

## SHANNON PRINCESS - CLASSIC IRELAND CRUISE

### Killaloe to Glasson

#### Sunday, Day 1 Killaloe

Guests are met in Dublin\*\* and transferred by private chauffeured minibus to the Shannon Princess. Your Captain and his crew will welcome you onboard with champagne, black velvet cocktails or perhaps an Irish coffee, then time for a stroll and perhaps a visit to St. Flannan's Cathedral. Dinner on board.



#### Monday, Day 2 Killaloe to Mountshannon

Today we begin our cruise, moving through from the fjord-like reaches of the River Shannon into lovely Lough Derg and on to our mooring at Mountshannon. After lunch on board, we set off to Adare Manor, a magnificent estate located on the banks of the River Maigue. Here, in the setting of the Walled Garden, we gain a real insight into the history and tradition of falconry and have the opportunity to 'get up close and personal' with birds of prey such as owls, falcons and eagles – a magical experience. We end the afternoon by visiting a traditional Irish hand-weaving workshop. Dinner on board.



#### Tuesday, Day 3 Mountshannon to Terryglass

This morning, during a leisurely cruise across beautiful Lough Derg with its ever-changing backdrop, we pass the island of Illamore to moor in the harbour of Terryglass, a picturesque, waterside village. After lunch we visit Leap Castle, reputed to be Ireland's most haunted house. You will be given a personal tour by the eccentric owner Sean Ryan, whom with traditional Irish musicians, will relate to you the fascinating history of the castle and its part in founding the American Constitution. Dinner on board.



#### Wednesday, Day 4 Terryglass to Shannonbridge

Today, our tour is firstly, to the walled gardens of Portumna Castle, then on to Galway, a lively University City and cultural centre for Irish-speaking regions in Western Ireland. Visit the Galway crystal, craft and linen shops and then lunch at a traditional Guinness & Oyster pub. We return to Shannon Princess and enjoy an afternoon cruise, negotiating the Portumna swing bridge and Meelick lock along the way, as we enjoy our dinner and sunset cruise to arrive at Banagher on the County Offaly shoreline.



#### Thursday, Day 5 Shannonbridge to Athlone

Our cruise today is towards the riverside town of Athlone, mooring en route at Clonmacnoise ruins, a famed 6th century university and early monastic settlement. Following a tour, we continue our cruise north through Europe's richest example of "Callow" landscape, countryside little changed in over 1,000 years and one of Ireland's premier wildfowl reserves, to arrive in Athlone. Time to explore the town at your leisure. Dinner on board.



### Friday, Day 6 Athlone to Glasson

Our final cruise to Glasson is northwards around the beautiful "Inner Lakes" of Lough Ree and we explore some of the 365 islands on the lake. After lunch, we visit the Kilbeggan whiskey distillery, dating from 1757 and the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in Ireland, for a tour and, of course, a tasting. 'Salinte' cocktail reception and Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



### Saturday, Day 7 Glasson

After breakfast, guests are transferred by private chauffeured minibus to Dublin\*\*.

\*\* Other locations available for Private Charter bookings

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#### Tuesday, Day 3 Athlone to Shannonbridge

Today we negotiate Athlone Lock and head south through Europe's richest example of "Callow" landscape. We moor at Clonmacnoise ruins, a famed 6th century university and an early monastic settlement. Following a tour, we cruise on to our mooring at Shannonbridge. Then, after lunch we visit Leap Castle, reputed to be Ireland's most haunted house. You will be given a personal tour by the eccentric owner Sean Ryan, whom with traditional Irish musicians, will relate to you the fascinating history of the castle and its part in founding the American Constitution. After dinner on board, perhaps join the captain for a pint in Killeen's pub and an evening with the locals. Dinner on board.





### **Wednesday, Day 4 Shannonbridge to Terryglass**

This morning, we cruise a very pretty stretch of the River Shannon through Meelick lock, pausing as Portumna swing bridge is opened to allow us passage onto idyllic Lough Derg and then moor at Terryglass Harbour. This afternoon we visit Birr Castle, still resided in by the Earl of Rosse and family, to see the magnificent gardens, the fascinating Science Centre and admire the historic Great Telescope. Dinner on board.



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### **Friday, Day 6 Mountshannon to Killaloe**

Today we set sail across south Lough Derg, re-joining the River Shannon to moor at Killaloe, once home to the court of the greatest High King of Ireland, Brian Boru. After exploring this elegant little town, we lunch on board, then set off to Adare Manor, a magnificent estate located on the banks of the River Maigue. Here, in the setting of the Walled Garden, we gain a real insight into the history and tradition of falconry and have the opportunity to 'get up close and personal' with birds of prey such as owls, falcons and eagles - a magical experience. We end the afternoon by visiting a traditional Irish hand-weaving workshop. 'Salinte' cocktail reception and Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.



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