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7 -21 Day Ireland's Ultimate Christmas, New Year's, & Beyond Celebration Journey



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If you want a fabulous **Christmas and New Years Holiday** in the Castles of Ireland, or an **“Anytime” Immersion into some of the greatest Castles** with highlights of Galway and Dublin, this is the most magnificent custom Itinerary we have ever created. It can be customized to fit your desires, time frames, and further it can move from either direction. It's totally customizable according to your desires.

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7-21 Day Ireland Itinerary:
**Shannon – Dromoland Castle – Ashford Castle – Adare
Manor – Ballyfin Demsne - Dublin**

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Day 1 Arrival Ireland: US – Shannon (Arrive Dec 17)

Upon arrival in Shannon, enjoy a comfortable and efficient luxury VIP meet and greet service. Beginning from the aircraft, escorting you right to your waiting driver for a transfer to your hotel.

- You will be met at the aircraft with a name sign, at this point you will be escorted through immigration.
- Your assistant will be on hand to collect all your baggage off the carousel and escort you curbside to meet your English-speaking Driver for a transfer to Dromoland Castle.
- This service includes full assistance in case of flight delays, cancellation or passenger delay and special needs. (Assistant at disposal for 1 hour)
- Please note that portage service is not included however if you wish, you may request this locally and pay for it directly to the porters.

Transfer to Kilaloe & The Dromoland Castle by private English-speaking Driver

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WELCOME TO DROMOLAND CASTLE – We Are Waiting For You



Savour your first glimpse of this majestic castle and its enchanting lake, as you pass through the castle gates.

This was the ancestral home of the O'Briens of Dromoland who were the Kings of Thomond and whose lineage goes back 1,000 years to Brian Boru, the only High King of Ireland.

Upon arrival at Dromoland Castle, you will be met by the Concierge who will welcome you to the Castle with a private and immediate VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation, Executive Suite at Dromoland Castle.



Dromoland Castle, one of Europe's finest castle hotels, offers Guest's the experience of living like landed gentry, surrounded by luxury, beauty, and service.

The castle, a magnificent Renaissance structure built in the 16th century, was once the royal seat of the O'Brien clan.

Refurbished and transformed into a luxury hotel in 1962, it retains priceless

reminders of the Castle's historic past.

Splendid woodcarvings and stone statuary, hand-carved panelling, and fine antique furnishings surround guests.

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On the Castle's 450-acre estate, guests can hunt, fish, ride horseback, play tennis and championship golf or alternatively, The Spa is a perfect haven to enjoy the tranquillity of Dromoland Castle.

Dinner is available in The Earl of Thomond Restaurant from 7pm (9.30 last orders) each evening and casual options are offered for dinner in The Fig Tree Restaurant until 9pm. **Please note** dress code for The Earl of Thomond is for Smart (Jacket required for gentlemen, no denim).

After check-in, you have some time to settle into your suite before your relaxation & Rejuvenation Spa treatments.

Experience the Spa – a 55 minute spa treatment per person, your treatments will be pre-defined and booked with the spa prior to your arrival.

These treatments are designed to refresh you after your long flights.

The entire spa facilities are available to you for as long as you would like to enjoy them this morning.



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After your Spa experience, you are at leisure until later this after noon when you will have high tea.

Lunch is on your own in the castle.



3:00pm: You will make your way down to the concierge who will escort you to your high tea experience in the Drawing Room.

Enjoy the Afternoon Tea which will include all flavors of the festive season

Afternoon Tea at Dromoland Castle
Today's tea has been pre-arranged for your relaxation on the arrival day of your journey.

* (If you want to enjoy this service again, you will need to make a reservation when you check in for the day you want to enjoy the tea.)



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After tea, you will meet your private Dromoland History Expert (and buggy driver) in the front of the Castle for a Horse & Buggy Ride throughout the grounds with history and story- telling.

This is a fascinating tour and the information you receive, in an inspired and charismatic way, will delight you, as well as deliver historic information that makes you feel like you've known the family and the

Castle for a long time. It's a highlight of the Dromoland Castle Experience!

After your tour, you are at leisure for the remainder of the day. You can relax in your suite, meander through the castle, or explore the grounds on your own.



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Dinner in the Earl of Thomond restaurant
(Included in your package)

Reservations are at
8:00pm.

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Castle

Days 2 & 3 Ireland: Dromoland Castle

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After breakfast, you are at leisure today to enjoy all of the wonderful grounds and activities that Dromoland Castle has to offer.



- On this day, experience the different activities of the castle. Option of: Archery, Falconry. Clay Shooting, Horse riding, Horse & Buggy Ride throughout the grounds with history and story telling

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES AT DROMOLAND CASTLE

Set on 450 acres of parkland in the peaceful Clare countryside, the sprawling Estate has much to offer.



The gardens, which are based on designs by Andre Le Notre, who also planned the gardens at Versailles, include a formal rose garden and a lily pond dating from 1812. The Castle overlooks Lough Dromoland and is excellent for Trout fishing. Deer, pheasant and other wildlife roam the grounds surrounding the Castle, creating a natural ambience.

Within the Estate, you can also enjoy falconry, archery, boating, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, walking and mountain biking.

The 18-hole championship golf course is a par 72, slope 126, measuring 6845 yards. The course which was redesigned by Ron Kirby and the late JB Carr is both thoughtful and challenging with many unique features and truly breath-taking scenery.

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Dromoland Castle's Golf course is complemented by a truly unique practice facility which has 10 fully automated Driving Bays, Putting Greens and bunker. All the bays are fitted with Golf-Tech's second generation fully automated 'Power Tees'.

FISHING AT DROMOLAND CASTLE



Dromoland Lough is well stocked with Trout, Perch and other course fish ideal for fishing breaks in Ireland. Guests may fish at leisure from the banks of the lake, or on one of the estate boats.

Expert assistance from our resident Ghillies is available by prior arrangement. They can advise and demonstrate the art of casting and the placing of baits in the correct manner so that success on the water ensues.!

All fish are returned alive to the water or if the guests wish maybe brought to the kitchen and cooked to their requirements by chef if so desired. Fishing in this 5 Star Castle hotel in Ireland is complimentary for guests making this luxury hotel an ideal choice for your Fishing Holiday in Ireland.



CLAY SHOOTING AT DROMOLAND CASTLE

Dromoland Clay Pigeon Shooting offers you the chance to shoot flying targets in the stunning surroundings of The 5 star Dromoland Castle Estate.

This activity is offered all year around to residents of the Castle. We use International sporting traps for groups or individuals.

Clay pigeon shooting is a thrilling experience, demanding calm concentration, a keen eye and quick reactions. Perfect your aim, time your shots and soon you will be notching up your 'kills'.

Of course, these are not real birds and no real pigeons get hurt, making it a great sport for all of the family – young and old, men and women alike. We have a range of introductory clay pigeon shooting experiences available where you can learn first hand from the experts in a safe and friendly environment. Advance Reservations are required.

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ARCHERY AT DROMOLAND CASTLE

Archery has been around for many years . Some researchers say that people began practising it as long as 15,000 years ago.

This classic Castle pursuit is available to our guests. Archery is a great family sport, so you can take everyone from your six-year-old to your grandma.



FALCONRY AT DROMOLAND CASTLE

Dromoland Castle offers a unique insight into the noble and ancient art of Falconry.

Guests rave about this stimulating. Unique and memorable experience time and time again.

All of their majestic, beautiful birds are captive bred, both in Ireland and abroad.

They include different species of falcons, hawks and owls.

Perfect for a family or corporate activity, our 5 star Falconry experience can cater for a wide diversity of guests requirements and can also be tailored to meet your needs.

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HORSE RIDING AT DROMOLAND CASTLE



Experience a relaxing horse ride through our picturesque Dromoland Castle Estate or a guided trek in the nearby environs.

We provide the finest equestrian equipment and adhere to the highest standards of safety.

Plenty of enjoyment and supervision is provided at all times making this activity an ideal choice for your equestrian holiday in Ireland.

EXPLORING THE ESTATE AT DROMOLAND CASTLE



This luxury Castle Estate in Ireland is the perfect location for exploring either on foot or by Bike.

Dromoland has plenty of walks and pathways that offer varied and interesting routes. For the more energetic bikes are available for hire free of charge to all of our guests.

Luxury destination resort Dromoland Castle doesn't disappoint, with two public gardens, several working gardens, a landscaped natural gallery and lily pond, and carefully designed entrances to the castle.

Each is unique, charming, and carefully tended by Head Gardener Dorothea Madden, creating what many students of landscaping art consider one of the finest displays of naturalistic gardening in Europe.

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A favorite walk takes guests from the front door past a weeping ash, a yew hedge (a plant native to Ireland), and boxust, hence along the gallery to the pond with its cultivated water lilies, swamp cypress, and a lovely sundial.

Lining the gallery, which dates to circa 1740, are 62 yew trees on each side and a beech, itself 26 feet wide and one of the oldest in all of Ireland. Also near the pond are several cedar Wellingtonia trees that are approximately 300 years old, and the estate proudly claims a monkey puzzle tree that is 150 to 200 years old.

After a day of adventure and exploration on the grounds, you will enjoy a relaxing break in the afternoon while enjoying High Tea.



OR just enjoy an afternoon in the spa... (We need to make additional reservations for these prior to your arrival)

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Dinner is on your own this evening in the Fig Restaurant. Reservations are at 8:00pm.

Overnight in Executive Suite at Dromoland Castle

Day 4 Ireland: Dromoland Castle – Secret Tour (A True Behind-the-Scenes Adventure)

Full Irish Breakfast in the Castle

After breakfast, meet your private driver & professional local Guide in the lobby of the hotel for your **Secret Ireland Private Visit.**

Here your secret journey begins. You will see the parts of Ireland many rarely do. Untouched and undiscovered by commercial tourism, this is hidden Ireland at its best.

