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## The Southwest and West Tour

### 4 DAY TOUR PROGRAM

#### DAY 1 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Depart from outside the Convention Centre Dublin at 8.30am with your driver and guide. Leaving Dublin this morning travel to the mediaeval city of Kilkenny to see the wonderful **Kilkenny Castle** and **St. Canice's Cathedral**. Climb to the top of the tower attached to the Cathedral to get the best view of this marvelous city. Visit **Kilkenny Castle**: "A 12<sup>th</sup> century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler Family, Marquesses, and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room, and bedrooms decorated in 1830's splendour, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery. The old castle kitchen operates as a tearoom during the summer. Its then onwards through the counties of Tipperary and Cork until you reach Killarney. Killarney is a bustling town and full of atmosphere. Dinner and overnight in Hotel in Killarney or Tralee.

#### DAY 2 – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Enjoy a full Irish Breakfast at the hotel. A day of splendid scenery as you tour the **Ring of Kerry** which is said to contain some of the most magnificent scenery in Ireland. Pass through the small towns and villages of Killorglin, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Sneem and finally Molls Gap in the heart of the black mountains. Later you may also wish to take an optional trip on a 'Jauntion Car' ride through the National Park to Ross Castle ruin on the shore of the lake (Lough) Leane. Take a photo of the majestic Muckross House where Queen Victoria visited in 1861 with her husband prince Albert and some of her children. The Park covers an area of 10, 000 hectares and includes the world-famous lakes of Killarney and the mountains and woodland that surrounds them. Second overnight in your Hotel in Killarney or Tralee. Dinner is at leisure

#### DAY 3 – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Enjoy full Irish Breakfast at the hotel. Today you depart from Killarney and head northwards. Tralee is the first large town we come to before, Listowel and Tarbert where we wait to board the ferry that crosses the Shannon. Once on the other side you travel along the Wild Atlantic Way until you come to the holiday town of Lahinch and then onto the **Cliffs of Moher**, seven hundred feet cliffs towering into the Atlantic. You will then overnight in Limerick, Ireland's third largest city.

#### DAY 4 – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Enjoy full Irish Breakfast at the hotel. Today you travel to Galway, known as the "City of Tribes". Upon arrival in Galway enjoy a walking tour of the City with a local guide, you see historic buildings of **Lynch's Castle**, once the historic home of Galway's most powerful family, a magnificent limestone building, of Irish Gothic Style and **St. Nicholas Church**, one of the oldest parish churches in Ireland. It has been a place of worship since the 14th Century 14<sup>th</sup> century, it is said that Christopher Columbus attended Mass here before crossing the Atlantic Ocean on one of his crossings. **Galway Cathedral**, one of the largest and most impressive buildings in the city. Built between 1958 and 1965, it stands on the site of the old city jail. The dome and pillars reflect a Renaissance style. In the afternoon travel to Dublin to your conference hotel returning circa 6.30pm.