



In Partnership with CIE Tours International

2025 IRELAND "SHEEP-TO-SHAWL" TOUR ITINERARY

Itinerary is subject to change!

SAT, SEPT 13 - UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart home for your overnight flight to Dublin!

SUN, SEPT 14 – DUBLIN ARRIVAL AND LEISURE DAY

Make your way to our hotel on your own after arrival. (The Fiber Garden will help coordinate with other travelers arriving on your flight.) The rest of the day is yours to explore Dublin using your Hop on Hop off pass to transport you around the city. Visit museums, shop, hunt down the yarn shops...you choose! This evening, we will gather as a group for a short walk to [Nancy Hands Restaurant](#) to enjoy an authentic Irish dinner together to kick off our Irish adventure!

Overnight: [Ashling Hotel, Dublin](#)

MON, SEPT 15 – DUBLIN TOUR and TUNISIAN CROCHET CLASS

This morning we meet our driver/guide and a local guide will lead us through Dublin. The city has been molded through the centuries by economic, political and artistic influences that has shaped its architecture. We stop to visit [EPIC Ireland](#) which celebrates the story of the spread of Irish culture around the globe. We will return to our hotel where you will meet [Aoibhe Ni](#) for a Tunisian crochet shawlclass. Her work will leave you spellbound!

Overnight: [Ashling Hotel, Dublin](#)

TUES, SEPT 16 – ZWARTBLES FARM & CUSHENDALE WOOLLEN MILLS

After breakfast, we head out on a day full of fibers! We first travel to visit [Cushendale Woollen Mills](#), one of the oldest operating mills in Ireland. This afternoon, we visit [Zwartbles Farm](#) where we will meet Suzanna and learn about her farm and wool production. Our day ends in Kilkenny where we'll enjoy a group dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: [River Court Hotel, Kilkenny](#)

WED, SEPT 17 – BLARNEY CASTLE & WOOLLEN MILLS; HEDGEHOG FIBERS

This morning, we depart Kilkenny for Blarney to visit the [famous castle](#) and the "Stone of Eloquence". We will also visit the [Woollen Mills](#) with its excellent range of Irish products. There will be time to browse around the village. Our journey then continues into Cork to visit [Hedgehog Fibers](#). Tonight we share our stories of the day over dinner at the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight: [Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney](#)

THURS, SEPT 18 – RING OF KERRY

Today we set off to explore the [Ring of Kerry](#), which consists of more than 100 miles of marvelous scenery. See some of Ireland's highest peaks on one side of the road and a coastline scattered with golden beaches and rocky headlands on the other. There will be plenty of stops to take in the scenery and get photos. After returning to Killarney, we embark on a [horse-drawn jaunting car ride](#) through the grounds of the [Killarney National Park](#). Tonight is a festive Irish evening of dinner and entertainment at [Kate Kearney's Cottage](#) which is situated at the entrance of the Gap of Dunloe.

Overnight: [Killarney Towers Hotel, Killarney](#)

FRI, SEPT 19 – APPLEOAK FIBREWORKS & MCKERNAN WOOLLEN MILLS

This morning we depart Killarney and travel north. We drive into Bunratty and stop at [Durdy Nelly's Pub](#), which stands in the shadow of Bunratty Castle and has been in business for about two centuries. It is a warren of small rooms and intimate bars with cozy fireplace seats. There is usually a lively "session" of music, and the atmosphere is spirited. While here, we will enjoy a traditional Irish lunch. Next we visit [AppleOak FibreWorks](#) in Bunratty, a natural dyeing company of yarn and fabrics. We will enjoy a studio tour and see the natural dyeing process. Then we journey on to the [Mckernan Woollen Mills](#) for a tour followed by some free time to browse through their selection of high-quality woven wool scarves and Irish goods. Then on to our charming Inn in Shannon for the night.

Overnight: [Inn at Dromoland, Shannon](#)

SAT, SEPT 20 – ARAN ISLANDS

After breakfast, we are off to the [Aran Islands](#)! We travel into Doolin and take a ferry to Inis Orr, the smallest of the three Aran Islands. We will enjoy an Aran knitting class, lunch, and Island tour with [Una McDonagh](#). (*Note: please bring short 4mm/US size 6 single point needles if you have them. Una will have extras if needed.*) We ferry back to the mainland and head to Galway to our hotel and dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: [Ardilaun Hotel, Galway](#)

SUN, SEPT 21 – GALWAY SIGHTSEEING

Today begins with a local guide for a gentle walking tour of [Galway](#). See the medieval city walls, [Lynch's Castle](#) and the narrow streets. Then we drive into Lettershea and stop at [Dan O'Hara's Homestead](#) to learn how to bake a traditional Irish Bread followed by a tasting of what you just helped prepare. Return to our hotel to enjoy a free evening.

Dinner & Overnight: [Ardilaun Hotel, Galway](#)

MON, SEPT 22 – GALWAY to DONEGAL

Leaving Galway, we will enjoy a scenic journey through the Irish countryside. We continue our drive into Donegal and settle into our hotel before a group dinner.

Dinner & Overnight: [Harveys Point Hotel, Donegal](#)

TUES, SEPT 23 – STUDIO DONEGAL & SLIEVE LEAGUE SEA CLIFFS

We're off to [Studio Donegal](#) which manufactures hand woven wools. The Mill Experiences takes us behind the scenes of the working mill to learn the process of creating their handmade goods. Next we travel to the

[Slieve League Sea Cliffs](#), which are the highest cliffs in Europe. The cliffs drop straight down to the wild Atlantic waves and where you'll see marvelous vistas. We'll enjoy an Irish coffee together while we're there. Then it's back to Donegal for a free evening.

Overnight: [Harveys Point Hotel, Donegal](#)

WED, SEPT 24 – HANDWOVEN BY LIZ CHRISTY & THE LACE GALLERY

Departing Donegal, we head for a visit with [Liz Christy](#) and her busy handweaving studio. Then it's on to visit [The Lace Gallery](#) to view delicate hand-stitched lace work done by lacemaker, Mary O'Neill, using the traditional Carrickmacross lace method which originated in the early 1820's. We end our day in Cavan for dinner together.

Dinner & Overnight: [Farnham Estate Hotel, Cavan](#)

THURS, SEPT 25 – CRAFTS OF IRELAND

This morning we're off to [Crafts of Ireland](#) to take part in a fiber workshop learning the art of wool painting as you create your own landscape picture. This evening we gather for a wonderful farewell dinner celebrating our travel together through Ireland.

Dinner & Overnight: [Farnham Estate Hotel, Cavan](#)

FRI, SEPT 26 - RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Our tour has come to an end and it's time to head home to enjoy and share the good memories. We will have an early morning group transfer to the Dublin airport for our flights back across the Atlantic to the United States. Home Sweet Home!

For complete information visit <https://fibergarden.com/travel/2025ireland>.

Please be advised that travel in Ireland can involve uneven terrain, rough walking surfaces, and some stairs which can be challenging for those with mobility issues. Please contact the Fiber Garden if you have any concerns.