



Presented by First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club  
In partnership with Are We There Yet?, LLC



# Backroads of Ireland

April 22 – May 3, 2025  
5+ Sneaker Tour

**Join us on this uniquely curated tour to the Backroads of Ireland!**  
See some of the most iconic places in Ireland as well as some hidden gems as we travel around the Republic of Ireland, with scenic drives and locations famous in history and film. We even spend a night in a castle!



## Tour includes:

- ❖ Round-Trip Private Shuttle from Waterloo & Columbia
- ❖ Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Dublin on Delta Airlines
- ❖ 3,4 & 5-Star accommodations across the Republic of Ireland INCLUDING a Castle
- ❖ 16 Meals (10 Breakfasts and 6 dinners)
- ❖ City tour of Dublin with St. Patrick's Cathedral & Book of Kells visit
- ❖ Scenic drives of Achill Island, Dingle Peninsula, Ring of Kerry, Cork & Kerry Mountains
- ❖ Cliffs of Moher
- ❖ Visit Rock of Cashel, The Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- ❖ Muckross House & Gardens, Kylemore Abbey & Walled Gardens
- ❖ Muckross Weavers offers purchasing on-site
- ❖ Tour The Queenstown Story, tracing the journey of Irish emigrants over the centuries
- ❖ Old Jameson Distillery Tour
- ❖ Shannon Ferry Crossing
- ❖ Sheep herding demonstration with tea & scones
- ❖ All other Activities as indicated
- ❖ Baggage Handling
- ❖ Professional Tour Directors Dea Hoover and Declan Rutan and Irish Driver/Guide
- ❖ FNB Classic 55 Bank Leader
- ❖ All gratuities including step-on guides, wait staff at included meals, driver and directors

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The interest in our Backroads of Ireland trip has been OVERWHELMING, even without an itinerary! We currently have almost 70 customers interested in this trip that will only accommodate 40 – 42 travelers. **For this reason, this trip will be available to Classic 55 Club accountholders first.** You may have a nonmember as your travel partner. If you do not currently have a Classic 55 Club account, you must open one prior to processing your registration. **Reservations will be on a first come, first registered basis. When we have filled all available spots, we will start a waiting list.**

## The following items are required to secure your booking:

1. Completed Booking and Traveler Form for each traveler.
2. \$1,700 + insurance cost (if applicable) deposit per person.
  - a. Debit authorization or check made payable to FNB.
3. A copy of your passport(s), Known Traveler Numbers (TSA Precheck or Global Entry)

## Important Notes:

- Please drop documents off at any of our banking centers, scan and email or mail to FNB – Classic 55, Post Office Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298.
- You will only be booked for those listed on your form and deposits submitted. If needed, you can make copies of the form.
- Processing will occur when we receive your deposit & the required items. If you have traveled with us previously we may have your identification and Emergency Information on file.





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## April 22 – We’re on our way to the Emerald Isle!

Meet the shuttle in your preferred meeting location of Waterloo or Columbia to ride to the St. Louis Airport, where we fly to Atlanta for our overnight flight to Dublin. Get some sleep on the plane if you can – tomorrow we’re in Ireland! (Meals on Plane)

## April 23 – Dublin’s Fair City Tour – Book of Kells

Following arrival at Dublin Airport, we will be met by our driver/guide and escorted to our awaiting private motorcoach. This morning we will enjoy a tour of Dublin - Ireland’s capital city on the banks of the River Liffey. We will see the Georgian Squares with their 18th Century houses, the Phoenix Park (the biggest town park in Europe), statue-filled O’Connell Street and the fashionable Grafton Street. We will visit Trinity College and see the Long Room that houses 200,000 of Trinity College’s oldest books and considered one of the world’s most beautiful libraries.



