

SHANNON PRINCESS

CRUISING THE SHANNON RIVER IN IRELAND

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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SPECIFICATIONS

Size:	117 X 20
Capacity:	10
Crew:	5
Cabins:	5
Accommodations:	5 Queen/Twin Suites
Heat & Air:	Central Heat
Cruising Region:	Shannon River Ireland
Length of Cruise:	6 Nights
Departure Day:	Sunday
Electricity:	240/110 volts, 24 Volts AC/DC
Meals:	All Included
Beverages:	All Included
Entrance Fees:	All Included
Hairdryers:	Supplied
Laundry Facilities:	Not available
Transportation:	Transfers to and Dublin
Pick-Up Time:	3:00 PM
Recreational Items:	Library of books and games
Theme Cruises:	Fishing, Golf

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SAMPLE ITINERARY

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ATHLONE TO KILLALOE

Sunday

Guests will be met at 3:00pm at the Aberdeen Lodge in Dublin and transferred by coach to the Shannon Princess at Quigley's Marina. Your Captain and his crew welcome you onboard the delightful Shannon Princess with Champagne or Irish Coffee.

Monday: Glasson to Athlone Town

Today we begin our cruise, around the beautiful "Inner Lakes" of Lough Ree and then continue north to Lough Ree as we explore some of the 365 islands on the lake. We then circle back to the River and onto our mooring in Athlone Town. After lunch we depart by bus to the "Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre". The centre interprets an Iron Age bog road which was built in the year 148 BC across the Boglands close to the River Shannon. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe and was excavated over the years by Professor Barry Raferty of University College Dublin.

Tuesday: Athlone Town to Shannonbridge

The Shannon Princess descends through Athlone Lock and heads south through Europe's richest example of "Callow" landscape. Countryside little changed in over 1000 years. This is one of Ireland's premier Wildfowl Reserves. We moor at Clonmacnoise ruins, a famed 6th Century University and early Christian settlement. After a visit to the interpretive centre we lunch onboard enroute to Shannon Bridge arriving mid-afternoon to this typical Irish riverside town. After lunch we depart by bus to "Birr Castle" Ireland's Historical Science Centre and home of the oldest Telescope in the world, with its glorious landscaped gardens dating from 17th Century and family seat of the Earls of Ross.

Wednesday: Shannonbridge to Terryglass

We travel a very pretty stretch of the Shannon River with an ever-changing landscape slipping by. Travelling down through Meelick lock, pausing as Portumna swing bridge is opened to allow the Shannon Princess passage onto the idyllic Lough Derg. We moor at Terryglass Harbour. Lunch at the Derg Inn in the Village. Time to explore this charming Hamlet before an afternoon excursion to "Leap Castle", reputed to be Ireland's most haunted house. You will be greeted by Sean Ryan and his family who will invite you in to their unusual home and Sean, a renowned musician, will tell you the fascinating history of the castle and the part it played in founding the American Constitution. Sean will gladly play a few tunes with possibly the added bonus of being joined by his talented young daughter who

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will demonstrate her amazing dancing skills.

Thursday: Terryglass to Galway and Mountshannon

A full day excursion to Galway City - A lively University City and cultural centre for Irish speaking regions in Western Ireland. Visit Galway crystal and a profusion of craft and linen shops. Lunch at a Traditional Guinness and Oyster pub. Return to Shannon Princess and set sail through the especially beautiful Lough Derg passing Forrest Park and ancient mountains as we set our course for Mountshannon - a lovely lakeside village perched above the Lough.

Friday: Mountshannon to Killaloe

This morning we set sail south through Lough Derg and her many Islands rejoining the River Shannon and entering Killaloe, once home to the court of the greatest High King of Ireland, Brian Boru. We moor on the Tipperary side of this elegant little town, with plenty of time for you to visit the town. After lunch onboard, we set off by bus on our excursion to a unique project set in the grounds of Craggaunowen Castle, designed to bring bronze age and Celtic culture to life. Also on display is a reconstructed hide boat used by Irish Monks to sail to North America in the 5th Century.

Saturday: Killaloe to Dublin

Depart at 9:00am after breakfast for your chauffeured transfer back to the Aberdeen Lodge in Dublin. Estimated arrival time is noon.

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2009 PRICES

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	VALUE	REGULAR
Suite Per Person	\$4,100	\$4,700
Single Supplement	\$1,400	1,400
Charter for 10 guests	\$46,000	\$50,000

VALUE SEASON DATES: April 19-May 16

REGULAR SEASON DATES: May 17-October 4

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LUNCH SAMPLE MENU

Cold Poached Wild Salmon
on Rocket Leaves
with
Salsa Verde

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Confit Rabbit Legs
Bean and Sour Tomato Cassoulet

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Muscle and Artichoke Risotto

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Nanny Goats Cheese
and
Honeyed Onion Tartlettes

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Sweet Chili and
Roast Pepper Salad

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Braised Fennel and
Cos Salad

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Basil and Aubergine Salad

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Irish Cheese Platter
Summer Puddings

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SAMPLE MENU

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SAMPLE DINNER MENU

Cheese Tart with Air cured Ham Hock
and Tapenade

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Mango and Campari Sorbet

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Herbed Duck Leg,
Spiced Cabbage

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Herb and Baby Leaf Salad

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