

Itinerary for trip to UK – SIM unlock code 451684

Wed, Jun 9 5:55 pm – leave DCA on Delta #6736 to New York JFK arrive 7:30 pm, then leave JFK at 10:35 pm on Delta #164 for Dublin (\$929.70 ea).

Thu, Jun 10 10:30 am arrive Dublin, Ireland (DUB), connect to BMI for flight #BD124 to London Heathrow (13:35 – 15:05) conf #4Z2TJY (\$54.18 ea); take the Heathrow Express to Paddington. Exit station at right from the tracks. Walk up to the street (Praed). Cross the street and turn right. Cross the street (Spring Street) and continue on Praed, the name of which now changes to Craven Road. Cross Westbourne Terrace at next corner. 26 is the second house from the corner - 26 Westbourne Terrace, Flat 7; Phone 011 44 20 7262 7632.

Fri, Jun 11 London

Sat, Jun 12 London

Sun, Jun 13 London

Mon, Jun 14 London

Tue, Jun 15 train from London Kings Cross 10:30 to Aberdeen 17:37 (pre-paid tickets £128.20, coach D seats 31A, 32A, conf #CHKWXXKG8); stay at Bauhaus Hotel, 52-60 Langstane Place, AB11 6EN Aberdeen, £105 booking.com #152.232.720, pin 6748; phone 011 44 12 2421 2122; <http://www.thebauhaus.co.uk/>

Wed, Jun 16 train to Pitlochry stay at Bendarroch Guesthouse (£60; pd £40 deposit already, owe £20); Strathtay, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH9 OPG; Telephone: 01887 840420; <http://www.bendarroch-house.de/>

Thu, Jun 17 Pitlochry (**tour Edradour** distillery or white water rafting or fishing); train to Stirling?, then to Glasgow; Premier Inn Glasgow City Centre, 377 Argyle St. Strathclyde, Glasgow G28LL, booking.com #152.745.254, pin 7230; phone 888 850 3958; intl 011 44 87 1527 8436.

Fri, Jun 18 to Glasgow Prestwick airport; Ryan air Glasgow Prestwick to Belfast City (11:05 – 11:50, £29 ea, conf # RFE67H); stay at Premier Inn Belfast City Centre Alfred St T: 0870 850 6316; 1 mile from Europa bus and train station, 2 miles from the ferry terminal and 4 miles from Belfast city airport (booking.com # 132045051, pin 9533) tel: 0871 527 8068, intl: 011 44 28 870 850 6316

Sat, Jun 19 Belfast to Portrush – stay at Harbour Heights <http://www.harbourheightsportrush.com/> - reserved via email with Sam, price £80 for seaview double, pd. £40 deposit via email; 17 Kerr St in Portrush, Tel: 028-70822765 (intl: 011 44 28 7082 2765)

Sun, Jun 20 Portrush and Antrim Coast – stay at Harbour Heights

(Sunday, Jun 20 Day 1: group flight to Ireland DCA - BOS – SNN; US Airways Flight 2036 DCA to BOS depart at 14:30 arrive at 15:51 Air Lingus Flight 132 BOS to SNN depart at 19:10 and arrive at 06:10 the next day, Monday, Jun 21)

Mon, Jun 21 train to Dublin (5 hrs), then train to Galway (3 hrs) OR bus to Derry, then to Galway down west coast; meet group at Carlton Hotel Galway City on Dublin Road tel 353 91 381 200; Relax, explore town, free time; Welcome dinner in the hotel or a local pub.

Tue, Jun 22 SCENIC GALWAY & Connemara

Start Connemara Loop with Spidea, Maam Valley, Kilerry fjord, Leenane ; Stop at Kylemore Abbey and Gardens ; **Lunch Concert** at the Kylemore Abbey then drive though Inagh Valley, Oughterard, stop at Moycullen Marble Shop; Return to Galway for an evening at leisure

Wed, Jun 23 CLIFFS OF MOHER to KILLARNEY

Another day full of breathtaking scenery awaits you today as you travel via Limerick to the Cliffs of Moher and then continue via Adare and Ennis to Killarney. Free time to talk a walk or horse-drawn carriage ride through Muckross Garden prior to exploring one or a few of the music pubs Killarney is known for. International Hotel in Killarney which is located right in the heart of town, offers one of the best breakfasts I ever had in Ireland (served table-side).

