



WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

Travel Solo Together

IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND

The Grand Journey

with Women of the Midwest

September 5-19, 2026



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Are you ready for a Grand Journey? We are thrilled to return to two of our favorite destinations!

This is my dream trip to the lands of saints, fairy folk, leprechauns, and shamrocks. It is mystical, magical, and oh, so much more! Close your eyes and picture it...

Let us experience the highlights of both Ireland and Northern Ireland together on one journey as we uncover the mysteries of Newgrange, tour the capitals, and witness the Giant's Causeway, the Ring of Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher, Stone Age ruins, and quaint, colorful villages with cobblestone streets — all relaxing and exhilarating at the same time.

Envision medieval castles, ancient lighthouses, popular local pubs, flocks of roaming sheep, family homesteads, and bustling cities. Ireland and Northern Ireland are lands that mix the old with the new — the ordinary with the extraordinary.

Imagine the music, the sounds, the laughter — everyday people happily sharing their lives, their humor, their wisdom, and their talents — people with histories and dreams. Taste the local specialties, from Irish coffee to cheeses and cider, a pint of Guinness, and a traditional afternoon tea. It all sounds fabulous to me!

Top-notch accommodations will lull us to sleep after days of wandering the seemingly endless emerald countryside.

This journey is all about the above.

Please take a look at our detailed tour brochure. Once you have read it, I hope you will join me on the journey of a lifetime!

Rhonda Wagner, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

Sir Benjamin Lee Guinness



September 5, 2026 - Saturday

Traveling to Dublin, Ireland

Our wonderful and life-inspiring journey begins as we take an overnight flight to Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your dream vacation.

September 6, 2026 - Sunday

Welcome to Dublin!

Upon arrival, we will meet our private tour guide and take a short drive to the center to enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. For such a small city, Dublin has a big past. The iconic city has survived Viking attacks, devastating fires, and even the plague. It is also the founder of one of the oldest universities in Europe, Trinity College, and is home to Ireland's legendary brew, Guinness. We will swing by the Docklands, rich in maritime history, engineering triumphs, and landmark architecture. Lunch is served at a traditional Irish pub, followed by an Irish coffee-making demonstration. Before we check-in to our centrally located hotel, we will visit Guinness Storehouse and learn all about one of the most famous breweries in the world. The remainder of the afternoon and evening are yours to explore more of Dublin. L | T

September 7, 2026 - Monday

Dublin - Newgrange / Monasterboice

After breakfast, we are off to discover Ireland's ancient wonders at Newgrange* — a 5,000-year-old UNESCO World Heritage site. Enjoy timeless stories of art, astronomy, and heritage. Time for a leisurely lunch before we return to Dublin in the late afternoon for a relaxing evening. B

**Group tickets to Newgrange are limited. Once the departure is guaranteed, Newgrange will be confirmed or changed with a visit to Monasterboice.*

Dublin - St. Patrick's Cathedral



September 8, 2026 - Tuesday

Dublin - Belfast

We are off on foot to visit St. Patrick's Cathedral. Built in honor of Ireland's patron saint, the Cathedral stands adjacent to the famous well where tradition has it Saint Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. Then, we will depart Dublin and head north. A refreshing stop is made at our favorite apple orchards for a cider tour and tasting. The family-owned farm has been growing apples for over 50 years, and all their products are 100% natural as well as gluten-free. We will learn about the different apple growing systems, and visit the apple storage facilities and cider press. Lunch at leisure at a local pub before we reach our centrally located hotel in Belfast. The remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy. B | T

September 9, 2026 - Wednesday

Belfast

Hillsborough Castle and Gardens is a historic estate and serves as both the official residence of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and a royal residence when members of the British Royal Family visit the region. We will experience the castle - a grand Georgian mansion built in the 18th century - featuring staterooms that are still used today for official functions, as well as the gardens, which are some of the most famous in Northern Ireland. We will return to Belfast for an in-depth tour through the narrow streets and listen to the stories behind the murals featuring pleas for civil rights and peace and some paying homage to the British Monarchy. We will see the 25-foot Peace Walls that keep the Catholic and Protestant communities apart to this day, 25 years after the Good Friday Agreement. We will explore a side of Belfast that is as spine-tingling as it is emotional. Time for a leisurely lunch

