



## Explore Ireland - 12 Days (#17828)

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### Overview

Scenic drive of the Causeway Coast & Ring of Kerry Highlights  
Explore Dublin, Belfast, The Burren & The Medieval City of Kilkenny  
Discover the Walled City of Derry, the art of whiskey making at The Midleton Distillery Experience and the history of glass making in Waterford

### Trip Highlights

Dublin-Belfast-Downpatrick-Galway-Cork-Kilkenny

### Detailed Itinerary



**Day 01**

**Day 1 – Welcome to Ireland**

Welcome to Dublin Airport. Make your own way to your city centre hotel. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy all that Dublin has to offer. This evening meet your fellow tour participants for a welcome drink.

**Day 02**

**Day 2 – Dublin to Belfast**

Meet your driver and guide at the hotel's reception and depart towards Belfast. On route, you will travel through the Boyne Valley and the 5,000-year-old Hill of Tara, the seat of the ancient High Kings of Ireland. Stop at the Glyde Inn for a unique VR experience! You won't just learn about being a Viking; you will become one. Continue to Hillsborough Castle, the official Royal Palace for Northern Ireland, for a visit. Discover stories of celebration, entertainment, diplomacy, and negotiation as you explore Hillsborough Castle's fascinating history and stunning State Rooms. Overnight: Belfast (Bed & Breakfast)

**Day 03**

**Day 3 – Belfast City**

Splendidly situated at the head of Belfast Lough, Belfast City is a modern and vibrant city which is proud of its heritage and history. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city centre during which your guide will explain how Belfast developed from a small market town to an industrial giant. Pass by landmarks like City Hall and Queen's University before visiting Titanic Belfast, an iconic landmark building where the story of Titanic is told. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure in Belfast. Optional: Glenshane Country Farm Sheepdog Demo – Supplement of AUD 37 .00 pp.

A family-owned sheep farm based deep in the beautiful ancient landscape of the Sperrin Mountains. Meet James McCloy, a fourth-generation shepherd who wants to introduce people to sheep farming, particularly his highly trained team of working sheepdogs. Join Moss, Tess & 2 year old Jess, on this immersive experience, 'Sheepdogs at Work'. Overnight: Belfast (Bed & Breakfast)

**Day 04**

**Day 4 – Giant's Causeway & Derry**



Check out of your hotel this morning and travel along the spectacular North Antrim Coastline. Experience the highlight of any trip to Northern Ireland: The Giant's Causeway, where about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns result from a volcanic eruption. The site was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986. After your visit, continue to Derry, Ireland's only fully intact walled city. Your tour concludes with a walk along Derry's walls, which has witnessed centuries of drama. Overnight: Donegal (Dinner, bed & breakfast)

**Day 05**

**Day 5 – Donegal to Galway**

Our first stop today is at Belleek Pottery which has been in business since 1857. See first-hand how this world-renowned pottery is created. Continue to the Marble Arch Caves and explore a fascinating, natural underworld of rivers, winding passages and lofty chambers. The caves, in the heart of the UNESCO Global Geopark, were formed in limestone rock when water flowing through the rock slowly dissolved it to leave chambers, passages and systems you can explore during a guided tour. Overnight: Galway (Dinner, bed & breakfast)

**Day 06**

**Day 6 – Burren & Cliffs of Moher**

This morning, travel into Co. Clare and the Burren Region. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, offering splendid views over the Atlantic Ocean. Rising to over 200 metres in places, they are among the highest sea cliffs in Western Europe and stretch for about 8km along the Atlantic coast. Return to Galway to enjoy some time at leisure in the city.

Overnight: Galway (Bed & breakfast)

**Day 07**

**Day 7 – Galway to Cork**

Travel south towards Cork. En route, you will pass Limerick City, founded in the 9th century by Vikings. In the afternoon arrive in Blarney where you will visit Blarney Castle. Blarney Castle is set in over 60 acres of stunning arklund, filled with rare and unusual plants and trees and steeped in history. Visitors, too, can possess the gift of the gab by kissing the mythical Blarney Stone (or stone of eloquence).

