

# O'CONNOR COACH TOURS

Package Coach Tours of UK, Ireland & Northern Ireland Package Day Tours of Ireland



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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 2014 brochure. It is with great pleasure that we invite you once again to consider travelling with us in 2014.

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 offered previously. 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, England, Wales and Scotland.

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 the price 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.

Whether you are looking for a relaxing holiday in Ireland or the UK, or a day trip for your club, you are sure to find a tour that will suit you in our new and extended 2014 tour brochure. We look forward to have you travelling with us during 2014.

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O'Connor Bus Hire Limited is licenced as a Tour Operator by the Minister of Tourism Transport and Sport Licence No T.O 259 and is bonded.

The coaches are authorised on an International Road Passenger Operators Licence No 3819 This offers you security and peace of mind when booking your holidays with O'Connor Bus Hire Limited.



Cormac O'Connor, transport manager of 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.

# 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 2014. These coaches have been awarded five star approvals and feature the following extras:

- Three point seat belts
- Fridge
- Climate Control Air Conditioning

- Toilet & wash room
- Lowering front step facility
- Reclining seats

#### **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 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.

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

### **TOUR PICK UP POINTS**

O'Connor Coach Tours will contact all passengers prior to departure to advise pick up points and times. ALL TOURS WILL DEPART FROM THE DEPOT IN KILBRITTAIN AND TRAVEL VIA BANDON. Free car parking is available at the depot in Kilbrittain for anyone wishing to avail of this facility.

Any passengers who are travelling long distances to meet the coach may consider an overnight stay in Rosslare or Dublin the night before the tour begins. This can be arranged for you at a preferential rate by O'Connor Coach tours in a range of selected hotels.

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 ports of Larne, Rosslare or Dun Laoghaire.

### **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 UK & Ireland 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.

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# **SEATING ARRANGEMENT**

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# Scotland

**SIX DAY TRIP** 

### TOUR THE HEART OF SCOTLAND

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Breakfast at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow
- Lunch at the Carrickdale Hotel
- Ferry Crossing to Scotland
- One Night Accommodation and Breakfast at a Hotel in Ayr
- **■** Guided Cruise of Loch Lomond
- Lunch at Ardlui Hotel
- Four nights Accommodation Bed and Breakfast and evening Meals 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
- 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 Badged Tour Guide for complete tour





#### **DATES:**

SUN 6TH JULY - FRI 11TH JULY SUN 10TH AUG - FRI 15TH AUG

> €760 per person sharing €870 pp including single room supplement



### **ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY:** Travel from West Cork to Larne, Co. Antrim for the ferry across to Cairnryan, with stops for breakfast and lunch along the way. Stay in Ayr overnight

**MONDAY:** Today we will have a cruise of Loch Lomond, visit Trossachs National Park, Woolen Mills at Collander, with evening meal and accommodation at the Hilton hotel, Dunblane

**TUESDAY:** A visit to Stirling Castle, Grouse whiskey distillery, and Crieff Visitor Centre is on todays itinerary

**WEDNESDAY:** Today we travel the highlands of Scotland, including Fortwilliam and the bridge of Orchy

**THURSDAY:** Full day today in Edinburgh, including a one hour coach tour of the city with free time for shopping

**FRIDAY:** Homeward bound today, catching the ferry back from Cairnryan to Larne, with an evening meal on the route home at the Carrickdale Hotel, Co. Louth.

# Lake District

SIX DAY TRIP



#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- 5 Night Stay at the Luxury 3\* Netherwood Hotel & Leisure Complex, overlooking spectacular Morecambe Bay. This family run hotel is situated in Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria.
- Return Ferry from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead
- Breakfast Sunday morning at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois, and meal on return journey Friday evening.
- Admission to all attractions including Holker Hall & Gardens, Lakeland Motor Museum
- Ride on the lakeside Steam Railway
- Cruise with Ullswater Steamers enjoying the Lake of Windermere in the Lake District sailing to Brockhole
- **■** Guided tour of Lowther Castle
- **Entry to Levens Hall**
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach
- Tour Guide for 4 days







SUNDAY 25TH MAY — FRIDAY 30TH MAY
SUNDAY 6TH JULY - FRI 11TH JULY
SUNDAY 13TH JULY - FRI 18TH JULY
SUNDAY 27TH JULY - FRI 1ST AUGUST
SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST - FRI 8TH AUGUST
SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST - FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

€780 per person sharing €850 pp including single room supplement

#### **ITINFRARY**

**SUNDAY:** Travel from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead, and onwards to the Netherwood Hotel at Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria, evening meal enroute.

