



John Hall's ALASKA

2023 CHARMS OF THE EMERALD ISLE



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14 DAYS OF IRISH CASTLES, LEGENDS & HISTORY

A land of myth and mystery, vibrant countryside, ancient mountains, and rugged coasts. From its neolithic, Viking, medieval, and maritime history to its castles, gardens, horses, and whiskey discover its magic and hospitality. Join us on a seamless all-inclusive enchanting journey.



LUXURY OVERNIGHTS

Westbury Hotel	2 Nights	Dublin
Actons Hotel	2 Nights	Dublin
The Killarney Park Hotel	2 Nights	Killarney
Dromoland Castle	1 Night	Newmarket-on-Fergus
The Galmont Hotel & Spa	2 Nights	Galway
Slieve Donard Hotel	3 Nights	Newcastle
Castleknoch Hotel	1 Night	Dublin

38 MEALS INCLUDED

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on full tour days + arrival day dinner, departure day breakfast



ACTIVE RATING: Requires ability to walk 1-2 miles on uneven cobbled pavement and small stairs at historic sites. This tour is not recommended for mobility devices such as a wheelchair, scooter, or walker.

GROUP SIZE: Max 32

2023 DEPARTURE & PRICING

TOUR DATE

IR3-0916: SEP 16 - SEP 29

DOUBLE

\$8,999

SINGLE

\$11,879

Triple & Quad pricing subject to availability upon request.

Per Person Price Includes: Accommodations; fully-guided service; daily activities and tours; transportation (within the tour); airport meet and greet, transfers; meals, one adult beverage with dinner, baggage handling, and corresponding gratuities; taxes; and special Alumni World Adventure memento.

Flights: This tour begins and ends in Dublin, Ireland. On Day 1, flights may arrive at any time. On Day 14, flights may depart Dublin after 12p. Due to TSA security checks and immigration, please arrive at your local airport 3 hours prior to your flight departure time.

Additional Savings: \$200 per person when tour payment is made by check. \$1,500 per person deposit may still be made by credit card.

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1 DUBLIN

Welcome to Ireland! At the Dublin Airport, a John Hall's Alaska representative greets and escorts you to the hotel, centrally located just off Grafton Street and one of the city's principal shopping streets in the city's center. The afternoon is free to relax or explore the town. Enjoy two evenings at the Westbury Hotel.

Dinner

2 DUBLIN

Founded as a Viking settlement and Ireland's capital, travel to the banks of the river Liffey for a tour of Dublin. Witness the 18th-century houses of Georgian Squares, Phoenix Park, statue-filled O'Connell Street, and fashionable Grafton Street. At the heart of Dublin's history for over 800 years, visit Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and in the Old Library at Trinity College view the famous Book of Kells. Founded in 1759, round out the day at the Guinness Brewery for a guided tour and a leisurely pint in the 360-degree rooftop bar. Enjoy free time in the city before dinner in a local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

3 COUNTY KILDARE, ROCK OF CASHEL & KINSALE

Bid farewell to Dublin and travel to County Kildare – the horse breeding center of Ireland. Ireland is the largest producer of thoroughbred horses in all of Europe. At the Irish National Stud and Gardens, enjoy a guided tour and learn about the farm's many famous racehorses. While there, visit the Japanese Gardens, renowned for their "Life of Man" symbolism, and the St. Fiacre commemorative garden. Afterward, continue south to the Rock of Cashel – the seat of the Kings of Munster from 370-1101, a famous ecclesiastical center, and early associations with St. Patrick. Set on an outcrop of limestone are a 12th-century Round Tower, 13th-century Gothic Cathedral, 15th-century High Cross, and a Romanesque Chapel. From here, travel to Kinsale, a historic fishing town on the southern coast of County Cork and the gourmet capital of Ireland. Take the afternoon to meander along cobblestone streets and discover the many interesting shops and pubs. Overlooking Kinsale Harbour, enjoy dinner and two evenings at the Actons Hotel.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

4 BLARNEY CASTLE & JAMESON DISTILLERY

Today, tour Blarney Castle, built in 1446. If you dare, climb the spiral stairs to the top of the castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone – said to bestow the gift of eloquence on all who do. On the castle grounds, stroll the Castle Gardens and Rock Close. There is free time in the town of Blarney or at Blarney Woollen Mills before traveling to Middleton, home to Jameson Irish Whiskey. Enjoy a tour of the distillery and a wee dram before heading back to Kinsale for an afternoon of relaxation, observing marina activity, or shopping.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

