

# “From Erie to Èire” with...

## The New Barleycorn



*September 23 – October 1, 2024*

*(above dates do not include optional pre and post nights)*



*Stops Include...*  
Portmarnock  
Cavan  
Westport  
Galway

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## **\* Sunday, September 22: Pre-night Arrivals \***

This morning land in Dublin Airport. Once you go through passport control, you'll collect your bags and head to the Arrivals area where you will be met by your pre-arranged transfer to our first hotel.

**Optional Overnight (Pre-night): Portmarnock Golf Club, North Dublin**

## **Monday, September 23: Welcome to the Emerald Isle!**

Remaining passengers arrive into Dublin Airport. Once through passport control, you'll collect your bags and head to the Arrivals area where you will be met by your pre-arranged transfer to our hotel. The rooms may not be ready but you can take a stroll in **Malahide**, grab some breakfast or relax at the hotel. Once you check in, the rest of the day is at your leisure. We will then meet this evening for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight & Dinner: Portmarnock Golf Club, North Dublin**

## **Tuesday, September 24: Ancient Newgrange**

After breakfast today we'll bid farewell to Portmarnock and head to Cavan. Along the way we'll visit **Newgrange** in the Boyne Valley. This World Heritage Site is without a doubt Ireland's most historic area and contains some of Europe's most significant and spectacular prehistoric sites. The Neolithic Passage Tombs of Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth are older than the pyramids in Egypt and pre-date Stonehenge by 1000 years. We'll also visit **The World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne**, Ireland's richest archaeological landscape situated within a bend in the River Boyne. We'll then continue to Cabra Castle, which offers the stunning backdrop of Dun a Ri Forest Park. You'll find history and heritage in every nook and cranny of this stunning castle! After getting settled in we'll have dinner together this evening.



**Overnight & Dinner: Cabra Castle, Cavan**

## **Wednesday, September 25: Armagh Apple Country**



After a leisurely breakfast this morning we'll head out for a tour of **Longmeadow Cider**. We'll see how father and son Pat & Peter McKeever press and ferment the cider, and we'll also enjoy a **cooking demonstration** with granny's traditional griddle breads. After our tour we'll head to the city of **Armagh** where you'll have some free time to get lunch and explore the area on your own. We'll then head back to Cabra Castle where you'll have the rest of the afternoon at your leisure before we meet to enjoy a group dinner together.

**Overnight & Dinner: Cabra Castle, Cavan**

### **Thursday, September 26: Heading to Westport**

This morning after breakfast we'll say goodbye to Cavan and head to Westport. On route we will visit **The Shed Distillery, home of Gunpowder Gin**. We'll take a tour and enjoy a tasting of PJ Rigney's hand-made, slow-distilled gin made with gunpowder tea and botanicals, as well as various other brands. We'll then continue on to Westport where we'll check in and enjoy dinner together.

**Overnight & Dinner: Castlecourt Hotel, Westport**



### **Friday, September 27: Ceide Fields**



After breakfast this morning we will tour the **Ceide Fields**, the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world with its large dwelling areas, oldest-known fields in the world and megalithic tombs. Take in this stunning scenery and visit the award-winning **Visitor Centre** that is set against some of the most dramatic rock formations in Ireland. You'll then have the rest of the afternoon free in Westport, before we meet for dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight & Dinner: Castlecourt Hotel, Westport**

### **Saturday, September 28: Clare Island Adventure**

This morning after breakfast, we'll take a ferry to **Clare Island**, which boasts dramatic coastal cliffs and spectacular views of the surrounding bay. We'll visit **St. Bridget's Abbey** (a 12<sup>th</sup> century medieval church), **Grace O'Malley's Castle**, see the **Great Famine landscape**, and have a **tasting at Clare Island Whiskey**. After enjoying a leisurely lunch, we'll head back to Westport where you'll have the rest of the afternoon at your leisure before we meet for a group dinner at the hotel.

**Overnight & Dinner: Castlecourt Hotel, Westport**



### **Sunday, September 29: Cruising Loch Corrib & Galway**



Today after breakfast we'll bid farewell to Westport and head to Galway, the vibrant "City of Tribes"! Along the way we'll stop for a **cruise on the Loch Corrib**, maybe with an Irish coffee in hand! Take in the magnificent scenery and landscapes while you breathe in the fresh Ireland air! We'll then continue on to Galway, enjoying a **panoramic tour** on arrival. After checking in you're free to enjoy some free time in Galway and dinner at your leisure.

**Overnight: Park House Hotel, Galway**

**Monday, September 30: The Cliffs of Moher & Doolin**

After breakfast today we'll head for the spectacular views that the iconic **Cliffs of Moher** has to offer. The Cliffs are over 700 feet high at the highest point and range for over 5 miles over the Atlantic Ocean. **O'Brien's Tower** stands proudly on a headland of the majestic Cliffs. On a clear day you can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as The Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara, and Loop Head to the South. We'll then head to the charming town of **Doolin** to stretch our legs and get a bite. We then head back to Galway where you'll have time to freshen up before our farewell dinner at the hotel.



**Overnight & Dinner: Park House Hotel, Galway**

**\* Tuesday, October 1: Departure from Shannon Airport OR Post-night in Dublin**

For those guests flying out of Shannon, you will receive a transfer to the airport this morning. For guests who are doing a post-night and departing from Dublin, the coach will transfer you to our Dublin Hotel (The Hyatt Centric).

**\* Wednesday, October 2: Departure from Dublin \***

For guests who stayed the night before with us in Dublin, you will be transferred to Dublin Airport this morning.



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We look forward to seeing you soon!**