Tel: +353-(0) 64-6631816

Thu, Jun 24 KILLARNEY & RING OF KERRY

View of the Killarney National Park, "The Ring of Kerry", Brendan Ferris sheepdog herding demo and the towns of Glenbeigh, Carhiceven, Waterville, Scarrit Inn, Carroll's Cove, Gap of Dunloe. Return to Killarney for a **concert** at either Danny Mann Pub, St. Mary's Cathedral or at Muckcross House.

Fri, Jun 25 BLARNEY CASTLE & CORK

Visit this must see tourist attraction and then take in lovely Cork with its many shops and restaurants. Cork accommodation and don't forget to check out the spa: Imperial Hotel Cork; Tel: +353 21 4274040. Butter museum in Cork, see English Market.

Sat, Jun 26 CORK AT LEISURE - Hit the golf course, visit the spa, explore museums or help the local economy. Today is all about you and recharging your batteries. **Evening concert** at St Augustine's Church or another local venue. Maybe go to Enniscorthy Strawberry Fair, County Wexford.

Sun, Jun 27 CORK-WATERFORD-DUBLIN; Bid farewell to Cork; Stop on Dungarvan; See the Rock of Cashel (and should it re-open, tour of the Waterford Crystal Factory) and continue to Dublin for an orientation tour and evening at leisure. Dublin Jurys Inn Christchurch, Christchurch Place, Dublin, 8 Tel:+353 (0)1 454 0000

Mon, Jun 28 DUBLIN IN-DEPTH – PERFORMANCE; Trinity College and the famous Book of Kells; St Patrick's Cathedral 1:00 pm - **Lunchtime recital**; Dublin Castle

Tue, Jun 29 DUBLIN AT LEISURE; Day at leisure; Optional Distillery or Guinness Brewery Tour; Additional performance opportunity prior to a farewell dinner with lots of music and dance.

Wed, Jun 30 DEPARTURE 12:30 on Delta #165 for 2:50 pm arrival JFK; depart JFK at 6:35 pm - arrive DCA at 8:31 pm #6733 Comair

(Group Air Lingus Flight 133 DUB to BOS depart at 10:15 arrive at 13:55; clear immigrations and customs, re-check your bags; US Airways Flight 2047 BOS to DCA depart at 19:00 arrive at 20:34)

Likely Concert-Venues (to be selected from)

- St. Nicholas Church, University —GALWAY
- Gothic Church at Kylemore Abbey
- Muckcross House, Cathedral, Danny Man Pub —KILLARNEY
- St. Augustine, University —CORK
- St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Ann's Church, St. Bartholomew, Christchurch —DUBLIN

Possible add-on: • Bunratty Castle —BUNRATTY

At the award-winning Cayenne restaurant in Belfast, Paul Rankin serves contemporary food in a serene urban setting; at the Tannery in Dungarvan, County Waterford, Paul Flynn has been named a Rick Stein Food Hero and is known for his inspired cooking influenced by global trends and Mediterranean cuisine.

Equally renowned is the Strawberry Tree at Brooklodge in Aughrim, County Wicklow, Ireland's only certified organic restaurant and bio-hotel; here, all the food is wild or organic, produced by slow food methods and cooked in the modern Irish style.

Those in search of good food will find value and diversity at all levels – from cafés and pubs offering casual, inexpensive dining options to elegant Michelin-starred restaurants. In Belfast, Michael Deane's skill in blending classic cooking with fusion themes makes a visit to Deane's restaurant a memorable must-do.