We will view the Book of Kells, a 9th century Latin manuscript of the four Gospels written on vellum (prepared calfskin), one of Ireland’s greatest cultural treasures and the world’s most famous medieval manuscript. We will also visit Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, an architectural and historical site that has been at the heart of Dublin history for over 800 years. This afternoon we will travel to Kildare where we will check into Killashee Hotel for an overnight stay. Later we will enjoy a welcome dinner in our hotel. Overnight: The Killashee Hotel. (D)

## April 24 – Irish National Stud - Japanese Garden – Rock of Cashel - Kinsale



This morning, we enjoy breakfast before bidding farewell to Dublin and travel south to County Kildare - the center of Ireland’s horse breeding industry where we will enjoy a guided tour of the Irish National Stud Farm. Since its first winner, Minoru, was bred in 1909, the farm at Tully has continued to produce many famous racehorses. Gifted to The Crown in 1915, the newly formed Irish Republic Government took over the property in 1945, owns, and operates it to this day. Also on the grounds of the Stud Farm are The Japanese Gardens renowned for their symbolism of “The Life of Man” and the recently opened St. Fiachre’s Garden. Next we travel to Cashel where we will take a guided tour of the amazing Rock of Cashel. This was the seat of the Kings of Munster from 370 – 1101 and has early associations with St. Patrick. The group of medieval buildings includes a 12th century Round Tower, a 13th century Gothic Cathedral, a 15th century High Cross and

Romanesque Chapel. We continue to Kinsale where we check into the Trident Hotel overlooking Kinsale Harbour. Kinsale is a historic fishing town on the southern coastline of County Cork. It has some old cobble stone streets and many interesting shops and pubs. It is renowned for its restaurants and is known as the gourmet capital of Ireland. This evening, we will enjoy dinner in our hotel. 2 nights: The Trident Hotel, Kinsale (B, D)

## April 25 - The Queenstown Story and Old Jameson Distillery

Enjoy breakfast this morning before we will travel to Cobh, one of the main points of emigration during the great famine and the last port of call of the Titanic. Here we will visit *The Queenstown Story*, which portrays the hardship of life on board ship as it sailed to the New World. Annie Moore, the first ever emigrant to be processed on Ellis Island in New York when it officially opened on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1892, left from Cobh with her two brothers. From here, we travel to Middleton where we will visit The Old Jameson Distillery. Enjoy a guided tour, learn the history of whiskey making in Ireland, and enjoy a glass of Jameson before departing. With the taste and aroma of the whiskey still in the air we return to Kinsale where we have the remainder of the evening free to enjoy browsing in Kinsale’s many shops, enjoy its harbour, find out why it is the foodie capital of Ireland, and observe the marina activity. (B)



## April 26 – Through the Cork and Kerry Mountains

After another full, hot Irish breakfast this morning, we depart Kinsale and travel along the southern coastline to Skibbereen where we will visit the Skibbereen Heritage Centre. Opened to tell the story of the great famine, Skibbereen and the surrounding area suffered most during this time and is the most significant town in Ireland in terms of famine heritage. Following a guided tour, we continue travelling up the coast via lovely quaint towns & villages to Kenmare, an example of one of Ireland's few planned towns. Kenmare and its Gaelic name Neidin (Little Nest) is so named because of its fine setting nestling as it does among the mountains of Cork and Kerry. From here our tour winds its way through the mountains to Killarney while taking in a 20-mile stretch of the famous Ring of Kerry. This evening we will check into our centrally located International Hotel for a three-night stay. Later we will enjoy dinner in our hotel. 3 nights: The International Hotel, Killarney. **(B, D)**

## April 27 - Dingle Peninsula

Today we will enjoy the unspoiled beauty of the Dingle Peninsula, once cited as “the most beautiful place on earth” by National Geographic. We will stop at the Brian de Staic studio in Dingle which specializes in Celtic jewelry, handcrafted and engraved with ancient Celtic symbols and the letters of the Ogham alphabet, an ancient Irish form of writing. As we continue around Sleat Head, we experience breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline and see some beehive huts (early monastic settlements) dating back over 1,000 years. Our tour will take us to the most westerly point of Ireland where we can view the Blasket Islands. We will also see the locations for such films as *Ryan's Daughter* and *Far and Away* which starred Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman and the more recently filmed *Star Wars - The Last Jedi*. We will have some free time in Dingle for lunch before returning to Killarney. Enjoy this town full of pubs and shops right around our hotel. **(B)**



