



## Ireland Circumnavigation Cruise

**2019 European Expeditions Savings: save 15% on one or 20% on two or more European expeditions to Ireland, Scotland, Iceland or Iceland to Greenland. Offer expires 15 April, 2019.** (see Tour Notes for details). Everyone loves Ireland! Friendly folks, rolling countryside, charming villages and rugged seascapes. The Emerald Isle is truly a treasure and one best seen from the sea. Irish culture is vibrant and welcoming. Visit quaint villages, harbour towns, and modern cities. Meet the people, hear the stories—and tap your toes to the music!



12 days/11 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Dublin

This twelve-day voyage aboard the Ocean Endeavour shows Ireland in its best light. This island nation has always embraced the ocean. From cosmopolitan Dublin to coastal Ulster, there's so much to see by sea.

Arriving independently in Dublin, you will make your way to the city centre to meet our Expedition Leader and fellow travellers. We'll then explore the region, wending our way to our disembarkation point.

The Rock of Cashel is bound to be a highlight: home to one of the most remarkable collections of Celtic art and medieval architecture anywhere in the world. The Rock is the jewel at the heart of County Tipperary. Our journey by sea aboard the Ocean Endeavour begins this afternoon.

#### Day 2-3: South Coast - Clear Islands - Garnich Gardens - Cork

A combination of expedition landings and coastal towns awaits us along Ireland's south coast. Our expedition team will make the most of our opportunities; we hope to enjoy hiking, photography, and birding—in addition to town visits.

Explore another side of Ireland aboard our Zodiacs. Cruise rugged coastlines. Find abundant seabirds, and keep your eyes peeled for whales. Ireland is a photographer's paradise, a traveller's dream; we will show you it all—by sea.

Cork, Ireland's second largest city, is a must. It is known for its bridges, St. Finn Barre's Cathedral, the English Market, its beautiful architecture, and its many multicultural offerings.

A ship's cruise of Clear Island should be a hit with birders. The island is home to shearwaters, auks, skuas, [black](#) and [common guillemots](#), [cormorants](#), and [storm petrels](#). Seals, basking sharks, and dolphins frequent the surrounding waters.

In the afternoon we'll visit Innacullin Garinish, Bantry Bay. Here we'll view rare and exquisite plants at one of Ireland's top gardens. A Martello tower offers excellent views, and a seal colony rounds out the list of attractions.

#### Day 4: Ring of Kerry

This scenic route around the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry takes in outstanding views of coastlines, rolling rural



scenery, and numerous cultural attractions. Historic sites, including castles, abbeys, mansions, and cathedrals are dotted along the route.

Killarney National Park, “The Jewel in Kerry’s Crown” is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. From the foot of the Macgillycuddy Reeks (the highest mountain range in Ireland) to the outskirts of Killarney, the park encompasses lakes, mountains, and plains.

#### **Day 5: Southwest Coast**

Skellig Michael (Sceilg Mhichíl), a UNESCO World Heritage Site, rocketed to new fame as the fictional home of Luke Skywalker in *The Last Jedi*. We hope to spot actual residents like puffins, petrels, and shearwaters on our ship’s cruise.

We’ll visit the town of Dingle, rich in Irish music and culture. The town boasts historic buildings, medieval ruins, an aquarium, arts and crafts shops and more. Thirsty visitors will find numerous pubs and a distillery.

#### **Day 6: Cliffs of Moher**

Rising over two hundred metres above the Wild Atlantic Way, the Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland’s most outstanding natural attractions—as attested by their popularity with visitors. They have been featured in numerous films, including *The Princess Bride*.

We’ll be watching for seabirds as we ship’s cruise by the cliffs. A landing in the region will provide excellent opportunities for walking, hiking, sightseeing and photography.

#### **Day 7: Aran Islands**

The Aran Islands are geologically and culturally unique. Inishmoor, Inishmann, and Inisheer are limestone Islands located in Galway Bay. Subject to temperate climatic conditions, they are home to diverse range of plant and animal species.

The Arans are also bastions of Irish history and culture; a large proportion of the population are Gaelic speakers. Some of Ireland’s oldest archeological remains are found here. Inishmoor medieval hill fort will be a highlight of our visit.

#### **Day 8: Inishbofin & Clew Bay**

Just off the Connemara Coast lies Inishbofin. Prior to the Irish Famine, this outpost was home to 1,400 souls; today the population is less than two hundred.

Clew Bay is said to have ‘an island for every day of the year’, many of them drumlins. The town of Westport in the bay is famed for its music, history, and beauty: “The most beautiful view I ever saw in the world,” according to novelist William Makepeace Thackeray.

#### **Day 9: Tory Island & County Donegal**

Toraigh (Tory Island) lies nearly fifteen kilometres off the northwest coast of County Donegal. The main spoken language on the island is Gaelic. Since the 1950s, the island has been home to a small community of artists, and has its own art gallery.

Historical sites include Balor’s Fort, the Wishing Stone, the Bell Tower, and the twelfth-century Tau Cross. The island is an important breeding site for corn crakes, a globally threatened bird species.

#### **Day 10: Giant’s Causeway & Rathlin Island**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Causeway is a geological wonder. About 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, formed by volcanic eruption, form ‘steps’ leading from the coastal cliffs, to below the surface of the North Sea. Numerous legends associate the causeway with the mythic hero Fionn mac Cumhaill (Finn MacCool).

Rathlin Island, the only inhabited island off Northern Ireland, is designated a Special Area of Conservation in Northern Ireland and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds nature reserve.