5 MIZEN HEAD, KENMARE & KILLARNEY

Follow along the southern coast through Skibbereen and Ballydehob to Mizen Head – Ireland's most southerly point – for a visit to the Mizen Head Signal Station Visitor Center, an award-winning maritime museum and heritage attraction. A short walk, 99 stairs, and across the Arched Bridge over crashing waves leads to the lighthouse and an adventurous view! Afterward, travel up the coast via lovely lazy towns and villages to one of Ireland's few planned towns – Kenmare and its Gaelic name Neidin (Little Nest), named because of its fine setting nestled among the mountains of Cork and Kerry. Follow a 20-mile stretch of the famous Ring of Kerry, with stunning views over the Killarney Lakes and Ladies Views. Rest easy for two evenings at The Killarney Park Hotel.

(Slacks are required for men in the hotel dining room; dress or pantsuit for women.)

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

IRELAND HIGHLIGHTS

- Dublin City Tour
- Saint Patrick's Cathedral
- Trinity College – Book of Kells
- Guinness Brewery Tour and Tasting
- Irish National Stud and Gardens
- Rock of Cashel
- Blarney Castle and Gardens
- Jameson Distillery Tour and Tasting
- Mizen Head Signal Station Visitor Center
- Ring of Kerry
- Dingle Peninsula
- Dingle Crystal Workshop
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- Learn to make an Authentic Irish Coffee
- Dromoland Castle Activities
- Cliffs of Moher and O'Brien's Tower
- Rathbaun Farm and Sheep Demonstration
- Aran Islands – Inishmore Visit
- Dun Aonghasa Prehistoric Fort Visit
- Strokestown Park
- Irish National Famine Museum
- Belfast City Tour
- Linen Hall Library
- Grand Opera House
- Titanic Belfast Visitor Center
- Antrim Coast Road Drive
- Giant's Causeway
- Knowth Guided Tour
- Brú na Bóinne Visitor Center



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6 DINGLE PENINSULA & DINGLE CRYSTAL

This morning, experience the unspoiled beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, once cited by National Geographic as 'the most beautiful place on earth.' Visit the Dingle Crystal Workshop, founded by Sean Daly who designs, cuts, and signs each individual piece of crystal. Travel around Sleat Head and take in remarkable views of the Atlantic coast and beehive huts (early monastic settlements) dating back over a thousand years. At Ireland's westernmost point, view the Blasket Islands and locations for such films as Ryan's Daughter and Far and Away. Before returning to Killarney, enjoy lunch in Dingle and free time to explore the local craft shops and Dingle Crystal shop. Dinner in Killarney is at your leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

7 FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM & DROMOLAND CASTLE

Recall the historic years of 1939-1945, when Foynes was the center of aviation, at the Foynes Flying Boat Museum. On a guided tour, go inside a full-scale replica of a Boeing 314 flying boat, the only one of its kind in the world. In 1943 Irish Coffee originated in this building, learn how to make one perfectly and enjoy the treat! Continue to Newmarket-on-Fergus to the luxurious Dromoland Castle. Once the royal seat of the O'Brien clan, this refurbished 16th-century castle retains priceless reminders of its past. This afternoon, enjoy the castle's many activities - fishing, falconry, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, archery, horseback riding, health spa, and golf (one of the finest 18-hole parkland golf courses in the country). This evening, savor dinner in the elegant surroundings of the castle's Earl of Thomond flagship restaurant.

(Resort attire required at dinner - pants for men, also jacket/tie are requested and available on loan by Dromoland Castle; dress or pantsuit for women.)

