



# Jewels of Ireland

Starting at \$3,415\*

## Explore hidden gems on the Emerald Isle

Enjoy the splendor of every corner on this leisurely Ireland tour of the essential—and the unexpected.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Dublin**

Tour end  
**Dublin**

**15** ☀️  
Days

**14** 🌙  
Nights

**24** 🍴  
Meals

\* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$940



### Trip Highlights:

- Brú na Bóinne
- Belleek Pottery
- Kylemore Abbey
- Giant's Causeway
- Basket Centre
- Cliffs of Moher
- Irish Night in Dublin
- Donegal Castle
- Slieve League Cliffs

### Hotels:

- The Gibson Hotel
- Kinsale Hotel & Spa
- Dingle Skellig Hotel
- Treacys Oakwood Hotel
- Galway Bay Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- Maldron Hotel Belfast City
- Barberstown Castle
- The Croke Park Hotel

# 2022 Jewels of Ireland - 15 Days/14 Nights

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1      **Dublin City Tour | Dublin Castle**

Your tour begins at 2:00 PM at your Dublin hotel. Experience a panoramic tour of the city, then visit Dublin Castle for a guided tour. Learn how the castle was the seat of power in Ireland for many centuries, and see the State Apartments, used today for official ceremonies and presidential inaugurations. Enjoy a welcome drink with your group before enjoying an evening free to dine as you wish.

### Day 3      **Blarney Castle | Kinsale Walking Tour**

Travel to Blarney Castle; climb the winding staircase to kiss its famous stone or enjoy the gardens. Go to Kinsale, a picturesque old fishing town now known for art galleries and gourmet food. Join a local guide for a fascinating walk around its historic streets, once besieged by the Spanish Armada, before dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

### Day 5      **Slea Head Loop | Blasket Centre | Murphy's Ice Cream | Dingle**

Set out on the Slea Head Loop, one of Ireland's most beautiful drives, through scenic ocean and mountain vistas. Visit the Blasket Centre in Dunquin to learn about the Blasket Islands, visible off the coast. Abandoned in 1954, they were once a lively outpost of traditional culture and language. Return to Dingle and visit Murphy's Ice Cream; taste their distinctive flavors like Irish Orange Marmalade, Brown Bread, and Dingle Gin. Take the rest of the day to wander and dine as you wish in this quaint seaside village. (B)

### Day 7      **Sheepdog Demonstration | Galway**

Travel through the rounded limestone hills of the Burren to Caherconnell and watch skilled dogs round up sheep. Stop in a charming Burren village to explore independently. Head to lively Galway for a walking tour with a local guide – check out the medieval history evident in the city walls, the narrow streetscape, and Lynch's Castle. Take time to explore the charming shops and perhaps listen to some street musicians before dinner in your hotel. (B,D)

### Day 9      **Belleek Pottery | Donegal Castle**

Travel north through County Mayo. Stop in County Fermanagh and visit Belleek Pottery to see craftspeople create their renowned fine china. Visit Donegal Castle, built by the O'Donnell chieftains in the 15th century and restored in the 1990s after falling into ruin for centuries. Enjoy free time in Donegal town before dinner in your hotel this evening. (B,D)

### Day 11      **Derry Walk | Giant's Causeway**

Meet with a local guide for a walking tour to see Derry's medieval walls, the Diamond, and St. Columb's Cathedral. Explore the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Travel along the scenic Nine Glens of Antrim before heading to Belfast. (B,D)

### Day 2      **Dublin Hop-On, Hop-Off Bus Tour | Taylors Three Rock Pub**

Tour Dublin independently, on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. Plus choose a visit to one of Dublin's top attractions – Teeling Distillery, EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, or GPO Museum. Join your group in the evening for a dinner of Irish specialties and a lively show at Taylors Three Rock Pub. (B,D)

### Day 4      **Killarney | Dingle**

Head west to Killarney and take some free time to discover this bustling, friendly town. Next, visit Moriarty's in the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Continue on to Dingle, where you will dine in your hotel. (B,D)

### Day 6      **Cliffs of Moher | Medieval Castle Banquet**

Visit the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, which recalls air travel in the 1930s and 1940s. Drive to the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. In the evening, head to a castle for a medieval-style banquet with traditional songs and stories. (B, D)

### Day 8      **Killary Harbour Catamaran Cruise | Kylemore Abbey**

Drive through Connemara to Leenane for a catamaran cruise (seasonal) of Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Travel on to see Kylemore Abbey, a beautiful castle in a lakeside setting. Enjoy an evening free to explore vibrant, artistic Galway city. (B)

### Day 10      **Slieve League Cliffs | Triona Design Demonstration**

Enjoy a coastal drive to view Slieve League, Europe's highest sea cliffs. Continue on to our CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, Triona Design Donegal Tweed Centre in Ardara; see demonstrations of spinning, weaving and knitting. Enjoy some free time to explore before returning to the hotel for dinner. (B,D)

### Day 12      **Titanic Belfast | Brú na Boinne**

Tour Belfast, seeing its grand Victorian buildings and discovering its rich maritime history. Visit Titanic Belfast to explore the story of the doomed ocean liner, built in the local shipyards in 1912. Head to The Cross Guns, an award-winning gastropub, for lunch. Next, visit Brú na Boinne, where you'll learn about the 5,000-year-old burial tombs of Knowth and Newgrange in the visitor center before visiting one of the tombs. Relax over dinner in your hotel, the elegant Barberstown Castle. (B,L,D)

**Day 13     Castletown House | Dublin**

Head to Celbridge, Co. Kildare – the birthplace of Arthur Guinness, the founder of the Guinness Brewery – for a visit to Castletown House, an elegant Palladian mansion. Built in 1722, its design is said to have influenced the White House. Take a guided tour to see the period furnishings and art, and take time to stroll the grounds. Head to Dublin, where your evening is free to explore and dine independently. (B)

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**Day 15     Tour Ends in Dublin**

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

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**Day 14     Independent Dublin Sightseeing**

Explore Dublin independently. Guests who have not used their vouchers on Day 2 may use them today to do the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour and choice of attractions. Otherwise, this vibrant city is yours to discover as you like. In the evening, dine independently at your choice of one of the many restaurants or pubs that Dublin has to offer. (B)

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