At L'Ecrivain in Dublin – one of a number of Michelinstarred restaurants in Ireland – Derry Clarke and his gifted team create a singular modern Irish cuisine, using carefully sourced ingredients from a network of artisan suppliers.

Cafés and wine bars are plentiful and popular for informal meals and long opening hours; most offer an all-day menu or occasional lunch menus, with delicious vegetarian options listed as standard. Speaking of which, some of the country's liveliest restaurants have waved their culinary wands across a wide variety of vegetarian and vegan dishes. Pubs traverse a spectrum of tastes: some have restaurants with full lunch and dinner menus, while others offer simple but wholesome bar food; some pubs specialize in carvery lunches with generous portions at inexpensive prices, while at select coastal pubs you'll be rewarded with succulent fresh seafood as the house specialty.

Among the other tempting dining options are Ireland's country house restaurants; these have a deservedly fine reputation for their cuisine, often using vegetables, fruit and herbs from their own gardens. For listings of restaurants in a particular area and details of seasonal and daily opening times, consult the local tourist office. For more information on eating out in Ireland, www.discoverireland.com

many Irish pubs offering excellent food; Vaughan's Anchor Inn in Liscannor, County Clare; Aherne's Seafood Bar in Youghal, County Cork; and Balloo House in Killinchy, County Down, all boast fine reputations.

North Ireland: Good food is also an intrinsic part of life in Northern Ireland. A mild climate, extensive pastureland and pride in animal husbandry produce excellent-quality beef, sheep, pork and poultry. You will also encounter a living baking tradition, the fruits of which you can enjoy at afternoon tea in numerous home bakeries, cafés and teashops.

There has long been a heritage of apple-growing in Armagh and Portadown, and the glorious sight of the apple blossoms in season is not to be missed. The vast waterways and Irish Sea play a huge part in the cuisine, which features seafood from the sheltered waters of Strangford and Carlingford Loughs, Lough Neagh eels (a local delicacy), prawns from the pretty village of Portavogie, and superb Dundrum oysters, the perfect accompaniment to a creamy pint of Guinness.

West Coast: Sea vegetables are gathered and dried as a local delicacy, and sumptuous shellfish are in plentiful supply wherever you go. While the Clarenbridge and Galway Oyster Festivals are world famous, there are many other seafood festivals up and down the surf-swept Atlantic coastline – not to mention medieval banquets in the restored castles of Bunratty and Knappogue, award-winning restaurants, pretty country pubs and plenty of other places to soak up atmosphere and fine food. In Connemara, a specialty not to be missed is hill lamb. The pristine Atlantic shores give rise to glistening fresh fish and shellfish, while the rugged landscape of the Burren delivers preserves made from wild harvests of hazelnuts, sloes, rowanberries, fraughans (blueberries) and blackberries.

South Coast: In summer, Wexford strawberries come into their own, while the region's honey – regarded by many as the world's best – is aromatic and heavy with flavor. And authentic Tipperary organic ice cream is sinful but entirely necessary! Wild seafood, meanwhile, is abundant all around the coast—you be hard-pressed to choose among lobster, crab, scallops, prawns and the huge variety of fish. And back on land, the rich grazing of the Golden Vale area of Tipperary and North Cork produces mouthwatering beef.

The Burns Family, Duhallow, County Cork – cheese makers of Duhallow and Lullaby milk cheese.

East Coast: The richness of the landscape is reflected in the quality and choice on offer, including succulent Wicklow lamb, furred and feathered wild game from the Wicklow Mountains, flavorful organic vegetables and fresh fruit from the extensive market gardens and glasshouses of North County Dublin, and an excellent selection of locally caught fish and seafood.

Also valued for its great flavor and well-marbled flesh is the beef from Irish Hereford and Irish Angus cattle, along with corned beef and spiced beef, which has become a specialty at Christmas-time. Pork is just as tempting, in the form of tasty dry-cured bacon, sausages and black and white puddings. And, lest we forget, Dublin coddle — a scrumptious dish made from the finest sausages, streaky bacon, potatoes and onions