



Dublin



IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND

EXPLORE IRELAND TOUR (TOUR CODE: 15094)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Dublin

TRAVEL PERIODS

19 May 26 - 06 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Cultural

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Experience the very best of Ireland and Northern Ireland on this 11-day journey. Explore historic cities, dramatic coastlines, and iconic landmarks like the Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, and Titanic Belfast, with unique cultural experiences and scenic leisure time.

Highlights

- **Group of maximum 35 people**
- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Explore **Belfast**, including **Titanic Belfast** and a panoramic city tour showcasing its rich industrial heritage.
- Marvel at **Northern Ireland's Natural Wonders**
- Discover the **Marble Arch Caves**, the dramatic **Cliffs of Moher**, and the picturesque **Burren region**
- Embrace **Irish Culture and Traditions**
- Uncover history and heritage in **Kilkenny and Dublin**

Embark on an unforgettable journey through Ireland and Northern Ireland, where history, culture, and stunning landscapes await. From Dublin to Belfast, explore the Boyne Valley, Titanic Belfast, the Giant's Causeway, Derry's historic walls, and the charms of Donegal and Galway. Discover the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Belleek Pottery, Midleton Distillery, and the Ring of Kerry, with leisure time to soak in the scenery. This tour blends guided sightseeing, unique experiences, and hand-picked hotels to showcase the very best of the Emerald Isle.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Dublin at Academy Plaza Hotel - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Belfast at Maldron Hotel - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Galway at Salthill Hotel - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Cork at CLayton Hotel - 4* or similar
- 2 nights in Kilkenny at Hotel Kilkenny - 4* or similar
- 1 night in Donegal at The Clanree Hotel - 4* or similar
- Modern motor-coach for days 2-11
- Daily Breakfast
- Dinner at the hotel (Days 4 & 5)
- Visits include The Glyde Inn VR Experience
- Visits to Marble Arch Caves, Cliffs of Moher
- Visit includes Hillsborough Castle, Titanic Belfast, Giants Causeway, Derry City Walking tour, Belleek Pottery
- Visits include Blarney Castle, Jaunting Car ride in Killarney National Park,
- Midleton Distillery Experience, House of Waterford, Dunbrody Famine Ship, EPIC museum
- English-speaking driver/guide for days 2-11

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Dublin

Welcome to Dublin Airport. Make your own way to your city centre hotel. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy all that Dublin has to offer. This evening meet your fellow tour participants for a welcome drink.

Overnight stay in Dublin at **Academy Plaza Hotel** or similar.



Day **2**

Dublin Belfast

Meet your driver and guide at the hotel's reception and depart towards Belfast. On route, you will travel through the Boyne

Valley and the 5,000-year-old Hill of Tara, the seat of the ancient High Kings of Ireland. Stop at the Glyde Inn for a unique VR experience! You won't just learn about being a Viking; you will become one.

Continue to Hillsborough Castle, the official Royal Palace for Northern Ireland, for a visit. Discover stories of celebration, entertainment, diplomacy, and negotiation as you explore Hillsborough Castle's fascinating history and stunning State Rooms.

Overnight stay in Belfast at **Maldron Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Belfast

Splendidly situated at the head of Belfast Lough, Belfast City is a modern and vibrant city which is proud of its heritage and history. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city centre during which your guide will explain how Belfast developed from a small market town to an industrial giant. Pass by landmarks like City Hall and Queen's University before visiting Titanic Belfast, an iconic landmark building where the story of Titanic is told. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Belfast.

You can add an **optional tour of Glenshane Country Farm Sheepdog Demo** (not included- extra cost). A family-owned sheep farm based deep in the beautiful ancient landscape of the Sperrin Mountains. Meet Jamese McCloy, a fourth-generation shepherd who wants to introduce people to sheep farming, particularly his highly trained team of working sheepdogs. Join Moss, Tess & Jess, on this immersive experience, 'Sheepdogs at Work'.

Overnight stay in Belfast at **Maldron Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **4**

Belfast Donegal

Check out of your hotel this morning and travel along the spectacular North Antrim Coastline. Experience the highlight of any trip to Northern Ireland: The Giant's Causeway, where about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns result from a volcanic eruption. The site was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986.