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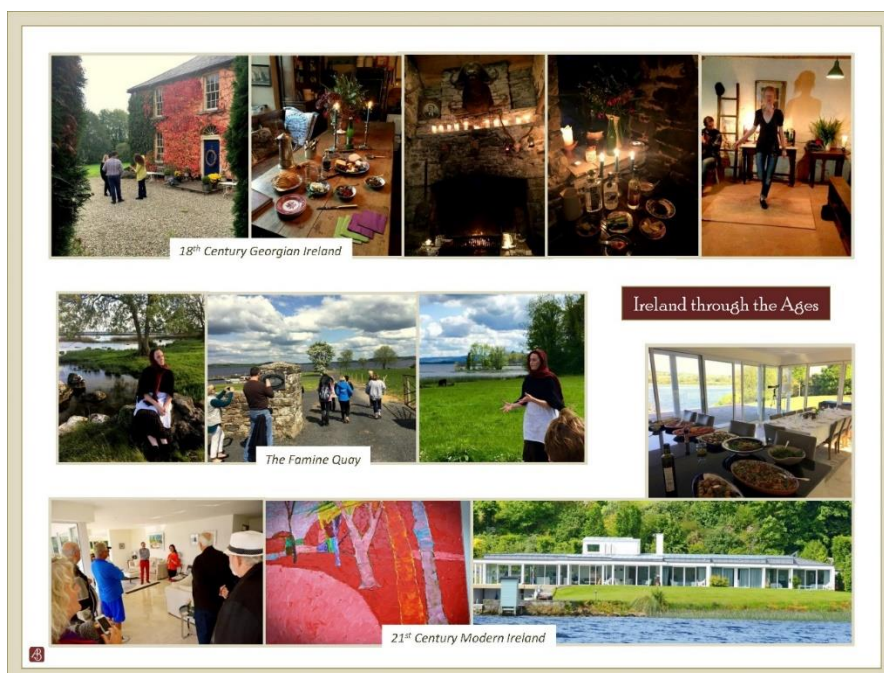
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You will gain exclusive access to a range of unique locations off the beaten track and some extraordinary private homes.

- Restored Famine Quay - the busiest harbor in Famine Times, meet our local historian Tommy (aged in his 80's & a great character)
- The Hunters Manor with cheese/chutney
- The Lakehouse - Lunch followed by full Art appreciation tour. Sean Nos dancer will perform for you during lunch
- The Shibeen with 3 award winning Irish whiskeys



Get to see the parts of Ireland many rarely do & enjoy a diverse range of experiences as you discover a 'secret' Ireland with these private day-tour experiences.

Gain exclusive access to a range of unique locations & extraordinary private properties, combined with a burst of genuine Irish hospitality as you meet the locals.

Fuse these locations with elements of Irish art, architecture, castles, culture & more with a carefully chosen selection of locally sourced artisan food & drink tasting experiences.

With exclusive access, this is a true behind the scenes taste of Ireland like never before.

As a special addition to this amazing tour we planned - Irish Bog experience, with our professional bog-oak sculptor and bog enthusiast.

The rest of the tour will remain the secret....

After the tour, you will be returned to the castle where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the evening.

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Dinner in the Earl of Thomond restaurant (Included in your package) Reservations are at 8:00pm.

Overnight in Executive Suite at Dromoland Castle

Day 5 Ireland: Dromoland Castle – Tour to the west – Celebrity Hosted Royal Lunch – Adair Castle



Breakfast in the castle.

After breakfast, check out of the castle and meet your private driver & professional local Guide in the lobby of the hotel for your Tour, **To the West with a Royal Lunch.**

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Travel through the gentle midlands of Ireland, a land of sensuously curving rivers, rolling hills and wide-open bogs where grouse and skylark song breaks the windswept silence. There will be hidden gardens to explore, and historic mansions to visit.

Arrive at Birr Castle. Birr Castle Demesne is open to the public every day of the year and attracts an average of over fifty thousand visitors annually. The castle itself however remains a private residence: still the home of the family which originally built it and has lived there ever since for some fourteen generations.

Two hundred years ago, this family, called Parsons, inherited the Earldom of Rosse, and the present head of the family living at Birr Castle is Brendan Parsons, Seventh Earl of Rosse.



Lunch at Birr Castle with the Earl & Countess of Ross

You will first be entertained with sherry or sparkling wine in the tapestried hall, which provides the most appropriate setting for a brief history of the castle and of the family.

Lunch is served...

Lunch is served in the rich red dining room, where the last seven generations, who built up everything from the Telescope to the gardens, look down from their formal portraits on the walls.

Under a massive early ormolu and cut-glass chandelier, the main castle dining table seats over twenty whilst a more intimate one in an alcove overlooking the forecourt seats a further eight or nine. The tables are set with various family heirlooms, in silver, china or glass, all on family linen tablecloths and if the party is not too large, lunch ends with coffee served in cups specially commissioned to portray the castle nearly 200 years ago.

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The tour continues...

After lunch, the family portraits and furniture in the dining room may be pointed out, as well as the great staircase, which dates from the reign of Charles II and is made entirely of yew wood.

Unless already included in the programme before lunch, Lord Rosse will take the group into the gardens to see the Great Telescope, as well as the galleries of Ireland's Historic Science Centre, which is located at the castle's old stable block. Lord Rosse will also show the group as much of the Demesne's beautiful gardens as the programme may allow for.

After the tour, you will continue on your journey to Adare.



Snuggled in a wooden and lush countryside setting, Adare is widely regarded as being Ireland's prettiest and most picturesque village. Situated on the river Maigue, a tributary of the Shannon river, Adare (Gaelic name: "Ath Dara" - the "ford of the oak" - from the combination of water and woodland) dates back, at least, to the early 13th century.

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The bridge by which you enter the village, in the shadow of the ruined Desmond Castle, was built in 1329.

Two groups of world famous ornate, thatched cottages line part off the village's broad main street, punctuated with beautiful stone buildings, medieval monasteries and ruins.



Then you will continue to Adair Manor for a truly lovely experience in Adair.

On arrival at Adare Manor, you will be welcomed like Royalty; be greeted by a horse & hound welcome with all of the pomp and circumstance of a Royal Hunt.

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Upon arrival at Adair Manor, you will be met by the concierge and welcomed with a private VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

After your check-in you will be at leisure to relax or do a little exploration of the castle on your own.

Dinner is on your own this evening. You may enjoy dinner in the Manor or your concierge will

arrange a taxi for you to go into the town for dinner this evening.

After dinner, you are at leisure to make your way back to the Manor or first, enjoy the nightlife in Adare.

Day 6 Ireland: Adair Manor -

Breakfast in the Castle.

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After Breakfast, 10:00AM: 12:00PM: Within the Estate, you can select one of the experiences to begin your day - falconry, archery, boating, Irish Gun Dog Experience, game shooting, horse riding, walking and mountain biking.



12:00PM: Lunch in the restaurant, a picnic on the grounds or you may opt for a light snack at the Drawing Room. (Lunch is on your own today.)



1:30 PM: Meet your private driver in the lobby of the hotel for your afternoon tour of Adare. Continue on to visit the village of Adare

2:00PM: Adare Desmond Castle



The Desmond Castle is located on the edge of the village of Adare.

The castle was erected with an ancient ring-fort around the early part of the 13th century. It became a strategic fortress during the following turbulent years. It was the property of the Earls of Kildare for nearly 300 years until the rebellion in 1536, when it was forfeited and granted to the Earls of Desmond who gave the castle its present name.

3:00PM: Tour of Adare, a small town in County Limerick, Ireland, located south-west of the city of Limerick. Renowned as one of Ireland's prettiest towns, Adare is designated as a heritage town by the Irish government.

Do some shopping in Adare for many types of authentic Irish items.



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5:30PM: Enjoy a beverage and or Dinner at Pat Collins Bar It is a family business located in the heart of the village of Adare, Ireland's prettiest village. Come, sit and relax over a pint of Guinness and a plate of home made Irish Stew.



The bar is famous for its good pint and delicious Irish home made dishes. All meals are prepared using fresh local produce and served with home made brown bread.

- There is an extensive bar menu with a wide range of Irish and international dishes for all appetites. Some of our daily specials include Traditional Irish Stew and Fresh Smoked Salmon.
- Meals range from lunches to dinner with the option of finger food available for groups.
- All produce is bought fresh from local markets. Ask a member of staff for the source of all meats and vegetables.
- All meat is 100% Irish and supplied by Costelloe Butchers, Adare. Ice cream is supplied by Adare Farm Foods.
- Ask a member of staff for the daily specials

7:00PM: Return to the Castle.

8:00 PM: Dinner is on your own tonight. We would suggest the Oak Room unless you chose to stay in town for dinner. The Sommelier will make recommendations for wine pairings with your meal. (not included in your package - cost will be applied to your after- check-in portfolio).

9:30PM: Enjoy a beverage in the Tac Room and enjoy the music or find a quiet corner in Drawing Room to enjoy an after-dinner beverage (not included in package - cost will be applied to your after-check-in portfolio).

Day 7 Ireland: Adair Manor – Cliffs of Mohr - Ashford Castle

Breakfast in the Castle.

After Breakfast, Meet your private Driver in the lobby of the hotel. Then it's back on the road and forward to **Ashford Castle – Irelands Grandest Castle Hotel!**

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On the way to Ashford Castle you will visit one of the most famous sites in all of Ireland; the Cliffs of Mohr.



The Cliffs of Moher- a sheer precipice 8 km long and rising to a height of 203m, one of the most impressive stretches of the coast in the West of Ireland, remarkable especially at nesting seasons for the quantity and variety of seabirds there.

Step on to the edge of the world and into an awe-inspiring view that dreams are made of – at the Cliffs of Moher you will encounter nature in its wildest, purest form – see the rugged cliffs facing the mighty ocean, taste the salt air, hear the birds cry, feel the ancient

rocks beneath your feet, smell the wind. Today you will visit Ireland's most spectacular natural wonder at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. Nature's wonders surround you at the Cliffs of Moher.

