

Exploring the Emerald Island

The guided portion of the trip was well-organized. We covered over 700km of land spread out over 8 days. We had plenty of stops along the way and visited the Waterford Crystal Factory and the Jameson Distillery. We also explored places like Blarney Castle, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and Adare Village. The tour also included a couple of lunches and dinners at local pubs to round the trip off with more local flavor!



The accommodations on this trip were great and well-matched to the city we were staying in. Hayfield Manor, an 88-room estate, was one



of the highlights! Quaint, with spacious, comfortable rooms, it was beautifully decorated for the holidays. The staff was very attentive and helpful, and even came out to bid us farewell! It was just like out of a movie! Killarney Park Hotel, located on the end of the city center, putting us in walking distance to the restaurants, shops and pubs. It was a great location!

Plus, the rooms were nice and beds were comfy. Dromoland Castle was another highlight, because, let's face it, who doesn't want to stay in a castle!

While on the coach, our guide provided us with commentary and entertainment about the destination. I really liked the way he wasn't over the top where he felt like he needed to talk the whole time. He gauged the group to see the interest and timing. There was also Wi-Fi available, plenty of emerald green rolling hillsides, and rainbows to keep us entertained while on the road.



Ireland is a magnificent, magical place full of history and charm. Its people are warm and welcoming, and the sights are like nothing I've seen before. I would definitely travel there again! I feel like it is so diverse in landscapes there is so much more to see!