**MONDAY:** Visit to Holker Hall gardens, and Lakeland Motor Museum.

**TUESDAY:** A trip on the Lakeside & Haverthwaite steam Railway, cruise on Lake Windermere. Visit to Brockhole, the official visitor centre for the Lake District National Park.

**WEDNESDAY:** Visit to Grasmere / Dove Cottage (Where William Wordsworth lived). and travel on to Hawkshead.

**THURSDAY:** Scenic drive over the Kirkstone Pass to Ullswater, cruise on the lake to Pooley Bridge. Onwards to Lowther Castle, and a visit to Levens Hall, an Elizabethan House.

**FRIDAY:** Homeward bound today, return ferry home from Holyhead to DunLaoighre. Evening meal at Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow.



# Wales

#### SIX DAY TRIP

### **TOUR OF WALES**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

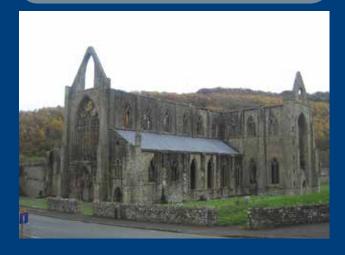
- Return ferry sailing Rosslare Pembroke
- Overnight Accommodation at the 4\* Ferrycarrig Hotel, including Breakfast and Evening Meal on Sunday
- 4 Nights Accomodation including Breakfast and Evening Meals in a hotel in Wales
- **Visit to Lovespoon Gallery, Tenby**
- **■** Guided Tour of Cardiff city and Wales
- **■** Entry to Penderyn Distillery
- **■** Evening meal at the Ferrycarrig Hotel on Friday
- **■** Tea/Coffee and scones at Cwmcerrig farmshop
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach
- **■** Tour Guide for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

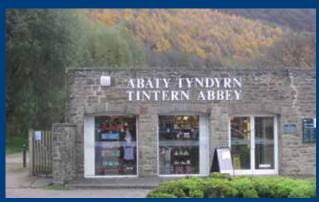
#### **DATES:**

SUN 25TH MAY – FRI 30TH MAY SUN 13TH JULY – FRI 18TH JULY



€600 per person sharing €700 pp including single room supplement







### **ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY:** Overnight in The Ferrycarrig hotel, Wexford.

**MONDAY:** Travel by ferry from Rosslare to Pembroke. Visit to the Lovespoon Gallery, Temby, Wales. Travel onwards to Cardiff city and check in to our hotel.

**TUESDAY:** Guided tour of the historic city, Cardiff and Cardiff Bay and enjoy free time to explore and browse at your leisure there.

**WEDNESDAY:** Guided tour of the Rhondda Valleys, over the Bwlch Mountain pass with stunning views, and through the Afan valley to the city of Swansea. Free time to explore this beautiful city.

**THURSDAY:** To South Wales and visit the Brecon National Park. A scenic drive to the Mountain centre and visiting some local towns, before heading to Penderyn Distillery for a tour and sample some Gin, Vodka and a Crème Liquer.

**FRIDAY:** Leaving our Hotel, heading to Pembroke, we stop off at Crosshands roundabout to visit The Cwmcerrig farmshop. This is Wales' largest farm shop. On arrival at Rosslare we head to The Ferrycarrig Hotel for our 4 course evening meal.

# South of England



SIX DAY TRIP

## **TOUR OF SOUTH OF ENGLAND - PLYMOUTH AND EDEN**

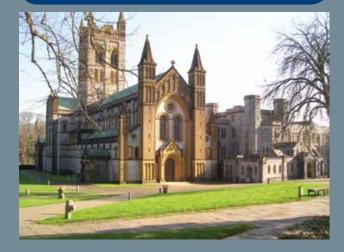
#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Overnight accommodation at the 4\* Ferrycarrig Hotel, including Breakfast and Evening Meal on Sunday
- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal at the family run New Continental Hotel, Plymouth.
- Bed & Breakfast in Newport. Wales
- **■** Evening meal at The Halfway House, Willand
- Visit to the Eden Project
- **Visit to Dartmoor Prison Museum**
- Visit to Buckfast Abbey
- **■** Tea/Coffee and scones at Cwmcerrig Farmshop
- Return ferry sailing Rosslare Pembroke
- **■** Evening Meal at The Ferrycarrig Hotel on Friday
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach

#### DATES:

SUN 29TH JUNE – FRI 4TH JULY SUN 17TH AUG – FRI 22ND AUG

#### €600 per person sharing €700 pp including single room supplement







#### **ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY:** Overnight at the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford.

