



# Northern Ireland

2024 | AUGUST 21-27



# Day 1

## Travel to Belfast

We'll depart Erie on a private shuttle to the airport and will fly overnight to Dublin, Ireland.







Overnight: Belfast

## Day 2

### Arrive in Belfast

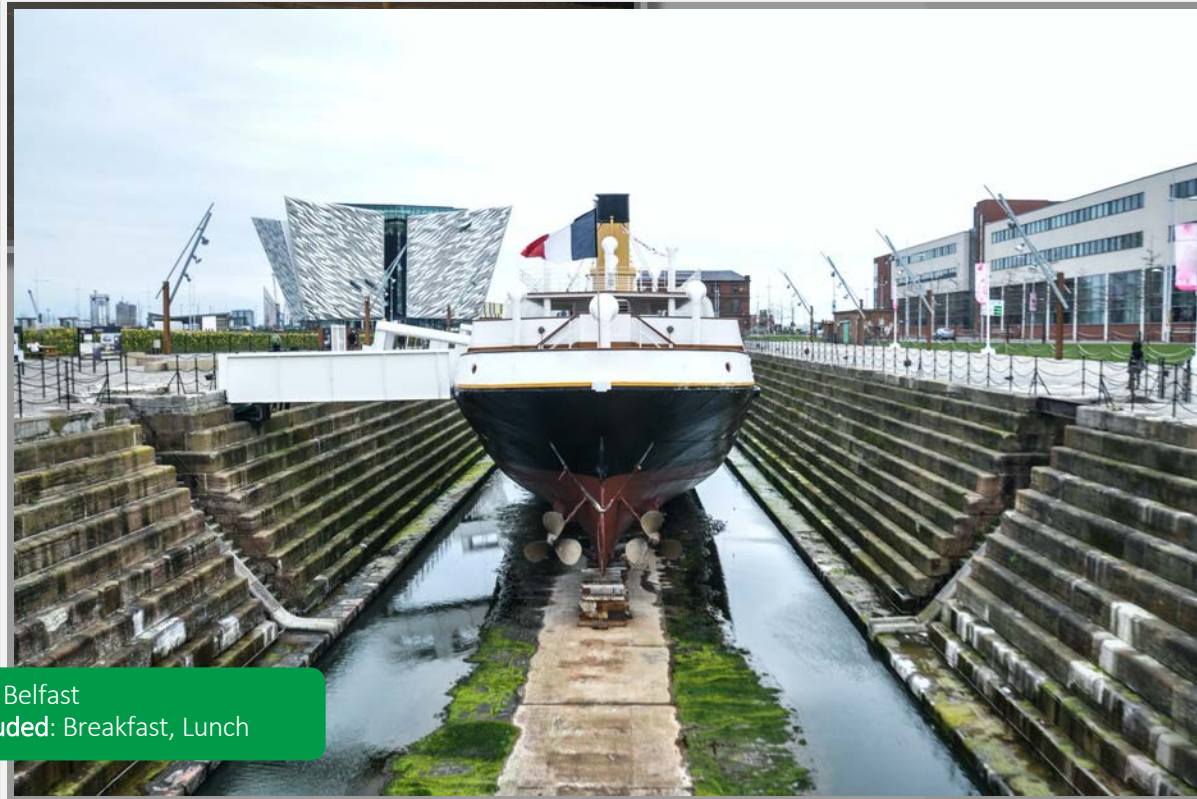
Upon arrival in Dublin, we'll meet our guide at the airport and board our private bus to drive to Belfast. Our first stop will be the historic Drogheda, which was destroyed by Oliver Cromwell in 1649. You'll be hearing a lot about him on this tour, a lot! We'll also visit Monasterboice—a Monastic ruins deep in the countryside and lush farmland of County Louth. We'll learn about its majestic Round Tower and its famed Celtic-Christian High Crosses, the finest in Ireland.

From here we'll continue to Belfast where we will enjoy a city tour. After the tour, we'll check into our hotel and have time to freshen up before meeting for a "Welcome Drink" in the famous Victorian 'Crown Saloon,'—quite possibly the most beautiful pub in the world!



# Day 3

## Belfast



After a delicious Irish breakfast, we will experience one of the most unique Belfast activities—the Black Taxi tour. Our hand-picked team of local black-cab drivers will bring us into the divided neighborhoods of West Belfast. On the tour we'll learn of 'the Troubles,' the 1969-1998 conflict which tore Northern Ireland apart. You'll see the Peace Wall, the impactful political art and murals, and all areas of political and historic interest.

We'll enjoy a picnic lunch at St. Georges Market, Ireland's largest indoor market, before visiting the Titanic Museum (voted the #1 visitor attraction in the world), which brings to life the story of one of the most famous ships in history.

There will be free time for shopping in Belfast's Royal Victoria Avenue or sightseeing in City Hall, a short stroll from our hotel. We'll end the night with a group dinner before enjoying a fun pub tour—experiencing Belfast's unique nightlife and lively locals.

Overnight: Belfast  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch





# Day 4

## Antrim Coast

After breakfast, we'll enjoy a scenic drive to the world-famous Antrim Coast—famed in song and story long before it hit the headlines as a location for Game of Thrones.

