

Irish Odyssey

Starting at **\$2,450***

The ultimate Irish journey

Explore Ireland's gorgeous scenery and rich history on this comprehensive Irish tour that hits every corner of the island.





Trip Highlights:

- Ballintubber Abbey
- Brú na Bóinne
- Irish Step Dancing
- Kilmainham Gaol
- Giant's Causeway
 Cliffs of Moher
- Titanic Belfast

Hotels:

- Herbert Park Hotel
- The River Lee Hotel
- Killarney Plaza Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- City Hotel, Derry
- Cabra Castle Hotel
- Knightsbrook Hotel & Golf Resort

2021 Irish Odyssey - 12 Days/11 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin City Panoramic Tour | Kilmainham Gaol

Tour begins 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Set out on a panoramic tour of the city's highlights and view Trinity College, St Patrick's Cathedral and the GPO. Tour Kilmainham Gaol, built in 1796, and hear stories of Ireland's revolutionary leaders. Enjoy a Welcome drink with your group before dining independently.

Day 3 Farmhouse Visit | House of Waterford Crystal

Visit a traditional farmhouse and learn about country life while enjoying tea and scones. At the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, watch skilled artisans cut crystal into sparking masterpieces. Continue along the coast to Cork city for dinner (B, D)

Day 5 Jaunting Car Ride | Dingle Peninsula | Sheepdog Demonstration

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride to Ross Castle and Kenmare Estate and see Lough Leane, the largest of Killarney's lakes. Visit Moriarty's at the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Travel to the scenic Dingle Peninsula for views of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, and rocky headlands. Enjoy a demonstration of highly-skilled sheepdogs herding sheep at a local farm. Stop at Slea Head to admire the views and take photos. Enjoy dinner at Páidí Ó Sé's pub in Ventry while you hear a fun talk on Gaelic sports. (B, D)

Day 7 Lough Corrib Cruise (Seasonal) | Kylemore Abbey | Galway

Travel through Connemara for sweeping views of misty mountains and shimmering lakes. Take a scenic cruise on Lough Corrib and sip some creamy Irish coffee (seasonal). Stop at Kylemore Abbey for a walk through the elegant mansion set beside a tranquil lake. Return to Galway, where the rest of the day is free for independent sightseeing and dining. (B)

Day 9 Giant's Causeway | Derry Walking Tour | Walled City Brewery

Explore the Giant's Causeway, huge hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Back in Derry, join a local guide for a walk around this historic city's medieval walls; take a walk across the Peace Bridge and complete your tour at the Walled City Brewery Restaurant. In a CIE Tours Exclusive, you'll enjoy a drink with your dinner and a flight of 4 of the brewery's beers to taste. (B, D)

Day 11 Brú Na Bóinne Visitor Centre | Farewell Dinner

Visit the Brú na Boinne Visitor Centre to learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Newgrange and Knowth, followed by a visit to one of these mysterious marvels. Travel to your hotel in Trim, the setting for some scenes of the movie "Braveheart", and enjoy some free time. In the evening, share a farewell dinner with your group. (B, D)

Day 2 EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum | Taylors Three Rock Pub

Visit EPIC the Irish Emigration Museum, the world's only fully digital museum, and discover the story of the 10 million people who have left Ireland over the last 1,500 years and their impact on the world. Your afternoon is free to explore Dublin. Later, enjoy dinner and entertainment at Taylors Three Rock Pub. (B, D)

Day 4 Cork Walking Tour | Blarney Castle | Killarney

Take a brief walking tour of Cork City with a local guide. Perhaps stroll through the English Market, where vendors have been selling local and artisanal foods since 1788. Visit Blarney Castle to climb the winding stairs to kiss the famed stone, or stroll the gardens. Enjoy the scenery as you head to colorful Kenmare. Stop at Moll's Gap for marvelous views on your way to Killarney (B, D)

Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Galway

Visit the family pub of the late famed playwright, John B. Keane for a talk and some tea and scones. One of Ireland's most beloved writers, he wrote many of his works in a room behind the bar. Embark on a ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary and drive along the coast of County Clare. View the famous Cliffs of Moher, which soar 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. Walk to O'Brien's Tower for views of Connemara and the Aran Islands. Proceed to vibrant Galway and join a local guide for a walking tour of the city's historic heart. (B, D)

Day 8 Ballintubber Abbey | Belleek Pottery | Derry

Travel north to Claremorris to visit Ballintubber Abbey, known as "the Abbey that refused to die," Ireland's only royal Abbey, which has been in continuous use for more than 780 years. Visit Belleek Pottery, then follow the Atlantic shore to Donegal town, where you will visit CIE Tours preferred shopping partner Triona Design. Continue on through the majestic Barnesmore Gap to Derry (B, D)

Day 10 Belfast City Tour | Titanic Belfast | Cabra Castle

Head to Belfast for a panoramic city tour followed by a visit to Titanic Belfast. Travel to Kingscourt and your castle hotel, built in 1760. Arrive mid-afternoon to enjoy this lovely property. After dinner in the Court Restaurant, enjoy a display of Irish step-dancing. (B. D)

Day 12 Tour Ends in Trim

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



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