



# Ireland & Northern Ireland

## EMERALD ISLE CRUISE

featuring guest lecturer **Steve Foltz**  
Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden



**EXCLUSIVE GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Fintan O'Toole**

# Green Fields & Rugged Cliffs

Circle the shores of the Emerald Isle on a captivating journey brimming with resplendent beauty, proud traditions and a warm, welcoming ambience that radiates along the lanes of small towns and buzzing cities alike. In this legendary land of poets, music makers and artists, embrace the magnificent, untamed landscapes that have fueled their creativity and feel your own spirits lifted.

Along the southern coast, delight in the maritime charms of County Cork's harbor towns and its verdant countryside. Further west, on the glorious Wild Atlantic Way, soaring cliffs, craggy headlands and sheltered beaches paint a jaw-dropping tableau at Dingle Peninsula. On the rugged Aran Island of Inishmore, gaze across a sweeping limestone terrain crisscrossed by stone walls and dotted with ancient ruins. Wonder at Skellig Michael, a brooding, austere rock of refuge, and the hexagonal stones of Giant's Causeway, both designated UNESCO World Heritage sites.

As you make your loop around the Emerald Isle on this exciting 9-day, 8-night luxury cruise, relish a thoughtfully planned itinerary packed with storied, dramatic history, tantalizingly fresh cuisine and plenty of "craic," as the Irish call a good time!

**Front cover:** *Cliffs of Moher*. **This page:** *Shores of the Beara Peninsula*





Bantry House and Gardens, Bantry Bay



Hello,

Join me on a wonderfully enriching, 8-night, deluxe cruise that circumnavigates the Emerald Isle with ports of call in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Revel in a carefree voyage defined by luxurious comfort, sophisticated style and top-notch service aboard the deluxe **World Voyager**.

From windswept coastal beauty to authentic culture and irresistible cuisine, you'll be captivated by the magic of Ireland. Along the Wild Atlantic Way, gaze over the starkly splendid Aran Island of Inishmore and soak up the Dingle Peninsula's spectacular scenery. Encounter two arresting landmarks, Skellig Michael and Giant's Causeway, both UNESCO World Heritage sites, and explore Belfast's mural-lined streets in a black taxi on a compelling tour about "The Troubles."

Throughout your cruise, you'll enjoy a choice of engaging, included excursions featuring historic houses and acclaimed gardens, celebrated sites such as the Cliffs of Moher and Blarney Castle, and scrumptious food and local specialties such as whiskey and mead.

You can also bookend your cruise with optional extensions — a pre-tour extension that reveals the cosmopolitan flair of Dublin and a post-tour extension to experience the countryside charms of County Kilkenny. Interest in this remarkable Emerald Isle cruise is sure to be strong, so ensure your spot by reserving today!

Christina Anderson  
Manage CZBG Travel Group

### Traveling With You



**Stephen Foltz**, Director of Horticulture at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, has been with the Zoo for 36 years. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture. For the past 30+ years, Steve has taught the woody landscape plant classes at both Cincinnati State and at the University of Cincinnati. He has been a member of the Ohio Plant Selection Committee and is one of the original members of the Theodore Klein Plant Awards Committee in Kentucky since its inception in 1995. Steve is also a board member of the International Plant Propagators Society, Eastern Region, and was honored with the 2016 Distinguished Contribution Award from the Ohio Nursery and Landscape Association. Steve was honored as a Hall of Fame member of the Kentucky Nursery and Landscape Association. Steve Foltz has escorted Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens tours to the United Kingdom, including the Chelsea Flower Show, Ireland, to see Historic Estates and gardens in Dublin, and, most recently, Amsterdam and Kukenhoff.

