



Northern Welcome

Starting at \$2,259*

Explore the beauty off the beaten path

Travel around the northern reaches of Ireland to discover unexpected—and enchanting—landscapes and experiences. This 9-day Ireland vacation package is perfect for a repeat traveler who's already fallen in love with the Emerald Isle.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

9 ☀️
Days



8 🌙
Nights

Tour end
Dublin

15 🍴
Meals

* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$450.



Trip Highlights:

- Westport House
- Walled City Brewery
- Glasnevin Cemetery Museum
- Long Meadow Cider (a CIE Tours Exclusive)
- Titanic Belfast
- Giant's Causeway
- Causeway Coast Discovery Centre

Hotels:

- Talbot Hotel Stillorgan
- Wyatt Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Derry
- Europa Hotel
- Dunboyne Castle Hotel

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin Arrival | Glasnevin Cemetery Museum

Your tour begins at 2:00 PM at your hotel in Stillorgan, a suburban village of Dublin. Take a guided panoramic Dublin tour to see elegant Georgian townhouses with brightly painted doors and the wide thoroughfare of O'Connell Street. Tour Glasnevin Cemetery Museum, Ireland's national necropolis, a "Who's Who" of modern Irish history. In the evening, enjoy a welcome drink with your group before enjoying dinner on your own at the hotel or in the nearby coastal town of Dun Laoghaire.

Day 2 Independent Touring in Dublin | Merry Ploughboy Pub Dinner Show

Spend some time touring Dublin independently with tickets for the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour and choose one of four amazing things to do in Dublin: Guinness Storehouse, GPO Witness History, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or Teeling Distillery. In the evening, enjoy a meal of Irish specialties and a traditional show at the Merry Ploughboy Pub. (B, D)

Day 3 Sean's Bar | Galway Walking Tour

Travel to Athlone in Co. Westmeath to enjoy a CIE Tours Exclusive, a visit to Sean's Bar. Founded in 900 AD, it is featured in the Guinness Book of Records as Europe's oldest pub; raise a glass there as thirsty patrons have done for centuries. Journey on to beautiful Galway where you'll have lunch on your own before taking a walking tour of this vibrant harbor city. Proceed to the charming coastal town of Westport for a dinner at your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 4 Achill Island | Westport

Start the day with a walking tour of Westport. Travel around Clew Bay, which is reputed to have 365 islands, to access Achill Island by bridge. Follow the Atlantic Drive, part of the Wild Atlantic Way, to capture wonderful views of steeply sloped mountains plunging into the shimmering Atlantic Ocean. Near Slievemore, see the Deserted Village, 100 abandoned stone summer "booley" cottages, and stop in the village of Keel for a casual lunch. Return to Westport and take a tour around the stately Westport House, which contains a wealth of interesting portraits, furniture, silver, and porcelain. Enjoy a glass of beer or wine there. The evening is free for independent exploration and dining in Westport. (B, L)

Day 5 Sheepdog Demonstration | Donegal

Enjoy a scenic drive to County Sligo, where you'll stop for lunch. Proceed on for a visit to a traditional farm to see a demonstration of trained sheepdogs herding sheep. Travel through rugged countryside and stop in Donegal town for some free time to explore. Continue to Derry, where you'll have time to relax or explore before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6 Inishowen Peninsula | Derry | Walled City Brewery

Travel around the Inishowen Peninsula, a 100-mile scenic route. Drive alongside Lough Foyle, to Banba's Crown on Malin Head, the most northerly point of the Irish mainland, to admire stunning seascapes. Stop at a pub overlooking the sea for tea and scones before continuing towards Buncrana. Back in Derry, join a local guide for a short walk around the city's medieval walls, and learn about its turbulent history. Walk across the Peace Bridge and complete your tour at the Walled City Brewery Restaurant; enjoy dinner there with a flight of 4 beers. (B, D)

Day 7 Giant's Causeway | Turf-Cutting Demonstration | Glens of Antrim | Belfast

See the natural wonder that is the Giant's Causeway, hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Take some time at the Causeway Coast Discovery Centre for a talk and turf-cutting presentation before enjoying tea and scones. Drive south along the Glens of Antrim, one of Ireland's popular scenic routes to discover lovely views of mountains, valleys, and coastline. This area is where many scenes from Game of Thrones were filmed. Travel on to Belfast where you will have some leisure time to explore independently before dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Titanic Belfast | Long Meadow Cider

Discover Belfast and see the prominent buildings, political murals, and the docks where the RMS Titanic was built in 1912. Visit the magnificent Titanic Belfast, a state-of-the-art attraction that will immerse you in the story of this iconic liner. Visit Long Meadow Cider in Co. Armagh, a CIE Tours Exclusive. Enjoy a tour of this family-run farm and a tasting of their award-winning ciders and apple pie. Take home a sample of their apple cider vinegar, bottled onsite. Depart for dinner in your castle hotel in Dunboyne. (B, D)

Day 9 Tour Ends in Meath

Your program ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner



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