Once you're at the Cliffs, there are so many different things to do and endless ways to experience the different aspects of this amazing place.

Whether it be the cliffs themselves carved by time, ocean and weather into fantastic shapes and formations, the mighty Atlantic Ocean, or the birds, plants and other wildlife that inhabit the cliffs and the sea there are plenty of natural wonders to enjoy here.



Viewing Platforms: You can view the Cliffs from 3 primary viewing platforms. Each presents you with a different, beautiful vista and together they offer you a truly breath-taking, full 360 - degree experience.

- From the beautiful south out to Hag's Head – The Main Platform.
- From this main viewing area, you can see the south cliffs and also look out towards the mighty Hag's Head. Sheer splendor!
- From beautiful bay to peaceful isles – The North Platform
Located near the highest point of the Cliffs, Knockardakin stands at 214m or 700 feet

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above sea level – this platform is also located close to O’Brien’s Tower and from here you have marvelous views, north, south, east and west from an elevated point.



LOOK OUT FROM O'BRIEN'S TOWER



From a bird paradise to mighty sea stack –
The South Platform

From the South Platform you’re perfectly placed to see the puffin colony that makes its home on Goat Island.

You may also see many other seabirds as well as the sea stack below O’Brien’s Tower.

From here, you can walk 4km to Hags Head and its own incredible views of the Cliffs.

O’Brien’s Tower stands on a headland at the Cliffs of Moher offering up magnificent

views south towards Hags Head and north towards Doolin. The Tower was built in 1835 by Cornelius O’Brien, a descendant of Brian Boru, the first High King of Ireland. A local landowner, Cornelius was ahead of his time and believed that the development of tourism would benefit the local economy and help bring local people out of poverty.

The tower was used as an observation tower for the hundreds of visitors who even then came to the Cliffs each year to see the breath-taking views. The main structure of the Tower was originally composed of two linked round towers built of fine local stone. One tower still remains and has a spiral iron staircase leading to a viewing platform at the top.

On a clear day you can see across to the Aran Islands: Inis Oírr, Inis Méain and Inis Mór. Looking to the left you capture the whole of Liscannor Bay with Lahinch in the distance

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and Liscannor village in the foreground. Looking to the right you are met with beautiful views of Galway Bay.

“Climb the stairs of O’Brien’s Tower, following in the footsteps of noble folk who travelled from far to see the mighty Cliffs... The views of Aran Islands, Galway Bay, Aill Na Searrach and Hags Head as wild and untamed today as they were then.”

The VISITORS CENTER: THE CLIFFS EXHIBITION

After the view from the Cliffs, this is THE way to immerse yourself in a completely sensory and all-enthralling experience of the area.

The Cliffs Exhibition is the exciting interpretive center at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience. A huge domed cave at the center of the building, it contains a wealth of fascinating information and displays to delight, inform and fascinate visitors of all ages.

To bring to life the many different aspects of the Cliffs, the dome is organized into four main themed areas: Ocean, Rock, Nature and Man.

Please Note: The Cliffs Exhibition is a self-guided tour. To enjoy a full, unhurried experience, allow yourself about 25-45 minutes.



WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

For a beautifully bracing and healthy cliff walk surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery nature has to offer – you’ve come to the right place. There are over 600 meters of pathways and viewing platforms along the cliff.

Take a break from sight-seeing and enjoy a tasty snack, reviving drink or a spot of souvenir shopping.

Lunch on your own here at the Cliffs of Mohr.

- Picnic tables and stone bench seating.
- Puffins Nest Coffee Shop – offering a range of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, homemade soup, cakes and more.

- Cliffs View Café – a restaurant like no other, offering the delicious and diverse tastes of County Clare. The restaurant uses only the best of local produce and all meat is sourced and traceable to County Clare farms. (Please note we are unable to take

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reservations between March and October). The Café also offers packed lunches for you to take away and picnic.

After Lunch, you will have a little more time at the Cliffs before setting off to your destination today. Meet your private Driver in front of the entrance at the designated time to continue your journey.



Upon arrival at Ashford Castle, you will be met by the concierge for a private exclusive VIP check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

You are at leisure for the remainder of the evening. Relax in the hotel, enjoy the famous Spa, or go exploring through the castle, take a turn about the grounds – it's all up to you this evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening at the castle.
George V Dining Room

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George V Dining Room: Dine like royalty

Ashford Castle has been hosting distinguished guests for almost 800 years – one of the most prominent being the Prince of Wales, who subsequently became George V of England. In honour of his visit in 1905, the Guinness family built a special dining room which still bears his name proudly to this day.

The graceful setting, with rich, panelled walls and twinkling Waterford Crystal chandeliers bestows a grand sense of occasion. Our resident pianist plays softly in the background while you relax and enjoy exceptional dishes from the kitchen of acclaimed Chef Philippe Farineau, recently awarded two rosettes by the AA Hospitality Awards, combined with much loved recipes of Beatrice Tollman and complemented by a fine selection of wines from Chief Sommelier, Robert Bowe.



Whet your appetite

Choose from dishes such as our Slow Roasted Rib of Beef from our carving trolley served with a homemade béarnaise sauce and a red wine and shallot jus. To end your meal an array of tempting desserts awaits including Nyangbo frozen chocolate mousse served with estate grown crabpear gel, chocolate cremeux and pear and vanilla sorbet and salted chocolate crisp.

**Please note a dinner jacket is required for Gentlemen and tie requested for the George V Dining Room.

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Other Restaurant Options At Ashford Castle



Cullen's at the Cottage:



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Cullen's at the Cottage: The perfect seasonal setting

This traditional thatched cottage, which used to be Cong Cinema, (showing films on Tuesday's and Thursday's, and was the first place to show *The Quiet Man* even before it was shown in Hollywood).

Today this restaurant provides a relaxed dining experience with a casual dress code in which to enjoy international and local dishes inspired by our owner Beatrice Tollman, including our delicious signature dish 'Chicken Peri Peri'. It is slow cooked in our rotisserie oven in the main dining area, so mouth-watering aromas greet you as soon as you enter the restaurant.

At the front of the building you will now discover a beautifully manicured garden and extended patio area proving a spectacular area to enjoy lunch and sip a cocktail and enjoy the magnificent views of Ashford Castle in the distance.

Open seasonally, it's just a short stroll over the bridge from the castle. Booking in advance is advisable to avoid disappointment.

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The Dungeon



The Dungeon: Dramatic and atmospheric

As its name would suggest, the unique setting located on the lower ground floor of the castle invites diners to enjoy a range of satisfying dishes from the bistro-style menu with a focus on traditional Irish cuisine beneath the historic curved stone ceiling. Together with a relaxed ambience, it makes for a wonderful and memorable dining experience.

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High Tea



Afternoon Tea: An exquisite setting for a traditional pastime

The long-established tradition of Afternoon Tea has been wonderfully preserved at Ashford Castle since 1868 - you'll notice the original silver tea set displayed in the Connaught Room, which was presented to Lord and Lady Ardilaun to celebrate their

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25th wedding anniversary in 1896. With spectacular views from the comfort of the castle's elegant interior, take your time to savour every delicious moment.

The Afternoon Tea menu offers guests a wide selection of speciality teas or perhaps a glass of Champagne, delicate finger sandwiches, warm freshly baked scones with lashings of cream and home-made jam, not to mention our tasty pastries and cupcakes. It's the perfect way to spend a leisurely afternoon with friends.



Afternoon Tea: Served 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm and 4:00pm daily

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Tea with a View

Many years ago, afternoon tea in Ashford Castle was served in Drawing Room along with lunch. At that time, afternoon tea was served buffet-style. In modern-day Ashford Castle, Afternoon Tea is served is served on glorious, orante silver stands.

Upholding the tradition that dates back to 1868 at Ashford Castle, indulge in a delicious Afternoon Tea served in The Connaught Room with magnificent views across the gardens and Lough Corrib.

Head Pastry Chef, Paula Stakelum, delights guests daily with a selection of tempting treats.

Home-made traditional pastries, Cupcakes decorated with hand-picked wild flowers from the garden Warm scones with thick cream and home-made jam Delicate finger sandwiches with a selection of classic fillings A wide choice of fine teas from around the world Champagne Afternoon Tea for special occasions.

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The Connaught Room: The epitome of elegance

The lough-facing Connaught Room provides a delightful space in which to enjoy private dining or a delicious traditional Afternoon Tea - a ritual that extends back to 1868 at Ashford Castle, when Lord and Lady Ardilaun would take Afternoon Tea to discuss the events of the morning and the plans for that evening.

The Connaught Room is flanked with floor to ceiling windows commanding spectacular views of the Castle's manicured gardens and the magnificent Lough Corrib. The room captivates guests with its inspiring Donegal Crystal chandelier, panelled oak walls and a hand carved fireplace.

The menu offers our guests a delightful selection of speciality teas, delicate finger sandwiches with traditional fillings, warm scones, hand-made pastries and cupcakes decorated with lovingly hand-picked wild flowers from the Estate by our Head Pastry Chef, Paula Stakelum. Private Dining: Available on request.

The Inglenook Room

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The Inglenook Room: A Traditional and Elegant Setting

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With views across Lough Corrib and arguably one of the most impressive fireplaces in the castle, the Inglenook is a popular space for private dining, afternoon tea and intimate weddings.

The wooden fireplace dates back to the Renaissance period with two face sculptures of Diarmuid and Gráinne from Irish folklore. The Guinness crest is engraved in the wooden fireplace and also their Motto in Latin *Spes Mea In Deo* which translates to *My hope is in God*. During the first phase of the restoration wonderful tiles were discovered, they date back to the Guinness time of 1852.

A highlight of the Inglenook is the 1,043 piece, custom made silver-gilt dinner service, formerly owned by Washington Augustus Roebling (the man responsible for the creation of the Brooklyn Bridge) who received this extensive dinner service set in 1899.

