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Ireland

Places to stay

Hotels. Enjoy the international standards of Dublin's luxury hotels - excellent restaurants, room service, TV and baths en suite - for approximately \$23 for a room, with \$3 extra for breakfast, and the same value for money in Cork, Galway and other parts of Ireland. Live like a king in a beautifully restored castle or stately home, combining luxury and old-world elegance. Choose from the many comfortable family hotels where a room and breakfast costs as little as \$8. All hotels are registered and regularly inspected by the Irish Tourist Board.

Guesthouses. Guesthouses offer you personal service and a really friendly atmosphere, being smaller than hotels and costing about \$6 per night, including breakfast. Every registered guesthouse is listed in an official Irish Tourist Board guide.

Town and country homes. You can meet an Irish family at home in a private town or country house, which can be a modern bungalow, traditional cottage or Georgian residence. Overnight charges are around \$5, including breakfast. It's an enjoyable and friendly way to spend your vacation. An official guide lists all town and

country homes inspected by the Irish Tourist Board. Farmhouses. Relax and unwind with your family on a farmhouse vacation and leave city life behind, whether in County Wexford, County Tipperary or County Westmeath. There's a wide choice

identified by a special sign and listed in our official guide. Traditional thatched cottages. In carefully selected beauty spots in Counties Clare, Galway, Donegal, Tipperary and Mayo there are small groups of thatched cottages built in the traditional style



Rest in Irish cottage.

of this form of accommodation throughout the country, where you'll pay from only \$4.50 per night to \$56 per week part board. Farmhouses approved by the Irish Tourist Board are

and superbly equipped. Make one your home, coming and going as you please, sharing in the life of a small rural community, exploring the countryside at your own pace.

When you arrive in Ireland you'll feel very much at home because here you'll be among real friends. The Irish tradition of friendliness is very much a reality. Experience it for yourself wherever you go. Getting here's easy. Ireland's Shannon Airport is the nearest of all European airports to North America, making it a natural stopping place in Europe. The other arrival point is Dublin, which is only fifty minutes away from London and has direct services to and from the rest of Europe. There are also flight connections with Europe via Cork. And, there are sea ferries between Ireland and the rest of Europe.

You can fly Air Lingus, Ireland's international airline, to Shannon and Dublin from New York, Chicago, Boston and Montreal. Air Canada to Shannon from Montreal via Toronto. Trans World Airlines to Shannon and Dublin from major U.S. cities via New York. If you fly direct to some other part of Europe, you can stop in Ireland on your way home.

You'll have no problems with Irish currency. The pound is divided into 100 pence. There are six coins in circulation - 5p, 10p, 5p, 2p, 1p and 1/2p. Paper notes are in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pounds. As the Irish pound is par with the pound sterling, you can use British money throughout Ireland. You can also use travellers' checks and leading credit cards are acceptable in many places.

No visas or health certificates are required entering Ireland - simply a passport. You'll have no language problems, as English is spoken throughout Ireland - and with a charming accent. Like the sweet melody of tones of Donegal, the gentle lilt of Cork and the soft brogue of Tipperary.

Things to do

Go sailing - cruising or horse riding - play tennis or golf - enjoy some of Europe's finest fishing or explore our countless historical monuments. In the evenings you can enjoy the best of Irish entertainment.

Sailing. Ireland has a long tradition of sailing, the world's oldest yacht club being founded at Cork (160 miles south-west of Dublin) in 1720. Learn to sail on an all-inclusive sailing vacation. Your fee of about \$125 will include accommodation, meals, oilskins and all necessary equipment for the week.

Golf. Excellent courses, set in beautiful surrounding of mountains, sea and lakes await you all over Ireland. There are 18-hole courses at Courtown and Rossaree on the south-east coast, while at Waterville, Ballyhanon and Killarney in County Kerry there are further fine courses. Other courses are at Malrow, Fermoy and Youghal in County Cork, Ennis and Lahinch in County Clare, Ballyconneely and Salthill, County Galway and Westport, County Mayo. Courses further

You can choose from luxury or family hotels, situated in cities such as Dublin or Cork, or by the rugged Atlantic Coast or close to picturesque lakes and rivers. Sample the friendly atmosphere of a guesthouse, meet an Irish family in a private town or country house or farmhouse or make a traditional Irish cottage your home.

