouse Distillery

Today we travel out to discover the history and folklore of Scotland. Our first visit is to Stirling Castle, perched some 250 ft above the town. In the shadow of the nearby historical William Wallace monument we enter the Castle for a guided tour.

A short journey through the Perthshire countryside to discover Scotland's oldest distillery at Glenturret - home of the Famous Grouse whiskey. After lunch at the rooftop restaurant we take a

guided tour of the distillery finishing with The Taste Experience!

After the whiskey experience we travel the short journey to the nearby Crieff Visitor Centre where we have free time to enjoy its shop, garden centre, gallery & antiques and story of the Highland Cattle Drovers Exhibition. Not to be missed here is the world famous Caithness Glass Factory where, from the viewing gallery, you can see glass making in progress.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

Beautiful Glencoe In The Highlands

Today we travel through the highlands of Scotland, its rugged mountains and glens giving us spectacular views and photo opportunities. From the little village of Tyndrum at the bottom we begin the climb over the Bridge of Orchy up through the beautiful mountains and glens of Glencoe - famous in history and song - "The Massacre of Glencoe".

Following tea, coffee & homemade scones and with the beautiful views of Loch Linnhe, we continue to travel along its shores to the town of Fort William - nestling at the foot of Ben Nevis mountain.

For beauty and scenery this will truly be the highlight of your visit to Scotland - a lasting memory!

DAY 5 - THURSDAY

Full Day In Edinburgh

We travel the 1.5 hour journey to Edinburgh, the Capital of Scotland, crossing over the historical Forth Road Bridge capturing the magnificent views across the Firth of Forth on our way to the city centre. Here a local Scottish Blue Badge guide will step on board our coach and take us on a one hour tour of the sights and scenery of the city.

After our city tour the rest of the day in Edinburgh will be free for you to enjoy Scotland's capital city.

Farewell Scottish Evening - Entertainment after dinner in the hotel.

DAY 6 - FRIDAY

Homeward Bound

Today we travel back to Cairnryan to catch our ferry. Approximately 1 hour from the Cairnryan Ferry we stop at the Dowhill Farm Shop and Restaurant for tea, coffee and homemade scones and a chance to purchase some of their home grown produce.

From Cairnryan, we sail back to Larne, Co Antrim and travel onwards to the Carrickdale Hotel, Co Louth (just outside Newry City) for our 3 course evening meal at 5.30 pm.

Here we say farewell to our guide Barbara and continue on route to the various allocated "set down" places along the way home.

"Unforgettable memories of your tour of Scotland"

Wales

SIX DAY TRIP



6 DAY TOUR OF ENGLAND (EDEN AND THE MOORS) & CARDIFF CITY

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- 1 night Bed and breakfast + 1 evening meal at The Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford.
- Return Ferry crossing Rosslare/Pembroke
- 2 nights Bed & Breakfast + 2 evening meals in Jurys Inn Plymouth, England
- 2 nights Bed & Breakfast + 2 evening meals in Cardiff International Hotel, Wales
- Admission & Guided Tour of Buckfast Abbey, The Eden Project, Dartmoor Prison Museum, & St. Fagans
- Guided Coach Tour of Cardiff City
- Luxury 5* Fiaite Ireland approved coach.

€660 per person sharing
€780pp including single room supplement



ENGLAND (EDEN AND THE MOORS) & CARDIFF CITY

SUNDAY

Tour pick up points:

Rosscarbery, Clonakilty, Bandon, Innishannon, Cork City, Middleton, Dungarvan. Further pickup points available.

We depart West Cork on Sunday afternoon for our overnight stay at the Ferrycarrig Hotel, just outside Wexford town, and enjoy an evening meal here.

MONDAY

After early breakfast we travel the short distance to Rosslare Ferry Port for a four hour crossing to Pembroke in Wales, arriving at 1pm approx. Out of Pembroke we pick up the M4 motorway and travel through South Wales crossing the Severn Bridge to join the M5 Motorway, heading south for Plymouth. We will stop off along the way for comfort stops, and enjoy our evening meal enroute to Plymouth, arriving at Jury's Inn in the city centre, where our tour is based for the next two nights.

TUESDAY

After breakfast we head off to enjoy a visit to Buckfast Abbey, which was founded nearly a thousand years ago, and stood for five hundred years before it was closed by King Henry V111. Today the church is central to the life of the monastery as well as being the focus of the monks daily life. It is also the parish church to the local catholic community. After completing a tour of the Abbey and some free time, we make our way to the Eden Project, described as the 8th Wonder of the World. It has been shortlisted for the best UK Leisure attraction in the British travel awards 2012. So what is Eden? First and foremost it's a garden; the most incredible amazing garden you'll ever visit. Find out how we turned a clay pit into a horticultural heaven! From Eden it's back to Plymouth for our evening meal and overnight accommodation in Jury's Inn.

WEDNESDAY

After breakfast we depart our hotel in Plymouth, and take a scenic route through Dartmoor and Exmoor, the longest and wildest open country in the South of England, taking in a stop at the famous Dartmoor Prison Museum. We continue our journey through the famous Dartmoor National Park, as we make our way towards Moretonhampstead. We eventually join the M5 motorway, and make our way across the Severn Bridge,



arriving at Cardiff International Hotel, where we will be based for the next two nights. After evening meal we will enjoy music and song.

THURSDAY

After breakfast we visit St. Fagans National History Museum in Cardiff. Explore how people in Wales have lived, worked and spent their leisure time. St Fagans is Wales most visited heritage attraction. After St Fagans we make our way into Cardiff city for a city tour, where a local guide will come on-board for a one hour tour of the city. After this tour, we will have some free time for shopping. Afterwards, we will make our way back the short distance to the International Hotel for evening meal and a farewell musical evening.

FRIDAY

This morning we depart our hotel after breakfast and make our way to our departure point, Pembroke.

