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Based on our amazing just-completed Irish fam trip, here is a more relaxed version for individuals. Yes, it's just a tad more expensive than the fam – which shows you all what amazing value the fam was!! Obviously we can adjust the hotels to lower the rates; but why would we want to if we are looking at travelling “in style”? Of course, we can greatly lower the rates by using self-drive rentals rather than Shaun as the driver/guide! But again, who would want THAT?!!!

The rates are valid from May 1 through October 31, 2008 and, of course, subject to hotel availability. Once a date is selected and we can confirm the relevant hotel space, we will require the standard \$250.00 per person deposit. Your total deposit will, of course, be fully applied to payment for this booking.

We can accept American Express, Visa and MasterCard payments. We offer a check payment discount, which is reflected on the enclosed costing sheet. If clients opt for credit card payment, we will need a *signed authorization*, which we will fax on request. Be sure to include your commission amount when you authorize final payment. *Commissions in excess of 15% of total nett price will require a small additional charge to cover credit card fees.* A commission check will be sent to you with documentation.

Please note that rates quoted are **NETT PER PERSON** so you need to add on your commission before quoting to your client. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. We look forward to working with you.

Best regards,
Brian



*A Custom Designed Itinerary to
Ireland*

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Day One: DUBLIN/ DONEGAL. Upon arrival in Dublin, you will be met by the #1 driver/guide in Ireland (SHAUN!) and privately transferred by deluxe vehicle (vehicle will depend on number in the party) to the Ulster American Folk Park. The open air museum provides visitors with an insight to the life of the Irish peoples immigrating to America in the 18th and 19th centuries. *Entrances are included.* After visiting this “living history” museum you will continue to travel with your driver/guide to Donegal. This afternoon check into **Lough Eske Castle**, a deluxe castle hotel originally built in the late 1400’s and founded by the O’Donnell clan. The current property was constructed in the 1860’s and has since been extensively renovated. The castle grounds are nestled between Donegal Bay and the fabled Blue Stack Mountains. Guestrooms are decorated in calm neutral tones capturing the allure of Gaelic heritage and offer striking views of the surrounding countryside. Guests may enjoy many activities while at the castle such as; golf, fishing, nature walks, and horseback riding on the beach. Here we have included a two night stay in a deluxe room. Dinner is included tonight at the castle. **D**

NOTE: Hotels are (unless specified otherwise) based on double occupancy in double bedded rooms or as stated, with tax, service and breakfast included.

Day Two: DONEGAL. Meet with Shaun this morning for a full day tour of Donegal. There’s a lot for you to see and do in beautiful Donegal, an area of craggy mountains, jagged coastlines and breath-taking scenery. Parts of Donegal are "Gaeltacht" (Irish speaking) areas and are renowned for its crafts and tweed. Today you will visit Slieve League, the highest sea cliffs in Europe before traveling on to Ardara for a visit to Triona Design, where the owners will provide a weaving demonstration. Lunch and a music session have been included today at Leo’s Tavern. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. **B, L**

Day Three: DONEGAL/ NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS. After breakfast this morning meet with Shaun for a full day sightseeing transfer to County Clare. Begin with a drive through the lovely village of Drumcliff and a stop at Tom Hennigan’s Heritage Farm for lunch (*entrances and lunch included*). Hennigan's Heritage Farm houses a comprehensive collection of agriculture and trade implements and many other items of interest from the rich heritage of the surrounding area. Visitors will experience the barter and Meitheal systems used for survival by the people. You can experience how people lived in a frugal, self-sufficient community when work was hard and luxuries few - a revelation for younger generations and an authentic experience of life and traditions in rural Ireland. After visiting the farm, continue to Galway with a chance to purchase some Galway Crystal and finally (in the late afternoon) arrive at **Dromoland Castle** for a two night stay in a deluxe room. The castle dates back to the 16th century when it belonged to the O'Brien clan. It is set in 370 acres of woods and parkland and includes a championship golf course.

It has intimate public rooms with roaring fires, elegant and comfortable seating, many period antiques and a huge collection of family portraits. In addition to golf, it offers riding, fishing, clay pigeon shooting, shooting, archery, tennis, snooker and bicycles. **B, L**

Day Four: LOCAL TOURING. Meet with Shaun this morning for a half day of local touring at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. *Entrances included.* The site on which Bunratty Castle stands was originally a Viking Trading Camp in 970. The present structure is the last of four castles to be built on the site. The powerful MacNamara family built the present structure around 1425 but by 1475 it had become the stronghold of the O'Briens, the largest clan in North Munster. The Castle is of Norman architecture and was completely restored to its 16th century state in the 1950's. It contains a fine collection of furniture and tapestries. Some of the sights include the 'great hall', the dungeons and four towers with spiral stairwells. Mediaeval-style banquets are held twice every evening in the great hall. After touring the castle, visit the adjacent Folk Park, where you'll see what country life was like in Ireland at the turn of the century. Return to Dromoland Castle for your afternoon at leisure. **B**

Day Five: NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS/ KILLARNEY. Meet with Shaun this morning for a full day transfer to Killarney with sightseeing stops along the way, including the Foynes Flying Boat Museum and Glin Castle. The Foynes Flying Boat Museum has a comprehensive range of exhibits and graphic illustrations. Located at the west end of Foynes, the museum is housed in the original old terminal building, which was formerly the Monteagle Hotel. The property was built in the 1860's and was the first public bar and hotel in Foynes before becoming the headquarters for aviation in Ireland. The original Terminal Building is showcased, together with the Radio and Weather room, complete with transmitters, receivers and Morse code equipment. The exhibits feature an introduction to the first trans-Atlantic passenger service and Foynes during the war years. Continue sightseeing today with a special visit to Glin Castle, home of the Knight of Glin and his wife, Madam FitzGerald. The castle stands on the banks of the River Shannon amidst a 500 acre demense. The richly decorated ceiling, Irish furniture and paintings show the original splendor of the castle interior. The castle gardens are full of well kept flowers, plants and trees that are of particular interest to horticultural groups and societies. *Entrances to Glin Castle and the Foynes Flying Boat Museum have been included.*