**Join us as we celebrate our sesquicentennial Anniversary!**  
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## GUEST SPEAKER

### Fintan O'Toole

Operating in the intersections between politics, history and literature, the work of Irish writer Fintan O'Toole continues to elude definition, despite his being one of Ireland's leading intellectuals. Yet, across his myriad activities and 25 books, a common theme emerges — the power of decisions, both brave and bad, to change lives. Born in Dublin in 1958, O'Toole is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and an honorary international member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. For several years he was the Leonard L. Milberg '53 Visiting Professor in Irish Letters at Princeton University. His most recent book, "We Don't Know Ourselves: A Personal History of Modern Ireland," was named 2021 Book of the Year by the Irish Book Awards and one of the 10 Best Books of 2022 by The New York Times. He has been a columnist with The Irish Times since 1988 and also contributes to The New York Review of Books, The New Yorker, Granta, The Guardian, The Observer and other international publications. He is the winner of both the Orwell Prize and the European Press Prize for his work on Brexit, and was awarded the 2024 Robert B. Silvers prize for journalism for his inclusive political commentary. O'Toole is currently working on the official biography of Irish poet and playwright Seamus Heaney.





# The Black Taxis of Belfast

The Emerald Isle is a land of two very separate nations, similar in landscape and culture but famously divided by politics and religion. The conflict between opposing groups known as “The Troubles” ignited around 1968 and continued to 1998 — three violent decades that gave rise to paramilitary forces fighting not only for control but also for a national identity. “The Troubles” saw bombings by the IRA and Ulster loyalists alike throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland and England, with Belfast at the center of the war zone. Today, Belfast is filled with symbols of solidarity and remembrance of those who lost their lives in the struggle for peace. One enduring symbol is the black taxicab, which became essential for safe passage in a warring city. Segregated Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods had their own fleets, navigating strategically to avoid crossing boundaries in the most dangerous areas, including volatile Shankill Road and Falls Road. Belfast’s black taxis are now used in a uniquely profound way, driven by individuals who lived through or were impacted by “The Troubles,” sharing their firsthand perspectives for a historical tour of the city like no other.



## INCLUDED FEATURES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you purchased air through Gohagan & Company and your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary water in your suite or stateroom and on excursions.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- ◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Meals included as noted in the itinerary (B,L,R,D).



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## 2025 | 10-DAY/9-NIGHT ITINERARY

### Departure

#### **Day 1 | September 11**

Depart your home city.

### Dublin, Ireland

#### **Day 2 | September 12**

Arrive in Dublin, Ireland's lively capital. Enjoy lunch on your own, then embark the deluxe **World Voyager** this afternoon and savor dinner on board. (D)

### Cobh

#### **Day 3 | September 13**

Begin in picturesque Cobh, which was the main Irish port for ships to America in the late 19th and early 20th century. The Titanic made its last port of call here before sailing across the Atlantic Ocean. Choose from three included activities. The first features a walking tour of Cobh, lunch and a visit to Blarney Castle and Gardens.

The second option takes you to colorful Kinsale, Ireland's "gourmet capital," where you'll visit a modern meadery that produces this ancient, honey-based drink, and relish a delicious lunch. Your final option includes a tour of the herb garden at the Ballymaloe Cookery School, lunch at charming Ballymaloe House and a whiskey tasting at a distillery. Tonight, gather for the Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner. (B,L,D,R)

### Bantry Bay

#### **Day 4 | September 14**

Arrive in Bantry, gateway to the stunning scenery of southwest Ireland. This morning, tour the delightful gardens on Garinish Island and experience Beara Peninsula's wild grandeur during a panoramic tour.