## April 28 - Muckross House & Gardens and Killarney Town

This morning we will travel in traditional style on board an Irish Jaunting Car (horse drawn carriage) to the Killarney National Park. Our journey meanders its way through some of the oldest oak forests in Ireland and by the famous Lakes of Killarney to Muckross House and Gardens. We will enjoy a guided tour of this Victorian mansion built in 1843 and regarded as one of Ireland's most stately homes. On returning to Killarney, we have the remainder of the afternoon free to enjoy a stroll through this charming town with its many shops, pubs, and restaurants. **(B)**



## April 29 - Tralee – Shannon Ferry – Cliffs of Moher – Dromoland Castle

This morning, we bid farewell to Killarney and travel to Tralee, capital town of County Kerry and famous for The Rose of Tralee Festival. We continue to Tarbert where we will board the Shannon Ferry, which crosses the Shannon Estuary to Killimer. From here we take the coast road to the majestic Cliffs of Moher which rise to a height of 600 ft over the Atlantic Ocean. Following some free time to view the cliffs, we continue to the luxurious Dromoland Castle for an overnight stay. The castle built in the 16th century was once the royal seat of the O'Brien clan. It was refurbished and transformed into a luxury hotel in 1962 and retains priceless reminders of the castle's historic past including splendid woodcarvings, stone statuary and fine antique furnishings. This evening we enjoy dinner in the elegant surroundings of the castle's Terrace Room. Overnight: Dromoland Castle **(B,D)**



## April 30 - Connemara – Kylemore Abbey – Glen Keen Farm – Westport

This morning we depart Dromoland Castle and travel to Galway where we will begin our tour of Connemara. The landscape of Connemara is made up of mountains, lake lands and boglands. Because of its wild and rugged beauty it has been the location for many films such as, *The Quiet Man* with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara and in more recent times *The Field* starring Richard Harris. The scenery is magical and is a paradise for artist and photographer alike. We will visit Kylemore Abbey, built in 1866 and from 1920 - 2008 was home to the Benedictine Nuns. We will see the Abbey's Victorian Walled Garden which is completely enclosed by a brick and limestone wall and the beautiful Gothic Church built by Mitchell Henry in memory of his wife who died four years after the castle was constructed. Our tour then continues its way through the scenic Doolough Valley taking in a stretch of road known as the Famine Walk, following in the footsteps of the many people who left their home in search of food during The Great Famine. We will visit Glen Keen Farm and enjoy some freshly baked scones followed by a sheep dog demonstration. From here we continue by the foothills of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain, to Westport for a two-night stay. In the centrally located Clew Bay Hotel. 2 nights: The Clew Bay Hotel. Westport **(B, D)**



## May 1 - Achill Island

This morning we travel to Mulranny and cross the Michael Davitt Bridge to Achill, Ireland's largest offshore island and recently featured in the award-winning film – *The Banshees of Inisherin*. Following the coastline, we will get some breathtaking views on the island's spectacular Atlantic Drive. We will see the deserted village at Slievemore, which consists of 80 – 100 stone cottages (booley homes) on the southern slopes of Slievemore Mountain. We will have a lunch stop on the Island before returning





to Westport where we will have the remainder of the afternoon free to explore this picturesque town with its cheerful, multicolored shop fronts and an attractive selection of pubs, cafés and restaurants. **(B)**

## May 2 - Cong – Dublin



This morning we depart Westport and travel to Cong, one of the main locations for *The Quiet Man* film. We will visit the Quiet Man Cottage Museum, followed by a walking tour of Cong. We will see many of the locations for the film such as the Dying Man's House, Pat Cohan's Bar, the Reverend Playfair's House, the courting scenes, the fight scenes and the John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara commemorative statute. Departing Cong, our tour continues across the Irish midlands to Dublin for an overnight stay. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in our hotel. Overnight: Dublin. **(B, D)**

## May 3 - Depart for home

After your 10<sup>th</sup> FULL hot Irish breakfast, we will travel to Dublin Airport for our flight home with fond memories, newly acquired accents and many stories to relate to friends and family. We arrive in St. Louis on the same day, and the shuttle will be waiting to take you back to Waterloo and Columbia. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B, meals on plane)**

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Trip cancellation insurance is available at an additional charge.

