

2019 Irish Classic 13 Days / 12 Nights / 22 meals

Day 1: Dublin Arrival & Dublin Castle

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Tour Dublin to see elegant Georgian townhouses, pass St. Stephen's Green and Trinity College, and cross the River Liffey to drive along O'Connell Street. Take a guided tour through Dublin Castle, the seat of power and government for many centuries and visit the renowned State Apartments. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group and before dinner.

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Day 2: St. Patrick's Grave & Crumlin Road Gaol

Visit Down Cathedral where St. Patrick's historical burial site is marked by a huge boulder. Immerse yourself in his work, life, and times in the nearby St. Patrick Centre. Explore the Crumlin Road Gaol and see what prison life was like through the ages. Head to central Belfast for some time to relax before dinner at your hotel.

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Day 3: Titanic Belfast & Walking Tour

Tour central Belfast to see Victorian buildings, the imposing City Hall in Donegall Square, and the shipyards where RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit Titanic Belfast to learn about this ill-fated liner. In the afternoon, join a local guide for a walking tour of Belfast before spending time on your own.

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Day 4: Giant's Causeway & Derry Walk

Drive north along the Nine Glens of Antrim for views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. This scenic region is one of the locations for "Game of Thrones." Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity 60 million years ago. Stop for photos at the ruins of Dunluce Castle, and in Derry join a local guide for a short walking tour around the defensive walls that encircle the compact old city.

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Day 5: Donegal & Westport

Travel through the rugged countryside of Donegal, renowned for heathery hills, sheep, and the many tweeds made from their wool. Stop at the Slieve League, a stunning expanse of cliffs that are among the highest in Ireland.. Drive around Donegal Bay and through Counties Sligo and Mayo. Head to Westport for a gentle walking tour of this historic town.

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Day 6: Sheep Herding & Westport House

Enjoy views of the pilgrimage mountain of Croaghpatrick and stop in the stunning town of Leenane that's been inhabited since pre-history. Head to a local farm to watch skilled dogs herding sheep. View Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Enjoy a drink before taking a guided tour of Westport House, which overlooks the ocean and contains a wealth of interesting portraits, furniture, silver, and porcelain. Enjoy dinner in Westport House. (

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Day 7: Galway & Cliffs of Moher

Travel to Galway for some free time to explore the city. Head out to see the majestic Cliffs of Moher, which soar 700 feet above the Atlantic. Enjoy an evening at Knappogue Castle for a medieval-style banquet. Guarantee Lord and Lady

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Day 8: Literary Tea with Scones & Dingle Peninsula

Travel the outskirts of Limerick and along the River Shannon into County Kerry. Sample tea and scones in a pub associated with the writer, J. B. Keane. Journey along the Dingle Peninsula to Sleah Head for glorious scenic views of hills and coastline. Stop in Dingle for refreshment or a look around before heading to Killarney.

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Day 9: Killarney's Lakes & Jaunting Car Ride

Enjoy a scenic traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride for views of Lough Leane, Killarney's largest lake. Head to Kenmare for a look around and a casual lunch. Travel along part of the Ring of Kerry to view spectacular mountain scenery at Moll's Gap and at Ladies View. Return to Killarney where the evening is free for independent dining and perhaps a visit to a local pub with live music.

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Day 10: Blarney Castle & Traditional Music

Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or stroll the lovely gardens. Treat yourself to Irish goods at the Blarney Woollen Mills. In Dungarvan, enjoy an Irish coffee and traditional music at the Marine Bar. Continue to Waterford where a local guide will lead a stroll around the historic old port city.

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Day 11: Waterford & Dunbrody's Famine Ship

Witness the creation of crystal masterpieces at the House of Waterford Crystal. In New Ross explore the Dunbrody Famine Ship which transported people to North America during the 1840's Famine. In Dublin, enjoy dinner at Taylor's Three Rock Pub with traditional Irish songs and step-dancing..

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Day 12: Dublin Sightseeing

Spend the day in Dublin with an independent Dublin open-top bus tour (valid for 48 hours), plus a visit to either Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, EPIC Ireland or the General Post Office Museum. Enjoy dinner on your own at one of Dublin's many pubs or restaurants.

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Day 13: Tour Ends In Dublin/SPAN>

Your program ends after breakfast.

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