THE EMERALD ISLE EXPRESS – TOUR DCST2018J/S
THE ORIGINAL RAIL CRUISE AND CASTLE TOUR

An exclusive rail land cruise and castle tour through Ireland on your own special private heritage train. Overnighting in luxury five star Irish Castle, City and Country Hotels. This all-inclusive tour is limited to 50 guests. A unique Ireland vacation experience to remember!

DEPARTURE ON SUNDAY JUNE 9TH AND SEPTEMBER 23RD

Day 1: Gathering Day - Dublin
Gathering Day in Dublin. Individual transfers from the airport to your hotel. Welcome reception, dinner and overnight stay in the five star Merrion Hotel, in the heart of Dublin city.

Day 2: Tralee to Waterford
Champagne reception at Connolly Station before boarding the Emerald Isle Express. Cruise by rail down Ireland’s scenic east coast through counties Wicklow and Wexford to Waterford City. Private visit to Waterford Crystal, dinner and overnight stay in five star Mount Juliet Estate.

Day 3: Waterford to Cork
By rail through the beautiful Suir Valley in County Tipperary to Cork and a visit to Blarney Castle and Gardens. Overnight stay in the five star Fota Island Resort.

Day 4: Cork to Killarney
Visit Cobh, Titanic’s last port of call and then rail to Killarney for a tour of The Ring of Kerry. Dinner and overnight in the five star Killarney Park Hotel situated in the centre of Killarney.

Day 5: Killarney to Galway
By rail to Galway via Limerick and a tour to the stunning Cliffs of Moher on Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way, dinner and overnight at Ashford Castle.

Day 6: Free Day
A day of leisure at Ashford Castle with optional Quiet Man tour of nearby Connemara.

Day 7: Westport to Dublin
We tour Connemara en route to Westport, Co. Mayo where we join our train for rail across Ireland with dinner and entertainment on board. Overnight in Dublin’s five star Merrion Hotel.

Day 8: Departure Day
Scattering Day. Individual transfers from your hotel to Dublin Airport. Extra nights available in Dublin on request if you would like to explore fair Dublin city.

What’s Included:
- Personal meet & greet at Dublin Airport
- Transfers to & from Airport to your 5* Merrion Hotel Dublin
- Welcome reception at the Merrion Hotel
- Exclusive Dublin City Tour
- All meals included
- Morning coffee & afternoon tea each day
- All drinks on the train
- Side tours to Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Cóbh Heritage, Ring Of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher Gobh Bay & Connemara
- Renowned Railtours Ireland Hosts throughout
- All your luggage taken care of from start to finish
- All taxes and service charges

Prices: €5,999 per person sharing
Single Room Supplement: €2,499

How to Book
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The Emerald Isle Express has now had four departures in 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017

Here is a selection of reviews and comments from our guests on recent departures

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**“The tour was a delight!”**

I would like to congratulate and thank you all for a truly great and memorable trip. Everyone on the trip was friendly and helpful. Both the train and the bus were a delight. Tom, Jonathan, and Norman along with Jim Dungan were all a pleasure. The train crew (too many to name) were all the best that anyone could hope for.

Every meal was wonderful whether lunch on the train or the dining at restaurants and hotels. Visited September 2017 - Loni Roberts, USA.

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**“Emerald Island Express was a great trip!”**

We traveled on a heritage train with Railtours Ireland last week. The wonderful tour guides, Norman Foster and Jonathan Reaumont were excellent! The accommodations were luxurious and they took care of every detail. We traveled the depth and breadth of the beautiful Irish countryside to see the highlights. The train has been lovingly restored and in a flash of travel in the past by train. Volunteers from the Rail Preservation Society of Ireland make the trip so special. Our coach driver, Tom McDonald was also amazing negotiating tough places and narrow roads. The schedule is full and you really get a feel for Irish history and culture. Wonderful week with great people!

Heine September 2016 - Mirja Javooen, Appleton, Wisconsin, USA.

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**“Brilliant week on Emerald Isle Express”**

Had a really special experience on the Emerald Isle Express week long tour. Saw so much of this lovely country with the pleasure of travel on a proper heritage train and luxury overnight stays. All staff on the tour were fantastic and gave us a real Irish welcome. The added value of Jonathan and Norman’s knowledge of railway and general Irish history was unexpected and helped to make the holiday. Quite a hectic schedule at times but the only way to pack everything into the week. Thoroughly recommended!

Heine September 2016 - Ian G, Chester, United Kingdom.

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Arriving at Connolly station for the Irish Rail Preservation annual tour, we were greeted with champagne and Irish music. We were off for a week of laughter with Jonathan and Norman as our knowledgeable and jovial guides. We found out that the uniformed staff are volunteers who are so passionate about trains that they take vacation time to work on board for a week. Lunches were on board with linen tablecloths. I couldn’t have planned such a fabulous week. If the train couldn’t get to a destination we were met by the bus driven by Tom who added room by the time we reached the castles and hotels thanks to musicians and dancing in the aisles - this is the way to see Ireland.

Molly McGeezy, Denver, Colorado, USA.

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**Join Us in 2018!**