After your visit, continue to Derry, Ireland's only fully intact walled city. Your tour concludes with a walk along Derry's walls, which has witnessed centuries of drama.

Overnight stay in Donegal at **The Clanree Hotel** or similar

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5**

Donegal Galway

Our first stop today is at Belleek Pottery which has been in business since 1857. See first-hand how this world-renowned pottery is created. Continue to the Marble Arch Caves and explore a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, winding

passages and lofty chambers. The caves, in the heart of the UNESCO Global Geopark, were formed in limestone rock when water flowing through the rock slowly dissolved it to leave chambers, passages and systems you can explore during a guided tour.

Overnight stay in Galway at **Salthill Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6 Galway Co. Clare Burren Region Galway

This morning, travel into Co. Clare and the Burren Region. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, offering splendid views over the Atlantic Ocean. Rising to over 200 metres in places, they are among the highest sea cliffs in Western Europe and stretch for about 8km along the Atlantic coast. Return to Galway to enjoy some time at leisure in the city.

Overnight stay in Galway at **Salthill Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Travel south towards Cork. En route, you will pass Limerick City, founded in the 9th century by Vikings. In the afternoon arrive in Blarney where you will visit Blarney Castle. Blarney Castle is set in over 60 acres of stunning parkland, filled with rare and unusual plants and trees and steeped in history. Visitors, too, can possess the gift of the gab by kissing the mythical Blarney Stone (or stone of eloquence).

Overnight stay in Cork at **Clayton Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Today discover the highlights of the Ring of Kerry. Take in the spectacular scenery of Molls Gap and Ladies' View. Finish the day with a relaxing Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney National Park! Step back in time by experiencing Ireland's most traditional mode of transport with a Jaunting Car Tour/ horse and carriage to view Killarney's most loved beauty hotspots. Learn all about the area's history from your jarvey, many of whom are second and third generation jarveys.

Overnight stay in Cork at **Clayton Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Cork Kilkenny

Visit the nearby Midleton Distillery Experience, founded by the Murphy Brothers in 1825, which still produces more than 24 million bottles of whiskey yearly. Finish the visit with a tasting of this famous Irish whiskey.

Continue towards Waterford, where you will visit the House of Waterford in the city's Viking Triangle. On the tour, you will witness how Waterford Crystal masterpieces are crafted, from initial design to final engraving.

Overnight stay in Kilkenny at **Hotel Kilkenny** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **10**

Kilkenny Dunbrody Kilkenny

Visit the Dunbrody Famine Ship, a full-scale replica of the original ship built in 1845 for the Graves family of New Ross and which carried thousands of emigrants from Ireland to North America over thirty years. Afternoon at leisure in Kilkenny to discover this picturesque medieval city.

You can add an optional entrance & self-guided tour to Kilkenny Castle (not included- extra cost). Kilkenny Castle has been an important site since the Anglo-Normans built it in the 12th century. Learn about life in the castle over the many centuries of its existence.

Overnight stay in Kilkenny at **Hotel Kilkenny** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 11 Kilkenny Dublin

In Dublin visit the EPIC Museum and find out why over 10 million people emigrated from Ireland. As you uncover the stories of our emigrants, you'll realise that emigration is not about what people leave behind but what they bring with them. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Optional: Evening Entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock or similar*(not included- additional cost applies).*

Enjoy a lively evening of traditional Irish music and dance at this well-known pub in Rathfarnham. The show features talented musicians, energetic dancers, and a warm, welcoming atmosphere—an entertaining way to experience Irish culture.

Overnight stay in Dublin at **Academy Plaza Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast

Day 12 Dublin

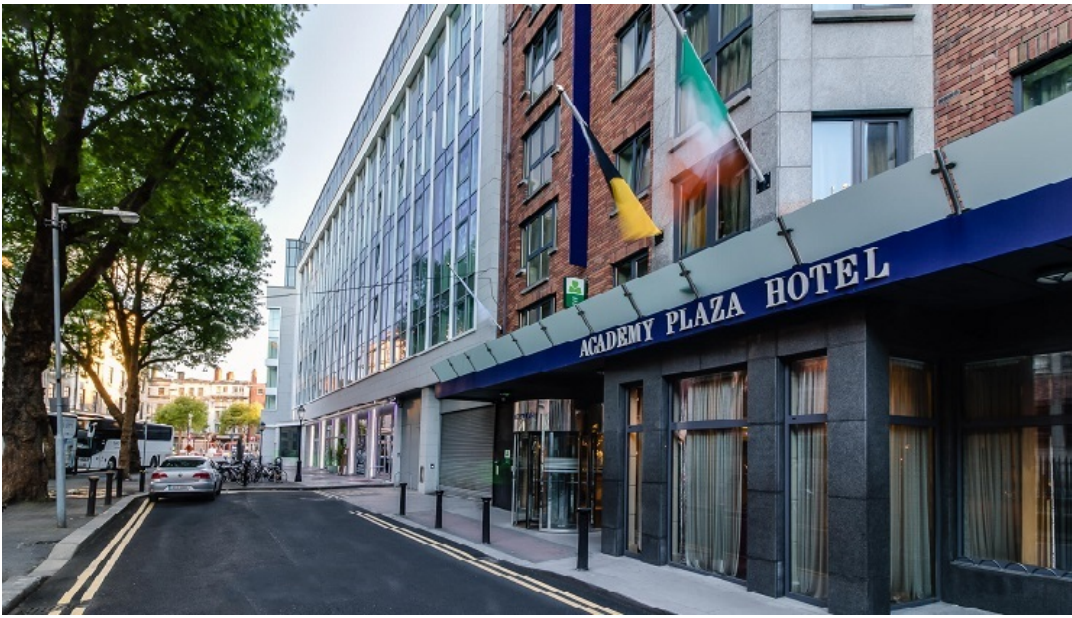
After a final Irish breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport for your departure flight home under own arrangements.

ACCOMMODATION

Academy Plaza Hotel

Dublin

Academy Plaza Hotel Dublin City offers a warm Irish welcome with friendly service, modern rooms, and great dining. Just steps from O'Connell Street and close to Dublin's top attractions, the hotel provides stylish comfort and convenience for a memorable stay in the city centre.



Maldron Hotel

Belfast

Maldron Hotel Oranmore Galway, just 18 minutes from the city, is the perfect base for a city break or exploring the Wild Atlantic Way. Close to major events like the Galway Races, Arts Festival, and Christmas markets, it offers easy access to everything Galway has to offer.



Salthill Hotel

Galway

Salthill Hotel, a 4-star retreat on Galway's stunning promenade, offers panoramic views of Galway Bay and the Clare Hills, just minutes from the city centre. Guests can enjoy stylish rooms, many with ocean views, along with a leisure centre featuring a pool, sauna, and steam room, a state-of-the-art gym, and two award-winning restaurants. With elegant event spaces, direct beach access, and convenient parking options, the hotel is ideal for romantic escapes, family breaks, business stays, or special celebrations—all within easy reach of Galway's top attractions and day-trip destinations.



Clayton Hotel

Cork

Located along the River Lee in the heart of Cork City, this 4-star retreat offers a warm, personal stay with easy access to the city's food, culture, and entertainment. Guests can unwind with a swim in the pool, enjoy delicious dining at the Globe Restaurant & Bar, and choose from a range of rooms and suites, from deluxe to penthouse, for a relaxing and memorable experience.



Hotel Kilkenny

Kilkenny

Recently named one of Ireland's top 50 hotels for 2025, this stylish 4-star stay is just a 15-minute walk from Kilkenny City Centre. With riverwalks, historic sites, and outdoor activities nearby, it's the perfect base to explore the area. Guests can enjoy the new Rosehill 1831 Bar with great food and outdoor dining, along with a leisure centre featuring a gym, 20-metre pool, Jacuzzi, steam room, and sauna.



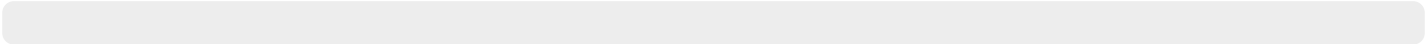
The Clanree Hotel

Donegal

This 4-star retreat in Letterkenny offers a relaxing base just minutes from the town centre and is perfectly placed for exploring Donegal and the Northwest of Ireland. With easy access to scenic coastal drives, beautiful beaches, and key points along the Wild Atlantic Way, it's an ideal spot to unwind while discovering the region's highlights.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package