We will stop off along the way at The Forge Restaurant for tea/coffee and homemade scones and then continue the remainder of our journey to Pembroke dock for the 2.30pm sailing to Rosslare. On returning to home soil, we stop off at the Ferrycarrig Hotel Wexford for our evening meal before travelling on homewards.





Ireland Tours

TOUR DATES 2013

NORTHERN IRELAND TOURS

19/08/2013 to 23/08/2013
09/09/2013 to 13/09/2013

WEST CORK TOURS

21/04/2013 to 25/04/2013
12/05/2013 to 16/05/2013
16/06/2013 to 20/06/2013
30/06/2013 to 04/07/2013
15/09/2013 to 19/09/2013

WEXFORD/WICKLOW TOURS

28/05/2013 to 31/05/2013
18/06/2013 to 21/06/2013
23/07/2013 to 26/07/2013
13/08/2013 to 16/08/2013



Northern Ireland

FIVE DAY 5* TRIP



LUXURY TOUR

5 DAY TOUR STAYING IN THE HASTINGS GROUP HOTELS & VISITING MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS OF NORTHERN IRELAND

This is a five day all inclusive package tour of Belfast, Carrickfergus, Carrick-a-Rede, Bushmills Distillery, the Giant's Causeway, the Titanic Exhibition, Mount Stewart House and Gardens and the Mountains of Mourne.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury 2011 Approved Failte Ireland Coach
- On-Board Accredited Guide for the Complete Tour
- 2 Nights Accomodation & Evening Meal in 5* Colloden Estate & Spa
- 2 Nights Accomodation & Evening Meal in 4* Slieve Donard Resort & Spa
- Full Irish breakfast in the Castle Arms Hotel Dурrow on the way to the North, and 3 Course Evening Meal on the way Home
- Strangford Lough Ferry Crossing
- Guided Tour of Mount Stewart House & Gardens
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- Admission to Bushmills Distillery
- Entry to the Giants Causeway
- Admission to the New Titanic Exhibition Centre
- Tea/Coffee & homemade Scones on Days 2 + 5

€690 per person sharing
€810pp including single room supplement



ITINERARY - Major Tourist Attractions of Northern Ireland

DAY 1 - MONDAY

Tour pick up points:

Rosscarbery, Clonakilty, Bandon, Innishannon, Cork City, Fermoy, Mitchelstown. Further pickup points available.

Finding Luxury!

As we travel North our first stop will be at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co Laois for full Irish Breakfast. We journey further North with a “comfort stop” along the way and a stop to pick up Barbara our Blue Badge Guide, who will be our onboard guide for the entire tour.

With Barbara onboard we travel to Belfast to tour the city taking in the murals on the Falls and Shankill, Stormont and much more.....

Leaving the City Centre behind we travel out to the nearby leafy suburbs of Holywood, Co Down where the luxurious 5* Colloden Estate & Spa, set in 12 acres of secluded gardens, is the jewel in the crown of County Down – built for a Bishop fit for a King! This oasis of luxury will be yours to enjoy for the next two nights.

DAY 2 - TUESDAY

Antrim Coast

Leaving Belfast behind we take the route north to the Antrim Coast to discover the Coast and Glens. Our coastal route will take us firstly to Carrickfergus where the castle ruins stand perched on the rocks reminding us of its 800 years of history.

From here we move north through Larne along the coast and into the famous Glens of Antrim with photostops along the way. We follow this coastal route through Ballycastle and on to stop at the famous Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. Here we enjoy the challenge of walking this bridge!

Having crossed the rope bridge its now time to celebrate as we make our way to tour the oldest distillery in Ireland - Bushmills! Free time here before and after distillery tour for refreshments and souvenir shopping.

We pick up the scenic coastal route to the world famous UNESCO heritage site Giant’s Causeway. A visit also to the NEW 2012 on sight Interpretative Centre will highlight the folklore and geology of this wonder of the world!, Here you will have adequate time to visit the “stones”, walk the trail or browse through the NEW Interpretative Centre.

Having enjoyed the panoramic scenes of the Antrim Coast we return again to the splendour of the Colloden 5* Estate & Spa to enjoy its luxurious facilities and relax over dinner.

DAY 3 - WEDNESDAY

Titanic - Made in Belfast

Today we travel into Belfast to discover the history of the world famous cruise ship Titanic built in Belfast in 1912. A tour of the NEW Titanic Exhibition Centre will unearth the story behind



the design and build of this amazing luxury liner only to be lost on its maiden voyage! Inside the Centre there is also a souvenir shop and cafes which you will have free time to enjoy.

No trip to Belfast would be complete without “shopping” and your coach will drop you off in the city centre with free time to discover Belfast.

Its off out of Belfast and over to the coastal town of Newcastle, County Down to discover the sister hotel of Colloden – The 4* Slieve Donard Resort and Spa.

The Slieve Donard Resort & Spa, built as a luxurious Victorian railway hotel, sits on a wonderful panoramic site overlooking the beach and bay at Newcastle in the shadow of the Mourne Mountains. Many famous people have stayed here over the years – most notably Charlie Chaplin and Percy French!

DAY 4 - THURSDAY

Mount Stewart House & Gardens on the Ards Peninsula

Our tour today takes us into the Ards Peninsula where we take the ferry across Strangford Lough and travel the peninsula to the renowned National Trust Property of Mount Stewart House and Gardens. A guided tour of the house will reveal the strong influence of Stewart family who settled in this area in 18th century. The property has approx 100 acres of landscaped gardens with several themed areas to enjoy. Free time after the house tour will allow you time to enjoy the restaurant, shop and gardens.

We depart the Ards Peninsula and travel back to the Slieve Donard Resort & Spa in time to enjoy its facilities or take the short stroll along the promenade before your evening meal. This evening you are on a bed and breakfast only reservation which allows you the freedom to stroll out in Newcastle and choose your own place to dine.