Stop at the elegant, bayside Bantry House and Gardens and savor lunch in the private dining room. (B,L,D)

### Skellig Michael/ Dingle Peninsula

#### **Day 5 | September 15**

Cruise by the Skellig Islands off the coast of Kerry to behold the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Skellig Michael, an ancient Celtic site and the setting of many modern films. Atop this awe-inspiring rock lies St. Fionan's Monastery, where monks lived, prayed and slept in clocháin, beehive-shaped, medieval stone huts. Cruise later to Dingle Peninsula, and take in dazzling coastal vistas and more clocháin on a ride along Sleat Head Drive. (B,L,D)

### Galway

#### **Day 6 | September 16**

In Galway, select from two included excursions. On the first choice, admire the Wild Atlantic Way's dramatic splendor at the Cliffs of Moher and The Burren. Enjoy a guided walk across The Burren's karstic landscape and watch waves crash below you from breathtaking cliffs 700 feet above the ocean. Your other option takes you through brooding scenery of rugged mountains and windswept bogs as you explore some of

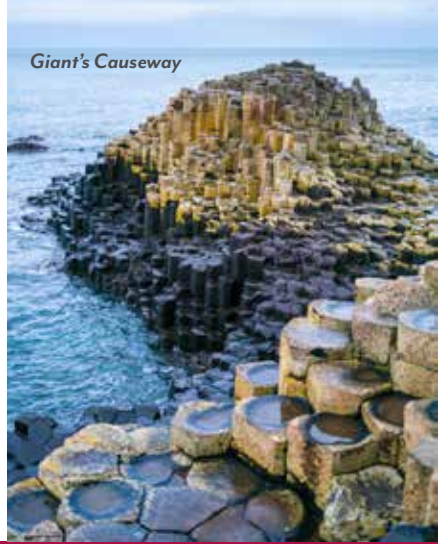


*Cobh, County Cork*

*Inishmore*



*Giant's Causeway*



Connemara's remarkable castles. Tonight, enjoy the lively music of a local traditional Irish band performing on board. (B,L,D)

**Kilronan, Inishmore**

**Day 7 | September 17**

Ruggedly beautiful Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands, has been inhabited since the Stone Age. On a guided tour, learn about everyday life on this striking island, where Gaelic is the first language. Head next to see Dún Aonghasa, the largest of the islands' prehistoric stone forts, perched on a cliff over the Atlantic Ocean. (B,L,D)

**Portrush, Northern Ireland/Giant's Causeway**

**Day 8 | September 18**

Dock in Portrush and visit the haunting ruins of Dunluce Castle. Then tour intriguing Giant's Causeway, a geological wonder and UNESCO World

Heritage site, where more than 40,000 interlocking, basalt columns jut up along the shoreline like a miniature city of skyscrapers. While science tells us that these otherworldly stones were formed by ancient volcanic activity, legend has it that the giant Finn McCool placed them there so he could cross the water to fight a Scottish giant. Learn about their origin, see unique formations such as Giant's Boot and the Wishing Chair, and delight in native seabirds and plants. (B,L,D)

**Belfast**

**Day 9 | September 19**

Begin your exploration of Northern Ireland's vibrant capital with a tour of the Shankill and Falls Roads area, the site of brutal sectarian violence during "The Troubles," from the late 1960s to 1998.

View bold, vivid murals commemorating individuals and events on both sides of the conflict, and get in-depth and personal insights about this turbulent period from your driver on a compelling Belfast Black Taxi tour. Belfast is also renowned for its impressive Titanic Belfast Museum on the site where the famous vessel was designed, constructed and launched. At the engrossing "Titanic Experience," delve into the full story of the Titanic and Belfast's shipbuilding heritage. Join the Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner tonight. (B,L,D,R)

**Dublin, Ireland/Return to Home City**

**Day 10 | September 20**

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

*Kylemore Abbey, Galway*





## World Voyager

Designed with a 1940s aesthetic inspired by the new millennium, **World Voyager** is a modern classic. Complete with sumptuous decor, attentive service, globally inspired gourmet cuisine and included beverages, this small ship is designed for you to explore the world in relaxed, unhurried luxury. Your suite or stateroom offers the perfect place to unwind and relax. All accommodations include a marble spa bathroom and a spacious living room or sitting area. Enjoy seascape views from the comfort of your balcony or from your panoramic window.



