

Ireland & France

Depart Cairns 10 June at 10.45AM arrive Singapore 3.25PM – Silk air

Depart Singapore 10 June at 11.30PM arrive London 11th June at 5.55AM – Singapore airlines

Depart London 11 June at 10.50AM arrive Dublin 12.20PM – Aer Lingus

Commence the following Cosmos tour in Dublin on the 11 June and ending in Dublin on the 19th June

- **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND.**

Check into your hotel. At 3 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for an afternoon orientation drive through statuelined O'Connell Street and elegant Georgian squares to St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College. End the day with an optional dinner evening at the Guinness Storehouse.

- **DAY 2: DUBLIN-DOWNPATRICK, NORTHERN IRELAND-BELFAST.**

On your northbound route today, pass Drogheda, scene of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, then through the fertile landscape of the Boyne Valley, known for its prehistoric passage graves. Cross the border into Northern Ireland and drive past the Mountains of Mourne to Downpatrick, the burial place of Patrick, Ireland's Patron Saint, and on to the vibrant city of Belfast, where the Titanic was built. Later, why not join a Local Guide on a "living history" tour, including a visit to the fascinating Titanic Experience? (B)

- **DAY 3: BELFAST-GIANT'S CAUSEWAY-DERRY-DONEGAL, IRELAND-DRUMCLIFF-SLIGO.**

First stop this morning is aweinspiring GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, let the province's story unfold as you head for the city of Derry before returning to the Republic to visit Donegal, the ancient town founded by Danish Vikings and home of the O'Donnell Clan. Drive along Donegal Bay with its small fishing ports and hidden beaches, and stop in Drumcliff to see the grave of W.B. Yeats before arriving in Sligo. (B,D)

- **DAY 4: SLIGO-GALWAY-CLIFFS OF MOHER-LIMERICK.**

Travel farther south to Galway, a popular seaside destination and a buzzing cosmopolitan centre with colourful shops, and a busy café and bar culture. Cross the limestone plateau of The Burren to visit the spectacular 203-metre (668-foot) CLIFFS OF MOHER. Tonight, you might like to join an optional medieval banquet. (B)

- **DAY 5: LIMERICK-ADARE-DINGLE PENINSULA-KILLARNEY.**

Start your day with a stroll through Adare, a village known for its prize-winning thatched cottages. Then, take in the breathtaking scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, where the 51-kilometre (32-mile) Sleah Head drive affords magnificent vistas of the Atlantic Ocean. See the Blasket Islands, and hear about the way of life and unique literary achievements of its inhabitants prior to their evacuation in 1953. The next two nights are spent in the popular resort of Killarney. Tonight, enjoy the optional outing to Tralee for dinner and a performance at Siamsa Tire, Ireland's National Folk Theatre. (B)

- **DAY 6: KILLARNEY. RING OF KERRY EXCURSION.**

At Killorglin, join the RING OF KERRY for a 100-mile coastal panoramic drive featuring sparkling seascapes, mountains dotted with brightly coloured farmhouses, winding lanes bordered with subtropical vegetation, and spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney from Ladies View. Back in Killarney, a special optional adventure: take a horse-drawn jaunting car along the national park lakeshore for pictures of Ross Castle. (B,D)

- **DAY 7: KILLARNEY-BLARNEY- WATERFORD-TRAMORE.**

More scenic splendour as you head over the Kerry Mountains into County Cork. Stop in Blarney, famous for its Stone of Eloquence, with time at your leisure to see the castle and shop for Irish crafts and handmade crystal. After lunch, drive past Cork, the country's second-largest city on the way to Waterford, where a guided tour of the HOUSE OF WATERFORD CRYSTAL is included. Spend the night at the nearby seaside resort of Tramore. Later, consider an optional pub tour. (B,D)

- **DAY 8: TRAMORE- AVOCA-DUBLIN.**

On the last leg of your journey, visit Ireland's oldest HANDWEAVING MILL at Avoca, and enjoy views of the Wicklow Mountains on your way to Dublin. An optional Irish cabaret evening, including dinner, dance, song, and laughter would be an exciting finale to your holiday. (B)

- **DAY 9: DUBLIN.**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Depart Dublin 19th June at 11.10AM arrive London 12.40PM – Aer Lingus

Accommodation: The Cleveland Hotel IN: 19 June OUT: 21 June

Depart London 21 June on Eurostar at 10.24AM arrive Paris 1.45PM

Commence the following Cosmos tour in Paris on the 21st June and ending in Paris on the 28 June

- **DAY 1: ARRIVE IN PARIS, FRANCE.**

Check into your hotel and use your CosmosGO app to explore the French capital. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

- **DAY 2: PARIS.**

One full day to explore the "City of Light"-that's known throughout the world for its fashion, art and museums, cuisine, and joie de vivre. Enjoy included sightseeing with a local expert to see many of the best-known Parisian sites. Optional excursions are also available. (B)

- **DAY 3: PARIS-GIVERNY-ROUEN- HONFLEUR-DEAUVILLE.**

Start the day with a visit to Giverny, home of impressionist painter Claude Monet. The famous WATER GARDEN at Giverny was the inspiration behind some of Monet's finest work (gardens open from April to October). Continue to Rouen to visit its great CATHEDRAL. Next, enjoy a stop in lovely Honfleur, situated on the Seine estuary, and then continue to the seaside resort of Deauville. (B,D)

- **DAY 4: DEAUVILLE-NORMANDY LANDING BEACHES-BAYEUX-MONT ST. MICHEL.**

Visit the legendary beaches of Normandy, where Allied troops landed more than 70 years ago. The highlights are Arranches and the AMERICAN CEMETERY at Omaha. On to Bayeux, famed for its lacemaking and the world-renowned BAYEUX TAPESTRY depicting the story of William the Conqueror and Harold, Earl of Wessex-who led the Norman and Saxon armies in 1066 to conquer England. Then, discover spectacular Mont St. Michel, which stands on an island accessible by a causeway. (B)

- **DAY 5: MONT ST. MICHEL-ST. MALO- RENNES-CHÂTEAUX COUNTRY.**

Drive along the Brittany coast to the fortified seaside resort of St. Malo to admire its CATHEDRAL and ancient walls. Later, visit Rennes with its traditional, colourful, timberframed houses, then reach the enchanting Châteaux Country. (B)

- DAY 6: CHATEAUX COUNTRY.

Spend a whole day at leisure or to take advantage of a fascinating optional excursion to Château of Chenonceau, now privately owned and the most visited castle of the Loire Valley. Visit Amboise, where Leonardo da Vinci spent the last three years of his life. (B,D)

- DAY 7: CHATEAUX COUNTRY-BLOIS- CHARTRES-PARIS.

Visit picturesque Blois with its renaissance castle, once occupied by Louis XII. Later, visit Chartres, home of the famous gothic cathedral. Arrive in Paris to enjoy an optional evening excursion. (B)

- DAY 8: PARIS.

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Depart Paris 28 June at 12.00PM arrive Singapore 29 June at 6.50AM – Singapore airlines

Accommodation: Peninsular/Excelsior IN: 29 June OUT: 30 June

Depart Singapore 30th June at 8.45AM arrive Cairns 5.15PM – Silk air

Cost per person \$6,700*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 9-day tour of Ireland including breakfast, 3 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary
- 2 nights accommodation in London
- *Eurostar* between London and Paris
- 8-day tour of France including breakfast, 2 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary
- 1 nights accommodation in Singapore