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Personalized Experiences

THE GREAT IRISH PUB CRAWL

A Spirited Journey Through
Ireland's Iconic Pubs

September 25 -October 4, 2026

Experience the magic of Ireland with WJBC's Scott Miller on a journey filled with breathtaking scenery, historic landmarks, and the warmth of Irish hospitality. Explore highlights like the famous Blarney Castle, the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, and set sail on a scenic Lough Ree Viking cruise, capped off with a pint at Sean's Bar—Europe's oldest pub. Delight in special moments such as a whiskey and chocolate tasting, a thrilling sheepdog demonstration, and a lively night of traditional music at The Merry Ploughboy Pub. Discover why Irish pubs are the soul of their communities—gathering places for storytelling, music, and camaraderie. This guided tour blends rich history and pub culture with 15 meals, carefully selected accommodations, and expert guides, offering an unforgettable look at the heart and heritage of the Emerald Isle.



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10 DAYS, 9 NIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 4, 2026

ITINERARY:

DAY 1 - Sept 25, 2026 - Overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland

Meet at The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center and we will take a motorcoach to Chicago O'Hare Airport to board our over night flight to Dublin, Ireland.

DAY 2, Sept 26, 2026 - Dublin City Tour & Canal Cruise Dinner

Your tour departs from your hotel at 2:00 PM. A local guide will bring you on panoramic tour of central Dublin, a friendly city famed for its wit and sense of fun. Board a barge, once used for transporting Guinness, for a cruise down the centuries-old Grand Canal as you sip a welcome drink and enjoy dinner while listening to live music. (D)

DAY 3, Sept 27, 2026 - Kilkenny Tour & Sullivan's Taproom

Explore historic Kilkenny on a guided walking tour of its Medieval Mile, stretching from cathedral to castle. Discover the city's rich heritage, narrow streetscapes, and picturesque merchants' houses. Next, soak up the atmosphere and savor the ancient craft of artisan brewing with a private tasting at Sullivan's Taproom. Explore on your own before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 4, Sept 28, 2026 - Blarney Castle & Killarney

Visit the Marine Bar in Dungarvan (a CIE Tours Exclusive) and enjoy a drink with some traditional music in this centuries-old, family-run pub. Travel to Blarney Castle to explore the beautiful gardens or to kiss the famous stone, which legend promises will bestow the "Gift of Gab". Pass through County Cork to the lively town of Killarney – a draw for visitors to Ireland since the 18th century. Dine in Hannigan's Bar and Restaurant at your hotel, and then after dinner take free time to explore some of Killarney's friendly pubs, many with live music. (B, D)

DAY 5, Sept 29, 2026 - Dingle Peninsula & Celtic Whiskey Bar Experience

Visit Moriarty's in the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, before heading out to the Dingle Peninsula. Visit a farm for an immersion into traditional rural life and watch skilled sheepdogs demonstrate their talents at herding. Enjoy free time to explore the charms of Dingle town. In the evening, head to the Celtic Whiskey Bar in Killarney for a tasting, chocolate pairing, and dinner. (B, D)

DAY 6, Sept 30, 2026 - Cliffs of Moher & Galway

Ferry across the River Shannon Estuary. Take in the spectacular beauty of the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic surf. Walk along the top of the cliffs for views across Galway Bay to Connemara and the Aran Islands. Continue on to Galway for a short walking tour and some free time in the city before dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7, Oct 1, 2026 - Sean's Bar & Lough Ree Cruise

Spend a leisurely morning exploring vibrant, artistic Galway as you please. Travel to Athlone, where you'll enjoy an Irish Coffee or whiskey as you cruise Lough Ree in a replica Viking longship. Next, raise a pint at Sean's Bar. This pub is not only the oldest in Ireland; dating back to 900 AD, it's the oldest in Europe, according to the Guinness Book of Records. The sloped floors (often covered with sawdust), candlelight, and turf fire pay nostalgic tribute to this pub's rich history. Enjoy dinner at the Athlone hotel this evening. (B, D)

DAY 8, Oct 2, 2026 — Guinness Storehouse & The Merry Ploughboy

Enjoy the scenery of central Ireland as you travel to Dublin. Visit the Guinness Storehouse in the heart of the city – one of Ireland's most popular attractions – and sample Ireland's iconic brew as you take in the panoramic view from the seventh-floor Gravity Bar. In the evening, visit The Merry Ploughboy for a hearty dinner and an evening of traditional Irish entertainment. (B, D)

DAY 9, Oct 3, 2026 - Independent Tour in Dublin

Spend the day exploring Dublin independently with a Dublin Hop-On, Hop-Off bus voucher, plus your choice of a visit to one of Dublin's most beloved attractions: EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, GPO Museum, Jameson Distillery Bow St. Experience, or Teeling Distillery. (B)

DAY 10, Oct 4, 2026 - Tour Ends in Dublin

Bid farewell to your Great Irish Pub Crawl and after breakfast you will start your journey back home or join us on our optional post tour to Scotland. (B)

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Double Occupancy \$6,099 Single Occupancy \$6,799

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Dedicated Tour Manager
- Hotel accommodations while on tour
- Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport
- Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges
- Hotel Transfers
- Round Trip group transfers between Bloomington and Chicago
- All meals stated in itinerary
- All excursions stated itinerary
- WJBC Scott Miller & Direct Travel Host Kimberly Rowatt with 32 guests

All prices are in US dollars unless otherwise indicated. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is July 1, 2026. Please see website for full terms & conditions.



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Scotland

Optional Extension

5-DAY TRIP



**DAY 10: DUBLIN
TO GLASGOW &
KELVINGROVE**

October 4, 2026

Take a quick flight from Dublin to Glasgow to start your panoramic tour of this dynamic, friendly city with its wealth of Victorian architecture and modern culture. Drive around George Square and see its collection of monuments to famous Scots. Visit Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum, a splendid, Spanish Baroque-style building housing one of Europe's finest art collections, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Titian, and Dali. Enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your group. (D)



**DAY 11: LOCH
LOMAND & LOCH
NESS CRUISE**

October 5, 2026

Depart for the scenic Highlands, driving alongside Loch Lomond, resplendent with lush islands, then across Rannoch Moor and through Glencoe – seeing mountains, moors and waterfalls along the way. Stop at Fort Augustus for a cruise on Loch Ness, famed for its beauty as well as the legendary monster. Continue to your elegant manor house hotel in Nairn. (B, D)



**DAY 12: WHISKEY
TASTING & ST.
ANDREWS**

October 6, 2026

Visit the historic Blair Athol Distillery to discover the art of whiskey making and sample a dram. Continue to St Andrews, the “Home of Golf”; take a panoramic drive, then explore the old city independently. Continue on to your gracious manor house hotel outside Edinburgh, set on 1,000 acres of picturesque grounds. Explore and dine independently this evening. (B)



**DAY 13: EDINBURGH
CASTLE, CITY TOUR
& SCOTTISH
EVENING**

October 7, 2026

Take a panoramic tour of Edinburgh to see the main sights, from bustling Princes Street to the wide streets of the 200-year-old Georgian “New Town.” Walk along the Royal Mile, where compact medieval houses reach several stories tall. Visit Edinburgh Castle, perched high above the city on volcanic rock, and home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. You’ll have free time to explore in the afternoon, then experience a lively Scottish evening with dinner and traditional entertainment. (B, D)



**DAY 14: TOUR ENDS
IN EDINBURGH**

October 8, 2026

Bid farewell to your amazing trips to Ireland & Scotland. After breakfast you will start your journey back home. (B)