The Drawing Room



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The Drawing Room: Relax at leisure overlooking Lough Corrib

As you enter The Drawing Room you'll immediately be struck by the breathtaking views across the manicured lawns out across the expansive Lough Corrib. The ideal setting for morning coffee and light lunches from the bar menu, simply sink into comfortable chairs to enjoy fine hospitality in total comfort.

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Whether you're enjoying a romantic break, catching up with family and friends or hosting a relaxed meeting, The Drawing Room lends itself perfectly for the occasion.
Light menu: 11:30am - 6.00pm

Private Dining



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Private Dining: An occasion to remember

If you are planning a special meeting or celebration and want to mark the occasion in style, then Ashford Castle offers a number of spaces to suit your preferences and requirements.

From intimate dining to grand banqueting, we'll create the ambience you desire with a host of personal and thoughtful touches to make the event one you and your guests will remember fondly. Discreet and efficient staff will be on hand to ensure you have everything you wish to make the event a success and a range of menus and wines can be tailored to your needs.

Cullen's at the Cottage: (Summer months only) - for up to 55 guests

The Dungeon: for up to 40 guests

The Connaught Room: for up to 40 guests

The Castle Wine Cellars



**The Castle Wine Cellars: FOR AN AUTHENTIC WINE TASTING
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The Wine Cellars at Ashford Castle offer private wine tastings and wonderful wine dinners in the secret passageways of the castle, which were unearthed during recent renovations.

The old servants' entrance was originally a coal bunker and walkway underneath the castle, where the servants used to come in and get their coal buckets to take up to the rooms. It has now been transformed and the 16th Century tunnels provide three unique private spaces with a cozy ambience and soft lighting and using a Coravin system for tasting expensive bottles without having to take the cork out, keeping the wine fresh for longer.

The extensive wine list has been carefully selected by our knowledgeable sommelier, where you can sample a fine selection of vintages and a choice of new and old world wines in a remarkable setting.

The Bar



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The Billiards Room:



The Billiards Room: The height of refinement

Retreat to the Billiards Room and enjoy a game of billiards, sink into comfy chairs with a glass of your favourite tippie or relax with a newspaper and catch up on the day's affairs. Open to residents only, the traditional elegance of the Billiards Room, with its grand assortment of antique furniture and furnishings is a most welcome addition to the castle.

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The Cigar Terrace:



The Cigar Terrace: Feel like the king of the castle

On a rooftop corner of the castle, through the sumptuous Billiards Room, discover the Cigar Terrace with fantastic views overlooking the River Cong and beyond.

With a feature awning, locally made in the village of Cong, and low glass tables with wrought iron chairs, the Cigar Terrace is a beautifully designed space with a flagstone floor in which to relax and enjoy a whiskey, cognac or cigar, or simply to enjoy relaxing in a wonderful setting overlooking the river Cong. They also offer a dining menu in this space.

Enthusiastic cigar connoisseurs will delight in Mr Tollman's limited cigar collection including a millennium edition from habanos in a commemorative ceramic jar, Montecristo "A", Cohiba Esplendidos and Partagas Lusitanias; and an impressive selection of beverages are available from the Billiards Room including a selection of finest single pot still whiskey, which is regarded as the real Irish whiskey and is a whiskey style unique to Ireland.

The Cigar Terrace is a popular public space but is also a favorite spot for private parties with a DJ and wedding groups for up to 30 people standing. Perhaps enjoy a whiskey or

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wine tasting in the Billiards room and retreat to the terrace on warm summer evenings to soak up the magnificent surroundings. Daily from 4:00pm - 12:00am.



The Prince of Wales Bar: Refined traditional style



Built in the late 1800s, the bar is to this day reminiscent of its captivating past, with its opulent fabrics, fine wood paneling, traditional furnishings and original fireplace creating a warm and welcoming ambience – the perfect place to enjoy your favorite tippie or a pint of Guinness. In 1905 the bar was visited by the Prince of Wales, who subsequently became George V of England.

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Offering a full selection of cocktails, liqueurs and brandies, sit back and relax and enjoy the finest Irish hospitality. Daily from 11:00 am until late.

Wilde's at The Lodge



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Wilde's at The Lodge: Fine Irish cuisine within the Ashford estate

Discover Wilde's Restaurant at [The Lodge at Ashford Castle](#), serving fine contemporary Irish cuisine in a stunning setting.

Their sister property is located a short distance from Ashford Castle - either a 20 minute stroll or we can arrange transportation.

Under the inspired direction of Jonathan Keane, recently described as “one of the country's most exciting chefs” and with many award nominations to his name, it has become a popular destination not just for local foodies but visitors from afar.

Jonathan creates a variety of delicious dishes that showcase the unique flavours and textures of the finest local produce, from succulent Irish beef and lamb to fish and seafood fresh from the waters of Galway Bay and the Connemara coastline.

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Overnight at Ashford Castle



Day 8 Ireland: Ashford Castle – Dec 24 – New Year's Package (Sample itinerary, the program changes every year)

Breakfast in the Castle

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After breakfast, you are at leisure until this afternoon. You can explore the property and enjoy many of the wonderful activities available to you at the castle today.

Lunch is on your own at the hotel.

2.00pm: Meet other guests and your host in the lobby this afternoon for an Ashford Castle Treasure Hunt. (Details TBD)

3.30pm: After the treasure hunt, you will enjoy an Afternoon High Tea.

After tea, you are at leisure to prepare for the New Year's Eve Program.

6:00pm: Join Robert Bowe, Head Sommelier in our cellar to choose your wine for this evening's festivities.

7.00pm: Welcome Cocktail Party in the Drawing Room hosted by Niall Rochford, General Manager, with the Castle's in-house entertainment.

8.00pm: Black tie Dinner served in the George V dining Room.

New Years Eve Midnight celebrations with champagne & liqueurs, Dancing followed by entertainment in the Drawing Room.

Day 9 Ireland: Ashford Castle – Dec 25 – New Year's Package (Sample itinerary, the program changes every year)

9:00-10:00am: Breakfast in the castle

After breakfast, you are at leisure at the Castle.

10:00am - 2:00pm: Bruch with Bucks Fizz.

2:00pm: Golf Competition – Stabelford over 9 holes OR Falconry Demonstration.

3:00 – 4:00pm: Boat Trip on the Lady Ardilaun with Local Musicians.

4:00 – 5:00pm: Afternoon High Tea served in the Drawing Room,.

7:30 -10:00pm: Dinner at leisure. Music during dinner by the Ramblin Rogues.

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10:00pm: Sing-A-Long & Entertainment in the Dungeon Bar.
Overnight at Ashford Castle.

Day 10 Ireland: Ashford Castle – Galway – Ashford Castle

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of the Castle for a full day tour of Galway.



Galway is still known today as the City of the Tribes, the name referring to 14 important Anglo-Norman merchant families who lived there and dominated the life and trade of the city during the middle ages. The families were: Athy, Blake, Bodkin, Browne, D'Arcy, Deane, Font, French, Joyes, Kirwan, Lynch, Martin, Morris and Skerrett. From 1232 when Richard de Burgo drove out the ruling Gaelic O'Flaherty's, until the end of the 1600's Galway flourished as a center of trade.

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During the 15th and 16th centuries ships from Spain, France, the Caribbean and South America crowded its harbour and the town was a wealthy one.

It all went wrong in 1692 when the city gave its support to James II in the English Civil War. He lost. When the victorious William of Orange sent Cromwell to restore order in Ireland Galway was

firmly in his sights. The city was taken, its families relieved of their power and influence and the city sank into an economic depression from which it has only truly emerged in the last 30 years.



Eyre Square is the center of Galway and the pivot around which the city moves. The land here was given to the city 1710 by Edward Eyre, then mayor of Galway. In 1965, the square was officially renamed “Kennedy Memorial Park” and there is a bust of J.F. Kennedy in the park. It’s worth dropping into the Tourist Office here to pick up information about what’s on (there is always something on in Galway!) and the Eyre Square Shopping Centre, a modern mall, may be of interest for picking up some

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souvenirs. It is also unique in that the Medieval City wall runs right through the middle of it!



Lynch's Castle was once home to an important family, one of the tribes, who supplied the city with more than 80 mayors between the 15th and 17th centuries. It now houses a branch of the AIB bank.

The castle dates to the early 1300's. As you continue down Shop St, you can't miss the statue of Oscar Wilde, sitting on a bench in conversation with Estonian writer Eduard

Wilde.



This is a copy of a statue that stands in Tartu in Estonia, and was presented to Galway to mark the occasion of Estonia joining the EU in 2004.



Towards the end of Shop St down a side street on the right is the 14th century Collegiate Church of St Nicholas of Myra, built from Connemara Marble and local limestone and named for the saint otherwise known as Santa Claus.

The church has served its congregation, at some times Catholic, at others (as now) Protestant, for more than 650 years. The

only interruption to this came in 1652 when Cromwell's forces seized the church and used it for a time as stabling for horses.

The importance of Galway as a trading center is evident from the tombs which have symbols of trades included in their decoration - with a stone mason, a wool merchant and a goldsmith among them.

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Just outside St Nicholas Church, a rather ghoulish panel appears below a window in the only remaining wall of a building that was once another home of the Lynch family. The story goes that in 1493 Walter, son of the serving mayor James Lynch, was found guilty of murdering a Spaniard and sentenced to death. However, few believed him guilty and nobody willing to carry out the sentence could be found. Determined that the rule of law would prevail, James Lynch hung his own son at this spot.



A small unremarkable house at No. 8 Bowling Green was the home of Nora Barnacle, wife of the famous Irish writer James Joyce.

It has been restored and not only has some interesting material relating the Nora and her husband but is an interesting glimpse into how an ordinary working family in Galway lived during the early part of the 20th century.



It is not always open in the winter and opening times are unpredictable the rest of the time.

Quay St has many small craft shops and restaurants and also two famous pubs, The Quay's which is famed for its traditional music sessions and Tigh Neachtain, where the old interior with its little 'snugs' or booths is a real beauty.