Inclusive vacations. Why not combine accommodation with travel for an all-inclusive vacation? For example, there is a wide range of guided tours available which will cost you \$100 approximately for fifteen days or \$100 approximately for a three to four-day stopover. This is a perfect and inexpensive way to see the beauties of Ireland. From Cork city - on the banks of the River Lee - with its famous Bells of Shannon and University College, you can visit Blarney Castle and kiss the well-known stone. You can also see the sights of Dublin and take a trip to the early-Christian settlement at Glendalough in County Wicklow.

There are also substantial savings to be made by taking a

court where the daily fee is from 50 cents per day to as little as \$1 per week. Hotels offer tennis facilities with nominal fees, and in some cases courts are free to visitors. Tennis tuition costs around \$2 per session.

Visiting Forest Parks. Explore nature by visiting our forest parks. You'll find specially laid nature trails, signposted pathways, picnic sites and panoramic viewpoints. Any tourist information office will supply full details of these parks.

Greyhound Racing. Join in the excitement of greyhound racing. Dublin tracks are at Shelbourne Park and Harold's Cross with further tracks in the eastern part of the country at Dundalk, Navan, Newbridge, Kilkenny, Enniscorthy and Waterford. In the south there's racing at Cork, Youghal, Clonmel and Tralee. In the west and north, Galway, Limerick and Lifford have tracks with further inland centres at Longford, Mullingar and Thanes. Admission charges vary between 50 cents to 75 cents. A tote system operates with unit bets



north are at Rosas Point, County Sligo, and Murvagh, County Donegal. Inland you can play at Kilkenny, Mullingar, Tullamore, Athlone and Clonmel. In the Dublin area there are eight courses, with Ballinay and Bettystown to the north and Woodbrook, Greystones and Dollymore to the south. Cork city has four courses. Altogether there are 240 courses, including over 100 9-hole courses, as well as driving ranges and pitch and putt facilities. There are many natural golf links around the coast.

Regarding green fees, caddies, sets of clubs, catering, tuition and other facilities, a phone call in advance will confirm. As a rough guide, green fees range between \$2.00 and \$5.00.

Take an all-in golfing vacation in Ireland. Your travel agent will supply full details.

Tennis. You can play tennis all over Ireland. In the Dublin city area there are public tennis courts where the charge is around 15 cents per hour. Throughout the country there are hard courts and grass

