

## Lakes of Killarney

## 'Cork & Killarney' Tour - Sept 2027

Kenmare, Garnish Island, Bantry Bay, Bantry House & Gardens, Mizen Head Lighthouse, Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Blasket Islands Interpretive Centre, Killarney National Park, Tralee, Ring of Kerry, Shannon River Cruise...

10 Nights: Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Oct (Dispersing Saturday morning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct)

The Park Inn at Shannon AirportCo Clare	1 Night
The Maritime HotelCo Cork	3 Nights
The Lake Hotel, KillarneyCo Kerry	5 Nights
The Park Inn at Shannon AirportCo Clare	1 Night

(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

Check or money order only, payable to Mahog Music. (No credit card, sorry)

Mahog Music, PO Box 1256, Talent, OR 97540 USA

Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B – Coach - Activities/Visits - Meal-tips.

Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — Insurance.

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**Proposed Itinerary**: Weather in September can affect slight changes.

Day 1 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2027

**Activity** As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the

Park Inn, and check in under MAHOG MUSIC TOURS.

Gather in the bar for a Welcome Drink at 6.00pm, prior to Dinner at 7.00pm.

**Evening** After Dinner: Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.

**Hotel** Park Inn, Shannon Airport

Day 2 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2027

**Activity** Heading for Bantry, we make our way to Cobh for a self-guided tour of <u>Cobh</u>

<u>Heritage Center</u>. With such a rich heritage, history and so many stories to tell, a trip to Cobh Heritage Centre is a must. This beautiful, informative and sometimes emotive cultural Centre is inventively situated within Cobh's beautifully restored Victorian railway station, a building with its own history. From here we make our

way to **Bantry** with enough time to settle in before dinner.

(Independent Lunch in Cobh)

**Evening** After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guest.

**Hotel** The Maritime Hotel, Co Cork

Day 3 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2027

Activity After breakfast we take a boat tour in Bantry Bay with a visit to Garnish Island.

Garnish is a small island of 15 hectares (37 acres) known to horticulturists and lovers of trees and shrubs all over the world as an island garden of great beauty. This afternoon we visit **Bantry House & Garden** for a guided tour. The Bantry

Demesne has been in the White family since the mid 1700's.

(Independent Lunch in Glengarriff)

**Evening** After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guest.

**Hotel** The Maritime Hotel, Co Cork

Day 4 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2027

Activity Morning departure for Mizen Head, Ireland's most Southwesterly Point,

returning by way of Bantry. The Radio Room can only enhance the dramatic setting of the Lighthouse at Mizen Head where over a century ago Marconi left his mark! Mizen Head Signal Station, built to save lives off the treacherous rocks

at Ireland's most south-westerly point, five miles from Goleen.

(Independent Lunch in Mizen Head or Bantry)

**Evening** After Dinner: Evening free to explore the town.

**Hotel** The Maritime Hotel, Co Cork

Day 5 Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2027

**Activity** After breakfast we depart West Cork for Killarney. Our first stop will be a visit to

Molly Gallivan's Farm. Molly Gallivan's 200-year-old Cottage & Traditional farm is a family-run Visitor Centre. At Molly Gallivan's you will experience the simple country lifestyle in rural Ireland before the days of electricity & modern conveniences. We will stop in **Kenmare** town for a visit. Founded in 1670, Bórd Fáilte officially recognized the historical, cultural and environmental significance

of Kenmare by bestowing upon it the title of Kerry's first Heritage Town.

(Independent lunch in Kenmare)

**Evening** After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guest.

**Hotel** Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

Day 6 Monday 27th Sept, 2027

Activity After breakfast, we set off for the **Dingle Peninsula**. After a visit to **Dingle** 

<u>Town</u> we will visit <u>The Great Blasket Centre and Island</u>, on the tip of the Dingle Peninsula. With stunning views of the wild Atlantic coast and islands at the halfway point of the Slea Head Drive, the Blasket Centre is a fascinating heritage and cultural centre/museum, honoring the unique community who lived

on the remote Blasket Islands until their evacuation in 1953.

(Independent Lunch in Dingle or the Blasket Centre)

**Evening** After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guest.

**Hotel** Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

Day 7 Tuesday 28th Sept, 2027

Activity After breakfast we will be picked-up at the hotel entrance for a jaunting car

experience through the Killarney National Park & <u>Torc Waterfall</u>. This tour features the history, folklore and legends of the area. The afternoon is free to explore <u>Killarney National Park</u> and/or <u>Muckross House & Gardens</u>.

(Independent Lunch)

**Evening** After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guest.

**Hotel** Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

Day 8 Wednesday 29th Sept, 2027

**Activity** After breakfast we depart for a 1hr journey to **Ardfert Cathedral**. Ardfert is a

small village steeped in history with many imposing monuments located just five miles north-west of Tralee town. The partially restored 15th century cathedral is on the site of a monastery founded by St Brendan 'The Navigator' in the sixth

century. We will return by way of **Tralee** for free time and shopping.

(Independent Lunch in Tralee)

**Evening** After Dinner: we depart at 8:30pm for a concert by traditional musicians from

the Killarney School of Music.

**Hotel** Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

Day 9 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2027

**Activity** Morning departure for the **Ring of Kerry**; a leisurely drive with stops on this

world-famous scenic route, including <u>Cahergall and Leacanabuaile Stone</u>
<u>Forts</u>. We will have an extended stop at <u>Derrynane House</u>. Derrynane, the Oakwood of St Fionán, stands at the very tip of the Ivereigh Peninsula in Co. Kerry. Sheltered within the woodland stands Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, politician and statesman, and one of the great

figures in modern Irish history. Returning to the hotel late afternoon.

(Provided Lunch at Derrynane House)

**Evening** After Dinner: free to relax and pack for our return to Shannon.

Hotel Lake Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

**Day 10** Friday 1st Oct, 2027

Activity We depart Killarney for Shannon. En route we stop for a visit and lunch in scenic,

Adare Village. After lunch we enjoy an hour-long cruise on the River Shannon

and Lough Derg aboard the Spirit of Killaloe.

Arriving back at the Park Inn, Shannon at 5:30pm for our final dinner.

(Independent Lunch in Adare)

**Evening** After Dinner: Men of Worth host a final concert program with Special Guests:

Andrew MacNamara (Accordion), Mark Donnellan (fiddle) & Brendan Hearty

(Guitar & Vocals)

**Hotel** Park Inn, Shannon Airport

Day 11 Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2027

Activity Breakfast is included, served between 6:30am and 10am. (Not as a group)

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!

You could plan to fly out this morning...or make other plans.

For those staying an additional night, or nights, at the Park Inn before or after the tour, we will ask you in good time if extra nights are required and will process and make the reservations on your behalf.

Prices tbd.

You don't need to contact the Park Inn; just show up with your Credit Card.

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