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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: ARRIVE DUBLIN

THE COLLEGE GREEN HOTEL

Arrive in Dublin, meet and greet and transfer to your hotel. This evening gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: DUBLIN

THE COLLEGE GREEN HOTEL

Discover Dublin on a guided walking tour showcasing the city's history, vibrant neighborhoods, and Georgian architecture. Later, visit Trinity College to view the renowned Book of Kells. Enjoy lunch at Arthur's Bar in the Guinness Storehouse, followed by a self-guided tour and the chance to pour your own pint. (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1: DUBLIN

THE COLLEGE GREEN HOTEL

Visit the breathtaking Powerscourt House and Gardens, known for its sweeping landscapes and elegant estate. Free afternoon to explore Dublin at your own pace. Later, indulge in a private whiskey tasting at the Irish Whiskey Museum, paired with a selection of fine cheeses. (B)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2: DUBLIN / DONEGAL

HARVEYS POINT COUNTRY HOTEL

Journey to Donegal, stopping en route at the Ulster American Folk Park to learn about Irish emigration. After lunch, visit Donegal Castle and witness a traditional Tweed Weaving Demonstration before checking into your hotel. End the day with a lakeside dinner. (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3: DONEGAL

HARVEYS POINT COUNTRY HOTEL

Day at leisure with optional activities such as golf, fishing, hiking, kayaking, shopping, horseback riding, or coastal foraging. In the afternoon, attend a cookery demonstration and savor afternoon tea at the hotel. In the evening, consider heading into Donegal Town for live music and a pub meal. (B)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4: DONEGAL

HARVEYS POINT COUNTRY HOTEL

Visit the dramatic Slieve League Cliffs, followed by a scenic drive through the Rosses Gaeltacht, an Irish-speaking region — learn a cúpla focal (a few words) along the way. Light lunch before a private tour and tasting at Crolly Distillery. The evening concludes with dinner and live music at Leo's Tavern. (B,L)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5: DONEGAL / GALWAY

GLENLO ABBEY

Travel to Galway, stopping to visit W.B. Yeats' Grave, the Carrowmore Megalithic Tombs, and Knock Shrine. Along the way, partake in a lunch of soup and sandwiches. A panoramic tour introduces you to Galway's medieval streets and scenic waterfront. The evening is yours to explore at leisure. (B,L)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6: GALWAY - CONNEMARA

GLENLO ABBEY

Venture into the Connemara Archipelago, the strongest Gaeltacht region in Ireland, where Gaelic traditions thrive. Enjoy an independent coastal walk or a seaweed bath, followed by an afternoon sailing on a Galway Hooker boat (weather permitting). A local family-hosted lunch features specialties such as Connemara lamb and fresh seafood, followed by an afternoon of traditional music and dancing in a lively pub. (B,L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7: GALWAY - CLIFFS OF MOHER

GLENLO ABBEY

Take a ferry to Inis Mór to visit the ancient Dun Aenghus Fort, perched on a cliffside. On the return trip, cruise past the Cliffs of Moher, taking in their stunning views. The day ends with your farewell to Ireland dinner. (B,D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8: DEPART GALWAY

EN ROUTE

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to the United States, bringing home unforgettable memories of your Irish adventure. (B)

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