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Gardens of Southern Ireland July 8-15, 2017

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7 Nights – 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 1 Lunch

Invitation from . . . Alice Longfellow, owner of Longfellow’s Garden Center, and host of “The Garden Spot”.

Join us this summer as we travel to Ireland to explore the southern countryside of this “Emerald Isle”. A wide selection of beautiful and historic gardens await us in this exciting summer adventure!

Highlights . . .

Gardens and Parks: June Blake’s Garden, Powerscourt Gardens, Altamont Gardens, Mount Congreve Gardens, Blarney Castle, Beechwood Gardens, Glanlean House Gardens, Muckross Gardens, Cliffs of Moher, Burren Walking Guide, Kylemore Abbey & Gardens, St. Brigit’s Garden, Woodville Walled Garden, Clonmacnoise

Price for Land Tour Only: Double \$3399.00 per person

** Pricing for Single Supplement available upon request **

Included: 7 Nights Lodging, 7 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 1 Lunch, Luxury Coach, Driver-Tour Guide, all garden admissions, tips & portorage.

Optional Additions: Airfare & Travel Insurance

OPTION: 2 Night Pre-Tour in Dublin - July 5 – 7, 2017

Includes: group transfer from the airport to the hotel, 2 Nights lodging at the Alexander Hotel, portorage and a tip for the driver.

Total per person based on double occupancy is **\$399.00** or \$700 for single occupancy.

Please Note:

This Tour has been customized for guests of Alice Longfellow and begins at the Alexander Hotel in Dublin. Your international airfare and trip insurance have not been included. We have intentionally left these items out so you can customize this Gardens of Southern Ireland Tour as you desire with either pre or post stays to fit your adventurous spirit. Reservations for this Tour will be coordinated by Tamara Hellmann at:



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All pricing is based on Double Occupancy. Pricing for Single Occupancy accommodations is available upon request but is limited and subject to availability. This tour requires moderate physical activity. You should be in good health, able to climb stairs and walk reasonable distances, possibly over uneven grounds and cobblestone streets.

A minimum deposit of \$750.00 per person is due upon reservation. Additional deposit amounts may apply based on the optional items you add to your package. Check or Cash payments are preferred; payments made via Credit Card will incur a 3.5% surcharge imposed by our tour operator. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 15, 2017 are based upon availability. Final payment is due by April 15, 2017.

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Day 7: Friday, July 14, 2017

Depart for Dublin

Visit **Woodville Walled Garden** - Woodville is home to a restored walled kitchen garden along with a museum outlining the fascinating connection to Lady Augusta Gregory at Woodville.

Visit Clonmacnoise, the monastery founded by St. Ciaran in 6th Century.

Continue on to Dublin where you will enjoy a relaxing Farewell Dinner with new friends.

Overnight: Alexander Hotel (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, July 15, 2017

Depart for home or to another destination from the Dublin Airport



Day 1: Saturday, July 8, 2017

Meet with Driver and Guide in reception of Alexander Hotel.

Morning visit to **June Blake's Garden** - a garden that blends the familiar with the new, is inventive, dynamic and resonates with garden fans of all ages and backgrounds. The appeal lies in its size, just over 3 acres, design, variety and the fact that it is continually being tweaked.

Afternoon visit to **Powerscourt Gardens** - Is one of the most beautiful gardens in Ireland! The gardens at Powerscourt were laid out over two main periods. The design reflects the desire to create a garden which was part of the wider landscape. To the north formal tree plantations framed the vista from the house, while a walled garden, fish pond, cascades, grottos and terraces lay to the south. Walks wound through the wooded grounds and a fine tree lined avenue was created.

Overnight: Arklow Bay Hotel (D)

Day 2: Sunday, July 9, 2017

Depart for Kinsale via Waterford

Visit **Altamont Gardens** - Large, beautiful old world garden, Robinsonian in style with a strong emphasis on the informal tradition of combining a good plant collection within the natural landscape of its environment. Lawns and clipped yews slope down to a lake surrounded by rare trees, shrubs and a profusion of roses with herbaceous plants that scent the air. There is a steep descent through the "Ice Age Glen" to a beautiful river walk.