**\$5,799 per person, double occupancy (2 per room)**

**\$7,086 per person, single occupancy (private room)**

- ❖ Please note: Disclosure of any notice of fuel surcharges imposed by carriers and/or attractions will be disclosed at least 30 days prior to tour departure. Pricing based on current exchange rate of Euro. **To guarantee the quoted price, pay in full at booking.** If there is a swing in currency exchange rates by January final, the additional amount will be forwarded to you prior to final payment due.
- ❖ Make your reservations today with a \$1,700 deposit plus trip cancellation and interruption insurance if desired. **By purchasing Travel Protection at time of deposit, you will be covered for all pre-existing conditions as well as protected if something happens on the tour. Because of airline and show tickets, this deposit is non-refundable. There will be no refund made unless you purchased the trip insurance and you cancel for a covered reason.**
- ❖ Please ensure that you have a valid passport for this tour. You will not be allowed to fly without the proper documents, nor enter Ireland or return to the USA. Travel protection will not cover any expenses due to not having valid travel documents.
- ❖ Once this tour is filled, a wait list will be formed. Please complete the attached Booking Form and submit along with passport copies, deposit and any frequent flier or TSA Precheck or Global Entry information.
- ❖ Balance on base tour price is due **January 3, 2025**, and no refunds will be given after that time. If you purchase Travel Protection and need to cancel after January 10, 2025, you must file a claim. There still may be a price increase before final payment if the airline incurs a fuel surcharge or currency exchange rates increase.
- ❖ If you attempt to book after final payment date, there may be a substantial increase in price, or you may have to arrive on a separate flight.

## Classic 55 Club General Information

### Travel Protection:

First National Bank of Waterloo has always believed the importance of Trip Protection Plans. **Our tour pricing DOES NOT represent cost with trip protection although we do encourage our travelers to protect their trip.**

### Final Payment:

Final payments are due 45 - 60 days prior to departure depending on the trip, please consult the trip brochure to review specific tour details.

### Methods of Payment:

We accept cash, check or debit from a First National Bank of Waterloo account. We do not accept credit cards although the tour provider may accept credit card payment for final payment and could charge a 3% surcharge.

### Cancellations:

**There will be no refund made unless you purchased the trip insurance and you cancel for a covered reason.** Our cancellation fees vary according to the type of tour. Your deposit is refundable up to the final payment due date unless previously noted. If you need to cancel for a covered reason after final payment, you may file a claim with proper documentation to request refund.

### Tour Inclusions:

Classic 55 Club tour cost includes all attractions, lodging, motor coach transportation, meals as noted and gratuities for all included for any provided events or services. If the trip includes airfare, the cost of the ticket is included unless otherwise noted. Some airlines charge for checked baggage, which is not included in the tour price unless noted.

### Motor Coach Pick Up Locations:

All pick up points allow parking for your vehicle. As to not disrupt business, please park in the specified area of the parking lot. Neither First National Bank of Waterloo nor the parking lot owners assume responsibility for incidents occurring to parked cars. The motor coach usually originates from the Waterloo VFW, 406 Veteran's Drive. Please park on the west side, near the dumpster of the VFW parking lot. Columbia pick up is at the Schnuck's Marketplace, 1000 Columbia Center, park towards the road, near the Post Office. The motor coach will pull up to the sidewalk of the post office. Please bring your luggage to the motor coach to be loaded.

### Seating on the motor coach:

Special seating requests are honored based on medical need and availability.