DAY 5 - FRIDAY

Mountains Of Mourne & The Ring Of Gullion in South Armagh

Today its out into the heart of the Mountains of Mourne and the coastal route of County Down. We travel the coast road to the fishing town of Kilkeel then head inland through the mountains with a photostop at Spelga Dam on our way through to Warrenpoint for refreshments.

Leaving County Down behind we take up the trail through the nearby Ring of Gullion in South Armagh where our guide Barbara will say goodbye and we make our way home via Castle Arms, Durrow for our evening meal.

West Cork

FIVE DAY TRIP



HIGHLIGHTS OF WEST CORK

This is a five day all inclusive package tour of Skibbereen, Mizen Head, Glengarriff, Gougane Barra, Cobh and Kinsale.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- 4 Nights Bed & Breakfast and Evening Meal at the Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co Cork.
- Admission to Mizen Head
- Ferry & Admission to Garnish Island
- Entrance to the Queenstown Story Cobh
- Failte Ireland Approved 5* Luxury Touring Coach

€395 per person sharing
€470pp including single room supplement



ITINERARY - Highlights of West Cork



Tour pick up points:

There are 5 pick up points, please choose which one is most suitable to you: Dublin City Centre (Merrion Square), Red Cow Hotel, Dublin, Portlaoise (Midway Hotel), Durrrow (Castle Arms Hotel), Mitchelstown (Firgrove Hotel)

DAY 1 - SUNDAY

Pick up day and transfer to Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, County Cork. Pipes, Bag-pipes, Whistle, Bodhran and Irish dance.

DAY 2 - MONDAY

After breakfast depart the Celtic Ross Hotel and travel westward to the market town of Skibbereen. Here we visit the local Heritage Centre and enjoy free time in the town.

Continuing westward we pass through the scenic towns of Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen to the beautiful Mizen Head Lighthouse and Visitors' Centre situated on the edge of the Mizen Peninsula – Ireland's most south westerly point! Admission to the Centre will reveal the maritime heritage exhibition – whilst a walk over its famous rebuilt bridge to the lighthouse is a must!

Here you will also have an opportunity to enjoy local produce in the restaurant and avail of souvenirs in the shop.

Return to Celtic Ross Hotel for evening meal.



DAY 3 - TUESDAY

Departing the hotel we travel southwest to beautiful Bantry Bay. With views out over Whiddy Island we continue our journey to the beautiful village of Glengarriff where we pick up the ferry for the short journey and escape to the beauty of Garnish Island with its designer tropical gardens and plants which are rare in this climate.

After visiting Garnish Island there will be free time to browse the craft shops and enjoy beautiful Glengarriff.

From here we travel northwards through the "Pass of Keimaneigh" to the tranquil Gougane Barra where St Finbarr's Oratory stands. Time here to reflect and enjoy this oasis of peace and tranquillity!

Return to Celtic Ross Hotel for evening meal.

DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY

Travelling eastwards our day begins with a visit to the historical harbour town of Cobh – last port of call for the ill fated Titanic – we tour the Heritage Centre and discover the Queenstown Story. Time also here to enjoy this historical town.

From here we make our way to the harbour town of Kinsale and follow the scenic coastal route back to our hotel in Rosscarbery for our evening meal.

DAY 5 - THURSDAY

Today we leave West Cork and make our way homewards.



Wexford/Wicklow

FOUR DAY TRIP



4 DAY TOUR TO WEXFORD & WICKLOW

This is a four-day all inclusive package tour of New Ross, the Dunbrody Visitor Centre, Hook Head Lighthouse, Johnstown Castle & Gardens, Avoca, Glendalough the JF Kennedy Arboretum and Waterford City.

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- 3 Nights Bed & Breakfast and Evening Meal at the Ferrycarraig Hotel, Wexford.
- Entrance to Visitor Attractions
- Tea & Coffee at Park Hotel, Dungarvan
- Lunch Day at Dunbrody Visitor Centre
- Lunch at Hook Head Lighthouse Restaurant
- Lunch on Day at Laragh
- Evening Meal at Elm Tree in Glounthaune

€390 per person sharing
€435pp including single room supplement



ITINERARY - Tour to Wexford & Wicklow

DAY 1 - TUESDAY

Tour pick up points:

Rosscarbery, Clonakilty, Bandon, Innishannon, Cork City, Middleton, Dungarvan. Further pickup points available.

With all on board our first stop is at the Park Hotel, Dungarvan for tea, coffee and scones. From here we travel on to the town of New Ross in County Wexford where we visit the Dunbrody Visitor Centre. This experience provides a unique insight into the bravery and fortitude with which the Irish people faced up to in a desperate situation. As well as an audio visual display this tour is fully guided.

We will also enjoy a light lunch in the upstairs Riverside Restaurant.

From here we travel on to the Ferrycarrig Hotel, situated just a couple of miles outside Wexford town. This will be our base hotel for the tour.

After check in we will enjoy evening dinner in the restaurant.

DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY

Departing our hotel we travel the short journey by coach into Wexford town to browse around its streets and shops. We then travel out to Hook Head Lighthouse. This lighthouse is one of Ireland's seven wonders and at 800 years old is the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world!

After a light lunch in the restaurant we enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating facility.

At Hook Head, close to Waterford harbour, this stretch of water has witnessed many invasions over the centuries – one of the most famous being that of Strongbow who led the Anglo Norman invasion of Ireland.

On our return journey to our hotel we stop off at Johnstown Castle & Gardens to enjoy the gardens and explore the museum of early rural Ireland artefacts.

A short journey from here will take us back to our hotel with time to relax and enjoy evening dinner.

DAY 3 - THURSDAY

Today from our hotel we travel to the “Garden of Ireland” – Co. Wicklow passing through the towns of Ferns and Arklow and on to the beautiful “Vale of Avoca”.

Here in the small village of Avoca we visit this world famous woollen mills. This is the oldest operating woollen mills in Ireland and after tea, coffee and homemade scones we will enjoy a guided tour.

