

Redstone Goes Trips and Tours presents...

Ireland Discovery Tour

April 9, - April 19, 2027

Day 1 – April 9 *Travel from Pittsburgh*

Park and depart Murrysville at 3:30 PM and travel by coach to the Pittsburgh International Airport. Check in for our Aer Lingus flight and then relax until departure time at 8:10 pm. Your fare includes one checked bag of up to 50 pounds per passenger (a wheeled bag that you can manage pulling on your own is suggested), a personal item (light backpack or a small duffel/bag that can slide over the handle of your wheeled suitcase so that you are not trying to pull two bags) and a purse. Medical devices such as C-PAP do not count towards baggage. Make sure you plan for currency differences and enough distilled water if necessary for the first couple of days with a C-PAP if one is needed. Seating will be in coach class and will include one meal. The nonstop flight is 7 hours in length. Rollators are welcome. We will be very limited in the number of scooters or wheelchairs that we can take on the bus, so please make note of that in your application and we will do what we can to accommodate.



Day 2 – April 10 *Welcome to Ireland*

We should arrive in Dublin at about 8:10 am. We will then transfer to our hotel in the heart of Dublin. The remainder of the day will be at your leisure to relax after the journey or begin exploring Dublin's lively streets, historic landmarks, and welcoming atmosphere. Group welcome dinner is included. Overnight in Dublin at the Iveagh Garden Hotel. (Please note that all hotels are currently held, but ultimately are subject to availability and may need to be changed for similar accommodations.)

DAY 3 – April 11 *Discover Dublin*

After your included breakfast, enjoy a full day exploring the highlights of Dublin, a city rich in history, culture, and character. Visit the iconic Guinness Storehouse, where you will learn about Ireland's most famous stout and enjoy panoramic views over the city. Continue to Trinity College, home to the renowned Book of Kells and Ireland's oldest university. The day also includes a visit to the magnificent St. Patrick's Cathedral, one of Dublin's most important historic landmarks. Lunch is included today. Overnight in Dublin. Free time and dinner on your own.

DAY 4 April 12 *Dublin to Killarney via Waterford & Blarney Castle*

Depart Dublin after breakfast and travel south through Ireland's picturesque countryside. Visit the historic city of Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, including a tour of the Waterford Crystal Factory, before continuing to Blarney Castle in County Cork. Here, guests will have the opportunity to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and explore the beautiful castle grounds. Continue onward to the charming town of Killarney, situated on the edge of Killarney National Park. Dinner is included today. Overnight in Killarney at the Eviston House Hotel.

DAY 5 April 13 *The Ring of Kerry & Timeless Traditions*

Today experience one of Ireland's most spectacular scenic routes, the famous Ring of Kerry. Travel through breathtaking coastal and mountain landscapes, passing through Cahirciveen and the seaside village of Waterville, a favourite retreat of Charlie Chaplin. Continue through the stunning mountain pass at Moll's Gap and the dramatic scenery of the Black Valley, one of the most remote and beautiful parts of Ireland. Return to Killarney for overnight. Lunch & Dinner are included today.

DAY 6 April 14 *Cliffs of Moher & The Burren to Galway*

Depart Killarney and travel north through County Clare. Visit the world-famous Cliffs of Moher, towering above the Atlantic Ocean and offering some of Ireland's most impressive coastal views. Continue through the unique limestone landscape of The Burren, renowned for its unusual geology and rare flora. Arrive in the vibrant city of Galway, known for its colourful streets, traditional music, and friendly atmosphere. Enjoy dinner on your own with live music tonight in one of many pubs. Overnight in Galway Hotel TBD.

DAY 7 April 15 *Galway to Donegal*

Travel along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coastline and enjoy an authentic Atlantic Sheepdog Demonstration, showcasing the remarkable partnership between shepherd and sheepdog. Cross the border into the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland. Continue north to visit Donegal Castle, a beautifully restored stronghold rich in history and heritage. Arrive in Donegal Town, where the evening is free to explore this charming town after a group dinner. Overnight at the Central Hotel in Donegal.

DAY 08 April 16 *Derry, Giant's Causeway & Belfast*

Depart Donegal and travel to the historic city of Derry/Londonderry, where a guided walking tour will introduce the city's fascinating history and well-preserved city walls. Continue along the spectacular Causeway Coast to the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for its unique basalt columns and ancient legends. Later, continue to

Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. A group lunch is included today and dinner will be on your own in Belfast. Overnight in Belfast at the Clayton Hotel.

DAY 9 April 17

Belfast City & Titanic Quarter

Spend the day discovering Belfast's rich history and vibrant culture. Enjoy a guided city tour featuring major landmarks, historic neighborhoods, and the famous political murals. Visit the renowned Titanic Quarter, where the RMS Titanic was built, and learn about the city's proud shipbuilding heritage. The remainder of the day is free to explore Belfast at your own pace. Group dinner is included tonight. Overnight in Belfast.