**MONDAY:** Travel by ferry from Rosslare to Pembroke, onward through Wales, crossing the Severn Bridge, heading south to Plymouth, stopping at the Halfway House, Willand for evening meal, before arriving at The New Continental Hotel in Plymouth.

**TUESDAY:** Leaving our hotel, we do a coach tour of Plymouth City, before travelling to Cornwall to visit the Eden Project, known as the 8th Wonder of the World, then return to hotel in Plymouth for evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY:** A visit to Dartmoor Prison Museum, calling into the town of Tavistock, before returning to have some free time in the city of Plymouth, known throughout the UK as OCEAN CITY

**THURSDAY:** Depart Plymouth, on our way to our overnight stop in Newport, We visit the beautiful and famous Buckfast Abbev.

**FRIDAY:** As we make our way to the ferry at Pembroke dock, we visit the Cwmcerrig Farmshop in Carmarthen. This shop is the biggest of his kind in Wales. On arrival at Rosslare, we head to the Ferrycarrig Hotel for our evening meal.

# Killarney

**FIVE DAY TRIP** 



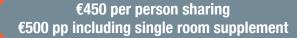
# TOUR OF KILLARNEY, RING OF KERRY & DINGLE PENINSULA

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meal at the Killarney Avenue Hotel
- **Entry to Muckross House**
- Cruise on the Lakes
- Lunch on the Ring of Kerry and Dingle
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach

#### **DATES:**

MON 21ST APR – FRI 25TH APR MON 28TH APR – FRI 2ND MAY





#### ITINFRARY

**MONDAY:** Travel from your pick up point to The Killarney Avenue Hotel, situated in the heart of Killarney town.

**TUESDAY:** A visit to Muckross House and Gardens, Cruise on the lakes of Killarney, plus a visit to the Gap of Dunloe, and free time for shopping in Killarney town.

WEDNESDAY: Full day tour of the Ring of Kerry.

**THURSDAY:** Full day tour of the Dingle Peninsula and the Slea Head drive.

FRIDAY: Leaving Killarney, travelling back to your homeplace.



# West Cork

**FIVE DAY TRIP** 

# **HIGHLIGHTS OF WEST CORK**

THIS IS A 5 DAY ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE TOUR OF SKIBBEREEN, MIZEN HEAD, GLENGARIFF, GOUGANE BARRA, COBH & KINSALE.

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- 4 Nights Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meals 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









#### **DATES:**

MON 21ST APR - FRI 26TH APR MON 2ND JUNE - FRI 6TH JUNE MON 25TH AUG - FRI 29TH AUG

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



### **ITINERARY**

**SUNDAY:** Pick up day and transfer to The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery. Pipes, bag-pipes, whistle, bodhran and irish dance.

**MONDAY:** Depart The Celtic Ross Hotel and go to Skibbereen, including the heritage centre and free time around the town. Following this, we head for Mizen Head Lighthouse & visitors centre.

**TUESDAY:** Depart hotel and travel to Bantry and Glengariff, catching the ferry to Garnish Island, with some free time later to browse around Glengariff. Then we travel to Gougane Barra.

**WEDNESDAY:** Today we head for Cobh, taking in the Cobh Heritage Centre, followed by a visit to Kinsale.

THURSDAY: Homeward bound today.

# Wexford/Wicklow

**FOUR DAY TRIP** 



# FOUR DAY TOUR TO WEXFORD & WICKLOW

THIS IS A 4 DAY ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE TOUR OF NEW ROSS, THE DUNBRODY VISITOR CENTRE, HOOK HEAD LIGHTHOUSE, JOHNSTOWN CASTLE & GARDENS, AVOCA, GLENDALOUGH, JFK ARBORETUM, AND WATERFORD CITY

**DATES:**TUES 10TH JUNE - FRI 13TH JUNE
TUES 5TH AUG - FRI 8TH AUG

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- 3 Nights Bed, Breakfast and Evening Meals at the Ferrycarrig Hotel, Wexford
- Admission to Visitor Centres
- Tea/Coffee at The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford
- Lunch at Dunbrody Visitor Centre
- Lunch at Hook Head Lighthouse Restaurant
- Lunch on Day 3 in Laragh, Co. Wicklow
- **■** Evening meal at The Elm Tree Restaurant, Glounthane

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







### **ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY:** First stop is The Park Hotel, Dungarvan for tea & scones, and then travelling on to The Dunbrody Centre in New Ross for a fully guided tour. After lunch here, we will make our way to our hotel to check in, and then enjoy an evening meal.

