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## Shades of Ireland

Featuring Northern Ireland

# September 17 to 29, 2018 12 Day Luxury Coach Tour of Ireland





Your Host
Robin Averill

### \$5339 CAD / person based on double occupancy

Prices Include: \* Eleven day luxury coach tour of Ireland

- \* Round trip flights from Ottawa \* Air Taxes and fees
- \* Hotel transfers \* 17 Meals as shown on the itinerary
  - \* Hosted by Local entertainer Robin Averill

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#### Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

Day 1: Monday, September 17 – Overnight Flight
Set out on an amazing Irish Adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle.

Day 2: Tuesday, Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight you and your fellow travellers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. Be sure to ask Robin to sing for you! (D)

Day 3: Wednesday, Today, it's your choice! Will you ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the historic Phoenix Park? Or will you choose a walking tour of the city's historic centre, exploring O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the River Liffey? Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. (B)

Day 4: Thursday, Step back in time. Begin the day in the medieval splendour of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in ancient Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries: or visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B,D)

Day 5: Friday, Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat\* and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, enjoy dinner on your own. (B,D)

Day 6: Saturday, Take in the rugged coastline. Loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride\* through on of Ireland's best kept secrets – Killarney National Park. (B)

Day 7: Sunday, Bid Killarney farewell as we travel across the lovely Shannon River into County Claire. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel and experience the finest in Irish hospitality. (B)

Day 8: Monday, Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then, continue on to Galway, where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends a the Manor House Hotel, a stunning 19th—century estate located on a secluded lake in the westernmost reaches of Northern Ireland. (B,D)

Day 9: Tuesday, Today you take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woollen shops. Next, we travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads you on a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, an charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it's *Diner's Choice...*you will choose your included dinner from a 'menu' of Derry's great restaurants. (B,D)

Day 10: Wednesday, This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland's northernmost point. Return to Derry and enjoy and afternoon at leisure. (B)















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Day 11: Thursday, See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobble road leading into the sea. Then, lose yourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glens of Antrim. (B)

Day 12: Friday, Get ready for a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighbourhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the Titanic before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. Next, we are off to Kingscourt, crossing back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner. (B,D)

Day 13: Saturday, Your tour ends in Kingscourt. (B) transfer to the Dublin airport

#### **Experience it! Cabra Castle**

Cabra Castle stands on 100 acres of gardens and parkland, with delightful views over the Cavan country-side, famous for its beautiful lakes. Formerly known as Cormey Castle, the history of the castle dates back to the pre-Cromwellian times of the 16th century. The property was bought in the early 19th century by Colonel Joseph Pratt, who rebuilt it and renamed it Cabra Castle. Its long legacy lends a mature, cultured air to the castle which can be felt by strolling through the castle's magnificent hallways and stairwells. Experience this history when you enjoy an overnight stay on the castle grounds. The rooms are outfitted to the highest standards with every comfort and modern facilities. The bar and restaurant offer views of the countryside and Dun an Ri Forest Park.

#### Hotel Stays:

Days 2, 3 Clayton Hotel Balsbridge, Dublin
Day 4 Tower Hotel Waterford, Waterford
Days 5,6 Killarney Towers, Killarney
Day 7 Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
Day 8 Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen
Days 9,10 City Hotel Derry, Derry
Day 11 Europa Hotel Belfast, Belfast
Day 12 Cabra Castle, Kingscourt

A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. If you purchase Collette's Travel Protection Plan, the deposit is only \$250 per person plus the cost of the Insurance.

Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of March 12, 2018 are based on availability. Final payment is due by July 19, 2018.

Deposits are refundable up until March 19, 2018.

The small print:

Days of features are interchangeable.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first serve basis.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to—hotel transfers, when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If your have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

On Day 13, due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

\*Jaunting car ride and/or boar cruise are included, weather permitting.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Air passengers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport. All transfers will arrive into and depart from Dublin airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport.

Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.



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Robin Averill



Your Host **Robin Averill** is originally from County Derry, Northern Ireland. Before coming to Canada from Ireland, Robin had established himself as a top class entertainer and vocalist with Ireland's popular showbands, "The Signs", and "The College Boys". He also toured extensively throughout Ireland, England, and Scotland.

Not long after arriving in Canada, Robin performed from coast to coast with his band in premium hotel and cabaret circuits. In addition, he made numerous radio and television appearances in both Canada and Ireland. For many years, Robin has given his time and talent to help raise funds for local charities and telethons.

Robin's career highlights include entertaining Canadian Prime Ministers, Governors General, and the President of The United States. He performed at the Expo World Fair in Vancouver, and with the Irish Showband Show at Waterfront Concert Hall in Belfast. Robin entertained the Canadian Armed Forces in Lahr, Germany on Canada Day, and has performed at country fairs, Irish and Scottish festivals, and tour shows in his native Ireland. At home in Ottawa, Robin has sung Canada's National Anthem for numerous events, including Ottawa Lynx home games. He performs regularly at Rideau Carleton Slots, and Orchardview Living Centre in Manotick, Ontario



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\*Major Credit cards Accepted

\*Please send your deposit of \$500 CAD per person (of which \$50 is non-refundable)

\*Final payment is due July 12, 2018

\*Proof of travel insurance is required for your protection



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