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15 Wonderful Days **Dublin to Dublin**
Irish Connections

Ireland in depth

Embark on an unforgettable journey with wonderful sightseeing

From Temple Bar in Dublin, Killarney and the Wild Atlantic Way, to the Aran Islands, Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre - site of the ancient megalithic tombs and the Titanic Experience in Belfast, plus the fascinating story of the mass emigration and deportation of the Irish to Australia. Kiss the Blarney Stone, enjoy a lake cruise, an Aran Islands boat ride, a relaxing horse-drawn "jaunting car" ride, tastings of Guinness, Irish Coffee, and Whiskey, and so much more!

Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach

Welcome drink on Day 1
25 meals including breakfast daily (B), 3 lunches (L), 8 evening meals including a special farewell dinner with 'Titanic themed menu' (D)
A complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners

Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
14 nights specially selected hotel accommodation
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)
Local guides as described in the itinerary
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager

Hand Selected Albatross Inclusions : Visit the Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway and the Titanic Experience in Belfast. Explore the Dingle Peninsula, drive the Ring of Kerry and visit the Aran Islands Taste Guinness, Irish coffee & Irish Whiskey. Learn about the classic Irish game of Hurling. Cruise Lough Léin and ride on Jaunting Cars through the Killarney National Parklands. Experience traditional Irish dance and music at the 'Trad on the Prom' show, Glenarm Castle Farm to Fork lunch
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


Giant's Causeway
Causeway Coastal Route
Glenarm Castle
Northern Ireland
Belfast 3
Monasterboice
Knowth Tombs
Kylemore Abbey
Connemara
Galway 3
Dublin 3
Ireland
Powerscourt Gardens
Wicklow Mountains
Aran Islands
The Burren
Cliffs of Moher
Ennistymon
Glendalough
Irish Sea
Wild Atlantic Way
Clonoulty
Kilkenny
Foynes
Cashel
Dunquin
Dingle
Blarney Castle
Killarney 3
Cork 2
Ring of Kerry
Cobh
Derrynane House
Gougane Barra
Celtic Sea
Tour commences
3 Nights
Included excursions

Welcome to Dublin

Day 1 | **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin** | **D**

Your tour commences this evening in vibrant Dublin. Join us tonight for a welcome drink before dinner. This is an ideal chance to meet, and get to know your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

Dublin sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 2 | **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin** | **B**

This morning we have included a half day panoramic Dublin city tour which takes in all the sights from Trinity College to St Patrick's Cathedral. Starting in the beautiful 18th century Merrion Square we get a real sense of the glory of Georgian Dublin. Here many significant Irish lived including Daniel O'Connell, the poet W B Yeats and Oscar Wilde. Nearby we make an intriguing visit to the three masted, Jeanie Johnston Famine Ship to understand what life was really like below decks for those fleeing poverty stricken Ireland two centuries ago. Later we visit the famous Guinness Storehouse, where we learn to pour the perfect pint before enjoying a pint of the 'black stuff'. Your afternoon and evening is free - 'My Time' - in this most beautiful city of poets, literary giants and political reformers.

Powerscourt Gardens, Wicklow Mountains & Glendalough

Day 3 | **Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin** | **B,D**

A leisurely start this morning for our visit to the magnificent Powerscourt Gardens. Covering 47 acres, these gardens are ranked the third best in the world by National Geographic! Exploring the formal walled gardens, Italian and Japanese gardens, Dolphin Pond, terraces, ornamental lakes and romantic walkways is a delight. The rest of the day will be spent exploring the beautiful Wicklow Mountains National Park. Our scenic drive takes us though shady woodlands, with streams flowing into peaceful deep lakes. A highlight will be our stop at Glendalough. Founded in the 6th century by St Kevin, this ancient monastic settlement with its 33 metre high 'Round Tower' is in a glorious valley setting beside a romantic lake. This evening we have included a special dinner in a beautifully renovated 300 year old church, complete with a giant pipe organ, stunning carved wooden balconies, and a traditional Irish band!

Kilkenny, Irish Pub lunch, Clonoulty and Rock of Cashel

Day 4 | **The Metropole Hotel, Cork, Ireland** | **B,L,D**

This morning we will explore medieval Kilkenny, with its Norman Castle, Cathedral and winding, narrow alleys filled with craft shops and stores. We have also included an Irish Pub lunch at Malzard's Pub. Enjoy lunch accompanied by traditional Irish music. The pub owner will also take you to the Hurling field next door to explain this classic Irish game, and you can even have a hit! Then it is on to the little village of Clonoulty to see the moving Australian convict memorial and hear the intriguing story. Later we have included entrance to the famous 'Rock of Cashel' with its sweeping views of the surrounding countryside. Standing there at the top by the ruined church it is fascinating to know as you look around that 70% of all Irish emigrants to Australia came from the land within a 50 mile radius. Later we continue to Cork where we stay the next two nights.

