



The Travel Connection Presents...

1916 Easter Rising Anniversary Tour

Join Irish Historian Marilyn Madigan

March 19, 2016 - March 30, 2016 (11 Days/10 Nights)

Land & RT Air: \$3550 per person, based on twin occupancy (Minimum of 20 Traveling)
Single Room Supplement: \$550

Air departure tax, fuel and surcharges are subject to change until entire group is confirmed and ticketed.
Only a \$250 deposit required to hold your place for this tour. Call today!

Tour Includes:

- Exclusive transport by luxury motorcoach with a driver/guide
- Meet and greet service with one group transfer upon arrival and departure at the airport
- Hotel accommodation based on twin bedded rooms with private bath for 10 nights
- Full breakfasts (11)
- Dinners (10):
 - Table d'hôte dinners (8)
 - Crumlin Road Gaol with dinner
 - Irish House Party
- Walking tour of Derry with a local guide
- Guided tour of Belfast & Dublin (2)
- Dublin open-top bus tour with a visit and drink at either Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery

Visits and admission fees to:

Cliffs of Moher
Westport House
Drumcliffe Churchyard
Giant's Causeway
Titanic Belfast
Crumlin Road Gaol
Kilmainham Jail
General Post Office Museum
National Museum of Decorative Arts & History
Arbour Hill Cemetery
Glasnevin Museum

- Hotel portage, service charges and government taxes
- Flight bags, ticket wallets, baggage tags and identifying strap

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1916 EASTER RISING ANNIVERSARY TOUR — OUTLINE ITINERARY

SAT, MAR 19- UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart your hometown and take an overnight flight across the Atlantic.

SUN, MAR 20- DUBLIN ARRIVAL & ENNIS

Your CIE Tours driver/guide will welcome you to Ireland and escort you to the motorcoach. Stop for a traditional Irish breakfast before driving through the midlands of Ireland to Ennis. Upon arrival check into your hotel and enjoy some time to settle into your room. The rest of the day is free to do some independent sightseeing. In the evening join your fellow travelers for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: TEMPLE GATE HOTEL, ENNIS

MON, MAR 21- CLIFFS OF MOHER & WESTPORT

Leaving Ennis, drive to the coast to view the Cliffs of Moher. This impressive wall of rock rises to almost 700 feet above the foaming Atlantic breakers. Continue northwest to Galway to see the principal sights of the city. Then continue your drive northwest to Westport. Check into your hotel and enjoy some time to relax before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL, WESTPORT

TUE, MAR 22- WESTPORT HOUSE & ACHILL ISLAND TOUR

This morning stop to visit Westport House an 18th century mansion, set in superb parkland with magnificent views overlooking Clew Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. See stunning rooms with priceless furnishings, paintings, books, silver and even Waterford Crystal. Then continue on around Clew Bay, reputed to have 365 islands. Drive via Newport and across the Curraun Peninsula to reach Achill Island, joined to the mainland by a bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive to capture wonderful and wild scenic views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Also see stretches of windswept bogland and golden beaches. View the Deserted Village which provides a haunting reminder of times past on Achill Island. Set at the foot of the south-facing slope of Slievemore mountain, this 'village' consists of the remains of almost 100 traditional stone cottages. Return to Westport where you join your group for dinner in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL, WESTPORT

WED, MAR 23- DONEGAL SIGHTSEEING & DERRY

Departing Westport, travel northeast through Sligo, a county of gentle mountains, lakes and coastline. In Sligo Town, stop at Drumcliffe Churchyard to see the grave of the great poet, W. B. Yeats. After your visit, follow the Atlantic shoreline into County Donegal, where you will enjoy a panoramic tour as you drive. See windswept hills where only sheep can thrive and is renowned for wool production. Then continue your journey past the lovely Blue Stack Mountains to Derry. Upon arrival check into your hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MALDRON HOTEL, DERRY

THU, MAR 24- DERRY TOUR, GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & BELFAST