Titanic Quarter, Belfast



before visiting the state-of-the-art Titanic Museum, standing majestically at the head of the slipway where the Titanic was built. B

September 10, 2026 - Thursday

Belfast - Derry Area

After breakfast, we take a short drive to Carrickfergus Castle, one of Northern Ireland's most impressive and well-preserved medieval structures. Built in the 12th century by the Normans, it has a rich history, serving as a strategic military stronghold through the centuries. Next, the breathtaking site of The Giant's Causeway. At the foot of the cliffs that skirt the edge of the 60 million years old Antrim plateau, the 40K basalt stone columns that make up the spectacular Giant's Causeway are one of Northern Ireland's most recognized landmarks. Take a walk with our well-versed guide and dive into the area's unique history and geology. You will enjoy our beautiful hotel and a lovely dinner tonight. B | D

September 11, 2026 - Friday

Derry - Enniskillen Area

The walls surrounding Derry were built between 1614 and 1619 and are today considered among the finest examples of a fortified commune in Europe. We will join an expert local guide, walking a full circuit on and around the walls and exploring the unique and colorful history of Derry, including the mass emigration that saw 10 million men, women, and children leave the Emerald Isle for a new life overseas. Next is the Ulster American Folk Park, an open-air museum that tells the story of the Ulster-Scots people who emigrated to North America in the 18th and 19th centuries, with over 30 exhibit buildings to explore. We will get an insight into the lives of those who left their homes for a new life

in America, an emotional experience. Our Manor House Country Hotel is a story for itself, charming and with an elegance of a bygone era, nestled amidst breathtaking landscapes on the shores of Lough Erne. We will relax, unwind, and enjoy dinner at this beautiful property. B | D

September 12, 2026 - Saturday

Ashford Castle - Kylemore Abbey - Galway
We are off to Ashford Castle, and we guarantee this visit will create memories of a lifetime. The rich history extends back to 1228 and the famous Guinness family. We will enjoy an exceptional and delightfully elegant lunch at the castle, followed by a private hawk walk. This will give you the incredible opportunity to fly your very own Harris Hawk under the guidance of our instructors. After you have been introduced to your hawk, you will set off into the magnificent woodlands to fly your bird as it follows you from tree to tree through the woods before swooping down to land on your gloved fist. A once-in-a-lifetime experience! Our last stop today is one of the most beautiful places in the region: Kylemore Abbey and its Victorian Walled Garden. Galway is at your leisure tonight. B | L

September 13, 2026 - Sunday

Cliffs of Moher - Sheepdog - Killarney
We head out to meet John, his sheep, and Border Collie. You are about to experience Burren's leading sheepdog demonstration. Since the age of 16, John has been training dogs in an attempt to preserve the culture that has been a part of Burren's life for generations. Next up are the famous Cliffs of Moher. Scenic cliffs stretching 700 feet over the rugged Atlantic coast. The cliffs are Ireland's most visited natural attraction, with a magical vista that will capture your heart! Our

day ends in Killarney after a quick ferry crossing from Killimer to Tarbert. B | L

September 14, 2026 - Monday

Ring of Kerry - Muckross House & Garden
Meandering roads, incredible views, lofty peaks, and glittering loughs...welcome to the Ring of Kerry! Sit back and take in the waterfalls and the Gap of Dunloe. In the afternoon, Muckross House invites us inside one of the country's most iconic stately homes, once visited by Queen Victoria and today home to a working farm. Tonight, a Celtic Steps show awaits! B | L | D

September 15, 2026 - Tuesday

Jaunting Cars - Blarney Castle - Cork
This morning, we will travel back in time with what is undoubtedly one of the best ways to experience this beautiful part of the world: the Killarney jaunting cars. Then, we continue to visit a mystical place around an ancient druidic settlement, one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles, Blarney. If you are a hearty soul, climb the ramparts of the castle walls and kiss the magic stone reputed to endow the "power of conferring eloquence," better known as the "Gift of the Gab." Lunch is served at a local pub. We will end our day in picturesque Cork, for an evening to relax and unwind. B | L