Both pubs serve very good lunches and are noted for their seafood. **Lunch on your own in town today. Your guide will recommend dining options in Galway.**

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Spanish Arch was once an old and run down area, but is now a modernised and trendy part of town, though some not very attractive new development takes away from the look of the area.

You'll pass the Galway City Museum as you walk to the Spanish Arch - it's worth a quick visit.



The history of the arch is something of a mystery, as is the reason for its name, though it was probably named for the Spanish traders who frequently used the harbour. The sculptress Clare Sheridan, cousin of Winston Churchill and friend of Stalin, had here studio here.

After the tour, you will be returned to Ashford Castle where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is in the Castle on your own this evening.

Overnight at Ashford Castle

Day 11 Ireland: Ashford Castle – Connemara – Ashford Castle



Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional Local Guide in the lobby of the Castle for a half day tour of Connemara.

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Connemara is an area beloved by artists & poets who find magical inspiration in its wide open bogs & its towering cloud capped mountains. Cottages nestle into hillsides where wild looking sheep with thick fleeces & great curling horns freely graze. The rugged coastline is punctuated with little fishing villages, where you will see the traditional canvas built currachs & black hulled Galway Hookers moored beside the lobster pot strewn piers. Visit the Duc de Stacpoole at the Roundstone Art Gallery.



Visit **Kylemore Abbey**, an enchanting fairy-tale castle in the neo-Gothic style that stands dramatically at the foot of a barren mountain in a remote and beautiful part of Connemara

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– its numerous battlemented and machicolated towers and turrets reflected in the waters of the lake below.

The castle was built between 1863 and 1868 for Mitchell Henry (1826-1911), a highly successful Manchester financier and MP, to the design of James Franklin Fuller and Ussher Roberts, brother of Field Marshal Roberts.

The story of its building began in 1852 when Henry was on honeymoon with his bride Margaret Vaughan of Quilly House, County Down. Stopping near Kylemore Pass for an al fresco lunch, the young Mrs Henry looked up and saw a small shooting-box on the opposite hillside, the only dwelling in sight, and exclaimed: 'How I would love to live there.' Ten years later, Mitchell Henry, by now a rich tycoon, purchased the property with its 9,000 acres of moor land, mountain and lake and embarked upon a dream house for his wife.

For years this amazing house, now a convent, has been the most admired and photographed building in the West of Ireland.

Clifden, the capital of Connemara is known for its tweeds. You will follow the Sky Road into Clifden.



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Lunch is on your own today at the castle.

After your tour, you will be returned to the Castle where you are at leisure to enjoy the property and activities on the grounds, relax in your room or enjoy the hotel.

For hundreds of years, the grounds of Ashford Castle have provided a vast playground for its owners and their friends. Successive generations of the de Burgo, Bingham, Browne and Guinness families have created one of the finest sporting estates in all of Ireland, if not the world – which is proudly continued to this day.

The expansive 350 acre Ashford Estate lends itself perfectly to a range of activities, from country classic pastimes such as horse riding, fishing, falconry and shooting, to more modern activities such as golf, cycling and kayaking.



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The beautiful 9 hole, 2996 yards par 35 parkland course is perfect for golfers of all abilities to hone their skills. The course, the original deer park of the estate, was designed by the renowned Irish golf architect Eddie Hackett and imaginatively integrates a wide variety of natural features and hazards to create tough par 3s, exciting par 4s and a formidable par 5.

Tee times are complimentary to hotel residents and we provide the best Titleist clubs, top of the range all-terrain trolleys which aerate the course as they're wheeled along.



There are two newly resurfaced all-weather courts for complimentary play. Whether you're a regular player or have never held a racket in your life, you're sure to enjoy the experience in the magnificent setting of the Ashford Estate

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Situated on the banks of Lough Corrib and the River Cong is one of the most famous fisheries in all of Ireland. Covering 44,000 acres, Lough Corrib is the largest of the three lakes in the area and well known for its brown trout, salmon and pike fishing.

From fly fishing lessons to half and full day trips, Frank will tailor your experience to suit your ability and preferences. Suitable for total beginners and competent fishermen alike, the majority of fishing trips take place from traditional wooden boats on Lough Corrib, offering spectacular scenery and incredible views of Ashford Castle from the water



Discover the ancient form of falconry at the oldest established Falconry School in Ireland - flying hawks is an experience of a lifetime!

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Our aim is to share with you the pleasure and excitement of falconry, a fascination that has enthralled people for 4,000 years, and today provides guests with a unique experience in magnificent surroundings. No previous experience is necessary and our private guided Hawk Walks cater for all ages and families.



Situated within easy walking distance of the castle, trail rides and lessons are available for all ages and abilities and are accompanied by an experienced guide. Hard hats and Jodhpur boots are provided.

Trail Riding

From 1 hour trail riding to half-day or full-day rides for the more experienced, we will match each rider to their horse and offer a little tuition before heading out on the trail.

Private Lessons

Riding lessons for all abilities are available in the indoor and outdoor arenas - perfect for those who are starting out or those who want to

improve.

Pony Rides

A pony ride is the perfect introduction for little ones aged 4+. Starting in the arena then progressing outside, ponies are led at all times by a guide on foot.

Carriage Rides

Carriage rides are a great way of exploring the incredible estate. Seating four adults or two adults and three children, soak up the lake-side scenery or head deeper into the forest to visit Danagher's house from the Quiet Man movie.

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Cycling is a great way to discover the incredible surroundings – getting fit and having fun at the same time! The Ashford Estate itself has some great cycling trails and the countryside, with its relatively quiet roads and spectacular scenery, is a cyclist's idea of heaven. Cycle hire is available at the hotel and we can suggest a variety of popular routes.



Glide along the Lough

Enjoy kayaking on the River Cong accompanied by your very own experienced guide. It's a great way to spend an afternoon and is suitable for all ages and levels of fitness.

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Lake cruising at Ashford Castle is a magnificent way to explore the pristine surroundings and soak up the scenery at leisure.

With 365 islands and surrounding Connemara Mountains, you will have a great opportunity to photograph Ashford Castle from the water.

Dinner is on your own tonight at the hotel.

Overnight at Ashford Castle – Junior Stateroom

Day 12 Ireland: Ashford Castle – Balyfin Demesne

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and **if you are departing back to the US today**, you will be met by your private driver and transferred to Shannon or Dublin airport (whichever one your flights are booked from) to meet your international flights back to the US and onward to Home.

End of Services.

If you are continuing forward with the second half of this incredible holiday itinerary, your driver will transfer you to **Balyfin Demesne**.



Upon arrival at Balyfin Demesne, you will meet the concierge who will welcome you with a private VIP Irish check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodations.

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The remainder of the day is at leisure for you to enjoy the Manor, the property and get acquainted with your surroundings.

The house has long been admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland and after eight years of restoration, Ballyfin re-opened in May 2011 as a 5* country-house hotel like no other. It offers the very best of Irish hospitality in the most beautiful surroundings imaginable. Condé Nast Traveler named it Number One in its 2016 Readers' Choice Awards for the Top 50 Hotels in the World.

Estate Activities



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Among the outdoor activities offered at Ballyfin are coarse fishing on the lake, which has a large stock of roach and pike, croquet, clay pigeon shooting, tennis, archery and falconry.

Within the demesne there are several miles of hard surfaced paths as well as miles of mown grass paths offering a gentle stroll or the exhilaration of mountain biking. The gardens and park lands are a delight to explore and picnics are offered to enjoy in the grounds.

Ballyfin Demesne is full of wildlife, so much to look out for while exploring the demesne. Wild birds to name a few that can be seen are Kestrels, Sparrow hawks, Hen Harriers, Buzzards, long eared Owl, Cuckoo, Pheasants, Kingfishers, Swans, Coots and Moorhens.

Catch a glimpse of a Fox, Deer, Red Squirrel, Mink and Pine Marten. Enjoy a leisurely afternoon fishing on the lake, Pike, Roach, Tench and Eel (catch and return).

Some of the activities available

- BOATING ON THE LAKE
- COARSE FISHING ON THE LAKE
- BALLYFIN PICNIC EXPERIENCE
- HORSE RIDING*
- PONY & CARRIAGE*
- CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING*

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- ARCHERY*
- FALCONRY*

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House Activities



Modelled on the tradition of the Irish county house, Ballyfin is designed for the most discerning guests who want to enjoy a few days of absolute tranquility and to experience the noble tradition of Irish hospitality.

Guests are encouraged to enjoy Ballyfin in their own fashion; it is a place of urbane leisure and refined relaxation.

There are six reception rooms including an 80 foot library with roaring log fires and collections of rare books. Wine and whiskey tastings, music recitals and art and architectural tours of the house are among the activities offered but we can also provide tailor-made activities to suit our guests' requirements.

COSTUME DEPARTMENT

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Have you dreamed in starring in your own period drama? With the backdrop of Ballyfin (long admired as one of the most lavish regency mansions in Ireland) and a stunning collection of period costumes (from the Lyric Opera Company in Chicago - one of the best opera companies in the world) - you now have the opportunity. This is especially suitable for groups where guests can visit the specially designed costume room to try on and choose their costumes. With all guests dressed up, the group is now ready to enjoy a splendid evening with a fine banquet and entertainment to make the most of the occasion.

THE COSTUME EXPERIENCE

It is frockage Heaven - where you will find a wonderful selection of 40 costumes along with a great selection of matching accessories.

Your group will have great fun exploring the rails of beautiful costumes and selecting one to suit each individual.

Our trained dressers will ensure you look the part for the evening and your selected costume will be delivered to your room.

During pre-dinner drinks, Ballyfin's photographer will be on-hand to photograph all participants individually and in group shots using the spectacular settings of Ballyfin as a backdrop.

THE LIBRARY

The 80ft library is perfect for whiling away a few hours, relaxing by the open fire reading from a choice of over 5,000 volumes of books.

