Travel Cal Discoveries

Culinary & Cultural Traditions of Ireland

July 31 – August 10, 2016

$250 EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT (IF RESERVED BY MARCH 15, 2016)
Welcome to the Emerald Isle, where hospitality, tradition-rich history, and gorgeous scenery abound. Join cheese expert and author, Cal Alumna Kirstin Jackson, who accompanies you on your journey and provides inside access to Ireland’s emerging organic food movement and vibrant restaurant scene. Visit artisan shops and farms and glean insight into the everyday lives of Ireland’s rural citizens. After tasting authentic Irish food and beverages, work off the calories with invigorating walking tours in Dublin, beautiful coastal towns and villages—and the famous Ring of Kerry. At the end of the tour, you may take an optional step back in time and spend two nights in a castle—now a five-star resort.

DATES: July 31 – August 10, 2016

COST PER PERSON:
- ASHORD CASTLE EXTENSION: (August 10–12)
  - $1,245 per person double occupancy (single supplement $550)

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PRICE INCLUDES:
- All hotel fees and taxes; 3 nights in Dublin, 3 nights at Ballymaloe, 1 night in Bantry, 2 nights in Killarney
- Local tour guide and driver
- Transportation in deluxe motor coach
- Lectures by food expert Kirstin Jackson
- Services of a full-time Cal Discoveries Travel Tour Manager
- All tickets and entry fees to attractions
- Meals listed in the itinerary: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- House beer and wine with included dinners
- Gratuities and baggage handling for hotels
- Gratuities for driver, hotel staff, restaurant staff for included meals
- Airport transfer Dublin to hotel and hotel to Shannon Airport

NOT INCLUDED:
- International airfare to Dublin and from Shannon, Passport and visa fees, non-included meals, additional optional activities not listed as part of the daily itineraries, extended stay at Ashford Castle, tips for your local guide, which are at your discretion, travel insurance, items of a personal nature.

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DAY 1  
SUNDAY, JULY 31 | Depart USA
Depart US for an overnight flight* to Dublin.

DAY 2  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1 | Dublin
Arrive in Dublin and transfer to deluxe four-star Buswell’s Hotel in the heart of the city for a three-night stay. Have lunch on your own and explore some of our sight seeing suggestions. This afternoon, take a guided walking orientation tour of Dublin and this evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. (d)

DAY 3  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 | Dublin
Visit Trinity College, founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I. See the famous Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript written c. 800 AD. Enjoy lunch and an introduction to local Irish artisanal foods at a restaurant. After lunch, visit the Guinness Storehouse for a private tour and tasting. Tonight, dinner is on your own. (b, l)

DAY 4  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 | Dublin
In the morning, sample artisanal cheese and chocolate and visit a local market to meet a butcher and fishmonger. Visit Speakers’ Square in Temple Bar, a historic part of Dublin known for art galleries and fashion. Enjoy free time this afternoon to continue exploring Dublin. Dinner is included—sample pub fare, typical of the area and tap your toe to traditional Irish music. (b, d)

DAY 5  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 | Ballymaloe
Head south today to visit the Viking City of Waterford. Enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon, visit Dungarvin Brewing Company and Oyster Farm, and go to Middleton Distillery for a tour and expert Irish Whiskey Tasting. Continue to Ballymaloe Country House for a three-night stay. Dinner at Ballymaloe is included this evening. (b, d)

DAY 6  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 | Ballymaloe
Visit the world famous Darina Allen Ballymaloe Cookery School where we will view a cooking demonstration. Go to Cork City to see the English Market, recently visited by Queen Elizabeth II. Lunch is at the superb Café Paradiso, where Chef Denis Cotter presides. After lunch, visit Cobh, last port of call for the Titanic! Taste Irish smoked salmon at a small high-end smokehouse at Frank Hederman’s Belvelly. Return to Ballymaloe. Evening and dinner at leisure. (b, l)

DAY 7  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 | Ballymaloe
Choose between [1] an in-depth hands-on cooking class where you’ll prepare a traditional Irish lunch and [2] a visit to the gardens and farm at Ballymaloe, followed by mid-morning coffee. The group will visit Crosshaven, home to the oldest yacht club in the world. Then continue to the fishing town of Kinsale, with free time to explore this picturesque, historic town. Dinner is on your own. (b, l, d)

DAY 8  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 | Bantry
Depart Ballymaloe this morning for West Cork, a culinary hot spot that boasts some of the most spectacular scenery in Ireland. West Cork is home to many passionate artisan food producers. Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch, a visit to Bantry House, and free time to explore. Stay one night at the Maritime Hotel. (b, l, d)