Blarney Castle and Cobh

Day 5 | **The Metropole Hotel, Cork, Ireland** | **B**

This morning we have included a visit to Blarney to explore the castle grounds, 'poison garden' and delightful paths through the woodland. After an opportunity to kiss the world famous Blarney Stone, we will enjoy our morning break at the very popular Blarney Woollen Mills. Later we will continue to Cobh – 'huge harbour'. Here we visit the excellent Cobh Heritage Centre, with its stories of the Titanic (Cobh was its last port of call), the ill-fated Lusitania, the early assisted emigration to the colonies from Cork and the convict transportation to Australia. Between 1791 and the early 1850s Cobh Harbour was the departure point for dozens of convict ships heading for Sydney and Hobart. Later we have time at leisure to explore this attractive, historic Irish port with its waterside cafés, bars and shops. Your evening is at leisure in Cork.

Jaunting Cars and Lake cruise in Killarney

Day 6 | **Cahernane House Hotel, Ireland** | **B,D**

This morning we head west to Killarney. With time in hand, we take the scenic route through Macroom, and side track to visit incredibly picturesque Gougane Barra. This makes a perfect stop, with St Finbarr's little church set romantically on a small island in the lake.
Later we continue to Killarney where we stay the next three nights.
This afternoon at Ross Castle, we board our horse drawn Jaunting Cars, for a tour through the Killarney National Parklands. Afterwards, we have included a scenic lake cruise on Lough Léin on board The Lily of Killarney.

Picturesque Dingle Peninsula

Day 7 | **Cahernane House Hotel, Ireland** | **B,D**

Today we enjoy a scenic drive around the incredibly picturesque Dingle Peninsula, famous for its beauty and is the setting for many of the scenes in the film 'Ryan's Daughter'. At the far end of the peninsula we stop and visit the Blasket Heritage Centre at Dún Chaoin (Dunquin). This fascinating museum focuses on the unique Blasket community who lived on the wild and remote Islands until their evacuation in 1953. With its interactive displays, models and artwork, the centre tells the story of traditional subsistence life on the island, their culture and struggle for existence. All this, with a fantastic back drop of sweeping views across to the islands. Later we make an afternoon stop in the quaint village of Dingle, on Dingle Bay.

Ring of Kerry, Derrynane House and Killarney 'My Time'

Day 8 | **Cahernane House Hotel, Ireland** | **B**

Today we will drive along the Wild Atlantic Way around the entire Iveragh Peninsula, known better as the Ring of Kerry. Renowned for its grand scenery, we make a special visit to Derrynane House, which was the ancestral home of the "great Liberator of Ireland" Daniel O'Connell (there is a statue of him by Parliament House in Melbourne). The house makes a fascinating visit having been restored to its former glory with genuine period furnishings. Make sure you take a stroll through its 'fairy garden' and along the windswept beach to the rocky headland. The remainder of the day is at leisure in Killarney. The vibrant town, full of shops, restaurants and music bars, is waiting for you. This evening, maybe visit a local pub for some music and the 'craic'.

Foynes, Cliffs of Moher and Galway

Day 9 | **The House Hotel, Galway City Centre** | **B,D**

Driving north we make our first stop at Foynes to enjoy a guided visit of the Flying Boat Museum. Foynes has some important connections to Australia. The destination of two of the last flying boats ever to leave was 'Down Under'. Foynes also claims to be the birthplace of Irish coffee and we enjoy a demonstration on how to make it properly. Naturally we must ensure they still make it right, so we enjoy a cup too! We will also stop to reflect at the incredibly moving 'Boy at the Workhouse Door' famine memorial near Ennistymon. Later we continue to the Cliffs of Moher to take in the incredible views along the mighty cliffs battered by the incessant Atlantic waves. Driving through 'The Burren' we continue to Galway where we stay three nights.

Connemara National Park, Galway 'My Time' and 'Trad on the-Prom'

Day 10 | **The House Hotel, Galway City Centre** | **B**

Today we travel through Connemara National Park and visit Kylemore Abbey, romantically set in woodlands beside a beautiful lake. We also make sure you have time to visit the stunning Victorian walled garden. Your afternoon is at leisure – 'My Time' to explore Galway.

This evening, relax and enjoy what has been voted the best Irish music and dance show in all of Ireland – the 'Trad on the Prom'.