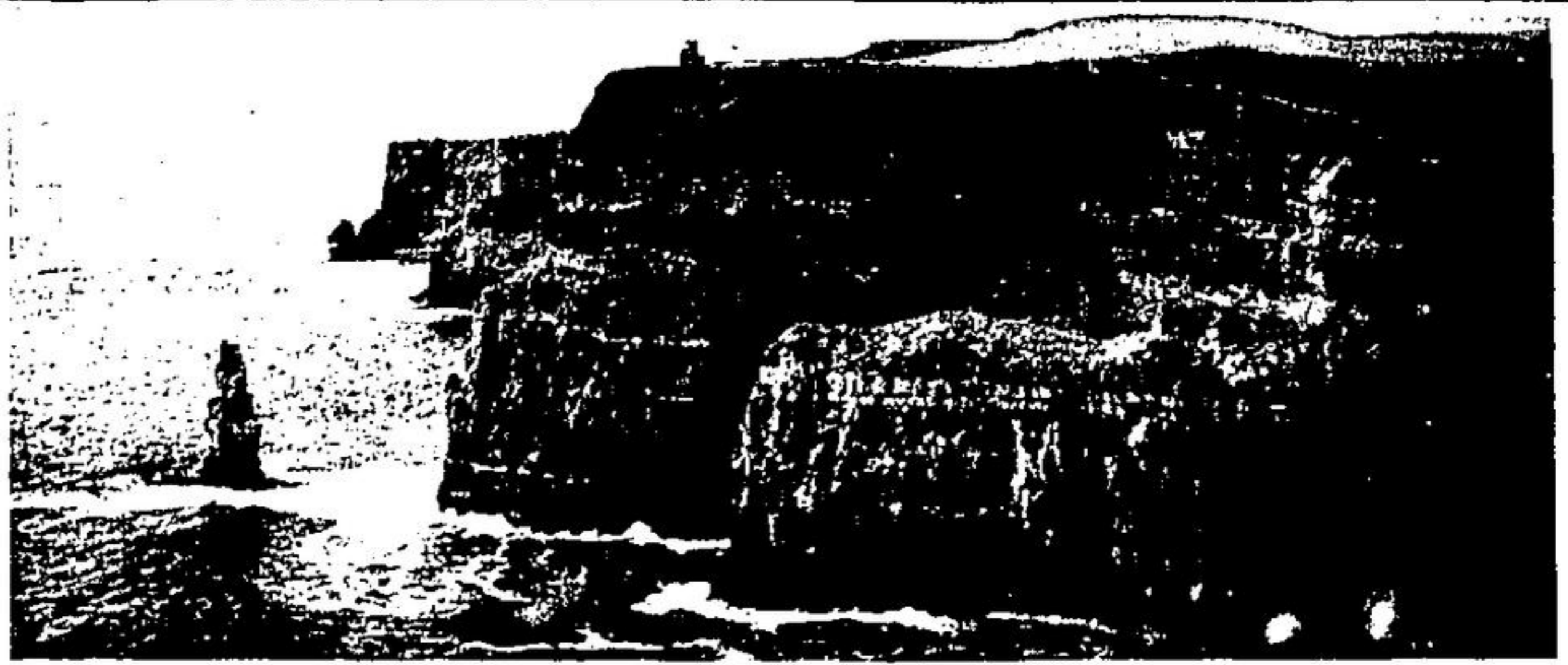
vacation in the spring and fall. Ask your travel agent for details.

Whatever sort of vacation you take in Ireland it'll be relaxing. Wherever you go you'll meet people who have time to talk and time to listen. Hire a car, discover Ireland and enjoy well-surfaced, easy-to-drive-on roads, with the lowest traffic density in Europe.

We have some of the most beautiful unspoiled scenery in Europe - always with an unexpectedness that makes touring so exciting. Take the gentle hills and waterfalls around Killarney, the breath-taking Cliffs of Moher, the spectacular ruggedness of Connemara and the delights of the 'Garden of Ireland' - County Wicklow. Then there's 3,500 miles of wonderfully varied coastline - semi-tropical bays washed by the Gulf-stream, rocky inlets on the rugged Atlantic and endless quiet sandy beaches on the east coast.

Depending on the type of vacation you take the contents of your wardrobe can be casual - for example women may include spring and fall weight dresses, suits, sweaters, slacks and comfortable shoes, with long skirts for evenings and an all-weather lightweight coat. Men can take slacks, sport shirts, sweaters or sports coat, a tie for evening wear and a lightweight coat may be useful.

Houses and gardens. Visit our beautiful historic houses with their gracious gardens - like Adare Manor, a Neo-Gothic residence in superb wooded surroundings in County Limerick. Admission 60 cents. See the magnificent early eighteenth-century Castleton House, a Palladian style mansion just a short drive from Dublin, with its excellent murals, print room, paintings, plasterwork, and long gallery. Admission 80 cents. If you're in the west of Ireland you can experience the charm of Westport House, containing a fine furniture collection, as well as notable plasterwork, pictures, silver and glass. You can stroll around the gardens and visit the adjoining zoo



On the Atlantic coast of County Clare, the Cliffs of Moher, rising to a height of 700 feet.

park. Admission (house and zoo) \$1.60.

There's always a festival on in Ireland. In March you can join the colourful St. Patrick's

Day Parades, following the bands through the streets of Dublin... visit the Grand Canal Fests in the pretty County Kildare village of Robertstown

in July, with all the elegance of the Georgian period, or take part in the 'Festival of Kerry' in September, in honour of the famous 'Rose of Tralee'.

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