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# The Best of Ireland

featuring the Wild Atlantic Way

**14 DAYS**

**\$5,699 pp\***

## About This Tour

It's time to experience the beauty and culture of Ireland, passed down through generations and reborn in the modern era. See Dublin from a different perspective during a walking tour with a guide who was formerly affected by homelessness. Cruise through the streets of Belfast in a vintage taxicab, pausing at poignant murals and the Peace Wall. Be enchanted by traditional Irish stories told by a local seanchaí. Make the most of a day on your own in Galway to experience all this lively city has to offer. Discover a rocky isle of rolling green hills, music-filled pubs, and a storied past.

## Your Tour Includes



- 7 Handpicked Accommodations

- 21 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

## Included Highlights

- Dublin
- Belfast
- Pearse Lyons Distillery
- Giant's Causeway

### Your Tour at a Glance

<b>Stay</b> 	14 Days 13 Nights
<b>Meals</b> 	21 Meals 13 Breakfasts 1 Lunches 7 Dinners
<b>Activity</b> 	3 <a href="#">What's This?</a>
<b>Travel Style</b> 	Explorations <a href="#">What's This?</a>

### Customize Your Tour

**Optional Excursions** Starting at **\$42.00**  
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## Itinerary

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## Day 1: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins

Your Irish adventure starts in Dublin, built upon layered history and featuring a lively local culture. This evening, toast the start of your journey with dinner at a local restaurant.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin	Dinner

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## Day 2: Dublin

Start your morning with an Impact Moment and walk with an expert from Secret Street Tours, a non-profit that trains citizens formerly affected by homelessness to be guides in their own city. See the city through their eyes and gain insight into their life story as you discover Dublin's Liberties district. Visit the Pearse Lyons distillery in Dublin, located in a church. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. Later you may join an optional tour to the Guinness Storehouse, followed by dinner at a traditional pub.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Hyatt Centric The Liberties Dublin	Breakfast

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## Day 3: Dublin - Belfast, Northern Ireland

This morning, cross the border into Northern Ireland and arrive in Belfast. Cruise through town in a traditional black taxicab with a guide, taking in different murals along the way. Pause at the Peace Wall, which separates the Catholic and Protestant communities, adorned with political graffiti. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure in Belfast before joining your fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
	Breakfast & Dinner

Europa Hotel  
Belfast

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### Day 4: Belfast - Giants Causeway - Belfast

Today visit the ethereal Giant's Causeway, walking in the footsteps of mystical legends. Take in the hexagonal basalt slabs, formed by gargantuan beasts crossing the crashing waves according to legend.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Europa Hotel Belfast	Breakfast

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### Day 5: Belfast - Derry - Donegal, Ireland

Make your way to Derry, a growing artistic and cultural hub, and site of the infamous Bloody Sunday massacre. Delve into the city's local history on a guided tour before continuing on to Donegal Town. Have some time to yourself to explore this quaint, riverside town before enjoying a visit to Donegal Castle, a restored 15th century castle. End your day in County Donegal. Connect with an age-old heritage when an esteemed seanchaí – a traditional Gaelic storyteller – joins you for dinner.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Mill Park Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

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### Day 6: Donegal

Set out to explore the Wild Atlantic Way. Visit the Slieve League Cliffs, offering stunning views over the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay. Three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher, these iconic cliffs are amongst the highest and most scenic in Europe. Afterward, travel back in time to eighteenth century Ireland when you visit the thatched cottages of

Glencolmcille, a folk village maintained by the local community of southeast Donegal. Continue on to Donegal Town and enjoy time to shop and explore at your leisure.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Mill Park Hotel	Breakfast

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## **Day 7: Donegal - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland**

Enjoy a leisurely morning before departing Donegal for Fermanagh, a county blanketed by lakes and waterways. Take in pastoral surroundings as you cruise\* towards Devenish Island, a 6th century monastic site. Explore the ruins of this picturesque island, including one of the finest high towers in Ireland. This afternoon, arrive at your beautiful resort on the banks of Lough Erne.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Lough Erne Golf Resort	Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Day 8: Enniskillen - Galway, Ireland**

Arrive in Galway, a lively city of medieval relics and modern flare. This afternoon, explore the city with a local guide, with stories about city, from being a major trading city in the medieval period, through to the present day. Tonight dinner is at a local restaurant.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
The House Hotel	Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Day 9: Galway**

The day is yours. Perhaps you'll pop into a pub for a drink with the locals, or peruse one of the city's many museums, or even go shopping along bustling Quay Street. Consider taking an optional tour to Kylemore Abbey, where

you'll drive through Connemara National Park before embarking on a tour of the monastery.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
The House Hotel	Breakfast

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## **Day 10: Galway - Cliffs of Moher - Dingle**

Peek into Irish culture at a sheep farm, where you'll watch a dog-herding demonstration and meet the friendly canine workers. Experience the Ireland you've always imagined at the Cliffs of Moher, where mossy cliffs plunge 700 feet into the ocean. After visiting one of the country's most beloved sites, arrive in the colourful town of Dingle, located on the Dingle Peninsula. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a pub.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Dingle Harbour Lodge	Breakfast & Dinner

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## **Day 11: Dingle**

This morning, explore the spectacular scenery of the Dingle Peninsula, visiting Sleah Head, where the locals will remind you that beyond the water, "the next parish over is Boston." After returning to Dingle, the rest of the day is yours to explore how you choose.

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Culinary</b>
Dingle Harbour Lodge	Breakfast

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## **Day 12: Dingle - Kilkenny**

Today, enjoy a lunch at a traditional Irish pub, owned by the same family for 200 years. Listen to stories about the family ancestors, and the social role that pubs play within rural communities. Afterwards, watch a hurling

demonstration, a traditional sport of Ireland, with the opportunity to participate yourself! Continue to Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most charming cities.

**Hotel**

Kilkenny River  
Court Hotel

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Lunch

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**Day 13: Kilkenny**

This morning, it's your choice! Enjoy a leisurely day to explore the town and Kilkenny Castle on your own -OR- travel just outside of town to the ruins of Jerpoint Abbey, a Cistercian abbey founded in the 12th century. You will also attend a captivating demonstration at a family-owned glass company and learn about the important role Kilkenny plays in Irish design and craftsmanship. No matter what activities fill your day, come together in the evening for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Sláinte!

**Hotel**

Kilkenny River  
Court Hotel

**Culinary**

Breakfast & Dinner

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**Day 14: Kilkenny - Tour Ends**

Wish the Emerald Isle goodbye as you depart for home.

**Hotel**

**Culinary**

Breakfast

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