DAY 10 April 18

Belfast to Kilkenny

Travel south to the medieval city of Kilkenny, often referred to as Ireland's Medieval Capital. Upon arrival, enjoy a group visit to the magnificent Kilkenny Castle, which has stood proudly on the banks of the River Nore for over 800 years. Afterwards, take time to explore the city's charming cobbled streets, historic buildings, artisan boutiques, and lively cultural scene. A group lunch is included today but the evening will be free to enjoy pubs and dinner on your own. Overnight in Kilkenny at the Langton Hotel.

Day 11 April 19

Kilkenny to Home

After breakfast, depart Kilkenny and travel to Dublin Airport for your return flight. With an anticipated departure time of 3:40 pm, there will be ample time for a comfortable journey to the airport and check-in procedures before concluding your memorable Irish adventure. Safe travels home. We are scheduled to land in Pittsburgh at 6:40 pm after our nonstop flight. Our motorcoach will meet us and return us to our cars in Murrysville.

Inclusions: Parking and motorcoach transportation to and from Pittsburgh airport, Aer Lingus airfare, one checked bag, reserved coach seat, motorcoach services daily in Ireland, driver services, English speaking guide services, 9 nights hotel, breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 5 dinners, driver and guide gratuities, visits and admission as listed.

A valid passport and an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) is required. We will assist you in completing the ETA process and the price of this additional documentation is included in your trip price.

It is highly recommended that participants purchase trip insurance in case of change of health condition in the traveler or an immediate family member. This insurance will cost between \$300 and \$400 depending upon age. Policy must be purchased within two weeks of initial reservation to include pre-existing condition coverage. We can assist you with the purchase of this insurance or you may use a site like www.withfaye.com or ask your insurance agent for recommendations.

A trip of this nature does require some stamina. Travelers should be able to get on and off a motorcoach (bus) with minimal assistance several times a day, walk for 15 - 20 minutes at a time, stand in one place during a tour for up to 30 minutes, manage your own luggage over short distances, and navigate uneven historic terrain or stairs where elevators may be absent. Requests to bring mobility devices will be explored with the airline and coach company. Please let us know of your particular concerns at the time of registration.

Prices:

Per person in a double room with one bed or two twin beds:

\$4150 if payments are made via credit card

\$4050 if payments after initial deposit are made by check

A limit of up to four single rooms will be available at a cost of

\$4800 if payments are made via credit card

\$4700 if payments after initial deposit are made by check

Please note that if you are traveling as a single you will be seated with another single traveler on the motorcoach.

As you consider whether this will be the trip for you, we want you to be aware of a few things:

1. We are squeezing a lot of highlights of Ireland AND Northern Ireland into this trip stopping at many of the traditional attractions. If you have already traveled to Ireland, this might not be the trip for you if you have already enjoyed these essential Irish highlights.
2. A non-refundable deposit of \$100 will be required to hold your spot. This initial deposit must be made online via credit card. We are usually flexible on this, but because of the nature of the trip we want people to be decisive about their commitment and a non-refundable deposit is the best indicator of this.
3. 50% of the cost of your trip will be due by December 15, 2026.
4. Trip must be paid in full by February 20, 2027. Balance of payments may be paid with card, cash, or check, and those paying with cash or check will receive a \$100 discount on the balance due after the deposits.

5. We will be flying as a group in coach class on Aer Lingus. Upgrades are not available with the group block. Flight time is approximately 7 hours and is a direct flight from Pittsburgh. Our numbers of rooms/bus seats/ and airline tickets are all bundled together therefore we cannot permit a traveler to make alternate flight arrangements.

Because traveling with Redstone Goes is also about building community, the following reservation priority will be in place:

Itinerary and cost information will be released via email and Facebook on Friday, July 17th. No reservations will be taken at this time, but instructions for registration will be provided.

On Tuesday, July 21 at 9 am we will open a registration link via email and Facebook for Redstone residents, persons who are on waiting lists for residency at Redstone, Redstone employees, and Redstone retirees to make their deposits. Each person falling into one of these categories will be able to book a second spot for their traveling companion. Have your credit card ready to make your reservation.

On Wednesday, July 22nd at 9 am we will open a registration link via email and Facebook for past participants in Redstone Goes. Each past traveler who registers will be able to book a second spot for their traveling companion.

On Thursday, July 23rd at 9 am we will open a registration link via email and Facebook for persons who have never travelled with Redstone Goes. Each registrant will be able to reserve spots for themselves and one additional person.

If all spaces are filled, you will be given an opportunity to join a waiting list for possible cancellation spots, and for the possibility of a second group. A credit card will not be required to join the waiting list.

Redstone Goes is a travel club program of Redstone Presbyterian SeniorCare. Lisa Dormire is the trip host and coordinator on behalf of Redstone. This trip is coordinated in conjunction with Aer Lingus and Joe O'Reilly's Destination Management Company in Dublin, Ireland.