WINE & WHISKEY TASTING

A highlight for many guests is a trip to Ballyfin's well-stocked Cellar. Guided by our expert sommelier, enjoy an evening of wine or whiskey tasting and you can personally select your wine so that it is perfectly decanted and ready for you at dinner. (pre-booking in advance required)

HISTORY TOUR

Ballyfin house has long been admired as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland, and after eight years of restoration, Ballyfin re-opened in May 2011 as a 5 star country house hotel like no other. Take a guided tour of the house and learn of the history of the families that lived at Ballyfin, the restoration period and enjoy hearing of the history of each room and the antiques and art.

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Spa & Treatments

Treatments & Leisure



FITNESS AND TREATMENT ROOMS

The gym is fully equipped with the latest cardio vascular machines, audiovisual equipment and free weights. A personal training service is available on request. The treatment rooms provide an ideal place to unwind, restore and to invigorate the body and mind. Our highly trained therapists will ensure you leave feeling revitalised and refreshed.

We hope you will feel free to discuss your treatment choices with our reservations team - they will know and understand the treatments and will advise on which experience would best suit your needs. Alternatively you can reserve an amount of time and upon arrival and consultation, your therapist will select treatments for you. We request that you book in advance of arrival to ensure we will have the availability of our therapists and treatment times required.

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Whether you feel like swimming some laps, enjoying some water exercises or simply relaxing, our 14m heated indoor pool, overlooking the courtyard garden, is a beautiful space for invigoration and wellbeing or relax in our vitality pool and sauna.

VITALITY POOL AND SAUNA

The vitality pool is equipped with a mixture of air and water based features. It includes a large feature seat with a combination of fine air bubbles and powerful water jets. The air pad in the centre of the pool floor offers an invigorating air massage while wall mounted hydro jets add vigorous leg and back massage to your experience. All features are available on demand and the water is kept at 40°C for your comfort while the low level lighting adds to the ambience.

Golf



Championship golf is nearby with some of the finest golf courses in Ireland within driving distance of Ballyfin.

MOUNT JULIET (78 KMS)

The beautiful and challenging Mount Juliet golf course has established itself as a premier golfing venue for professionals and leisure golfers worldwide. Chosen as the first and only Jack Nicklaus signature golf course in Ireland, the par 72, 7,300 yard layout boasts rolling fairways, many featuring water hazards and contoured greens, all superbly blended into the spectacular setting of this famous old Irish estate.

THE K CLUB (81 KMS)

Designed by Arnold Palmer, The Palmer Ryder Cup Course is ranked regularly in the top three parkland golf courses in Ireland. This Palmer designed golf haven is a must-play 'badge of honour' that has hosted the top golf players in the world. The Ryder Cup in 2006 and 11 European Opens testify to the importance of The Palmer Ryder Cup Course to European Golf.

THE HERITAGE (30 KMS)

A 72 par Championship golf course designed by Seve Ballesteros and Jeff Howes is located nearby in County Laois, with the Slieve Bloom Mountains as a backdrop. Five lakes and a stream meander through the course and bring water into play on ten holes.

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98 beautifully shaped bunkers and 7,000 trees adorn the landscape, which is very gently undulating without any climbing involved.

Lunch and Dinner are on your own today.

Dining Options



Every dining experience at Ballyfin is a gastronomic affair. Throughout the year our Head Chef and his team along with our gardeners and local suppliers work together to produce not only mouth-watering dishes but to make the most of what Ballyfin walled gardens and the Irish countryside has to offer. From “garden to plate” at the very best. Guests hiking, biking or simply relaxing may opt to take with them a traditional gourmet picnic hamper to enjoy in any location across the grounds, or select an al fresco meal

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on the terrace of the main house. Alternatively, enjoy the panoramic views from the picnic house (additional cost applies).

The cocktail hour is back at Ballyfin, ushering in dinner where you will enjoy the grandeur of the State Dining Room and the Van Der Hagen Room.

Downstairs the Cellar Bar offers a relaxed atmosphere and informal setting and provides residents with the opportunity to enjoy a more casual dinner experience.

Private dining can be arranged in the Porcelain Room lined with the famous 'Flora Danica' set of china or in the atmospheric Wine Cellar. (pre-booking 24 hours in advance required for private dining and additional cost applies).

At Ballyfin the architectural splendour of the rooms and their historical resonances combine with the food to make for truly memorable dining experiences.

Guests dine at individual tables unless a preference is expressed to dine with other guests.



Day 13 Ireland: Balyfin Demesne

Breakfast in the Demesne.

After breakfast, you are at leisure today to enjoy all of the activities and property of the Ballyfin Demesne.

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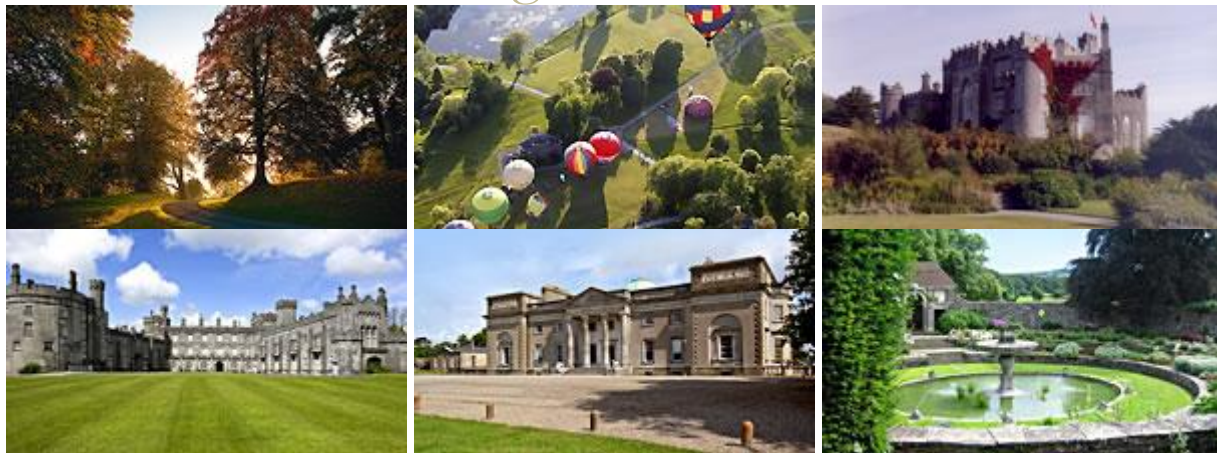
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Day 14 Ireland: Balyfin Demesne – Historical Houses & Gardens

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the Demesne for your full day tour of the historical houses and gardens of the area.

Historical houses & gardens



KILKENNY CASTLE - IN THE HEART OF THE MEDIEVAL CITY

Kilkenny Castle stands dramatically on a strategic height that commands a crossing on the River Nore and dominates the 'High Town' of Kilkenny City. Over the eight centuries of its existence, many additions and alterations have been made to the fabric of the building, making Kilkenny Castle today a complex structure of various architectural styles.

The original Anglo-Norman stone castle was built for William Marshal, 4th Earl of Pembroke (c.1146-1219) during the first decade of the thirteenth century. Kilkenny Castle later became the principal Irish residence of the powerful Butler family for almost 600 years. The Butler ownership began when James (c.1360-1405), 3rd Earl of Ormond, purchased the castle in c.1391, and lasted until 1967 when Arthur, 6th Marquess of Ormonde (1893-1971), presented it to the people of Kilkenny in return for a token payment of £50.

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EMO COURT – EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY MANSION AND LANDSCAPED GARDENS

Emo Court was designed by the architect James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington and is a magnificent example of the neoclassical style. During the middle of this century it was owned by the Jesuits, it was then acquired and extensively restored by Mr. Cholmeley-Harrison in the 1960s.

The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens and parkland which were first laid out in the eighteenth century and contain formal lawns, a lake and woodland walks with many fine trees and shrubs. The house and gardens were taken into State ownership in 1994.

HEYWOOD GARDENS

Colonel William Hutchinson Poe commissioned the leading architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens, to plan the gardens at Heywood. Known as 'The Italian Gardens,' they are the only example of Lutyens' work outside of Dublin.

The gardens were completed in 1912. They consist of formal gardens, lakes, woodland and architectural features, such as Gothic gates and artificial ruins, embellished with medieval pieces such as the window taken from Aghaboe Abbey. The gardens in Heywood remained as structurally intact as they were when they were completed at the turn of the century.

Lunch is on your own today en-route. Your guide will offer recommendations for dining today.

After your tour you will be returned to the Demesne where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening in the Demesne.

Day 15 Ireland: Balyfin Demesne

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, you will meet your private driver & professional local guide in the lobby of the Demesne for your full day tour of The Slieve Bloom Mountains. Today we will be walking and cycling in the gentle slopes of these infamous mountains. It's a photographer's dream, as you will have panoramic views of three counties on this tour.