Overnight: Cork (Bed & breakfast)



**Day 08**

**Day 8 – Kerry Highlights**

Today discover the highlights of the Ring of Kerry. Take in the spectacular scenery of Molls Gap and Ladies' View. Finish the day with a relaxing Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney National Park! Step back in time by experiencing Ireland's most traditional mode of transport with a Jaunting Car Tour/ horse and carriage to view Killarney's most loved beauty hotspots. Learn all about the area's history from your jarvey, many of whom are second and third-generation jarveys. Overnight: Cork (Bed & Breakfast)

**Day 09**

**Day 9 – Midleton & Waterford**

Visit the nearby Midleton Distillery Experience, founded by the Murphy Brothers in 1825, which still produces more than 24 million bottles of whiskey yearly. Finish the visit with a tasting of this famous Irish whiskey. Continue towards Waterford, where you will visit the House of Waterford in the city's Viking Triangle. On the tour, you will witness how Waterford Crystal masterpieces are crafted, from initial design to final engraving. Overnight: Kilkenny (Bed & Breakfast)

**Day 10**

**Day 10 – Kilkenny & Dunbrody**

Visit the Dunbrody Famine Ship, a full-scale replica of the original ship built in 1845 for the Graves family of New Ross and which carried thousands of emigrants from Ireland to North America over thirty years. Afternoon at leisure in Kilkenny to discover this picturesque medieval city. Optional: Entrance & self-guided tour to Kilkenny Castle – Supplement of AUD 19 pp Kilkenny Castle has been an important site since the Anglo-Normans built it in the 12th century. Learn about life in the castle over the many centuries of its existence. Overnight: Kilkenny (Bed & Breakfast)

**Day 11**

**Day 11 – Kilkenny to Dublin**

In Dublin visit the EPIC Museum and find out why over 10 million people emigrated from Ireland. As you uncover the stories of our emigrants, you'll realise that emigration is not about what people leave behind but what they bring with them. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. OPTIONAL: Evening Entertainment at Taylor's Three Rock or similar – Supplement of



AUD 152. 00 pp.

Visit this lively pub in Rathfarnham for an excellent night of music and dance. Overnight: Dublin (Bed & breakfast)

### Day 12

### Day 12 – Farewell

After a final Irish breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport for your departure flight home under own arrangements.

## Inclusions

11 nights accommodation with daily breakfast

Dinner at your hotel on days 4 & 5

Visits include The Glyde Inn VR Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Titanic Belfast, Giants Causeway, Derry City Walking tour, Belleek Pottery, Marble Arch Caves, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Jaunting Car ride in Killarney National Park, Middleton Distillery Experience, House of Waterford, Dunbrody Famine Ship, EPIC museum.

Modern motor-coach for days 2-11

English speaking guide for days 1-11

Porterage x 1 piece of luggage p.p

## Exclusions

\*Service charges and taxes at existing rates.

Gratuities are not included in our quotes or on our coach tours, these are at the passengers' discretion.

Drinks as specified in the program. Mineral water, Wine, Beer or other Alcoholic Beverages.

In the event that additional taxes are introduced by governing bodies or existing taxes increased, the increase will be passed on to the Client.



Personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges, or other hotel charges such as damage to property or excessive cleaning charges due to inappropriate behaviour. All Passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel.

We will not be held liable for any claims relating to lack of proper travel insurance.

## Note

Dublin - Academy Plaza, The Gresham or similar

Belfast - Maldron Hotel, Holiday Inn Belfast or similar

Donegal - Jacksons Hotel, The Clanree or similar

Galway - Salthill Hotel, Clayton Hotel or similar

Cork - Maldron Southmall, Clayton Hotel or similar

Kilkenny - Hotel Kilkenny, Ormonde Hotel or similar

Child Reduction: 50% reduction per child

(5- 12 years incl. based on one child sharing a room with two adults)

Triple Room Reduction: (Subject to availability and upon request).

29 Guests Maximum

All prices specified in the quotation are correct at the date thereof. Any prices quoted for hotels, attractions and services may be subject to change and cannot be guaranteed until final confirmation of the booking.

'Force Majeure Event' includes flood; lightning; explosion; war; strike; embargo; labour dispute; government requirement; civil or military requirement; act of God or nature; sickness; quarantine; curfews; local or country-wide lockdowns; official non-essential travel warnings from recognised authorities; inability to secure goods or services; act or omission of carriers or suppliers; acts or failures to act of any governmental or competent authority; or any other causes beyond its reasonable control, whether or not similar to the foregoing, making it impossible, illegal, commercially impracticable or inadvisable for passengers to attend or creating a significant risk to the passengers' health or safety ('Force Majeure Event').

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience





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**11 Nights from AUD 5,430**

## **Fixed Departure**

**14 Sep, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 5,923 P P twin share

AUD 7,775 P P single

AVAILABLE

**12 Oct, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 5,430 P P twin share

AUD 7,281 P P single

AVAILABLE

