

IRELAND

SCENIC GARDENS

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travel with friends



31 MAY - 14 JUNE

2027

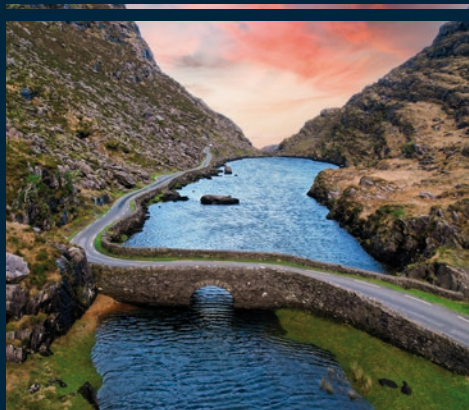
Ireland's mild climate has endowed an extraordinary collection of gardens. Our itinerary includes the best of these Irish gardens along with grand public estates and exclusive and intimate private sanctuaries.

You'll stay in Dublin, Waterford, Cork, Killarney, Galway and Belfast.

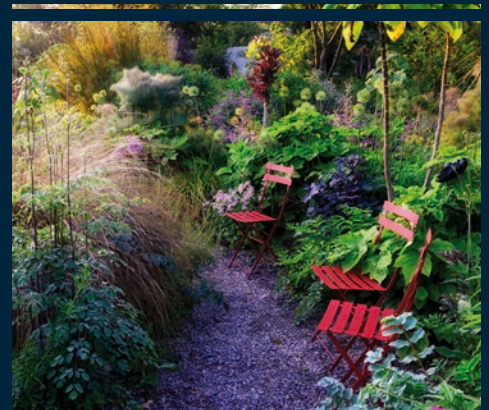
Craham Ross AM



Ballymaloe Cookery School



Ring of Kerry



Hunting Brook Gardens

DAY 1 | MON 31 MAY

Dublin

Check-in to your hotel in Dublin and meet your Tour Leader Colin Barlow and fellow travellers for our Welcome Dinner.

Grafton Hotel, Dublin

DAY 2 | TUE 1 JUN

Dublin

Enjoy a guided tour of Dublin including the **National Botanic Garden**, Trinity College and the famous **Book of Kells**. This afternoon, you travel to Howth, a scenic peninsula just north of Dublin to visit **Ardan Garden**, a dynamic & ever evolving garden terraced to create a series of intimate spaces.

Grafton Hotel, Dublin

DAY 3 | WED 2 JUN

Hunting Brook Gardens and June Blake Garden

Today, meet siblings with different attitudes to garden making. First **Hunting Brook Gardens** by Jimi Blake who doesn't play by the rule book. "I like to be bold, adventurous & unexpected." Then meet his sister **June Blake** whose garden is pure poetry, abundant & exuberant. Travel back to Dublin with the remainder of the day at leisure.

Grafton Hotel, Dublin

DAY 4 | THU 3 JUN

Ballintubbert Gardens

Time to meet TJ Maher in his ground-breaking **Patthana Garden** in Kiltegan, County Wicklow. It's an organic garden, with many plants chosen for their attraction to wildlife. This afternoon we travel to Stradbally to see **Ballintubbert Gardens**, Ireland's first organically certified formal garden.

Grafton Hotel, Dublin

DAY 5 | FRI 4 JUN

Dublin to Waterford

To **Powerscourt** this morning, grand in the high Victorian tradition, with a history that reads like an Edwardian novel. After lunch

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you meet Rachel Darlington in her fabulous **Douentza Garden** in Wexford. Check-in to your hotel in Waterford for the night.

Waterford Marina Hotel, Waterford

DAY 6 | SAT 5 JUN

Waterford to Cork

You'll visit **House of Waterford Crystal** this morning before a stop at 600 year old **Blarney Castle** on our way to Cork. Then check-in to your hotel in the heart of the city.