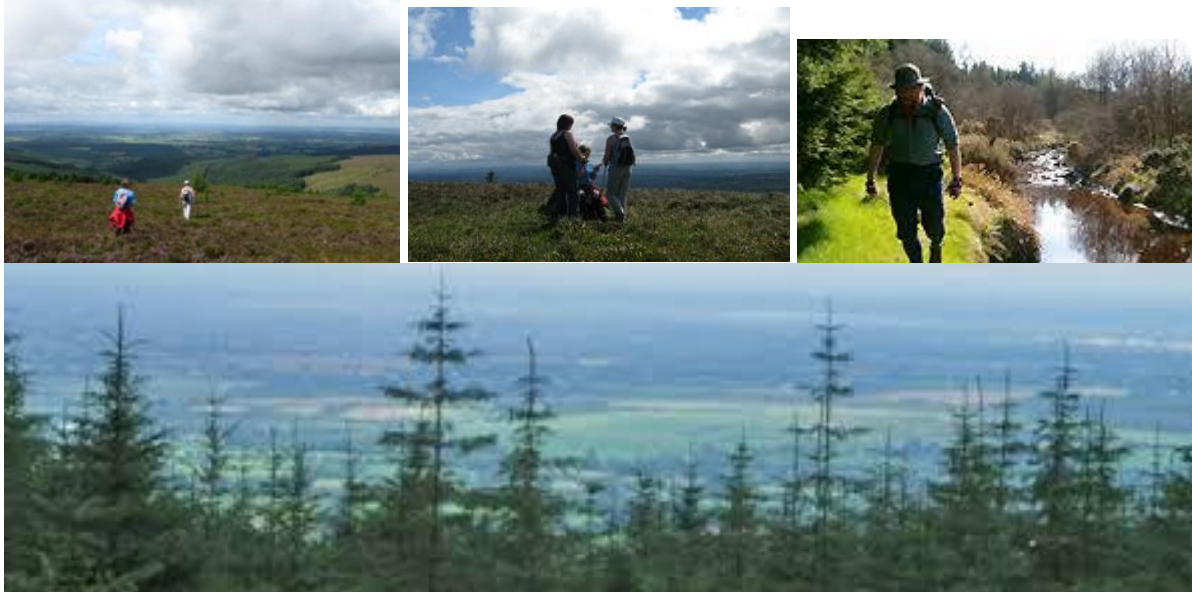
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The gentle rolling hills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains rise from the central plains of Ireland, very near Ballyfin and are among the most unspoiled and least explored areas in Ireland.

The area is made up of forests, blanket bog of a type unique to Ireland, interspersed with hidden valleys of great character, and interest to the nature lover. The natural colours of the landscape are remarkable in any season.

Much of the higher reaches of the mountains have been designated as an Environmentally Protected Area for special preservation, as an amenity for generations to come. The mountains are surrounded by a necklace of villages, each one a gem.

The quiet country roads are also great for a leisurely drive across the mountains with unparalleled views across the midlands.

Enjoy a picnic Lunch prepared by the Demesne today en-route. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout the day.

It is said that you can see half the counties in Ireland from the top of the Slieve Blooms. Alternatively wander around the foothills of the mountains, visiting the quaint villages, taking your time to stop along the way, where it is like stepping back in time to an era when life moved at a much slower pace.

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The Slieve Bloom mountains are a hill walkers paradise. The mountains are not so high as to be dangerous yet are not so low that they can still provide a challenge to every grade of walker. There is a wide choice of looped walks and long-distance-way marked walks.

Quiet lanes, gentle and challenging slopes also make the mountains a cyclist's haven. The quiet roads and forestry trails of the Slieve Blooms are ideal for leisurely and safe cycling either

on or off the surfaced road.

After your day in the mountains, you will be returned to the Demesne where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day to enjoy the facilities or experience more of the activities on the property.

Dinner is on your own this evening at the Demesne.

Day 16 Ireland: Ballyfin Demesne – Dublin

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast, check out of Ballyfin Demesne and meet your private driver in the lobby of the Demesne for your transfer to Dublin today.

Upon arrival in Dublin, you will be delivered to The Merrion Hotel for your stay in the city.

Upon arrival at the hotel, you will be met by the concierge who will welcome you with a private VIP Check-in experience. Your luggage will be managed and delivered to your accommodation.

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Enjoy a **3-hour walking tour** of Dublin, and discover the historic city's main sites, such as the bohemian Temple Bar district, and **Dublin Castle**. Immerse yourself in Irish history and hear music and stories that make Ireland's capital city so unique.



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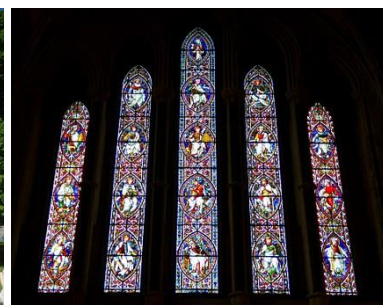
Highlights:

Stroll along the cobbles of **Temple Bar and Trinity College**, catching the cadences of Irish accents cascading through the streets.

Stand by the River Liffey and tilt your nose to inhale the hops wafting from the Guinness Brewery.

Marvel at the soft lilt of the Gaelic language Learn about some of Ireland's

famous writers and freedom fighters Walk across the enchanting Ha'penny Bridge.



After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel where you will be at leisure .
Settle into your accommodations and relax.

Enjoy Lunch in the hotel on your own today.

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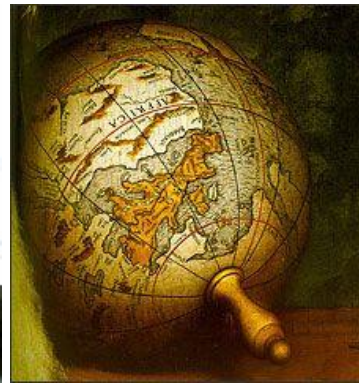
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3:00pm: Meet your private English-speaking driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the Shelbourne Hotel where you will have a VIP Celebrity Hosted Afternoon Tea.



Enjoy afternoon tea with historian **Turtle Bunbury** at Shelbourne Hotel.
Speaker on Irish Culture - Turtle Bunbury – quite special!

The Hon. Turtle Bunbury, younger son of Lord Rathdonnell, is a best-selling author and historian based in Ireland. His books include the Vanishing Ireland series, Sporting Legends of Ireland, The Irish Pub & Living in Sri Lanka. He was curator of the first ever History Festival of Ireland in June 2012.

He is the presenter on the 'Genealogy Roadshow', an ongoing tv series which first aired on Ireland's RTE1 television channel in 2011.

In the 1990s he studied law and modern history at University of Groningen in the Netherlands and Trinity College Dublin. Then he was a journalist for several years on the South China Morning Post and in Cambodia.

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After your high tea, you will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

Dinner is on your own tonight. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations on dining in Dublin.

Day 17 Ireland: Dublin - Dublin's Museums and Galleries



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Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private Professional National Gallery Expert, Cathy, in the lobby of your hotel who will escort you to the National Gallery for a VIP behind the scenes look at this infamous museum.



Visit **National Gallery** and discover its collections. Gallery holds the national collection of European and Irish fine art.

A light, entertaining and interactive tour where you will gain a new insight into art and develop the skills to identify for yourself what you like and why! Better still, you will leave with the confidence and a framework of knowledge that sets you up to enjoy future art viewing in any gallery in the world.

This tour is an introduction to the world of art. Cathy uses a unique chronological order and style to chart the development of art up to and including modern art - effectively a 'crash course' in the history of art. Paintings from the gallery's extensive collection are used as examples, including Caravaggio's world famous *The Taking of Christ*, to explain the essence of different art movements. We look at Impressionism, at Cubism and at a selection of classic masterpieces and of course Irish Art.

Coffee break

You take a well-deserved coffee break to sample some of the delicious pastries in the gallery café before going to Trinity College for your tour of the Book of Kells exhibition.

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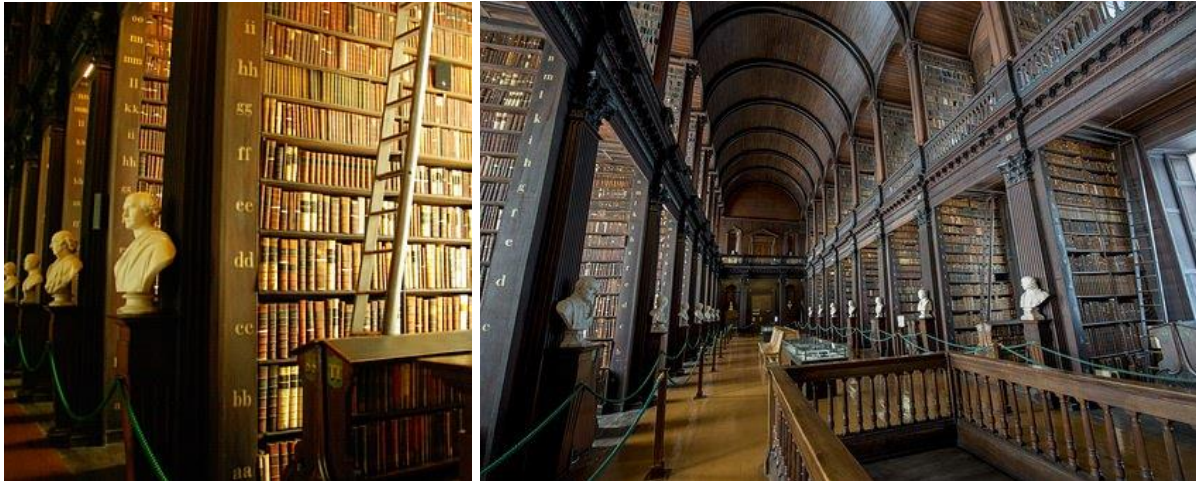
Book of Kells

No visit to Dublin would be complete without seeing this world renowned book containing the four Gospels of the New Testament in Latin expertly illustrated. The Book of Kells is famous for its lavish and beautiful decoration.

You will enjoy a full and complete tour of the exhibition, including an explanation of the magical Ogham alphabet, leading to a better understanding as to why this book is so famous. We also look at the magnificent Long Room in the Old Library and walk through Trinity College and discover some of the history of this fascinating college.

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Spend the remainder of the afternoon on your own. You can continue to explore the city on your own or decide to return to your hotel to relax.



You may also like to visit Little Museum of Dublin and The Dublin Writer's Museum, where Dublin's literary celebrities from the past three hundred years are brought to life through their books, letters, portraits and personal items. The building, a restored Georgian mansion on Parnell Square, is a treasure in itself. The sumptuous plasterwork in the first floor Gallery of Writers is worth a visit alone.

After the tour, you will be returned to your hotel, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day. You are free to enjoy the hotel, perhaps have an afternoon at the spa, or continue to explore on your own.