**WEDNESDAY:** Depart Hotel, and make our way to Wexford town for some shopping. Then we head on to Hook Head Lighthouse for a guided tour, and also have lunch here. Following this, we visit Johnstown Castle & Gardens, and then back t hotel for evening meal.

**THURSDAY:** Today we go to County Wicklow, where we will visit The Avoca Woolen Mills for a guided tour, and also on to the village of Laragh. We will also visit Glendalough Visitor centre today.

**FRIDAY:** Homeward bound today, but first we will visit the JFK Arboretum just outside New Ross. Then on to Waterford city where we will have a tour of Waterford Crystal, and also have some free time for shopping in the city. We will then make our way to The Elm Tree Restaurant in Glounthane for evening meal.

# Northern Ireland

**FOUR DAY TRIP** 



### **NORTHERN IRELAND - ATTRACTIONS & SHOPPING**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Breakfast in the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois
- Three Nights Bed, Breakfast & 3 Evening Meals at The 4\* Hillgrove Hotel, Monaghan
- **■** Visit to Newgrange
- Visit to the New Titanic Centre, Belfast
- Belfast City Tour
- Visit to the Irish American Folk Park
- Evening Meal in the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co Laois
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach





#### DATES:

TUES 22ND JULY - FRI 25TH JULY

€340 per person sharing €400 pp including single room supplement

#### ITINFRARY

**DAY 1:** Depart home, our first stop will be at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois for breakfast. Next we will visit Newgrange Centre in Co. Meath. We will also visit the Mound at this centre.

From there it is on to the elegant 4\* Hillgrove Hotel, Leisure & Spa, in Monaghan town.

**DAY 2:** Full day excursion to Belfast city taking in a tour of The New Titanic Centre, also a city tour including the Shankill & Falls, Stormont and Queens University. No trip to Belfast would be complete without "shopping". Your coach will drop you off in the city centre with free time to discover Belfast. Afterwards, we will make our way back to the elegant 4\*Hillgrove Hotel, Leisure & Spa.

**DAY 3:** Depart hotel, and make our way to the Co. Tyrone town of Omagh, and visit the Irish American Folkpark. Then into Omagh town and visit the garden of light, installed to commemorate the 31 people who lost their lives in a bomb attack on the town on 15th August 1998. Afterwards you will have some free time for shopping. From Omagh we will make our way back to the stylish 4\* Hillgrove Hotel, Leisure & Spa in Monaghan town.

**DAY 4:** Depart Hillgrove Hotel, and make our way to Armagh city, the Christian capital of Ireland. Here we will visit the Cathedral. Leaving Armagh city we will travel onto Newry and allow a couple of hours for shopping. This is your last chance for shopping, as we then make our way back to the Castle Arms Hotel in Durrow for evening meal. This is our last stop

# Northern Ireland

**FOUR DAY TRIP** 



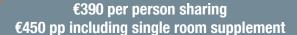
# **BELFAST, DERRY, DONEGAL & INISHOWEN PENINSULA**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Breakfast in the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois
- One night Bed, Breakfast & 1 Evening Meal at the luxurious Stormont Hotel
- Two Nights Bed, Breakfast & 2 Evening Meals at The comfortable Everglades Hotel in Derry.
- **Visit to the New Titanic Centre, Belfast**
- **■** Belfast City Tour
- Entry to Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- Entry to New Interpertative Centre at The Giants Causeway
- **Entry to The Famine Village on Inishowen Penninsula**
- **■** Guided tour of Derry City
- Luxury 5\* Failte Ireland Approved Coach

#### **DATES:**

TUES 3RD JUNE - FRI 6TH JUNE TUES 29TH JULY - FRI 1ST AUG









### **ITINERARY**

**TUESDAY:** Depart home, our first stop will be at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow for breakfast. Belfast city tour, New Titanic Centre, Stormont, Shopping in Belfast City Centre. Overnight at the Luxurious Stormont Hotel.

**WEDNESDAY:** Scenic tour along the Antrim coast taking in the 9 glens of Antrim, Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge, and the Giants Causeway (New Interpertative Centre), Through Portrush and Portstewart, to Derry city, staying at the luxurious Everglades Hotel on the outskirts of the city.

