

# IRELAND CIRCUMNAVIGATION

7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS ON BOARD

DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

**Circumnavigate the magnificent island of Ireland, following the maritime routes of the Gaels of old.** Experience the best Ireland has to offer on this exhilarating voyage around this storied island. From the vibrant Irish capital of Dublin, we will experience some of Ireland’s most lively and exciting cities, as well as hidden offshore gems inaccessible to the casual traveller. From the rugged, windswept Aran Islands to the musical streets of Galway, the riverbanks of Cork to the bird colonies of Skellig, and from the storied stones of Antrim to the hearty welcome on Clare Island, this thrilling voyage beckons visitors to immerse themselves in the culture, nature, and heritage of the Emerald Isle. Fáilte!

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore off the beaten track on a voyage new for 2027
- See the ancient hermitage and vast seabird colonies of the Skelligs
- Experience Gaelic culture and immerse yourself in the Irish language in the heart of the Gaeltacht
- Visit Cork and Galway – two of Ireland’s most exciting cities
- See the storied Giant’s Causeway on the breathtaking Antrim coast

## EXPEDITION DATES ABOARD OCEAN VICTORY

Board	Disembark
Apr 23, 2027	Apr 29, 2027

### Day 1, All aboard in Dublin!!

Our expedition begins in Dublin, the beating heart of Ireland. Hosting sites such as the famous Ha’penny Bridge and the spellbinding Book of Kells in Trinity College, the magnificent St Patrick’s Cathedral and the legendary Guinness Storehouse, visitors are spoiled for choice in the Irish capital. In the afternoon, settle into your cabin aboard Ocean Victory and toast your departure into the Irish Sea as we set a course for Cork.

### Day 2, Cobh (Cork)

In the morning we sail into the vast natural harbour of Cobh, gateway to Cork, Ireland’s second city. While famous sites such as Blarney Castle and her famous Stone are just a short drive away, Cork city centre is surprisingly compact and walkable, and trad tunes drift from the door of almost every pub. The best food in the



city is indisputably found at the English Market, where some of Ireland’s best produce is sold and prepared -an absolute treat for any foodie!

### Day 3, Knightstown and the Skelligs

Sitting on Valentia Island, Knightstown is the epitome of rural Ireland – lush, green and dripping with Gaelic charm. Join a hike to the nearby Valentia Island Lighthouse, or journey back through time and see the tetrapod footprints – a palaeontological marvel. In the afternoon we will cruise around the Skellig Islands, magnificent rock pinnacles once home to hermit monks, now a wildlife refuge populated by thousands of seabirds. Keep your binocular handy!

### Day 4, Galway

Early in the morning morning, we will pass the legendary Cliffs of Moher before arriving in Galway. While not the largest city in Ireland, Galway is indisputably the island’s cultural capital, sitting in the heart of the Gaeltacht on the windswept Atlantic coast. Immerse yourself in ancient Celtic culture and discover the ancient heritage of the wild west of Ireland.

### Days 5, Kilonan, Aran Islands, and Clare Island

Venturing off Ireland’s wild west coast, we find the windswept Aran Islands. Although small, the Aran Islands are probably the most famous of Irish Islands – barren limestone landscapes and ancient hillforts make up the mesmerising landscape, and the ancient Irish language is spoken almost universally – not to mention the islands’ world-famous knitwear! In the afternoon we sail to Clare Island, once home to legendary pirate queen Gráinne O’Malley – thankfully, the welcome here is considerably warmer today than in her time!

### Day 6, Portrush, Antrim Coast

Sitting on the island’s northern coast, Portrush is one

of Ireland's premier seaside resort towns, sitting on the breath-taking Antrim Coast. Bizarre geological happenstance has created this spectacular coastline, home to landmarks such as Dunluce Castle (made famous by hit show Game of Thrones) and the storied stones of the Giant's Causeway, indisputably the most famous geological site on the island of Ireland.

### **Day 7, Dublin disembarkation**

On the final day of our expedition, Ocean Victory sails back into Dublin harbour. After a hearty breakfast, bid farewell to the Officers and Crew and step back onto the stones of the Fair City with memories to last a lifetime.