DAY 9  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8 | Killarney
Cross the spectacular Healy Pass into Kenmare on the Ring of Kerry. Free time to shop and explore this colorful market town. Visit a third generation family-run hill sheep farm to see a demonstration and enjoy the ancient custom of herding sheep. Lunch is at Avoca with spectacular views. Visit artisan producers of organic cheese, handmade chocolates, and fresh seafood. Arrive at romantic Killarney Park Hotel for a two night stay. (b, l)

DAY 10  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 | Killarney
Tour the rugged and beautiful Dingle Peninsula which culminates in Europe’s westernmost point at Slea Head. Known for its Irish speaking population and the drama of the Connor Pass and Mt. Brandon, this peninsula also has a high concentration of ancient ruins and ring forts. Visit charming Dingle, where artisans and idiosyncratic characters live an alternative way of life and are often found at music sessions and folkloric festivals across Dingle’s tiny settlements. Sample delicious fresh atlantic, wild-caught seafood and local craft beer. Visit the Dingle Brewing Company, set on the site of a nineteenth century creamery. Return to Killarney for some free time to explore before our farewell dinner. (b, l, d)

DAY 11  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 | Return Home
After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel. Depart for the Shannon Airport for your return flight home. (b)

*Flights not included in program price
Meals Included as listed: b=breakfast buffet; l=lunch; d=dinner
Cal lecturer’s participation is contingent on a minimum number of 14 paying travelers. Group size cannot be guaranteed.
Optional Extension
ASHFORD CASTLE, CONG, IRELAND
Price | 1,245 Double; $1,795 Single

DAYS 1–3
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10–FRIDAY, AUGUST 12
Travel north to County Clare. See Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. Visit Burren Smoke House and St. Tola Goat Farm. After lunch at Wild Honey Inn, visit Galway for a stroll around this vibrant university city. Arrive mid-afternoon at Ashford Castle in time to check in and enjoy a walk around the grounds. Dinner is on your own in the local town of Cong, with our recommendations. Thursday, enjoy the castle estate, including falconry, cycling, horse riding, garden walks, or a cruise on Lough Corrib. On day two we will have a grand farewell gourmet dinner in the George V restaurant at the castle. Friday, depart to Shannon Airport for your return flight home.

Lecturer
A UC Berkeley cultural anthropology alumna and culinary school graduate, Kirstin Jackson is the author of It’s Not You, It’s Brie: Unwrapping America’s Unique Culture of Cheese. She has recently returned from a two-month tour of England and Ireland playing with curds and whey alongside local cheesemakers, and she is enthusiastic about sharing her knowledge and expertise with you. Kirstin’s food and wine writing has been published in the LA Times, NPR, Kinfolk, Culture, and Hemispheres. When not writing, cooking, traveling the world eating cheese, visiting winemakers and breweries, she teaches classes at places such as Cheese School of San Francisco, Murray’s Cheese in New York City and City Winery in Chicago.
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I request a single room and will pay the supplement of $995.

I/we want to book the extension to Ashford Castle:

- Double
- Single

FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE MAY 5, 2016 AND IS PAYABLE BY CHECK OR CREDIT CARD.

Enclosed is my/our deposit of $___________ ($800 per person) for _________ person/people on the above tour.

Make check payable to Cal Alumni Association (CAA), or

Charge my deposit to:  
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Any payment to the Cal Alumni Association constitutes your acceptance of the Terms & Conditions listed herein. Since no exceptions can be made, Cal Discoveries Travel strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance and further information will be sent to you with your confirmation notice.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**  
All cancellations must be submitted in writing to be valid. From time of booking until March 1, 2016, cancellations will result in a $600 per person cancellation fee. Cancellations made between Mar. 2, 2016 and May 1, 2016 will result in a 40% penalty (approx. $2200). Cancellations made May 2 – June 30 are subject to a 90% penalty (approx. $5000). No refunds are granted after July 1, 2016 or for no-show or early departure from the trip once it is already in progress. Payment of the deposit or any other partial payment for a reservation on this program constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the cancellation policy contained in this information, whether the guest has signed the form or not.

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**  
A deposit of $800 is due upon reservation. A second payment of $1600 is due March 1, 2016. An invoice will be sent to you requesting payment. Payments may be made by check, American Express, MasterCard, or Visa.

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On occasion, CAA obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize CAA, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings with any videos, in CAA’s sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

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