**2025 DEPARTURE DATES**  
**September 11 to 20**  
 (Embarkation: September 12)

Category-Description	Standard Rate	Early Booking \$1,000 Savings*
<b>8</b> Stateroom with panoramic ocean view picture window. Deck 3	\$8,190	<b>\$7,190</b>
<b>7</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, forward.	\$9,190	<b>\$8,190</b>
<b>6</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, midship.	\$9,890	<b>\$8,890</b>
<b>5</b> Stateroom with <b>private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, midship.	\$10,390	<b>\$9,390</b>
<b>4</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5, aft.	\$10,990	<b>\$9,990</b>
<b>3</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6, aft.	\$11,390	<b>\$10,390</b>
<b>2</b> Stateroom with balcony. Deck 6.	\$12,190	<b>\$11,190</b>
<b>1</b> Stateroom with floor-to-ceiling <b>Juliet-style balcony</b> and interior sitting area. Deck 6.	\$13,090	<b>\$12,090</b>
<b>Journey Suite 2</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 5.	\$14,790	<b>\$13,790</b>
<b>Journey Suite 1</b> Suite with <b>large private balcony</b> and sitting area with sofa. Deck 6.	\$16,290	<b>\$15,290</b>
<b>Discovery Suite</b> Suite with <b>larger private balcony</b> and separate living room with sofa. Deck 5.	\$16,690	<b>\$15,690</b>
<b>Navigator 2 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 5.	\$18,190	<b>\$17,190</b>
<b>Navigator 1 Suite</b> Extra-large, one-bedroom Suite and separate living room with sofa and floor-to-ceiling ocean view, <b>large private balcony</b> , bathroom has a tub and two sinks. Deck 6.	\$18,890	<b>\$17,890</b>

**\*Early Booking Savings of \$1,000 are available when you book by 2/10/25 and pay in full at time of booking. If you pay only your deposit by early booking date, you still save \$500 per person.**

All rates are in U.S. dollars, per person, based on double occupancy, including taxes. Single accommodations are available in categories 6, 7 & 8 at 160% of the cabin fare, plus taxes, with limited availability. Single rates for all other categories are at 200%. Early Booking Savings still apply. (Cabin fare is the standard rate less taxes.)

Port taxes in the amount of \$195 per person are included in the above prices. Deck plans available upon request.

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## PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

### Dublin

**September 8 to 12, 2025** (Program Begins: September 9)

Kick off your adventure with a 4-night, pre-cruise extension in dynamic Dublin at a deluxe, ideally located hotel. Revel in the city's bustling streets and leafy parks on a walking tour. Stroll through Trinity College and view the exquisite, hand-illuminated, ninth-century Book of Kells. Admire Dublin Castle's 18th-century State Apartments, used for ceremonial events and sip smooth whiskey at a distillery. You'll also head farther afield to marvel at the superbly landscaped gardens of Powerscourt Estate in Wicklow and tour Russborough, a stately Georgian gem regarded as one of Ireland's most beautiful houses.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,795**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,295**



## POST-TOUR EXTENSION

### County Kilkenny

**September 20 to 23, 2025** (Program Ends: September 23)

Fall in love with tranquil countryside scenery, historic architecture and picturesque towns on this 3-night, post-cruise extension in County Kilkenny. Visit a local dairy farm where Baileys Irish Cream is produced. Take in the atmospheric Rock of Cashel and its medieval church ruins majestically set on a limestone outcrop. Tour grand Kilkenny Castle, filled with handsome period rooms, and enjoy free time in the scenic town of Kilkenny. You'll also delight in a private, guided visit to pastoral Jerpoint Park, home to the ruins of a medieval town. Three-night stay at a deluxe country estate hotel.

**Price per person, based on double occupancy: \$1,695**

**Price per person, based on single occupancy: \$2,195**

*Further details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*

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*Market Lane, Kinsale, Ireland*



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