Here you will also have time to browse in the shop before we continue our journey through the “Vale of Avoca” to the “Meeting of the Waters” made famous by the Irish Poet Thomas Moore for a photo stop. Our route takes us on through picturesque Wicklow countryside to the small village of Laragh where we stop for some light lunch.

After lunch we visit the nearby early Christian monastic site at Glendalough - founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century and set in a glaciated valley with two lakes – upper and lower. This monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses. The Visitor Centre has an interesting exhibition and audio visual display.

We continue to enjoy this scenic area as we return to our hotel in Wexford.

DAY 4 - FRIDAY

Departing our hotel as we head homeward, our first stop will be at the J F Kennedy Arboretum, dedicated in memory of J F Kennedy, situated just outside New Ross. On the southern slopes and summit of Sliabh Coillte this arboretum was created by the Irish Government with help from the American Government and opened by President Eamon de Valera in 1968. 2013 is also the 50th anniversary of the death of President J F Kennedy.

From here we travel to Waterford City – Ireland's oldest City to visit and tour its world famous Waterford Crystal Centre. After the tour of the Centre there will be free time for shopping in this vibrant city before travelling to the Elm Tree in Glounthaune, Co Cork for our evening dinner before making our way home.





BOOKING FORM

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Name: _____

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E-mail: _____

Phone No: _____

Mobile: _____

Tick room required: Double Room - x 1 Double bed:

Twin Room - x 2 Single beds:

Single Room - x 1 Single Bed

Tour Choice: _____

Pick up Point: _____

Tour Date: _____

Additional requirements (Special diet etc.): _____

Do you have travel insurance? _____

Deposit € _____ enclosed

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Booking Form - OVERNIGHT TOURS





Day Tours

Enclosed in this brochure is a choice of 9 different day tours which we are promoting for 2013. If your group size is not less than 18 people and not more than 50 people, you can avoid all the hassle involved in organising a day out for your club. Just let us know the date which suits your club and we will organise the rest for you.

ADVANTAGES OF THESE PACKAGES ARE THE FOLLOWING:

- You do not have to worry about people dropping out at the last minute
 - Fixed prices for 2013
- Everything is organised for you this is the total cost for the day
- Your evening meal is included (choice of starter, main course, dessert, tea or coffee)
 - Luxury coach provided
- Price is for all pick ups in Co. Cork

INDIVIDUAL BOOKINGS

Service Run will operate for Tour A only on Tuesday July 16th
Service Run will operate for Tour H only on Thursday July 18th
Pick up points: Clonakilty, Bandon, St Patrick's Quay Cork



Tour A

DAY TRIP

LISMORE

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and homemade Scones
- Short Film
- Lunch at Lismore House Hotel
- Guided tour of Lismore Gardens
- Barron's Bakery
- Mount Melleray Abbey
- 4 Course Evening Meal at Corbett Court Hotel



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person



We will depart from the base meeting point at 9am and travel directly to the acclaimed Elm Tree Bar where we will stop for tea/coffee and homemade scones. We will spend approximately one hour here before travelling on to Lismore Heritage Centre. A warm welcome awaits you at the centre where a short film will introduce you to this picturesque heritage town and its fascinating history. Lunch will be served in the elegant Georgian style Lismore House Hotel from a menu which is guaranteed to cater for all tastes. Enjoy a guided tour around the gardens of Lismore Castle before visiting the contemporary art gallery known as Lismore Castle Arts which is located in the castle's west wing. Our next stop will be Barron's Bakery where Barron's famous crusty bread is baked daily using the original 19th century Scotch brick ovens. We will then visit Mount Melleray Abbey which is home to a community of Cistercian monks. This working monastery is a wonderful place to visit especially for a moment of quiet reflection. From Melleray your coach will bring you on a scenic drive through the Knockmealdown Mountains to the sweeping views of the Vee Gap before turning in the direction of Corbett Court Hotel where your evening meal will be served. We will arrive here at approximately 7-7.30pm where you will be presented with three different menu options from which to choose. At approximately 9pm we will then return to the coach for a relaxing drive back to the base centre.



Tour B

DAY TRIP

LISMORE GARDEN TRAIL

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and homemade Scones
- Short Film
- Lunch at Lismore House Hotel
- Entry to all Gardens
- 4 Course Evening Meal at Corbett Court Hotel



27 to 50 people = €79 per person
18 to 26 people = €89 per person



Departing from our base meeting point at 9am, we will travel directly to the acclaimed Elm Tree Restaurant where we will stop for tea/coffee and homemade scones. We will spend approximately 1 hour here before travelling on to Lismore Heritage Centre, where a short film will introduce you to this picturesque heritage town and its fascinating history. Lunch will be served in the elegant Georgian style Lismore House Hotel, from a menu which is guaranteed to cater for all tastes. After lunch we will start our garden visits. We begin with Tourin House and Garden then on to Salterbridge House & Gardens followed by Ballyin Gardens and lastly, if time allows, we will finish with Cosy Meadows

Having completed our garden trail of Lismore, we will make our way back via the scenic Knockmealdown mountains to the sweeping views of the Vee gap before turning in the direction of the Corbett Court Hotel for our evening meal. We will arrive here at approximately 7 – 7.30pm where you will be presented with three different menu options from which to choose. At approximately 9pm, we will then return to the coach for a relaxing drive back to our base.