#### **Day 11: Belfast**

The largest city in Northern Ireland, and its capital, is also the second-largest city on the island of Ireland. Once considered dangerous, at the height of the troubles in Northern Ireland, Belfast was previously much better known as a centre for industry, particularly shipbuilding. The HMS Titanic was completed in a Belfast shipyard, and sailed from Belfast on its maiden voyage.

Today, Belfast is a popular tourist destination, known for music, architecture, gardens, and the arts.

#### **Day 12: Dublin**

On our last day together, we’ll wind up back where we began: Dublin. Ireland’s glorious capital—beloved of poets, musicians, and dreamers—lies at the mouth of the River Liffey. Once we disembark, you may enjoy exploring one of the world’s great cities. We can arrange for extra nights of accommodation in Dublin after this cruise ends, to allow you time to further explore this lively and historic city. Accommodation ranges from hostels, B&B/guesthouses, all



categories of hotels up to castle stays. Please inquire.

Alternatively, take our optional post-cruise tour around the Isle of Man, or depart from Dublin on to your next destination or journey home.

## Details

### 2019 Departures:

June: 09

Sale discount will be applied to the berth cost only for 2019 sailings. Regular prices are listed below before any discount has been applied.

### 2019 Pricing:

**Cat. 1,** Quad - US\$5,995

**Cat. 2,** Triple - US\$6,995

**Cat. 3,** Interior Twin - US\$8,295

**Cat. 4,** Exterior Twin - US\$9,595

**Cat. 5,** Main Twin - US\$10,595

**Cat. 6,** Comfort Twin - US\$11,595

**Cat. 7,** Select Twin - US\$12,595

**Cat. 8,** Superior Twin - US\$13,595

**Cat. 9,** Junior Suite - US\$14,595

**Cat. 10,** Suite - US\$15,595

Prices are shown in US\$, per person, based on four people sharing a quad cabin, three people in a triple cabin, two people sharing a twin cabin and one person in a single cabin.

See Tour Notes for special pricing and discounts available for solo travellers; under 30's travellers discount, great for multi-generational family travel; multiple expedition savings.

### Trip Code:

004223 - W20

## INCLUDED

- 11 nights of accommodation on ship
- All shipboard meals including on-deck BBQ's and afternoon tea, 24 hour coffee, tea and snacks
- Experienced expedition staff and crew
- Onboard educational programming
- Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during evening recaps
- Services of experienced, knowledgeable guides
- Interactive workshops
- Evening entertainment
- Attractions as outlined in itinerary above, unless specified as optional
- Pre-travel documents package
- Discovery Fund fee

## NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Dublin
- Additional nights of accommodation in Dublin pre/post cruise
- Meals not specified
- Optional Tours
- Gratuities to staff and crew, suggest US\$15/person/day
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature



## TOUR NOTES

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**Singles:** Free single supplement! Singles get their own cabin in categories 3-7 aboard the Ocean Endeavour at no additional cost—subject to availability.

**Multiple expedition savings:** Book multiple expeditions with Adventure Canada in a single calendar year aboard the Ocean Endeavour and receive 10% off the total berth cost of Arctic itineraries and 20% off the total berth cost of east coast itineraries!

**30 Under 30:** Save 30% on the berth cost of travellers under thirty aboard Ocean Endeavour expeditions! Great option for family multi-generational travel!

**Children & Infants:** Children under two travel for free, and children between two and four pay for charter flights only!

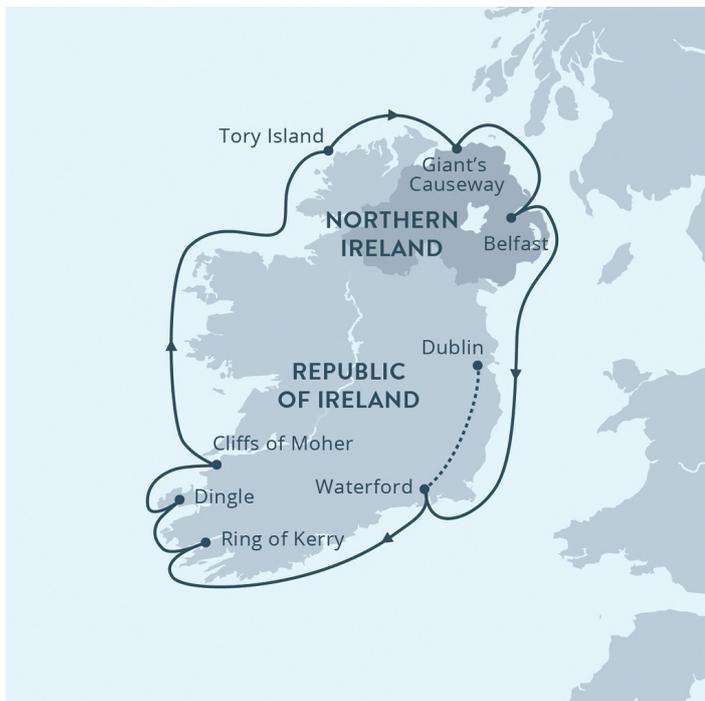
**Price Guarantee:** If the price of the berth portion of your program decreases more than 120 days prior to departure, previously booked clients may claim the lower rate. So, no need to wait for sales to get the best price!

**League of Adventurers Loyalty Program:** Return travellers are eligible for savings and added benefits when booking on an Ocean Endeavour expedition voyage. Ask us for details.

To check availability for any of these special offers and applicable terms and condition, just give us a call!

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