Imperial Hotel, Cork

DAY 7 | SUN 6 JUN

Ballymaloe Cookery School

Our first stop is **Mary Byrne's Hillside Garden**, situated on a south-facing slope, enclosed by woodlands overlooking Cork Harbour. Enjoy a special lunch today at Ballymaloe House Restaurant followed by a tour of the famous **Ballymaloe Cookery School's** kitchen gardens & organic farm.

Imperial Hotel, Cork

DAY 8 | MON 7 JUN

Cork to Killarney

To Killarney with a stop in Glengarriff where we take a ferry across Bantry Bay to **Garinish Island & Ilacullin** off the coast of West Cork. Then we will continue to Killarney where you will check-in to your hotel for two nights.

Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa, Killarney

DAY 9 | TUE 8 JUN

Ring of Kerry

Today you will explore the **Ring of Kerry**, a place of wild excess, where Ireland's tallest mountains, the Macgillycuddy's Reeks, descend into lush valleys. This afternoon enjoy a visit to **Muckross House and Gardens** surrounded by Killarney National Park.

Aghadoe Heights Hotel and Spa, Killarney

DAY 10 | WED 9 JUN

Killarney to Galway

You travel across the historic **Burren** region of County Clare to Galway and meet plantsman Carl Wright in his **Caher Bridge**

Garden. Then you follow the Burren Way to Doolin to see the **Cliffs of Moher** and on to Galway. Check-in to your hotel for 2 nights.

Leonardo Hotel, Galway

DAY 11 | THU 10 JUN

Kylemore Abbey

You'll visit **Kylemore Abbey** today. This iconic castle enjoys a fairytale garden with a large walled garden and is a model of Victorian horticulture. Then discover the **Connemarra**, a place of folklore and profound beauty.

Leonardo Hotel, Galway

DAY 12 | FRI 11 JUN

Galway to Belfast

You travel to Belfast today via Athlone on the River Shannon. You will visit **Rowallane**, where Rev John Moore began creating his estate in 1858. His nephew sponsored the plant hunters, with many exciting new plant introductions from China. The garden is now with the National Trust.

Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

DAY 13 | SAT 12 JUN

Mount Stewart

Today you'll head to the stunning estate of **Mount Stewart** in County Down, with a guided tour of the Manor & gardens. Like its maker, Edith Lady Londonderry, it is flamboyant & fun. Your afternoon visit is to **Titanic Belfast** where you will discover the sights, sounds and stories of the ship.

Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

DAY 14 | SUN 13 JUN

Giant's Causeway

Today we visit the **Giant's Causeway**, a geological wonder on the Antrim Coast. Famous for its basalt columns, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was formed over 60 million years ago. Farewell Dinner tonight.

Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

DAY 15 | MON 14 JUN

End of Tour

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning.

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Details

- ✓ Tour escorted by Colin Barlow
- ✓ Deluxe accommodation - 14 nights
- ✓ Breakfast daily (B), 4 Lunches (L) and 5 Dinners (D)
- ✓ Entrance fees to all gardens & sightseeing including Book of Kells, National Botanic Gardens, Ardan Garden, The Hunting Brook, June Blake Garden, Patthana Garden, Ballintubbert Gardens, Powerscourt House & Gardens, Douentza Garden, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Hillside Gardens, Garinish Island, Muckross House & Gardens, Kylemore Abbey & Gardens, Rowallane Garden, Mount Stewart House & Garden, Titanic Belfast, Giant's Causeway and lots more.

Price

- ✓ Twin Share land only \$17,195 pp
- ✓ Single Supplement \$4,695
- ✓ All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers.
- ✓ Refer to Ross Tours standard terms and conditions.

Discounts

- ✓ Earlybird \$300 Pay by 4/12/26
- ✓ Previous Traveller \$100
- ✓ Garden Clinic Member \$50



Linked Tours

Chelsea Flower Show: 17-28 May 2027

Tour leader



Colin Barlow

Colin is a popular Ross Tour Leader. His passion for horticulture fuels his love of travelling. He is a great communicator with years on radio, television and in magazines.



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