Tour C

DAY TRIP

MILLSTREET COUNTRY PARK & KILLARNEY

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and homemade Scones
- Guided Tour of Millstreet Country Park
- St John's Holy Well
- Lunch in Scotts Hotel, Killarney
- Tour of the National Park using the Jaunting Cars
- Tour of Lough Leane using the Water Bus
- 4 Course Evening Meal at Mill's Inn, Ballyvourney



27 to 50 people = €75 per person
18 to 26 people = €85 per person



Leaving from your base meeting point at 9am we will travel towards Millstreet. A rural gem located in the heart of the South West of Ireland, Millstreet Country Park provides a truly unique spectacle. Nestled at the foot of the Musheramore Mountains, in an environment which boasts an abundance of native wonders and spectacular breathtaking views, this 500 acre estate showcases an array of historical and archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. On arrival a park guide will meet us at the entrance gates and hop on board to welcome us with an information pack including a map of the grounds. As we approach the main car park and visitors centre the guide will provide us with an introduction to the grounds and highlight many points of interest. We will take some time for tea/coffee and homemade scones in the Millstreet café which overlooks the beautiful lakes and surrounding gardens before enjoying a safari type tour around the site. With over sixty natural features and attractions our visit to Millstreet Country Park is sure to be a memorable one. As we prepare to depart Millstreet Country Park we will avail of the opportunity to visit St. John's Holy Well in the local area. Otherwise known as Tobair Na Faithni this well is steeped in history and tradition. According to legend the holy water from the well is believed to have healing properties and has been especially successful in curing warts!

At approximately 12.30pm we will begin to travel towards Killarney in County Kerry. Passing through the picturesque town of Rathmore, our first stop will be Scotts Hotel in Killarney town centre. Here we will take some time out to enjoy lunch. After this we will be collected from the hotel entrance by the famous jaunting cars of Killarney for an hour long tour of the National park. The distinctive combination of mountains, lakes, woods and waterfalls under ever changing skies gives this area a very special scenic beauty. The native red deer which inhabit the park are unique in Ireland with a presence in the country since the last Ice Age. Our next destination is the 15th century Ross Castle. From here we will take a peaceful cruise on a water bus. This scenic tour which lasts for approximately one hour takes place on Killarney's largest and most picturesque lake known as Lough Leane. At approximately 5pm we will return to the centre of Killarney town for a shopping spree sampling all which the Killarney retail industry provides. At approximately 6pm we will set out for Ballyvourney where our evening meal awaits at the Mill's Inn. Here you will enjoy a four course meal which allows you to choose from a number of different options to suit all tastes. We will then prepare for the journey back to our base meeting point after a busy day of sightseeing, shopping and touring.

Tour D

DAY TRIP



KILBRITTAIN CASTLE, CLONAKILTY AND SURROUNDS

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- A Qualified Tour Guide in June, July & August
- Luxury Coach
- Entry & Refreshments at Kilbrittain Castle
- Tea/coffee and scones in the Pink Elephant
- Lunch at Celtic Ross Rosscarbery
- Evening Meal at O'Donovan's Hotel, Clonakilty



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person

Featuring:

The Indestructible Kilbrittain Castle

Ancient and Historic Cities

Birthplace of Michael Collins

The Beautiful Bays of Clonakilty

Our tour will assemble at 9am at an agreed location and travel on to Bandon. Here the tour begins properly heading for Kilbrittain and taking in some interesting sites along the way. Kilbrittain is the "jewel in the crown" one of the oldest inhabited castles in Ireland dating back to around 1035. There will be a guided tour of the castle followed by tea/coffee and scones at 10.30am approx at the Pink Elephant restaurant at Harbour View overlooking Courtmacsherry bay.

From there it's on to Timoleague Abbey, a chance for quiet reflection in a panoramic setting. A couple of miles from here lies the lovely fishing village of Ring, and a scenic coastal drive will bring us into Clonakilty where the group will get the chance to explore the town assisted by the tour guide. Here you can visit the many restaurants and hotels.

Clonakilty is a town who has received many Tidy Town awards over the years, with the most recent being named Ireland's Tidiest Small Town in Sept 2012, retaining their Gold medal and winning the County Award.

On leaving the town we head Westwards and visit the birthplace of Michael Collins and places of note in that area. Our tour will continue on to the picturesque village of Rosscarbery situated at the mouth of a shallow estuary and steeped in history.

Evening meal will be served at the Celtic Ross 3* hotel in Rosscarbery at 6.30pm approx, and the tour returns home later in the evening. This day tour is a relaxed event and the groups wishes will always be taken into consideration.



Tour E

DAY TRIP



KENMARE SHOPPING AND CRUISE

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and Scones
- Cruise along Kenmare Bay
- Entry to Star Seafoods Smokehouse
- Lunch in Con's Bar and Restaurant
- 4 Course Evening Meal at Mill's Inn, Ballyvourney



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person

We will depart from your base meeting point at approximately 9am and travel directly to the Mill's Inn in Ballyvourney. Here we will stop for morning coffee/tea and homemade scones. We will then travel towards the Cork/Kerry boundary lines and pass through the scenic village of Kilgarvan before reaching the town of Kenmare. On our arrival in Kenmare we will make our way to the Star Outdoor Adventure Centre which is located on the Castletownbere road just ten minutes outside Kenmare town. The salmon factory, Star Seafoods Smokehouse, is our first stop here where we will see how the town's famous fish products are produced. From filleting and salting, to smoking, cutting and preserving we will see the traditional methods in practice which have created fish products of the highest quality that can be found on the world market today. We will then be served lunch in Con's Bar and Restaurant. After this we will take a one hour cruise of the beautiful Kenmare Bay surrounded by the Caha Mountain Range. During this cruise on the 'Star of Kenmare', a luxury fifty seater passenger boat with two decks, you will be able to enjoy spectacular views of the Beara Coast, Dinish Island, Kenmare Bay, McGillicuddy Reeks and Ireland's highest mountain Carrantuo Hill. We plan to depart the centre at approximately 3.45pm and make our way back through Kenmare town. We will spend approximately two hours in the town allowing you to explore the natural beauty of the area and perhaps do some shopping. Alternatively you could visit the Kenmare Lace & Design Centre, Cromwell's Bridge, Kenmare's Stone circle or Holy Cross Church all of which are located around the town. At approximately 6pm we will then head back towards The Mill's Inn in Ballyvourney for an evening meal. This will consist of a four course meal with a variety of choice on the menu. We will depart from the Mill's Inn at approximately 9.30pm for a relaxing coach journey back to your base meeting point.