**THURSDAY:** Travel to Donegal and visit the Inishowen Peninsula and onwards to Doagh Island where we visit the amazing Famine Village, returning to the Everglades Hotel in Derry.

**FRIDAY:** Before returning home, we take a guided tour of Derry city, visit the Bogside, and walk the Walls. Onward to Omagh for a brief stop over for some last minute shopping, before heading for the M1 Motorway for journey homeward, stopping at The Castle Arms hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois for evening meal.

# TourA

**DAY TRIP** 

# LISMORE LIOS MOR MOCHUDA

### **LISMORE**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea & Scones
- Short film / audiovisual presentation
- Lunch at Lismore House Hotel
- **■** Guided tour of Lismore Gardens
- Barrons Bakery
- **■** Mount Mellery Abbey
- 4 Course Evening Meal at the Corbett Court Hotel

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

### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am approx, and onto The Elm Tree Restaurant, Glounthane for morning coffee. Next we travel on to Lismore Heritage Centre where we will be shown a short audio visual presentation, followed by lunch at Lismore House Hotel and a tour of the castle gardens. Then we go to Barrons Bakery, followed by a short stop at Mount Mellerary Abbey, and finally The Corbett Court Hotel for our evening meal.



# Tour B

**DAY TRIP** 



# **MILSTREET COUNTRY PARK & KILLARNEY**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **Luxury Coach**
- Morning Coffee/Tea & Scones
- **Guided tour of Milstreet Country Park**
- St Johns 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 The Mills Inn Ballyvourney

### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am approx and on to Milstreet Country Park for morning coffee and a tour of the Park. After about 2 hours here, we will have a short stop at St Johns Well outside the Park. Then we head for Killarney, where our first stop is for lunch at Scotts Hotel. From here we will be collected at the hotel by the jaunting cars for a tour of Killarney's National Park, followed by a cruise of Lake Leane on the Waterbus. An hour's shopping will follow this, and finally we go to the The Mills Inn Ballyvourney for our evening meal.



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

# Tour C

**DAY TRIP** 



#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **Luxury Coach**
- **Moring Coffee/tea & Scones**
- Cruise on Kenmare Bay
- Entry to Star Seafoods Salmon Factory
- Lunch in Cons Bar & Restarant
- 4 Course evening meal at The Mills Inn Ballyvourney

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

# ITINERARY

Depart base at 9am approx, and go to The Mills Inn Ballyvourney for morning coffee. Following this, we will go to Kenmare, taking in a guided tour of Star Seafoods Salmon Factory, where you will see how the towns fish products are produced. We will have lunch at Cons Bar & Restaurant, followed by a 1 hour cruise of Kenmare Bay. You will then have some free time in Kenmare town, and at 6pm approx, we will leave Kenmare and head for The Mills Inn again, for our evening meal.



# Tour D

**DAY TRIP** 



## **KENMARE SHOPPING AND MOLLY GALLIVANS COTTAGE**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea & Scones
- Entry to Molly Galivans Cottage
- Lunch at Cons Bar & Restaurant
- **■** Tour of Star Seafoods Salmon Factory
- 4 Course evening meal in The Mills Inn Ballyvourney



### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am approx, and we will head for The Mills Inn Ballyvourney for morning coffee. Then we will make our way to Molly Gallivans Cottage, where you will see country lifestyle in rural Ireland before the days of electricity. This attraction includes an audio-visual presentation. We will have lunch at Cons Bar & Restaurant for lunch followed by a tour of Star Seafood Salmon Factory, where you will see how the towns fish products are produced. Following this tour, we will go straight to Kenmare town centre for shopping. Then at 6pm approx, we will leave Kenmare and head for The Mills Inn again, for our evening meal.

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

# Tour E

**DAY TRIP** 

### **SKIBBEREEN & MIZEN HEAD**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- Morning Coffee/Tea & Scones
- **■** Skibbereen Heritage Centre
- Lunch at West Cork Hotel
- **■** Mizen Head Visitors Centre & Lighthouse
- 4 Course Evening meal at The West Lodge Hotel

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



## ITINERARY

Depart base at 9am approx, and we will head for The Celtic Ross Hotel for morning coffee. Then we will make our way to the Heritage Centre in Skibbereen, followed by some free time in the town centre for shopping. We will go to the West Cork Hotel for lunch. Following lunch we will then take the scenic route to the Mizen Head, travelling through Ballydehob, Schull and Goleen. On our way home, we will stop again at The Celtic Ross for our evening meal.