Visit **Mount Congreve Gardens** - Consist of around seventy acres of intensively planted woodland garden and a four acre wall garden. Mr. Ambrose Congreve was inspired by Lionel de Rothschild's exceptional garden at Exbury in Hampshire, England. It was here that his interest was nurtured becoming passionate and enthusiastic for plants such as Rhododendrons, Magnolias, Camellias and many other flora from every continent in the world.

Overnight: Trident Hotel (B)



Day 3: Monday, July 10, 2017

Depart for Killarney

Visit **Beechwood Garden** - Beechwood is the family home of Ned & Liz Kirby.

Visit **Blarney Castle**, plus an opportunity for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills.

Pass over the Cork/Kerry Mountains via the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery & Ballyvourney to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom Castle, once home of Sir William Penn, whose son was later to found the state of Pennsylvania.

Afternoon free in Killarney.

Overnight: Brook Lodge Hotel (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Tour the world famous **Ring of Kerry (Iveragh Peninsula)** via Killorglin & Glenbeigh to Cahersiveen.

Visit **Glanleam House Gardens** -Set on Valentia Island, Glanleam was built as a linen mill in 1775 and later served as the home of the Knights of Kerry. Sir Peter Fitzgerald, the 19th knight, realized the almost frost-free conditions and laid out 16 hectares of a subtropical garden around Glanleam House. This is an enchanted garden, subtropical paradise, rainforest and jungle all at the same time, famous for southern hemisphere and Asian plants. Continue on via Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator", to Caherdaniel.

Lunch in **The Blind Piper Pub** in the village of Caherdaniel. Continue on via the pretty villages of Sneem, Moll's Gap, Ladies View and along the Lakes of Killarney to Killarney town.

Afternoon visit to **Muckross House Gardens** - During the 1850s, the Herberts undertook extensive garden works in preparation for Queen Victoria's visit in 1861. Early in the twentieth century the Sunken Garden, Rock Garden and the Stream Garden were developed.

Overnight: Brook Lodge Hotel (B)



Day 5: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Depart for Galway via the rugged Atlantic coastline of Clare; Cross the estuary of the **River Shannon** by ferry.

Visit the **Cliffs of Moher** - The Cliffs of Moher are a designated UNESCO Geo Park. The Cliffs are 214m high at the highest point and range for 8 kilometers over the Atlantic Ocean on the western seaboard of County Clare. From the Cliffs one can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as The Twelve Pins, the Maum Turk Mountains in Connemara and Loop Head to the South.

Travel through the **Burren** - Famous for its Lunar-like Limestone landscape and its unique flora. About 20 species of Orchids grow wild here. Meet with a local guide for a **walking tour of the Burren** and a talk about the unique flora. Continue to Galway.

Overnight: Salt Hill Hotel (B)

Day 6: Thursday, July 13, 2017

Depart for a day tour of **Connemara**.

Visit **Kylemore Abbey** and the recently renovated **Victorian Walled Garden**, set in the heart of the Connemara Mountains. The Castle, built in 1868 is one of the great neo-Gothic castles of this period remaining in Ireland. It became an Abbey in 1920 when taken over by the Irish Benedictine nuns and houses an international girls' boarding school. The garden was one of the last walled gardens to be built during the Victorian period in Ireland and is the only Walled Garden constructed in bogland (peatland). The garden was so advanced for the time that it was compared in magnificence with Kew Gardens in London.

Return to Galway

Visit **St. Brigit's Garden** - The award-winning Celtic Gardens are widely regarded as one of the most spectacular in Ireland, set within 11 acres of native woodland & wildflower meadows.

Overnight: Salt Hill Hotel (B)