In the late afternoon check into the **Muckross Park Hotel** for a two night stay in a deluxe room. Muckross Park Hotel is one of the most beautiful hotels in Killarney and the oldest Victorian hotel in Killarney. It offers all the modern comforts of a five star hotel with the character and charm of an Irish Country House. Dinner is included at the hotel tonight. **B, D**

Day Six: RING OF KERRY. Meet with Shaun this morning for a full day of touring the fabled Ring of Kerry. Head out toward the Gap of Dunloe, and continue in a counter-clockwise direction to avoid meeting all the tour busses and negotiate the narrow bends in the road. The spectacular indented coastline of the charming fishing villages has a pleasant, rural atmosphere that hasn't changed in over 200 years. Enjoy stops in the charming villages of Waterville and Sneem. This is truly what Ireland is all about! **B**

Day Seven: KILLARNEY/ CASTLEMARTYR. This morning after breakfast meet with Shaun for a full day sightseeing transfer to Castlemartyr. Along the way visit Blarney and Cobh. People from all over the world go to Blarney to visit the ruins of Blarney Castle and to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence". You may also want to visit the Blarney Woollen Mills for a positively huge selection of Irish crafts and products.

After visiting Blarney, continue through County Cork to Cobh. Cobh was known as Queenstown for some decades before reverting to its old Irish name in 1922 - the Cobh (cove) of Cork. The Titanic, 'the safest liner in the world' was here on her last port of call on her fateful maiden voyage. From 1848 - 1950 over 6 million adults and children emigrated from Ireland - over 2.5 million departed from Cobh, making it the single most important port of emigration. *Entrances to Blarney Castle and Queenstown Story have been included.*

By late afternoon you will arrive in Castlemartyr. Check in for a two nights stay at **Capella Castlemartyr** in a deluxe room. Capella Castlemartyr consists of a grand 17th century manor house that sits adjacent to the ruins of a 1000-year-old castle. The world-class resort takes pride in meticulous attention to detail, a commitment to individualized service and offers luxurious amenities such as; the Auriga Spa, a Ron Kirby-designed links-style golf course, gourmet dining and a 24-hour fitness centre. Guests may take carriage tours of the 220-acre estate, which is home to a historic chapel, the tomb of the fourth Earl of Shannon and Mitchell's Woods. **B, D**

Day Eight: LOCAL TOURING. Enjoy a full day of touring, including a visit to the Fota House and Gardens. Fota House and Gardens (Arboretum) is a wonderful place to visit at any time of the year, catering for the most diverse range of interests - rich in history and Irish heritage, magnificent architecture, restoration work (which won the RIAI (Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland) award, for the best restoration project in 2002) and breathtaking gardens. In the afternoon enjoy a tour and tasting at the Jameson Middleton Distillery (*included*) before returning to your hotel. Upon arrival at your hotel this afternoon, your driver/guide services will end. *Entrances to the Fota House and Gardens have been included.* **B**

Day Nine: CASTLEMARTYR/ DUBLIN. You will be met at your hotel this morning for a private transfer to the rail station in Cork in time to board your departing train to Dublin. First class tickets with reserved seats have been included. Shaun will bid you farewell at the Cork rail station. Upon arrival in Dublin, you will be met by a local driver/guide for a panoramic tour of the city. After orientating yourself with the city, you will be transferred to **The Merrion**, Dublin's most luxurious 5-Star deluxe hotel, set in the heart of Georgian Dublin on Upper Merrion Street, opposite Government Buildings, near St. Stephen's Green and Merrion Square. The Main House of the hotel is comprised of four meticulously restored Georgian townhouses and a specially commissioned contemporary Garden Wing arranged around two private gardens. The interior is designed using Irish fabrics and antiques to reflect the architecture and original interiors of the 18th Century Townhouses. The Tethra Spa at The Merrion is one of the finest in Dublin. A beautiful 18m swimming pool set in French limestone is the focal point. Here we have included a superior garden wing room for a two night stay. **B**

Day Ten: DUBLIN. Enjoy a free day in Dublin for some last minute shopping and a little sightseeing. Trinity College, where you'll see the famous Book of Kells, Parliament, and St. Patrick's Cathedral are well worth individual visits. You'll find the best shops on Grafton Street, where you'll see a great selection of crystal, woolens, lacework and other Irish crafts. If you're interested in Irish literature, we suggest a visit to the Dublin Writers' Museum. Dublin is known for its famous writers and literature, and the Dublin Writers' Museum is an essential visit for anyone who wants to discover, explore, or simply enjoy Dublin's immense literary heritage. You can also purchase combined tickets to visit the nearby James Joyce Centre and George Bernard Shaw's birthplace (on the south side near the Grand Canal). We also strongly suggest a visit of Kilmainham Gaol, where you can learn in detail the history of the Easter Rising in 1916 and other major historical events. **B**

Day Eleven: DEPARTURE. Today you will be met at your hotel for a private transfer to the airport in time to board your departing flight home. This ends our services. No flights arranged by IQOTC. **B**