Tour F

DAY TRIP



KENMARE SHOPPING AND MOLLY GALLIVAN'S COTTAGE

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and homemade Scones
- Entry to Molly Gallivan's Cottage
- Lunch at Con's Bar and Restaurant
- Tour of the Salmon Factory
- 4 Course Evening Meal in the Mill's Inn, Ballyvourney



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person



We will begin our trip by departing from your base centre at 9 am and making our way directly to the Mill's Inn Hotel in Ballyvourney. Here we will enjoy morning coffee/tea and homemade scones. We will spend approximately one hour here before departing for Molly Gallivan's Cottage. At Molly Gallivan's you will experience simple country lifestyle in rural Ireland before the days of electricity and modern conveniences. Your visit begins with an audio-visual presentation depicting the life and times of Molly Gallivan while giving a general history of the surrounding area. Next you will visit Molly's unique cottage which is over 200 years old. Then you will have the opportunity to stroll through Molly's Traditional Farm where you will witness in real life the farming methods and traditions of the not too distant past. Her farm is complete with animals and traditional farm machinery. We will depart here at approximately one in the afternoon and make our way towards the Star Outdoors Adventure Centre. Our first port of call here will be Con's Bar and Restaurant where we will be served lunch. After this we will visit the Star Seafoods Salmon Factory. Here you will be guided through the factory in order to see the traditional fish treating and preparation methods which create fish products of the highest quality that can be found on the world market. After departing from the centre we will go directly to Kenmare town. Here you will have the opportunity to spend two hours exploring this picturesque town and visiting many of the local shops. Alternatively you could visit the Kenmare Lace & Design Centre, Cromwell's Bridge, Kenmare's Stone Circle or Holy Cross Church all of which are located around the town. We will depart from Kenmare at approximately 6pm and begin the coach journey back to Ballyvourney for an evening meal at the Mill's Inn. This menu will provide a number of options for you to choose from. After enjoying this four course meal we will begin our coach journey back to your base meeting centre.



Tour G

DAY TRIP



SKIBBEREEN & MIZEN HEAD

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea and homemade Scones
- Skibbereen Heritage Centre
- Lunch at the West Cork Hotel
- Mizen Head Visitors Centre and Lighthouse
- 4 Course Evening Meal at The West Lodge Hotel



27 to 50 people = €73 per person
18 to 26 people = €83 per person

We will depart from your base meeting point at 8.30am and travel towards The Celtic Ross Hotel in Rosscarbery for tea/coffee and homemade scones. From here we will travel on towards Skibbereen where we will visit the Heritage Centre. Here we will be able to tour the centre and discover all about the history of this picturesque town. When we leave the centre you will have some free time explore all which the town has to offer by visiting its many shops, attractions and restaurants where you can buy your lunch. We will depart Skibbereen at 2pm approx and travel through many scenic villages such as Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen before reaching Mizen Head at approximately 3.30pm.

From here we will travel back the same route via Skibbereen and stop off at the Celtic Ross Rosscarbery for our evening meal. Here you will be presented with a number of many options from which to choose, After enjoying this meal we will then make our way back to your base meeting point after a busy day of touring the scenic West Cork peninsula, one of the most beautiful parts of Ireland.



Courtesy of Failte Ireland

Tour H

DAY TRIP



KILKENNY CASTLE & SWISS COTTAGES

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- **Luxury Coach**
- **Breakfast at Corbett Court Hotel**
- **Tour of the Swiss Cottage**
- **Kilkenny Castle**
- **4 Course Evening Meal at Corbett Court Hotel**



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person

We will depart from your base centre at approximately 9am and travel towards Corbett Court Hotel for breakfast. At around 10.30am we will depart from Corbett Court Hotel and travel towards our first attraction of the day, the Swiss Cottage in Cahir, County Tipperary. This charming house were built around 1810 and have been beautifully preserved. It is situated on raised ground overlooking the river and is accessed by a flight of stone steps. When we have spent some time exploring and admiring the cottage, we will then prepare to travel into Kilkenny city, where we will visit Kilkenny Castle. We will have lunch in the Hotel Kilkenny before visiting Kilkenny Castle. This was originally built as an Anglo-Norman castle but has been altered and modified to the extent that it is now an impressive structure containing many architectural styles. After visiting the castle you will have some free time to explore the 'Marble City' of Kilkenny and perhaps visit some of the many shops and attractions. We will return to the Corbett Court Hotel in Kilworth for our evening meal which will consist of a number of options to suit individual tastes. On leaving this hotel we will return to the coach for our journey homewards.



Courtesy of OPW

Tour I

DAY TRIP

COBH & SPIKE ISLAND

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- Luxury Coach
- Tea/Coffee and homemade Scones at Cobh Heritage Centre
- Entry to Cobh Heritage Centre
- Boat Trip to Spike Island and tour on arrival
- 4 Course Evening Meal at the Elm Tree Restaurant



27 to 50 people = €69 per person
18 to 26 people = €79 per person



We will depart from your base centre at approximately 9am. We will travel directly to the Cobh Heritage Centre where tea/coffee and homemade scones will be available for you to enjoy. Here you will be presented with a ticket which we give you access to the exhibitions within the Heritage Centre. This ticket is valid for the day so you can tour the Heritage Centre if and when you choose to do so. The history of Cobh's unique origins, its history and legacy are dramatically recalled at the Queenstown story – a multimedia exhibition at Cobh's restored Victorian railway station. At 12.30 you will have the opportunity to travel by boat to Spike Island. On this island you will receive a guided tour of the most interesting parts of the island and hear an account of its fascinating history. This will last for approximately two and a half hours after which you will return to Cobh again by boat. After this you may wish to visit Cobh's St Coleman's Cathedral. This building crowns the town of Cobh with its magnificent steeple and has a carillon of forty seven bells. Another interesting visit will take you to the Titanic Gardens which are intended to commemorate the town's connection with the ill fated Titanic voyage and also the hundreds of people who lost their lives when the ship sunk. After exploring as many of these attractions as you personally wish to do and perhaps taking a stroll along the narrow streets of Cobh we will prepare to depart for the Elm Tree Restaurant in Glounthaune where we will have our evening meal. You will be presented with a number of menu options to suit all tastes. After this meal we will return to the coach and make our way homewards. This day tour is very much a relaxed event. You are free to visit any suggested attractions as you wish or perhaps step out under your own steam.



