



Skidmore College presents

VILLAGE LIFE IN IRELAND

JUNE 10 TO 18, 2008

On this delightful nine-day itinerary, immerse yourself in the timeless charm and beauty and the vibrant Celtic heritage of Ireland. View pristine lakes nestled amid verdant hills; visit picturesque villages where the ancient Gaelic language is still spoken; and walk through spectacular English gardens and along the storied streets of Dublin in the footsteps of literary giants Jonathan Swift, James Joyce, and Sean O'Casey.

This travel program combines the scenic beauty and leisurely pace of the Irish countryside with Dublin, Ireland's dynamic capital and a virtual open-air museum of Georgian architecture.

Experience the warmth of Irish hospitality in the inviting *Cahernane House Hotel* in the tranquil lakefront town of Killarney and the gracious *Brooks Hotel*, located in the historic heart of Dublin.



THIS TRAVEL PROGRAM INCLUDES

IN KILLARNEY

- ◆ Four nights in the four-star *Cahernane House Hotel*, a historic property known for its elegant furnishings and exceptional service.
- ◆ Private welcome reception in the hotel featuring wine and cheese.
- ◆ Breakfast daily and most meals, including two-course lunches and three-course dinners on selected dates.
- ◆ Half-day tour of **Killarney** and a visit to the 19th-century Muckross House, decorated with authentic period furnishings.
- ◆ Excursion to the enchanting **Lakes of Killarney** and **Gap of Dunloe**, including a leisurely lake cruise and a ride in a traditional jaunting car.
- ◆ A drive through the ruggedly scenic **Dingle Peninsula**, a cradle of Gaelic culture.

Scenic transfer from Killarney to Dublin, with stops in bustling Cork City, with a visit to University College and the Italian Chapel, and historic Blarney Castle. Lunch is included.

IN DUBLIN

- ◆ Three nights in the four-star, centrally located *Brooks Hotel*.
- ◆ Breakfast daily and most lunches and dinners.
- ◆ Half-day tour of **Dublin**, including visits to 13th-century St. Patrick's Cathedral and Elizabethan Trinity College, where the magnificent **Book of Kells** is prominently displayed.
- ◆ Excursion to the 18th-century Palladian country mansion of **Powerscourt**, designed by architect Richard Castle and renowned for its beautifully landscaped formal gardens.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:

- ◆ A lecture on architectural preservation by a local expert.
- ◆ Exclusive **VILLAGE FORUM** with local residents who will discuss daily life and contemporary issues in rural Ireland.

HOTELS

CAHERNANE HOUSE HOTEL—KILLARNEY

Enjoy traditional Irish hospitality at the historic Cahernane House Hotel, formerly the Residence of the Herbert Family and the Earls of Pembroke. Guest rooms are spacious, and elegantly furnished with the finest amenities. Public areas—including the dining room, lounges, drawing room and library—are decorated in a classic 18th-century style.

BROOKS HOTEL—DUBLIN

Located in the center of Dublin, this boutique hotel offers tastefully appointed accommodations and personalized service. Its renowned Francesca's Restaurant specializes in innovative Continental cuisine, and its public areas include inviting lounges and a fitness suite with sauna.

Travel arrangements by: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, 224 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 220, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Phone: (800) 922-3088

APPROXIMATELY \$2695 PER PERSON (land only)

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