# Tour F

**DAY TRIP** 



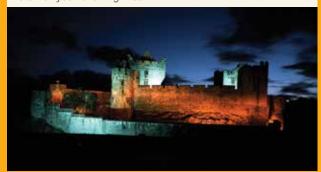
# **KILKENNY CASTLE & SWISS COTTAGE**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Luxury Coach
- **■** Breakfast at the Corbett Court Hotel
- **Tour of the Swiss Cottage**
- **Kilkenny Castle**
- 4 Course evening meal at Corbett Court Hotel

### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am approx, and we will head for the Corbett Court Hotel for full irish breakfast. Our next stop will be the Swiss Cottage in Cahir, where we will enjoy a guided tour. Then onwards to Kilkenny city for a guided tour of Kilkenny Castle. You will then have some free time for shopping in Kilkenny. Your final stop will be a return to The Corbett Court Hotel for your evening meal.



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

# Tour G

**DAY TRIP** 

# **COBH & SPIKE ISLAND**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

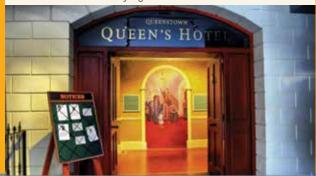
- Luxury Coach
- **■** Tea/Coffee & Scones
- **Entry to Cobh Heritage Centre**
- Boat trip to Spike Island and tour on arrival
- 4 course evening meal at the Elm Tree Restaurant

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



### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am travelling onwards to Cobh Heritage Centre, a visitor centre located in the Original White Star Line ticket offices where the last 123 passengers boarded the doomed Titanic. Tea/coffee will be served and following which a look around the centre will take place. Then, you will travel to Spike Island by boat. Here you will receive a guided tour of the most interesting parts of the island. On return from Spike Island you are free to explore Cobh which is particularly powerful as the town has changed little since the Titanic set sail more than a century ago.



# Tour H

**DAY TRIP** 



# **GOUGANE BARRA, GLENGARIFF & BANTRY**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- **■** Tea/Coffee & Scones in Gougane Barra
- Boat trip to Garnish Island
- 4 course evening meal at the evening meal at hotel of your choice; The Westlodge Bantry, or the Parkway Hotel Dunmanway

### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am where you will go straight to Gougane Barra for morning coffee, and time after to visit the chapel and walk around. Next stop is Glengariff, the gateway to the Beara peninsula. We will visit Garnish island also following which will have lunch in Glengariff. Onwards for a visit to Bamboo Park, and then onto Bantry where we will stop for shopping if they wish. Your final stop will be The Westlodge Hotel in Bantry or Parkway Hotel in Dunmanway for your evening meal.



27 to 50 people = €70 per person 18 to 26 people = €80 per person

# Tourl

#### **DAY TRIP**

### **KINSALE**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- Tea/Coffee & Scones in The Pink Elephant, Harbour View
- Cruise of Kinsale Harbour
- 4 course evening meal at Man Friday Restaurant, Kinsale

27 to 50 people = €70 per person 18 to 26 people = €80 per person



# ITINERARY

Depart base at 9am where you will go to The Pink Elephant, Harbour View, Kilbrittain, overlooking Courtmacsherry Bay, for morning coffee and scones. We will then travel on to Kinsale via Balllinspittle, and take a visit to Charlesfort. We will cruise around Kinsale Harbour for an hour. Following this, you will have free time around Kinsale town. Your final stop will be at Man Friday Restaurant for our evening meal.



# Tour J

**DAY TRIP** 

# **KILLARNEY**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Luxury Coach
- Tea/Coffee & Scones in The Mills Inn, Ballyvourney
- **■** Jaunting Cars
- Cruise of Lough Leane
- 4 course evening meal at The Mills Inn, Ballyvourney



### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am where you will go to The Mills Inn, Ballyvourney, for morning coffee and scones. We will then travel on to visit Muckross House & Gardens. This is followed by a trip in the Jaunting Cars through Killarney's National Park. We will also do the Waterbus Cruise of Killarney's Largest Lake, Lough Leane. You will then have some free time for shopping around Killarney. Your final stop will again be at The Mills Inn, Ballyvourney for your evening meal.



