



Ireland Ancient East - 8 Days (#17919)

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Overview

‘Your own immersive journey of discovery of 5,000 years of Europe's History’

Trip Highlights

Dublin-Meath-Kildare-Kilkenny-Wexford-Wicklow-Dublin

Detailed Itinerary

Day 01

DAY 1 – FÁILTE GO HÉIREANN

Welcome to Dublin. Pick up your car at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Explore the city with its many historic buildings, Georgian streets and colourful gardens. Visit some of its many attractions such as the Christchurch Cathedral or the Guinness Storehouse. This evening why not enjoy dinner in a local restaurant? Overnight: Dublin area.



Day 02**DAY 2 – BOYNE VALLEY**

This morning depart towards Boyne Valley, a World Heritage Site and the largest prehistoric megalithic sites in Europe. The area was hugely important in pre-Christian times when the Hill of Tara seated the High Kings of Ireland. Visit Loughcrew Cairns, the largest complex of passage graves in Ireland. Continue to Trim, one of Ireland's Heritage towns which is dominated by the impressive medieval Trim Castle dating from 1173. Overnight: Meath area.

Day 03**DAY 3 – KILDARE**

Today travel to Celbridge and visit Castle town House, Ireland's largest and earliest Palladian style house, built between 1722 and 1729 for William Connolly. In the afternoon you can visit the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens, the only stud farm in Ireland open to the public offering daily tours. Overnight: Kildare area.

Day 04**DAY 4 – KILKENNY**

Depart today for the medieval city of Kilkenny and visit Kilkenny Castle, a 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands which was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquises and Dukes of Ormond. Continue to Jerpoint Park where you will be immersed in the importance of this once thriving town called Newtown Jerpoint mostly recognised within academic circles until April 2011 – when it was opened to the public. Finally travel to Wexford County. Overnight: Wexford area.

Day 05**DAY 5 – WEXFORD**

Start the day with a walking tour of Wexford town, founded by the Vikings who named it Waesfjord (meaning 'harbour of mud flats') and its handy location near the mouth of the Slaney encouraged landings as early as AD 850. Visit Selskar Abbey in the heart of the town which dates from the early 12th century. Continue to Hook Head and discover the natural beauty and tranquillity of the unspoiled Hook Peninsula. The area is a pinnacle point of Ireland's Ancient East coast. The Visitor Centre at Hook Lighthouse is at the tip of Hook and offers guided tours of the lighthouse tower. Overnight: Wexford area.



Day 06

DAY 6 – THE GARDEN OF IRELAND

This morning depart for Wicklow. True to its name the Garden County boasts some of the most beautiful gardens and homes in Ireland. Enjoy a visit to the monastic site at Glendalough and to Killruddery House and Gardens. Glendalough, an early Christian ecclesiastical settlement was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. This afternoon, visit Killruddery House home to the Earls of Meath since 1618. Killruddery is unique in having one of the most extensive early formal gardens, in their original style, surviving in Ireland today. Overnight: Wicklow area.

Day 07

DAY 7 – DUBLIN

Today why not spend your day in Dublin. Enjoy a walk in Temple Bar Cultural Quarter, one of the oldest parts of Dublin. The city of Dublin was born in and around Temple Bar. Visit Trinity College and see the famous Book of Kells. After viewing the Book of Kells, visitors are invited to visit the Long Room built in 1745. In 2015, Conde Nast Traveller magazine included visiting the Book of Kells as one of the '50 things to do in Europe before you die'. Overnight: Dublin area.

Day 08

DAY 8 – DUBLIN DEPARTURE

Travel to Dublin Airport for return flight home.

Inclusions

All Packages can be customised and... Are on bed and Full Irish breakfast basis, unless advised otherwise.

- o Exclude transport, at the exception of rail packages

Can be sold on free-sale basis, please contact us for block out dates and specific terms.

- o Can be done by car rental or with a chauffeur guide.

- o Rates include VAT at 20%

The accommodation services listed are examples, those can be replaced according to availability.

Exclusions



Services not listed above.

Rates quoted excluding transport.

Note

Mixed Accommodation: 5 Nights in 3 or 4" Accommodation, 2 Nights in B&Bs

Example Accommodations (Or Similar): Dublin - Fitzpatrick Castle / Meath-Knightsbrook Hotel / Kildare B&B / Wexford-Riverside Park Hotel / Widlow-B&B / Dublin-Castleknock Hotel.

Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

Periodic Departure

01 May, 2024 to 30 Sep, 2024

Mixed Hotels

AUD 1,511 P P twin share

AUD 2,253 P P single

AVAILABLE

01 Oct, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024

Mixed Hotels

AUD 1,439 P P twin share

AUD 2,854 P P single

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