BOOKING FORM

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY

Name: _____

Address (Full postal): _____

E-mail: _____

Phone No: _____

Mobile: _____

Club Name: _____

Tour Choice: A B C D E

 F G H I

Tour Name: _____

Pick Up Point: _____

Tour Date: _____

Additional requirements (Special diet etc.): _____

Deposit € _____ enclosed

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Booking Form - DAY TOURS





WEEKEND CITY BREAK

City Break To Cardiff

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER - MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- 3 Nights B&B + 2 Evening Meals at The Cardiff International Hotel
- 2 Evening Meals at The Ferrycarrig Hotel
- Travel by luxury 5* coach
- Return sailing Rosslare/Pembroke
- Fully Guided Tour of Cardiff city
- Music in hotel on Friday and Saturday nights



**€390 per person sharing
€450pp including single room supplement**

SIGHTSEEING! SHOPPING! ENTERTAINMENT!

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY

Name: _____

Address (Full postal): _____

E-mail: _____

Mobile: _____

Tick room required: Double Room - x 1 Double bed:

Twin Room - x 2 Single beds:

Single Room - x 1 Single Bed

Pick up Point: _____

Tour Date: _____

Additional requirements (Special diet etc.): _____

Deposit €_____ enclosed

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Booking Form
CITY BREAK TO CARDIFF





29TH AUG – 2ND SEPT 2013

Dorset Steam Fair

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST - SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:

- 3 Nights B&B in a 3* hotel
- 3 Evening Meals
- Travel by luxury coach
- Return ferry crossing Rosslare/Pembroke



2 DAYS - FRIDAY & SATURDAY AT STEAM FAIR

BOOKING FORM

PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY

Name: _____

Address (Full postal): _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Tick room required: Double Room - x 1 Double bed:

Twin Room - x 2 Single beds:

Single Room - x 1 Single Bed

Pick up Point: _____

Additional requirements (Special diet etc.): _____

Deposit €_____ enclosed

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Booking Form
DORSET STEAM FAIR



Courtesy of Fáilte Ireland



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BOOKING CONDITIONS & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

TOURING

By private coach. O'Connor Bus Hire feature air-conditioning, reclining seats, on-board washroom and are configured with fifty seats.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Prices per person are based on two persons sharing an en suite twin-bedded room.

MEALS

Breakfasts are served daily. Dinners and some lunches are included as detailed in the itineraries. Any special meal requirements will be made on a request basis only.

SIGHTSEEING

The following terminology is used on the itinerary in regards to sightseeing:

Visit - You will enter a specific site and any applicable fees are included.

View - A brief stop often with a commentary and an opportunity to take photos.

See - You will walk or drive by the site so that you can see it.

A guide is included as necessary as detailed on the itinerary.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Baggage handling for one suitcase is included in the tour price at arrival and departure from each tour hotel.

THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Passport fees, insurance, laundry, phone calls, beverages, meals not detailed on the itinerary, items of personal nature, excess baggage.

PAYMENTS

The tour must be paid for in full at least six weeks before the scheduled date of departure. If it is not paid for on or before such date the organiser shall have the option to cancel the tour. If the consumer cancels the tour (which cancellation must be notified in writing to the organiser) cancellation charges are payable by the consumer to the organiser.

DEFINITIONS

In the booking form the word 'Organiser' means the person who arranges your transport, accommodation etc, and who offers it as a tour. 'Consumer' means the person who purchases or agrees to purchase the tour or any person on whose behalf one agrees to purchase the tour and who is listed on the booking form or any other person to whom you transfer a tour which the consumer has purchased. 'Retailer' means travel agent.

THE CONTRACT

No contract shall arise until the organiser has received the completed booking form together with a deposit or full payment for the tour and has issued written confirmation of its acceptance to the retailer. This booking form represents the entire agreement between the consumer and the organiser. The organiser reserves the right to terminate this contract if the behaviour or conduct of a consumer either prior to or during the tour is likely to endanger the safety or well being of other consumers in his or her company or that of the consumer himself. The consumer must use the safety belt supplied in the coach. The consumer is reminded that there is a no smoking policy on board the coach.

PUNCTUALITY

Throughout the tour, to ensure everyone enjoys his or her tour, it is the consumer's responsibility to return to the coach at the designated time, details of which will be given clearly to the consumer before disembarkation. The organiser does not accept any responsibility for any expenses incurred by a consumer who is left behind. Every effort will be made to ensure this does not happen, but the consumers' co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

ALL TOURS ARE SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT BOOKINGS

This means that there must be enough passengers booked on a tour to make it a viable otherwise the tour may be cancelled. In the unlikely event that it

becomes necessary to cancel a tour for this reason, consumers will be informed as soon as possible. All monies paid by consumers will be refunded or may be used by the consumer against another tour with the organiser.

CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS

The organiser hereby reserves the right to vary any tour. This includes changes to ferry sailings, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and/or itineraries. This will only happen when situations arise which are beyond the organiser's control.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CANCELLATIONS

More than 5 weeks before departure date any deposit paid shall be forfeited.

Within 3-5 weeks of departure date, 60% of the tour price is forfeited.

Within 2-3 weeks of departure date, 70% of the tour price is forfeited.

Within 1-2 weeks of departure date, 80% of the tour price is forfeited.

Within 7 days of departure date, 100% of the tour price is forfeited.

All cancellation charges apply to each person covered by a booking.