After breakfast embark on a walking tour to see the principal sights of Derry. Next continue your drive through Limavady and Coleraine to visit the Giant's Causeway. This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed more than 60 million years ago by the slow and even cooling and contraction of molten lava. Then travel through the "Nine Glens of Antrim" for wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Drive to Belfast and check into your hotel. You may wish to relax or freshen up before dinner. In the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST

FRI, MAR 25- BELFAST SIGHTSEEING & TITANIC BELFAST

Today, set off on a guided sightseeing tour of the city. In the Titanic Quarter, visit Titanic Belfast. Embark on a journey through the life of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Through state of the art technology, the exhibitions nine interactive galleries take you back to the sights, sounds and stories of Titanic as well as the city and people which made her. The exhibition also explores the discovery of the wreck and has live links to current marine

expeditions. Return to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, visit the Crumlin Road Gaol, which was a prison dating back to 1845. As of 1996, Crumlin Road Gaol no longer housed inmates and later went through a renovation process to open its doors as a visitor attraction and conference center to tourists. On your visit, you will learn about the history of women and children detained within the political segregated walls of the prison between republican and loyalist prisoners. Also, tour the underground tunnel, which connected the Gaol to the Crumlin Road Courthouse. After your tour, join your group for a traditional Irish dinner in the dining hall.

OVERNIGHT: EUROPA HOTEL, BELFAST

SAT, MAR 26- DUBLIN HIGHLIGHTS

Leaving Belfast, travel south through Newry and Dundalk with views of the Mountains of Mourne in the background. Continue your drive south past the gentle hills of the Mourne Mountains and into the metropolitan region of Dublin. Upon arrival set off with a local guide who will show you around the prominent historic buildings and monuments of Dublin. Stop to visit to Kilmainham Gaol to see what punishment was like during its years of operation from 1796 to 1924. Learn about political prisoners, especially from the 1916 Rising, detained here because of their efforts to shape Ireland's history. Next, visit the GPO Witness History Interpretive Exhibition Centre, which is associated with the 1916 Rising as well as the events that took place to create an Independent Irish State. Then check into your hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure so that you can browse, shop and sightsee independently. In the evening join your group for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

SUN, MAR 27- EASTER IN DUBLIN

Spend the entire day free to enjoy Easter activities in Dublin as there are many to choose from! Or you may to just independently sightsee or relax at your hotel. Whatever you wish to do, there is something for you in Dublin. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Irish dinner in the hotel restaurant with your group.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

MON, MAR 28- HOP ON HOP OFF DUBLIN

Enjoy the day at leisure in Dublin, where you can choose from a wide variety of pursuits. Use your Hop on Hop off pass to visit a number of places. Using your vouchers you may either visit the Guinness Storehouse or Old Jameson Distillery. There are also plenty of museums of Irish interest such as the National Museum, the National Gallery or the Writers Museum. There are plenty of shops along Nassau Street and the pedestrianized Grafton Street or Henry Street and you may like to explore Temple Bar. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

TUE, MAR 29- DUBLIN SIGHTSEEING

After breakfast continue to explore Dublin with a local guide. Stop to visit the National Museum of Decorative Arts and History see the permanent exhibition called, *Understanding 1916 (subject to final confirmation within 60 days prior to visit)*. Next see the military cemetery at Arbour Hill, which is the last resting place of 14 of the executed leaders of the 1916 Rising. Then drive to the nearby Glasnevin Museum, Ireland's national necropolis, which is a who's who of modern Irish history as the final resting place of Daniel O'Connell, Michael Collins, Charles Stewart Parnell, Brendan Behan and other prominent people. This evening join in the festivities at The Irish House Party. Begin with a delicious dinner followed by live traditional Irish music and dancing along with humorous explanations of the dances, music and instruments.

OVERNIGHT: CAMDEN COURT HOTEL, DUBLIN

WED, MAR 30- RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for your flight, clear security and claim your VAT refund. You may do some last minute shopping at the duty free stores before boarding your aircraft and flying west across the Atlantic Ocean back to the United States.

There is a deposit of \$250 per person, due at time of booking

Optional Trip Protection Insurance is additional at \$189 per person and due at the time of deposit.

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