27 to 50 people = €70 per person 18 to 26 people = €80 per person

# Tour K

**DAY TRIP** 

# **SKIBBEREEN**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Luxury Coach
- Tea/Coffee & Scones in The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery
- **Entry to Skibbereen Heritage Centre**
- Trag Knitwear
- 4 course evening meal at The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery

27 to 50 people = €70 per person 18 to 26 people = €80 per person



### **ITINERARY**

Depart base at 9am with first stop at The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery for morning coffee and scones. We will then travel on to visit Lough Hyne, and return after to visit Skibbereen Heritage Centre. We will have lunch at the West Cork Hotel, and following this we will make our way to Trag Knitwear in Tragumna. We will then take the scenic drive to the village of Union Hall, where you can visit the memorial of the Tit Bonhame that sank off Union Hall. Your final stop will again be at The Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery for your evening meal.



# TourL

**DAY TRIP** 

## **EAST CORK TOUR EXPERIENCE**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **■** Luxury Coach
- Tea/Coffee & Scones in the Cobh Heritage Centre
- **■** Entry to Cobh Heritage Centre
- **■** Lunch in Kilkenny Café
- **■** Entry to Ballymaloe Gardens
- **■** Evening meal



### **ITINERARY**

Depart your centre and travel to the Cobh Heritage Centre, the Titanic Trail. Trace your Irish Ancestors and enjoy tea/coffee and scones in the Cobh Heritage Centre. From Cobh, travel onto the Shanagarry Design Centre, enjoy a craft demonstration and a 2 course lunch in the Kilkenny Café, with its magnificent views over the Ballycotton coastline. You can avail of a 10% discount in the Kilkenny shop. Next stop is Ballymaloe Gardens. Stroll through the vibrant gardens, spotting wildlife and enjoying the beautifully crafted walks. From Ballymaloe we travel back to The Elm Tree Restaurant in Glounthaune or the Viaduct Inn for our evening meal.

27 to 50 people = €70 per person 18 to 26 people = €80 per person

# Dorset Steam Fair

THREE DAY TRIP

# THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST - SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Luxury Failte Ireland approved 5\* Coach
- 3 nights B&B in a 3\* hotel
- 3 evening meals (Thursday, Friday & Sunday). Saturday evening is optional
- Admission ticket into the Fair each day
- Return ferry crossing Rosslare/Pembroke

### **ITINERARY**

Depart West Cork in the early hours of Thursday morning 28th August to catch the morning sailing from Rosslare to Pembroke. Travel from Pembroke to Salisbury to hotel accomodation. This will be our base for the next three nights. The hotel is based just 30 minutes from the Steam Fair. Spend Friday 29th & Saturday 30th at the Fair. Travel home on Sunday 31st August.



€450 per person sharing €500 pp including single room supplement

# Belfast Shopping Tour

THREE DAY TRIP

# FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER – SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2014

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- **Luxury Coach**
- Breakfast in The Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois
- 2 Nights Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meals at a Belfast Hotel
- **■** Evening Meal at the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow

#### ITINERARY

Depart home our first stop will be the Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow, Co. Laois for breakfast. Next we will visit Belfast and shop til we drop. On Sunday we depart Belfast for home, stopping off in Newry, where you get another chance to finish off your weekend shopping and spend the last of your sterling! Your final stop will again be the Castle Arms Hotel in Durrow for your evening meal.



€265 per person sharing €290 pp including single room supplement

# Vorid Flower Show

#### AT RDS DUBLIN

# 18TH – 22ND JUNE 2014

#### **DAY TRIP**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Breakfast en route
- Admission to RDS
- **■** Evening meal on return journey
- Luxury Coach

€70 per person

#### **OVERNIGHT STAYS**

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE:**

- Breakfast en route
- Admission to RDS (two days)
- Overnight accomodation
- Two evening meals
- Luxury coach for two days

€199 per person sharing €219 pp including single room supplement

### **ITINERARY**

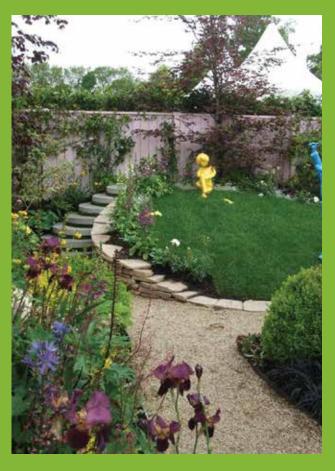
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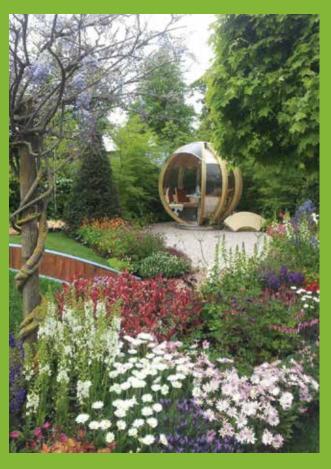


#### ITINFRARY

Travel up and spend two days at the show.