Any insurance premium paid is not refundable.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Special requests (e.g. ground floor accommodation, sea view etc.) shall be communicated by the consumer in writing to the organiser or retailer at the time of making the booking. The organiser shall use reasonable endeavours to fulfil such request. The organiser shall be obliged to provide services only in accordance with special requests where the organiser specifically commits in writing to do so. No liability shall attach to the organiser for failure to comply with a special request which has not been confirmed in writing.

ACCOMMODATION ON REQUEST

Where accommodation is 'on request' an additional charge of €10 will be payable by the consumer. The charge will be debited to the tour price once a booking is confirmed. If the organiser is unable to obtain the particular accommodation requested by the consumer, the organiser shall take all reasonable steps to make a comparable alternative available to the consumer. If the accommodation requested by the consumer cannot be confirmed or an alternative offered or if the alternative offered is not acceptable to the consumer, the consumer shall be entitled to a refund of the tour price paid by the organiser less a €13 administration charge and the organiser will be discharged from any further liability.

INSURANCE

The organiser advise all consumers to purchase insurance for the such tours as are not within Ireland. Contact Sharon at Campion Insurances, Tel: (062) 64116.

COMPLAINT

Should a consumer have a problem during the tour he or she should inform the organiser immediately who will endeavour to put things right. If the complaint is not resolved and the consumer has cause for complaint for any reason, whilst touring the following rules must be observed, if the consumer has reason to complain about the accommodation, food or service provided at any guesthouse or hotel that such complaint should be made in the first instance direct to the proprietor or manager of the establishment concerned at the time that the complaint arises, and shall, if the organiser requires, complete a form settling out the detail of the complaint. It is therefore a condition of the contract that a consumer communicates any complaint to the organiser while on tour.

LAWS OF IRELAND

All matters concerning this contract shall be subject to the laws of Ireland and unless the organiser and the consumer agree to the contrary any legal proceedings shall be brought in the Irish Courts which Court both parties hereby acknowledge have exclusive jurisdiction in relation to any legal action brought hereunder.

ERRORS

The organiser has made every effort to ensure accuracy of the booking conditions and other important information however the organiser cannot be held responsible for the printing or typographical errors or errors arising from unforeseen circumstances.

Testimonials

"It was great to get a package tour, comfortable coach and a driver and guide who made us all so welcome and made the tour so interesting for us all." Tom & Kathy Kearney, Rathcormac

"We enjoyed the whole trip. We didn't know anybody going and we ended up with lovely friendly people. Well done to the tour group organisers for this good package." Tom & Ina Sheehan, Whites Cross, Cork

"It was my first trip with O'Connor Coaches, at aged 38 I feared being youngest in the group and I wouldn't fit in, I need not have worried! I will definitely return on many a future trip" Fiona O'Donovan, Bandon

"Tour guide Barbara was A1+ in our opinion, very cheerful, always helpful, made everyone relaxed, treated everyone the same, driver Vincent was also A1+, very entertaining, helpful and obliging in every way" Michael & Noreen Deasy, Timoleague

"Excellent value for money, We could not believe that so much food was included!" John & Eileen McKennedy, Clonakilty

"Lovely to sit back and have everything arranged, and done so efficiently" Maeve Fitzgerald, Edenderry, Co. Offaly

"Top class trip, very well planned down to the very last detail, well done, I know lots of hard work went into it" Michael & May O'Sullivan, Cill na Martra

"The impressions and memories of our 48 members / friends who travelled to Monaghan / Belfast this year were extremely favourable and positive. We thoroughly enjoyed the hotel, the food venues and the sites visited. Great value for money was one of the many complimentary remarks voiced. We received great attention from Cormac and Barbara – already looking forward to next year" Killeagh / Inch Monday Club

"A very well organised and executed tour. Drivers and courier 10 out of 10. Well done O'Connor Coach Tours" Victor Tutty, Innishannon

"Outstanding tour and one of great value, brochure well presented. A great way to make friends" J & R O'Leary, Ballinhassig

"Brilliant trip, beautiful scenery, roll on next year" Finbarr & Hannah Moloney, Kilbrittain

"I haven't got sufficient words to praise the planning of the route etc, well done to Cormac and team" Fachtina & Frances O Callaghan, Rosscarbery

"Dear Mr O'Connor, I want to thank you for a lovely trip to Donegal early this month. It was our first such trip and we were not sure what to expect. I must say we were pleasantly surprised at how well organised it was. We thought the journey would be long sitting in the coach all day, but we didn't find it long at all with the comfort of the coach and stops along the way, the time seemed to fly. It is obvious you put a lot of effort into organising these trips. The trip was recommended to us by a friend and we will most certainly recommend you to our friends. We are looking forward to next year already. You have a great team in Vincent and Barbara, they are so helpful in every way, we certainly learned a lot from the trip." Ted Murphy, Clonakilty



Tailored Tours

SCHOOL TOURS & PILGRIMAGES

**We specialise in organising Parish Pilgrimages in Ireland and abroad
Also
School Tour packages in Ireland and abroad**

We will organise your entire package and provide a luxury coach

RETIREMENT GROUPS AND CLUBS

We at O'Connor Coach Tours specialise in arranging tours for Active Retirement groups, Ladies clubs, ICA groups etc. From day tours to extended tours to destinations in the Republic and Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, we will make all the arrangements for your club, all you need to decide is where you would like to go and we will do the rest.

We can offer a tour tailored to your requirements, whether it is mostly sightseeing or some event that you plan on attending i.e. a day trip to Dublin; we can arrange breakfast, admission to attractions and evening meal. We use modern luxury coaches with the additional extra's – toilet, air-conditioning, reclining seats, road monitors, fridge etc.

Please call or email us and we will prepare a detailed itinerary and price tailored to your groups requirements. Our experienced Tour Manager Eilish would be delighted to meet with your group to discuss your proposed tour and any questions which you might have. She can also design a colourful flyer detailing your itinerary and help in promoting your tour.

We at O'Connor Coach tours assures you our best attention and service at all times.

We look forward to being of assistance to you during 2013.

Contact:

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