September 16, 2026 - Wednesday

Cork - Waterford
This morning, we will have plenty of time to enjoy Cork by foot, including the most beloved spot, The English Market, and a visit to the mesmerizing Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral. In the afternoon, we will visit Mount Congreve House and Gardens, famous for their diverse collection of plants from around the world. The gardens have a particular focus on rhododendrons,

camellias, azaleas, and magnolias. Our visit includes a traditional afternoon tea session. We will reach Waterford in the afternoon, check into our hotel, and relax. B | HT

September 17, 2026 - Thursday

Waterford
Waterford Crystal Factory needs no further introduction. Ladies, enjoy! Our second stop today is in New Ross to experience the Dunbrody Famine Ship centered on an authentic reproduction of an 1840s emigrant vessel, the Dunbrody, which sailed from New Ross to Canada and New York during the Great Famine. The tour is a powerful and moving experience that will provide you with a unique insight into the lives of the Irish people who emigrated during the Great Famine. Free time in Waterford this afternoon and evening. B

September 18, 2026 - Friday

Wool - Gardens - Irish Night
On our last day in Ireland, we will visit Powerscourt Gardens, which was voted "No. 3 Garden in the World" by National Geographic. The Gardens offer a sublime blend of formal gardens, sweeping terraces, statues and ornamental lakes, and secret hollows. Avoca is next for a unique shopping experience of the best Ireland has to offer! We will arrive in Dublin in the afternoon. Tonight's farewell dinner is at our favorite tavern and promises a fun night! B | D

September 19, 2026 - Saturday

Traveling Home
All too soon, our unforgettable journey comes to an end. Transfer to Dublin Airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and clear security. With fond memories and new friends, we are ready to fly back to the United States. B



Giant's Causeway



Kylemore Abbey



Fine Irish Wool



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$6,995
 Per person in a single room: \$8,495

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, T=Tasting, HT=High Tea, D=Dinner

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on May 28, 2026, is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT:
 Register by March 5, 2026,
 and receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas. We walk between 3 and 5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Group airfare: Becomes available at the end of October 2025.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Hotel Accommodations (announced 30 days prior to dep.):

Hyatt Centric (Dublin), Europa (Belfast), Roe Park Resort (Derry area), Manor House (Enniskillen area), Clayton (Galway), Killarney Oaks (Killarney), River Lee (Cork), Tower Hotel (Waterford), or similar accommodations.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- 13 nights during the tour in Ireland/Northern Ireland at locally rated 4-star hotels
- 13 x breakfast
- 5 x lunch
- 1 x traditional afternoon tea
- 4 x dinner
- Tastings (Irish coffee, Guinness, cider)
- All transfers and motor coach services as per itinerary
- Ferry crossing Tarbert-Killimer
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Admissions to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- English-speaking professional tour guide
- Step-on guides where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, Sep. 5-19, 2026
- Detailed travel documents, handed out three weeks prior to departure (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of October 7, 2025

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag (the first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals & beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities (estimate \$15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$100 pp, due at the time of booking
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

The itinerary is subject to change.



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Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour found at <https://executivetravel.com/eti-home/escorted-tours/>

Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

10/7/2025

JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with United Airlines:

September 5, 2026	Omaha* - Washington, DC	8:00 AM - 4:01 PM
September 5, 2026	Washington, DC - Dublin	7:00 PM - 7:10 AM (September 6, 2026)
September 19, 2026	Dublin - Chicago	11:35 AM - 1:40 PM
September 19, 2026	Chicago - Omaha*	7:52 PM - 9:29 PM

\$1,195 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check- & Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
Economy Plus can be purchased and confirmed once the tickets are issued = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$600-\$900.
Premium Economy can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$3,000-\$4,000.
Business Class can be reserved at the time of booking your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$6,000-\$8,000.
- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation.** Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.

Taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

Air schedules are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

SECURE YOUR AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