WE CAN PROVIDE A TAILORED PACKAGE TO SUIT YOUR CLUB IF REQUIRED, I.E. A GARDEN VISIT ON DAY ONE AND SECOND DAY AT THE SHOW.





## **BOOKING FORM**

# PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY Address (Full postal): \_\_\_\_\_ 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





Make cheque payable to - O'Connor Bus Hire Ltd. Post to: Cormac O'Connor, Castlelawn, Kilbrittain, Co. Cork



### **BOOKING CONDITIONS & OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

#### **TOURING**

By award winning O'Connor Bus Hire coach featuring three point seat belts, climate control air-conditioning, reclining seats, on-board fridge toilet and washroom lowering front step facility. The coach is configured with fifty seats.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Our price includes standard run of the house room only accommodation unless otherwise stated. Prices per person are based on two persons sharing an en suite twin-bedded room.

#### MEALS

Included in the price is breakfast daily and meals as described. Dinners and some lunches are included as detailed in the itineraries. Any special meal requirements will be made on a request basis only. In rare cases hotels are fully inclusive (i.e. food and beverage included). This will be clearly listed in the Hotel description. None of our packages include massage therapy or spa treatments. Although we list the facilities of a property in our hotel description this does not necessarily mean that the use of these facilities is included in your price. Please enquire of us at the time of booking.

#### 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 provided 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:

Room service, holiday insurance, laundry, telephone charges, porterage and all items of a personal nature not listed in the brochure.

#### **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, 30% of the tour price is forfeited.

Within 2-3 weeks of departure date, 45% of the tour price is forfeited.

Within 1-2 weeks of departure date, 60% 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 being confirmed in writing.

#### **ACCOMMODATION ON REQUEST**

Where accommodation is 'on request' an additional charge of  $\P0$  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  $\P3$  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

"This is my second trip with O'Connors, would travel all over the country with them, great value trips" – Liam Coughlan

"Thanks for a very enjoyable trip, I look forward to travelling again" - Bill Chambers

"One of the best trips, May God bless Vincent our driver for his kindness on the trip" - Pat & Nora Casey

"We left West Cork on Sunday, went into holiday mood, and we enjoyed every moment of our holiday to Wales. Compliments to the organisers of the tours" – Chris & Mary Collins, Clonakilty

"A most enjoyable and complete tour with all possible places of interest visited, and no time wasted. Many thanks to all concerned" – Dorothy & John Hendrick, Ballinhassig

"The tour was most enjoyable, I would highly recommend it to anybody" - Margaret Lehane, Macroom

"I enjoyed the variety of venues we visited, which would not be so readily available to me otherwise. Continue as your're going, you give very dedicated service to your customers. Wishing you many years of successful touring" – Kitty McCarthy, Clonakilty

"Having never been to any of these places before, thought it was a very good tour, very carefully planned, lots of interesting places, overall excellent. Music on Wednesday and Thursday was an added bonus" – Michael & Mary O'Sullivan, Cill Na Martra

"A very well organised tour, well done, roll on next year. Everybody on the coach was very friendly and we enjoyed their company" – Timoty & Ann O'Sullivan, Bandon

"Really wonderful, enjoyed every minute of it. Ready for next year. Keep up the good work" - Ina O'Driscoll, Ballineen

"Really enjoyed the tour, It was our first time in Scotland, the brochure was very explanatory" – Liam & Patricia White, Montenotte. Cork

"We thought the tour overall was really interesting, we packed so much into 4 days, and the brochure was clearly laid out it was easy to follow" – Con & Anne Sugrue, Bantry

"We both enyoyed our first experience with your tours, and would be more than happy to go with you again. Would heartily recommend you to all & sundry! – Hugh & Margaret Kelleher, Youghal



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We can offer a tour tailored to your requirements, whether it is mostly sightseeing or some event that you plan on attending i.e. The World Flower Show; 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. We would be delighted to meet with your group to discuss your proposed tour and any questions which you might have. We 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 2014.

Contact: Cormac at 087-6167835 or Eilish at 087-1840842 or Office at 023-8849596











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