



# TRAVEL OBSERVATIONS

THOUGHTFUL TRIPS FOR DISCERNING TRAVELERS, BY ANNA HARRISON

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## Itinerary

### SEPTEMBER 3-ARRIVE SHANNON / GALWAY

Welcome to Ireland! You are met in the arrival hall of the Shannon Airport by your chauffeur and whisked away to Co. Galway. You will have afternoon Tea at the beautiful Ashford Castle in Cong, before making your way to the City of Tribes, Galway, where you will spend your first night in the Emerald Isle.

MEALS: AFTERNOON TEA @ ASHFORD CASTLE  
HOTEL: PARK HOUSE HOTEL

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### SEPTEMBER 4- EXCURSION ON THE BURREN

Today, drive south along the ruggedly beautiful Burren, to take in the panoramic views from atop the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Later make your way to Rathbaun Farm where you can tour a real working Irish Farm, and enjoy some homemade scones with tea or coffee.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST, TEA & SCONES AT RATHBAUN FARM  
HOTEL: PARK HOUSE HOTEL

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### SEPTEMBER 5-RING OF KERRY

Travel around the scenic Ring of Kerry with your chauffeur. Along the way you will see the natural beauty of Ireland as well as some small villages.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST  
HOTEL: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA

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### SEPTEMBER 6- BLARNEY/KILLARNEY

Today visit Blarney Castle, where you can stroll through the gorgeous grounds and gardens, or even climb the battlements of the castle to kiss the famous stone and receive the gift of eloquence. Later, arrive back in Killarney where you will take a ride on the famous Jaunting Cars which visit Ross Castle.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST  
HOTEL: KILLARNEY PLAZA HOTEL & SPA

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### SEPTEMBER 7- KILKENNY

Leaving Co. Kerry, you will drive out to the well preserved medieval town of Kilkenny. Tour the former capital of the Emerald Isle, including a visit to the castle. Tonight, enjoy your stay at the nearby Lyrath Estate.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST  
HOTEL: LYRATH ESTATE

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### SEPTEMBER 8-DUBLIN

Continue travelling north to the current capital of Ireland, Dublin. Take part in the Viking Splash Tour, for an exciting look at the city. Later, visit Phoenix Park and the Dublin Zoo. This evening, enjoy the city at your leisure.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST  
HOTEL: BROOKS HOTEL

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### SEPTEMBER 9-DUBLIN

Enjoy your last full day in Ireland with your chauffeur. Visit Trinity College Library, to see the famous Book of Kells. Continue on to St. Patrick's Cathedral, before exploring the Guinness Storehouse. This evening, say goodbye to your chauffeur and enjoy your last night in Dublin.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST  
HOTEL: BROOKS HOTEL

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### SEPTEMBER 10-DEPART

Today you will be transferred to the nearby Dublin airport to meet your departure flight.

MEALS: FULL BREAKFAST (IF FLIGHT TIMES ALLOW)

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