

the ireland never seen

A Journey into Irish-American History

Irish roots in America run deep. Descendants of immigrants from the Emerald Isle have enriched American history perhaps more than those of any other single ancestry. In fact, fifteen of our presidents have been of Irish lineage. Throughout our history, men and women of Irish descent have excelled and led—men such as Patrick Cleburne, “Stonewall of the West,” and Thomas Francis Meagher, General of the Irish Brigade and Governor of Montana. You will also pay respects to such famed Irish-Americans as Grace Kelly, John F. Kennedy, and Gregory Peck. While driving through Irish scenery of unparalleled beauty—mountains, moorlands, and sea cliffs—you will learn more of Ireland’s striking kinship with the United States.



The ancient Celtic cross



National Famine Museum near Crough Patrick



Thatched cottages are becoming rare.



Brightly colored houses in very tidy towns.



Ruins of houses, castles and monasteries dot the landscape



30,000 people emigrated from Sligo to America during the Famine years 1845-51.

The Ulster American Folk Park, considered one of the finest open air museums in the world, tells the story of emigration from Ulster to America in the 18th and 19th centuries. Here you will find fully furnished Old and New World buildings which connect America to Ireland, and include costumed demonstrators going about their everyday tasks. A ship and dockside gallery have a full size replica of an emigrant ship.



At the National Famine Museum in Strokestown Park, thoughtfully designed exhibits explain how economic, political, and social factors exacerbated the effects of the potato crop failures.

After dinner this evening, enjoy old Irish tales told by a Shenachie, an Irish story teller

The Dunbrody Famine ship at the Kennedy arboretum presents an interactive exhibition which re-enacts life on board the ship for emigrants travelling from New Ross to the US and Canada 150 years ago.

Dinner and overnight in the Granville Hotel, once the family home of Thomas Francis Meagher.

Annie Moore was the first immigrant to the United States to pass through the Ellis Island facility in New York Harbor. She departed from Cobh, County Cork, aboard the steamship Nevada on January 1, 1892, her fifteenth birthday.



Annie Moore Statue, Cobh



The Giant's Causeway

Belfast is a treat that few travelers have experienced. You will have an afternoon briefing on the background to the “Troubles” in Northern Ireland prior to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998. The next morning you will take a “Black Taxi Tour” of the city. Drivers are from both sides of the sectarian divide so that the commentary is both interesting and relevant to the problems in the north.

While in Dublin, HistoryAmerica TOURS travelers will stay at the elegant Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel with its two restaurants that feature fine international cuisine. A historic home built in 1741, the hotel is situated in a lovely wooded area overlooking Dublin Bay. Here you will meet Historian Guide Deirdre Burns, and have a preview of the Irish-American history to be spotlighted on the tour.



Houses of Parliament in Dublin



St. Stephen's Green, Dublin



Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin

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