*Please note: The 10 March departure does **not** include 'Trad on the Prom' show as there are no performances in March.*

Aran Islands

Day 11 | **The House Hotel, Galway City Centre** | **B,L**

Today we visit the Aran Islands. What an experience! Crossing to Inis Mór (Inishmore) – 'the big island'- we board our 'Wild Atlantic Bus' for a private tour of the island. Home of the Aran sweater, the island is laced with over a thousand kilometres of ancient stone walls and cliff top stone forts that date back thousands of years. Here we visit the remarkable Dún Aonghasa (Dún Aengus) fort. One of the oldest archaeological remains in Ireland, this stone fort sits atop the huge cliffs, and the views down to the wild Atlantic rollers are inspiring. In Kilronan town, we will enjoy lunch in a local restaurant. Your evening is at leisure in Galway town with its shops, buskers, restaurants and buzzing bars.

Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre and Belfast

Day 12 | **Titanic Hotel, Titanic Quarter, Belfast** | **B,D**

Driving across Ireland we stop to visit the Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre - site of the ancient megalithic tombs of Knowth and Newgrange. Stepping back in time, these UNESCO World Heritage listed passage tombs pre-date the Egyptian pyramids and epitomise ancient Neolithic history. Later we visit one of the most emotive sites in Ireland – the ruined monastic site of Monasterboice, with its round tower and tall Celtic high crosses. Peacefully surrounded by trees, the beautiful Muiredach cross is acknowledged as being the finest example of Celtic stonework. Entering Northern Ireland we reach Belfast where we stay the next three nights.

Giant's Causeway, Glenarm Castle 'Farm to Fork' Lunch

Day 13 | **Titanic Hotel, Titanic Quarter, Belfast** | **B,L**

Today we follow the Causeway Coastal route on the Antrim Coast to visit the UNESCO Heritage listed Giant's Causeway. Supposedly built by an Irish giant called Finn McCool, this unique geological feature consists of 40,000 hexagonal, basalt columns cutting through the broad beaches, forming an intriguing, patterned promontory stretching out to sea.
We also visit Glenarm Castle for a "farm to fork" dining experience featuring produce directly from the estate and local suppliers.
Your evening is at leisure in Belfast.

Belfast Titanic Experience, Whisky Distillery tour and tasting & Farewell dinner

Day 14 | **Titanic Hotel, Titanic Quarter, Belfast** | **B,D**

This morning we explore this rejuvenated city with a local guide. Highlight of the morning will be a visit to the Titanic Experience. This multi award winning museum is an audio and visual feast as it reveals the story behind 19th century industrial Belfast and how this was indelibly linked to the story of the building of the Titanic.
This afternoon it's time for a tipple! McConnell's Distillery has transformed the old Victorian Crumlin Road Gaol into a modern world class distillery where we enjoy a tour and tasting of their award-winning whisky.
Back at our hotel our farewell dinner promises to be special, as we feast on a Titanic themed menu.

To Dublin

Day 15 | **Titanic Hotel, Titanic Quarter, Belfast** | **B**

Your tour ends today after breakfast. For those departing from Belfast, the airport is a short taxi ride away. We have included a morning group transfer to Dublin, with stops at the airport and the city centre. We recommend you book flights that depart Dublin after 2pm.

Hand Selected Inclusions

These are just a few of the very special hand selected inclusions that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Wicklow Mountains
Powerscourt Gardens & Glendalough



Kilkenny
Irish Pub Lunch, Clonoulty & the Rock of Cashel



Cork
Blarney Castle, Woollen Mills & Cobh Heritage Centre



Killarney
Lough Léin Cruise & Jaunting Cars



Cliffs of Moher
Spectacular Views



Aran Islands
'Wild Atlantic Bus' Island Tour & Lunch



Trad on the Prom
Irish Dance and Music Show



Glenarm Castle
'Farm to Fork' lunch



Belfast
The Titanic Experience



McConnells Distillery
Distillery tour and tasting

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 08:00 on 12th November 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
25 May 2027	08 Jun 2027	NZD$14,609	NZD$18,609	✓	Space Available
24 Aug 2027	07 Sep 2027	NZD$14,609	NZD$18,609	✓	Space Available
10 Mar 2028	24 Mar 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
23 May 2028	06 Jun 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
22 Aug 2028	05 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
12 Sep 2028	26 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

* The itinerary, inclusions and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and may be subject to change. Any questions, please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

- Blarney Castle is set in a gorgeous location. The walk to it is very easy. If you wish to go to the stop to kiss the stone you need to negotiate a spiral staircase up the equivalent of about 4 storeys.
- Only one activity on the Aran Islands is physically taxing and that is when we visit the spectacular rock castle of Dun Aengus. The walkway is about 400 metres up a rocky road to the cliff top. It is quite straight forward and you just need to pace yourself and take your time. It is an incredible experience standing on top of the rock castle above those huge, wave battered cliffs. Alternatively, if you want, you can instead enjoy the woollen shops and café at the start of the walkway. Your choice.

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

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