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

8 CLIFFS OF MOHER, RATHBAUN FARM & GALWAY

Rising 600 feet over the Atlantic Ocean are the majestic Cliffs of Moher. A viewpoint serving visitors for hundreds of years, O'Brien's Tower stands near the highest point. Leaving the cliffs, continue through the lunar-type landscape of The Burren. This limestone plateau formed 320 million years ago under a tropical sea and takes its name from the Irish word bhoireann, meaning stony place or rocky place. At Rathbaun Farm, enjoy a traditional ploughman's lunch, see the daily workings, feed the lambs, and learn about sheep shearing and herding in a demonstration by farm owner Fintan Connelly. Before departing, visit the thatched cottage and smell the peat fire burning. From here, follow the coast to Galway for two evenings at the Galmont Hotel & Spa.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

9 ARAN ISLANDS

Break from the hustle and bustle of the mainland for a day in the Aran Islands. From the town of Rossaveal, board a ferry to Inishmore - the largest of the three Aran Islands and a highlight of the Wild Atlantic Way along Ireland's west coast. This extension of the Burren with its limestone terrain is steeped in history and resembles an outdoor museum with over 50 different monuments of Christian, pre-Christian, and Celtic mythological heritage. A tour of the island includes a stop at the prehistoric fort of Dun Aonghasa which stands over a dramatic 300-foot cliff that spans the entire western part of the island. There is time for exploring the fort and taking in the spectacular views before boarding the ferry for your return to Galway.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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10 STROKESTOWN PARK & NEWCASTLE

Home to an epic tale of Irish mythology, travel this morning to County Roscommon for a visit to Strokestown Park - comprised of Strokestown House, the Irish National Famine Museum, and the Walled Gardens. Preserving original furnishings and fabrics, the house was the home of the Pakenham Mahon family, and the old stable yards now house the museum, commemorating the history of the great famine. After your guided tour, continue to Newcastle for a three-night stay at the impressive Slieve Donard Hotel. Nestled at the foot of the Mourne Mountains, enjoy the hotel's welcoming roaring fires, cozy bars, and beautiful views of the Irish Sea and fine sandy beach. Dinner this evening is in the hotel's Oak Restaurant.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

11 BELFAST CITY & TITANIC BELFAST

Travel to Belfast this morning for a tour of the city, which has a rich legacy of Georgian, Victorian, and Edwardian architecture. Visit City Hall - one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe, the Linen Hall Library - which has been lending books for over 200 years, and the Grand Opera House - often described as the most beautiful Victorian theatre in the world! You will also see the Ulster Museum and Queen's University. Wind up your tour with a visit to Titanic Belfast, a state-of-the-art visitor center that tells the story of the RMS Titanic - from her conception in Belfast to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Enjoy a relaxing evening back at the hotel with dinner at your leisure.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

12 GIANT'S CAUSEWAY & ANTRIM COAST

This morning, travel one of the most scenic coastal routes in all of Ireland - the Antrim Coast Road - to the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There are breathtaking views along the northern coastline and on a clear day, you can see the Mull of Kintyre in Scotland. Pass through the picturesque villages of Glenarm, Carnlough, and Cushendall before arriving at the Giant's Causeway. The result of an ancient volcanic fission eruption, this remarkable basaltic formation is made of approximately 37,000 columns and ranked as one of the natural wonders of the world. Afterward, return to Newcastle for another lovely evening and dinner at a local restaurant.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

13 BOYNE VALLEY & DUBLIN

Follow the foothills of the Mourne Mountains, made famous in song "where the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea" to Newry and into Boyne Valley, one of the most historic parts of Ireland, for a visit to Knowth - a Neolithic passage grave. The largest passage grave of the Brú na Bóinne group, Knowth consists of a large mound and 17 smaller satellite tombs. Along with two similar mounds in the Boyne Valley, Newgrange and Dowth, they have collectively been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a guided tour of Knowth and free time at the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre and its full-scale replica of the chamber at Newgrange. Wind up the day with an evening at the Castleknock Hotel and a farewell dinner with the group.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

14 DUBLIN - FLY HOME

After breakfast, travel to Dublin for your flight home - with fond memories, newly acquired accents, and memories and stories to share. Beannacht De agus go N'eiri on bothair Libh!

Breakfast



GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS & DEPOSITS

Reservations can be made directly to John Hall's Alaska by mail, telephone, or in person. To confirm your reservation, a deposit of \$1,500 USD per person is required within ten days of booking. If canceled, deposits paid by credit card forfeit 4%. To reserve your space by credit card, please contact our office: 800.325.2270

FINAL PAYMENTS

Final Payment must reach John Hall's Alaska 90 days prior to tour departure date. A final payment reminder will be sent two weeks before the due date. If payment is not received on time, space may be released. Re-booking is subject to availability. If you intend to take out trip insurance, do so before making your final payment.

Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, and personal checks are acceptable forms of payment. A charge of \$35 USD per check applies if submitted with insufficient funds. A discount of \$200 USD per person will be extended for tour balances paid by cash or check. Guests who pay their \$1,500 per person deposit by credit card may still receive this discount.

International Guests: Check payments must be in USD funds. Please contact our office to confirm current exchange rates.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations must be made in writing. Monies paid by credit card will forfeit 4% in addition to the cancellation fee. In the event of interruption or cancellation after tour commencement, there will be no refunds. For cancellations prior to departure, the following per person charges apply:

91+ days - full refund
90-60 days - 50% of total fare
59-0 days - 100% of total fare

REBOOKING POLICY

Guests currently booked on a tour who wish to transfer their reservation to the following year can do so at no charge if the current booking is outside the final payment date. Some tours may not run each year or in the same months, please check with our office to see if your tour is available the following year.

TOUR RATES

Rates are based on the Euro and may fluctuate if the USD Dollar falls below 80% value of the Euro.

ADDED OVERNIGHTS & EXCURSIONS

For those looking to enhance their package with extra hotel nights before or after their tour, we will extend our best rates possible. The cost of extra hotel nights will be added to your final payment amount. The costs of optional land excursions will also be added to your final payment amount; however, some partners may require payment upfront.

WHAT IS INCLUDED

Accommodations; daily activities, tours, and entrance fees; transportation (within the tour); fully-guided service; Irish guide, driver, meals, airport meet and greet, transfers, baggage handling, and all related gratuities; taxes; fees; and a special Alumni World Adventures memento.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to and from your destination, optional excursions, travel insurance, and gratuities for your John Hall's Alaska tour representatives are not included. Gratuities are offered at the discretion of the guest and should be based on service and experience received; we suggest:

- Tour Representative: \$7-10 per traveler per day per John Hall's Alaska team member

TOUR DOCUMENTS

Tour documents, including detailed itinerary, World Adventures memento, luggage tags, and passenger lists will be mailed approximately 14-21 days prior to departure. This may be delayed if final payment is not received on time.

PASSPORTS

Traveling to a foreign country requires a passport and that it be valid six months past the date of your return. Passport information will be collected at the time of booking. If travel VISAs are required, John Hall's Alaska will include these with your package. Guests are responsible for acquiring any vaccines recommended for travel to certain countries.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Let us know of any medical condition, physical disability, dietary limitation, or other special need at the time of booking. To the extent possible, we seek to accommodate anyone with a disability. Certain facilities may not be fully accessible to persons with disabilities. Although we are unable to guarantee all special meal requests can be met, we will request where appropriate. If you encounter changes to your medical needs such as dietary restrictions or use of a mobility device such as a wheelchair, scooter, or walker please advise us as soon as possible.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Guests must provide proof of negative COVID testing before joining a John Hall's Alaska program. Guests will not be allowed to travel with other passengers until at least one test has been provided showing negative test results, administered within 72 hours of departing for your tour. COVID testing requirements are subject to change.

It is the responsibility of the guest to determine if vaccination is needed. Guests who have received the vaccination should advise John Hall's Alaska when booking. Be advised, in some instances vaccination may be required due to remote locations, CDC, or other requirements. The team at John Hall's Alaska can provide you with an updated location list as it fluctuates. They can be contacted at 800-325-2270.

PASSENGER CONTRACT

A passenger contract is supplied upon receipt of final payment.

TOUR INTERRUPTIONS & REVISIONS

John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to request that a guest leave the tour if the guest's behavior becomes disruptive to other tour guests. The costs associated with returning home early will be the guest's responsibility.

Due to unforeseen circumstances that may occur to or by our tour partners, John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to revise any services included in the itinerary such as hotel accommodations, transportation, and activities. In cases of substitution, comparable or better quality of services will be used.

FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, John Hall's Alaska reserves the right to adjust or suspend operations of programs to ensure the safety, health, and experience of guests inside their final payment date. Pending proximity of the guest's departure date, all monies would be transferable to a future travel date.