

# Mystical Ireland

Starting at **C\$2,785**\*

### **Enjoy the magic of Ireland**

Ireland will beguile you. Venture a little off the beaten path to discover the stunning beauty of the northern half of the island. Your stays will include Belfast, Derry and Westport.

#### **Trip details** Tour start Tour end **Dublin** Limerick 8☆ 1110 70 Days Nights Meals \* Prices listed are in Canadian dollars, and are per-person, doubleoccupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of C\$615



#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Dublin CastleDown Cathedral
- Titanic Belfast
- · Giant's Causeway
- Sheepdog DemonstrationWestport House
- · Cliffs of Moher
- Crumlin Road Gaol
- Walled City Brewery CIE Tours Exclusive
- Medieval Castle Banquet

#### Hotels:

- Hyatt Centric The Liberties
- Hilton Belfast Hotel
- · City Hotel, Derry Wyatt Hotel
- Bunratty Castle Hotel

# 2023 Mystical Ireland - 8 Days/7 Nights

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Dublin City Tour | Pearse Lyons Distillery

Your tou departs at 2:00 PM from your Dublin hotel. Take a panoramic tour of Dublin, seeing such sights as elegant Georgian townhouses, St. Stephen's Green and the River Liffey. Visit the Pearse Lyons Distillery, Dublin's only independent, family-owned distillery, in the former St James's Church in the Liberties. Taste the whiskey and hear tales dating back to the 12th century as you tour this lovingly restored church. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

#### Day 3 Titanic Belfast | 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 the ill-fated liner, which was built in the city. In the afternoon, join a local guide for a walking tour of Belfast before spending time on your own. (B)

#### Day 5 Westport | Westport Walking Tour

Travel through the rugged countryside of Donegal, renowned for heathery hills, sheep and the many tweeds made from their wool. Stop at our CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, Triona Design in Ardara, for a demonstration of handweaving. Drive around Donegal Bay and through Counties Sligo and Mayo. Take a walking tour of historic Westport with a local guide, stopping in a pub for a drink. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Galway | Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet

Travel to Galway for some free time to explore the lively heart of this vibrant city, with its street musicians, cafes, and medieval streetscape. Head on to visit the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. Spend your evening in an authentic castle enjoying a medieval-style banquet. (B, D)

# Day 2 Down Cathedral | The St Patrick Centre | Crumlin Road Gaol | Belfast

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 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. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Giant's Causeway | Derry Walking Tour | Walled City Brewery

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." Stop for photos at the ruins of Dunluce Castle. Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity 60 million years ago. In Derry join a local guide for a short walking tour around the defensive walls that encircle the compact old city. Then visit the Walled City Brewery, an award-winning CIE Tours Exclusive venue, for dinner and a flight of their craft beers. (B, D)

#### Day 6 Sheepdog Demonstration | Westport House

Enjoy views of the pilgrimage mountain of Croagh Patrick and stop in the beautiful town of Leenane. Head to a local farm to watch skilled dogs herd sheep. View Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Back in Westport, take a guided tour of Westport House, an 18th-century home complete with its original contents including portraits, furniture, silver, and porcelain. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening enjoying the lively town of Westport at your leisure. (B)

#### Day 8 Tour ends in Limerick

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



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