### Single Travelers requesting roommates:

If you would like to travel with The Classic 55 Club, but do not have a roommate for a specific trip, let the coordinator know when you complete the reservation process, and they can provide you with the names of other travelers of the same sex who are also looking for a roommate. If there is mutual agreement to room together, you will be charged the double rate. Of course, if you prefer to travel individually, you can still register for single occupancy.

### Trip Registration after Final Payment:

Often times there is room for additional travels after the final payment date. Feel free to contact the coordinator to see if you can be added to a tour that is not sold out. Please be aware that additional charges may apply when booking after the final payment date. We are happy to advise you of such changes before you finalize your reservation.

### Pictures:

By signing up for and participating in our tour, you are agreeing to have any pictures taken on tour published by First National Bank of Waterloo, printed or online (social media & our website). If you do not wish to have your picture used by us, please notify us prior to traveling.



*Darcy Fausz, Coordinator - 618-504-2363*  
[dfausz@fnbwaterloo.bank](mailto:dfausz@fnbwaterloo.bank)



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## Booking and Traveler Information



1,700 deposit (plus insurance premium) per person to the nearest banking center or mail to FNB, PO Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298 to secure your reservation. Contact Darcy at (618) 504-2363 with any questions.

**Final payment due no later than January 3, 2025**

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<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION – Travelers in same household</b>			
<b>Traveler #1 Name (as it appears on Passport)</b>			
Name preferred on tour		Date of Birth	
Address		City	State Zip
Email Address		Home phone	Cell phone
<b>Traveler # 2 Name (as it appears on Passport)</b>			
Name preferred on tour		Date of Birth	
Email Address		Home phone	Cell phone
<b>ACCOMMODATIONS – Room Occupancy</b>			
<b>Single</b>	<b>Double</b> Please list roommate	1 Bed or 2 Beds	
Triple & Quads are not available			
<b>REQUIRED DOCUMENTS</b>			
Booking & Traveler Form		Copy of valid passport	Delta Sky Miles #
TSA Known Traveler OR Global Entry OR Other Trusted Traveler Number			
<b>All passengers must carry a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date of the trip (11/3/2025).</b>			
<b>PAYMENT OPTIONS</b>			
Debit FNB		Check Enclosed (payable to First National Bank of Waterloo)	
I authorize FNB Waterloo to debit my account ending in ____ immediately for listed deposit(s). Remaining balance will be debited on final payment due date listed in the brochure unless other arrangements have been made. * _____			
<b>MOTORCOACH/SHUTTLE PICK UP</b>			
Preferred Pick up location		Waterloo	Columbia
<b>TRAVEL PROTECTION</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>I ACCEPT</b> the optional travel protection plan and have paid the premium. I agree that <b>1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo</b> is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise. Premium is per person. ____ \$506 Double Occupancy ____ \$664 Single Occupancy		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>I DECLINE</b> the optional travel protection plan and in doing so realize that I may lose all or part of my trip payment if I have to cancel after the cancellation date noted on the trip flier. I also realize that I will be 100% responsible for all expenses incurred if I become sick, injured or die while on the trip; or if I must leave the tour to return home. I agree <b>1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo</b> is not liable for any losses, financial or otherwise.	
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>I am aware of the walking requirements for this tour and am able to keep an intermediate walking pace and walk on uneven terrain without assistance.</b>			
Signature			Date

BANK USE ONLY:

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit: Amt \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Method \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due \_\_\_\_\_

Final Payment: Date \_\_\_\_\_ Method \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

<b>MEDICAL/HEALTH INFORMATION</b>			
Please list any Food Allergies/Dietary/Medical/Walking Restrictions/CPAP			
CPAP Users – Do you use distilled water?	Yes	No	
Do you carry a list of current medications / medical conditions in your wallet?	Yes	No	
Do you carry medical insurance information (card) in your wallet?	Yes	No	
List any special medical or personal information you would want an emergency care provider to know.			
I am healthy and able to travel at this time	Yes	No	
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION</b>			
Contact Name	Cell #	Additional #	Relationship
Additional Contact Name	Cell #	Additional #	Relationship