We'll visit the Giants Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and beautiful geological marvel. After exploring the 60,000 Basalt pillars carved into hexagons by violent volcanic eruptions and the impressive interpretive center, we'll break for a light lunch in one of our favorite little cultural gems—Avril's 'Wee Cottage,' where we'll enjoy her classic tea & scones.

After lunch, we'll tour Dunluce Castle—ancestral home of the McDonnell clan and one of the most haunting ruins anywhere in Europe. We'll then continue to historic Derry (founded 546 AD by St. Columba), aka Londonderry (1613). Our guide will lead us on a walking tour around the city walls, which is the perfect introduction to Ireland's most historic city.

We'll then check into our hotel and enjoy free time in Historic Derry. You'll have the evening free for dinner, but we'll offer an evening of music in Peadar O'Donnells historic pub.



**Overnight:** Derry  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch



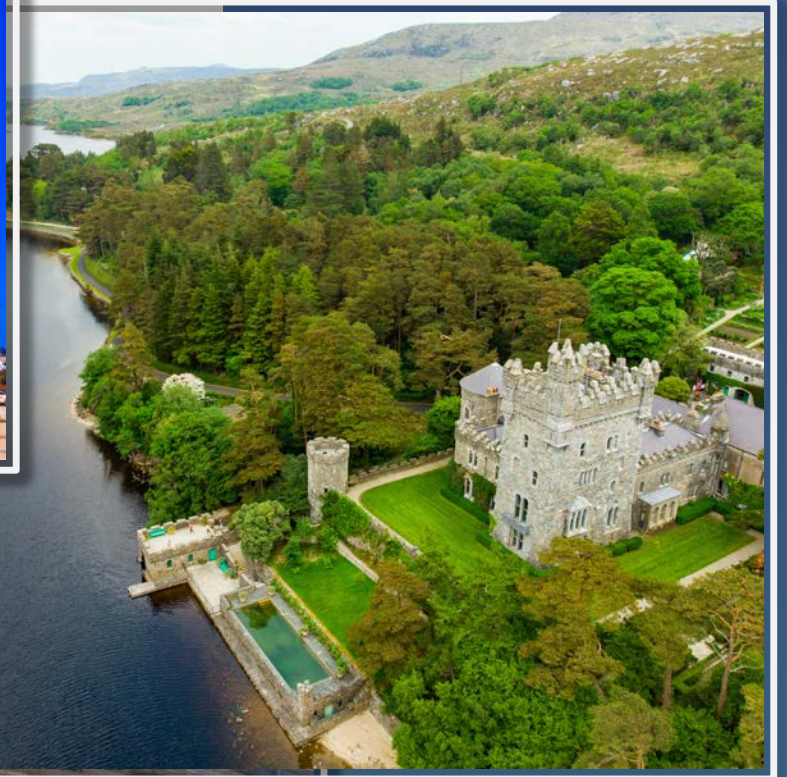
# Day 5 Donegal

After breakfast, we'll visit to the Guildhall, Derry's ornate city hall that resembles a Cathedral—complete with the largest organ in Ireland.

We'll then depart for a fun and relaxing day trip to beautiful Donegal—a short drive over the border. Here we'll visit Glenveagh National Park. We'll tour the castle before having free time to roam its lakeside lush gardens carved from this rugged Irish valley.

We'll have a group lunch in West Donegal Gaeltacht before taking a scenic drive through the highlands of Donegal, culminating at the majestic 'Grianan Aileach' (temple of the sun), a Celtic ring-fort and coronation site of the ancient Kings of Ulster. We'll have a chance to gaze over all of our Northern adventures from this high vantage point.

Upon our return to Derry, you have the evening free in historic Derry.



Overnight: Derry  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 6 Dublin



Overnight: Dublin  
Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Farewell to the North-west. After breakfast we will drive through the rolling farmland of County Tyrone. We'll visit the Cathedral city of Armagh, found by St. Patrick in the 5th Century and its two Cathedra's—both are named in his honor, and are now the HQ for both the Catholic Church and Church of Ireland (Protestant).

We'll then break for a photo-stop at idyllic Slane Castle—on the banks of the River Boyne. We'll learn of the Battle of the Boyne (1690), which was fought between Catholic James II and his Protestant nephew (and son-in-law) William of Orange.

We'll continue to Dublin's fair city, where we will visit the Trinity College Library and its famed Book of Kells before enjoying a pint of the black stuff at the Guinness Distillery.

Go n-éirí an bóthar leat, may the road rise to meet you.



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2024: August 21-27

\$4,200 USD per person (Includes: Air | Accommodation | Ground Transportation | Listed Tours | Guides | Some Meals | Gratuity)

## Highlights

- Belfast, Donegal, Derry, Giant's Causeway, Newgrange, Dublin, Titanic Museum
- Luxury hotels, High-end Guesthouses
- Breakfast Daily, Three Lunches, Two Dinners
- Tours, Guides, Gratuity Included
- "Welcome Drink" at world-famous Crown Liquor Saloon

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A photograph of a stone castle interior. The walls are made of rough-hewn grey stone. In the center, there is a stone archway leading to a gravel path. To the right, a set of stone steps leads up. In the background, a circular stone tower with a small arched window is visible. The sky is overcast, and some bare trees are seen in the distance. The text "life can be a trip" is overlaid in a white cursive font across the center of the image.

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Let us show you the world.