Colorado State University Alumni Association presents…

Countryside of the Emerald Isle

August 25 – September 3, 2019

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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today’s cultural explorers dream of.

10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Dublin, Cooking Class, Irish National Stud, Distillery Tour, Kinsale, Choice on Tour, Diner’s Choice, Garnish Island, Dingle Peninsula, Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands

WHAT TO EXPECT: Immersive Small Group Touring: Smaller groups lead to bigger experiences. Explorations gives travelers access to the world in a new way, venturing off the beaten path for more adventure and immersive cultural connections. The small group size opens the door to magnificent sights, unique accommodations and exclusive culinary events. Your senses come alive as you capture the true essence of each destination.

Day 1: Sunday, August 25, 2019 Overnight Flight This is your chance to experience a seldom-explored side of Ireland. From the vaults of Christ Church Cathedral to the rolling hills of Dingle, we’ll bring you back to your Irish roots (even if you don’t have any).

Day 2: Monday, August 26, 2019 Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins Fáilte and welcome to Dublin, Ireland’s cosmopolitan capital. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a private tour and welcome reception in the crypt of Christ Church Cathedral.* Within the medieval walls of the city’s oldest structure, surrounded by nearly 1,000 years of Irish myths and legends, toast the start of an incredible adventure.

Day 3: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 Dublin A local expert escorts you through Dublin’s magnificent sights. Exalt in the culture and color of Ireland’s world-famous shopping thoroughfare, Grafton Street. Get lost inside the gardens of St. Stephen’s Green, and marvel at the electric green expanse of the largest enclosed city park in all of Europe, Phoenix Park. This evening, enjoy some good craic as we put a modern twist on Irish cuisine during a cooking class at one of Dublin’s premier culinary institutions. *(B, D)*

Day 4: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 Dublin - Irish National Stud - Midleton - Kinsale Take to Ireland’s country roads. Tour the Irish National Stud, an area of incredible natural beauty that’s home to regal thoroughbreds and opulent gardens. Head south to the Old Midleton Distillery, home of Jameson Irish Whiskey. Give it a go with a tasting of the distillery’s production. Continue on to the quaint coastal village of Kinsale and join a local expert on a walking tour. This evening, it’s Diner’s Choice in Ireland’s gourmet capital! Choose the perfect spot from a “menu” of Kinsale’s great restaurants. *(B, D)*

Day 5: Thursday, August 29, 2019 Kinsale - Choice of Cobh or Relaxing in Kinsale It’s your choice! Visit the seaside town of Cobh, the last stop of the RMS Titanic. Circuit this historic port alongside a local expert; this is the place where 2.5 million Irish people left their native land for new frontiers -OR- spend a leisurely day in Kinsale and enjoy its many galleries, shops and cafes. *(B)*

Day 6: Friday, August 30, 2019 Kinsale - Garnish Island - Killarney Embark on the drive of a lifetime on Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way. You’ll fall in love with the quaint towns and charming villages that inhabit this iconic coastal route. Board a ferry and sail to a place that must be seen to be believed, Garnish Island. Sheltered in the Glengarriff harbor of Bantry Bay, this hidden island is home to one of Ireland’s most beautiful gardens. Continue over the Cork and Kerry mountains to Killarney via the breathtaking Caha Pass. *(B)*

Day 7: Saturday, August 31, 2019 Killarney - Dingle - Killarney Not far from the rollicking pubs of Killarney await the enchanting hills and weather-worn bluffs of Dingle. Travel through a maze of green to Ireland’s most westerly point, Slea Head, where the locals will remind you that, "the next parish over is Boston." Your afternoon affords the opportunity to explore Dingle’s country lanes on foot, or enjoy time at leisure
in Dingle Town, a place where pubs double as hardware stores and the Guinness is always freshly-tapped. (B)

Day 8: Sunday, September 1, 2019 Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Aran Islands (Inisheer) Leave the rugged southern coast behind and embark on an adventure, the likes of which you’ve never seen. Board a ferry bound for Inisheer, the smallest of the three Aran Islands.** Take in unrivalled views while sailing beneath the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Upon arriving in Inisheer’s ethereal landscape, take a private tour through the labyrinth of stone walls blanketing the island. Learn about the island’s 250 inhabitants, their livelihoods and devotion to traditional culture and customs. As the last ferry leaves for mainland Ireland, settle into your island abode*** amid desolate yet striking beauty for an experience that’s totally unparalleled. (B, D)

Day 9: Monday, September 2, 2019 Aran Islands (Inisheer) - Ennis Enjoy a morning to sleep in, or wake early for a sunrise hike**** to O’Brien Castle. Greet the sun as it rises over the Irish mainland and illuminates Inisheer’s picturesque stone walls. Later, dive into local culture during a knitting workshop and learn traditional methods and stitches used to make the famous Aran sweaters. Don’t worry if you’re not a knitter, you’ll be a pro before you know it! Next, experience the traditional craft of making the St. Brigid’s Cross. Throughout Ireland you will see these crosses affixed to homes to ward off evil and danger. This evening, after ferrying back to the mainland, toast the end of an incredible adventure! (B, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 Ennis - Tour Ends Your journey comes to a close today, leaving you with the spirit of Ireland in your heart forever. (B)

Experience It! Aran Islands
These rugged islands stand fast against the Atlantic, just outside of Galway Bay. Just a few miles from the Cliffs of Moher, each of the three islands, Inisheer, Inishmaan, and Inishmore, possesses its own distinct character. Seemingly frozen in time, these islands have remarkably kept the modern world at bay. Visit Inisheer (or Inis Oirthir, meaning “east island”). Inhabited by a population of only 250, this rocky enclave is the smallest of the islands, but has perhaps the biggest heart. Revered as the most beautiful of the Aran Islands, Inisheer’s limestone landscape belies its generous and friendly spirit.

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PLEASE NOTE: IDENTIFICATION
Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Travel with just 19 passengers on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

*Christ Church Cathedral is a working cathedral, so closure may occur unexpectedly.

**Ferry crossings and overnight flights on the Aran Islands are subject to weather conditions. If weather conditions prohibit crossing to the Aran Islands, alternative arrangements will be made for accommodation and activities.

***The overnight accommodations on Aran Island require that you bring an overnight bag only. Your large luggage will be stored on the bus in a secure location.

****Guests interested in the sunrise hike should pack a flashlight.

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Emergency contact:

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline’s terms and conditions of your purchase.

Travel Protection:

( ) Yes ( ) No

“Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years’ imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA’s “prohibited items” web page: http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items.”

TRAVEL PROTECTION:

( ) Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection $315 ( ) No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual’s traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of $1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

Please choose one of the following on tour activities:

( ) Relaxing in Kinsale – Tour (included) ( ) Walking tour of Historic Cobh – Tour ( ) PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette ( ) Check ( ) Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: $______ Deposit Amount: $______

Total amount enclosed: $______

Cardholder Name:

Cardholder Address:

Cardholder Phone:

Credit Card Number:

Expiration Date: _______ Amount charged: $______

Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED for acceptance of the above conditions and agreement to credit card use:

Date:

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