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5:00pm: Enjoy a private Literary Pub Crawl. Meet your private English-speaking professional guide in the lobby of your hotel who will escort you to meet up with Colm Quilligan for a fun and interesting tour of Dublin's Pubs.

Colm Quilligan kicks off the Literary Pub Crawl with a song - Waxie's Dargle, with cheerful lines such as "When food is scarce and you see the hearse / You'll know you've died of hunger" - then takes us from the Duke pub through the cobbled square of Trinity College and into several pubs in a nearby maze of narrow streets.



He quotes at ease from Joyce, Behan, Beckett, Yeats and even James Larkin and Flann O'Brien, and although he must have said it all 1,000 times, he is witty, enthusiastic and informative, happy to veer off the mark and into subjects that wouldn't be covered by the city's tourist brochures, such as Eamon de Valera's signing, in 1945, of a condolence book for Adolf Hitler...

After the tour, you will have dinner in the city with your guide.

After dinner, you will be escorted back to your hotel where you are at leisure for the remainder of the evening. * Your guide will leave you after dinner. However, if you want to continue to enjoy Dublin's night life, you can stay in town and later make your own way back to the hotel via taxi or walking.

Day 18 Ireland: Dublin – Belfast – Dublin

Breakfast in the hotel.

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After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a journey to Belfast today.



It was the manufacture of linen which made Belfast Ireland's biggest city by 1888. The yellow cranes which dominate the river are Samson and Goliath and signpost the Harland and Wolff shipyard where the world-famous Titanic ship was built.

This thriving city is divided into four quarters: the Gaeltacht Quarter, the Cathedral Quarter, the Queen's Quarter and the Titanic Quarter. Each quarter has its own defining characteristics, but the one that unifies them is the people and their charismatic nature and welcoming charm. With so much to do in each, it's hard to know where to begin your exploration of this wonderful city.

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The Gaeltacht Quarter



The Cathedral Quarter



Taking its name from St. Anne's Cathedral, the Cathedral Quarter was deemed a Conservation Area in 1990 as a means

to preserve its identity as the historical heart of Belfast.



Walking through its narrow cobble streets you will find many intriguing buildings that really add to its intimate charm.

More recently this area has started to play a key role in the arts and crafts scene in Belfast with many visual and performing artists making it their

home.

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The Queen's Quarter



Within the Queen's Quarter you'll find some stunning architectural gems, including Queen's University, the Botanic Gardens and the Palm House (all from the 19th Century).

This part of Belfast is brim-full of cultural hotspots with several contemporary art galleries, a diverse fusion of restaurants and some fantastic pubs offering anything from traditional Irish music to Jazz sessions.

The Titanic Quarter



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We begin the tour in the **Gaeltacht Quarter**. On to one of the finest Classical Renaissance buildings in Europe; it resembles an American state capital building.

See the ornate dome, grand staircase and the poignant marble figures commemorating the loss of the Titanic.

Cross the road to the Linen Hall Library which has been lending books for over 200 years and is the oldest surviving subscription library in the

UK.



Close by is the Grand Opera House, Northern Ireland's premier theatre.

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During the tour you will visit some of Lewis sites, such as 'The Searcher' at Hollywood Arches Library - the CS Lewis centenary sculpture by Northern Irish artist Ross Wilson is an inspired creation based on the character of Digory Kirke, who, in the Narnia story, 'The Magician's Nephew'; Saint Mark's Church - this was CS Lewis' local church in which he was baptized on 29 January 1899 and confirmed on 6 December 1914.



There is a stained-glass window in the church, donated by the Lewis brothers in memory of their parents, designed by Irish artist M. Healy. And C.S Lewis Reading Room at Queens University Belfast.

Located in the tower area of Floor 1 of The McClay Library, you'll find a replica of the wardrobe used in the "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" which marks the entrance to the room.

The reading area features glass engraved quotations from the author, and the carpets and central table are also based on Narnia themes. It's a great tribute to C.S Lewis, whose mother attended the university and of course brings visitors that little bit closer to the magic of Narnia.

In addition, the university also holds letters from C.S Lewis to his friend Captain Bernard Acworth and were donated to the university in 2012 – the ten rare unpublished letters are held in the C.S Lewis Reading room.

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Titanic Belfast is a "must see" visit in any tour of Belfast and Northern Ireland. It is located in the heart of Belfast, right beside the historic site of this world-famous ship's construction. Housed in an iconic, 6-floor building.



The adventure begins the moment you walk through the door and into the building's giant atrium surrounded by the four 'ship's hull' shaped wings which house the Titanic Experience.



As you journey through the nine large galleries of this state-of-the-art interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

At the start, you'll learn about Belfast at the turn of the century as a thriving boom town

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and experience a thrilling ride through a dramatic presentation of the shipyards and the Titanic under construction. Watch the launch from the slipways and explore the sumptuous luxury and superb craftsmanship of Titanic's interiors.

Be brought deep into the stories of the passengers, the crew and the heroes of the day; relive the drama of the tragic end to Titanic's maiden, and only, voyage, and visit the wreck at her resting place on the floor of the North Atlantic. Voyage to the bottom of the sea in our unique Ocean Exploration Centre with live links to contemporary undersea exploration.

Enjoy breathtaking views to the slip-ways where the Titanic was launched and relax in one of the superb restaurants. And if you'd like a souvenir to remind you of your trip to the home of the Titanic, there's plenty to choose from in the Titanic Store.

Day 19 Ireland: Dublin –

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you are at leisure today to relax and rest, enjoy the hotel or continue exploring on your own.

Lunch & Dinner are on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Dublin.

Day 20 Ireland: Dublin – Kildare & Wicklow

Breakfast in the hotel.

After breakfast, you will meet your private English-speaking Driver & Professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for a tour of Kildare & Wicklow.

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The Grand Tour is the quintessential circuit of Kildare and Wicklow, taking in the most spectacular scenery, the most beautiful big houses and gardens and the most intriguing Early Christian heritage sites... in a route as suited to a short visit as a long, leisurely meander.



Historically, the 'Grand Tour' was a European sojourn undertaken by young aristocrats, a rite of passage soaking up the continental highlights. Kildare Wicklow recaptures that, offering a complete Irish experience within a short drive of Dublin.

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Roam from St. Kevin's sixth century monastic settlement at Glendalough to great mansions like Russborough and Carton House.

Stop to smell the flowers in ravishing Irish gardens, savour warm village welcomes, or soak up epic scenery ranging from grassy plains, glacial lakes and wild mountain passes to a surprising eastern coastline.

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Enjoy a private Sheepdog demonstration at Russborough House



Along with the hotspots you'll find plenty of hidden gems: a Givenchy dress worn by Princess Grace at the Newbridge Museum of Style Icons; a submerged town land

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beneath the Blessington Lakes, a fairy bower at Lullymore, at the heart of the Bog of Allen. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure right on Dublin's doorstep.



After your tour, you will be returned to your hotel, where you are at leisure until this evening.

Dinner is on your own this evening. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Dublin.

Day 21 Ireland: [Dublin – US & Home](#)

Breakfast in the hotel.

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After breakfast, you will check out of your hotel and meet your private English-speaking Driver in the lobby for your transfer to the Dublin Airport to meet your international flight to the US and forward to Home.

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The Merrion Hotel - EPITOME OF RELAXED GRANDEUR

The Merrion, located in the heart of Dublin city centre, is the capital's most luxurious five star hotel, and a proud member of The Leading Hotels of the World.

The 142-bedroom and suite hotel is as welcoming as it is stylish. An impeccable restoration of four Georgian townhouses, The Merrion is a marriage of exquisite comfort, relaxed elegance and advanced guest facilities, including free Wi-Fi, an 18m pool, spa and gym.

The Merrion is home to the 2-star Michelin Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud, The Cellar Bar, The Garden Room, and the intimate No. 23 Cocktail Bar.

This 5 star luxury hotel is to be found in the heart of Georgian Dublin, opposite Government Buildings and a few minutes' walk from galleries, museums, the I.F.S.C, Dublin Convention Centre, pubs, restaurants and the shops of Grafton Street. Located in the centre of Georgian Dublin, The Merrion is Dublin's most luxurious 5 star hotel. Created from 4 Georgian Townhouses, facilities include 2 bars, 2 restaurants, drawing rooms, private gardens, 18m pool and a fully equipped gymnasium.

WHAT WE REALLY LIKE ABOUT THE MERRION HOTEL

- It has Ireland's largest private art collection.
- It has Beautifully landscaped private gardens.
- It has Ireland's only 2 Michelin-star restaurant.

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Located on the upper floors of the Georgian Main House, the one bedroom Merrion Suites overlook The Merrion's private gardens. The suites are decorated with Irish fabrics and period-style furniture in keeping with the architecture and interiors of the original 18th-century townhouses.

Each Merrion Suite is furnished with a king-size bed (6ft 6"). The Sitting Room has a dining room table seating four, a sitting area with a sofa and two armchairs, a coffee table with a selection of lifestyle magazines, a music system and a decorative Georgian fireplace.

Each Merrion Suite is also is equipped with free Wi-Fi, multi-line telephones, personalised voicemail with remote access, video conferencing, cable/satellite television with movies available on demand, individually controlled air-conditioning, two armchairs, a writing desk with Merrion stationery, Nespresso machine and a fully-stocked minibar.

Location: The Georgian Main House

View: Magnificent views of The Merrion's period gardens

Bed: One King Bed (6ft 6") One rollaway bed or crib can be placed in room on request

Bathroom: Large bathroom with Italian Carrera marble. Separate bathtub & shower

Capacity: 2 Adults and 1 Child

Size: (m2): 62 (sq. ft.): 682

CULINARY & WINE - AT THE MERRION

THE GARDEN ROOM



The Garden Room is a restaurant with character, comfortable, with a menu designed for sharing tastes and flavours and whimsical combinations, created by executive chef Ed Cooney and his team.

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THE CELLAR BAR

The relaxed atmosphere in the Cellar Bar makes it the perfect place to relax over a drink or two and enjoy the all-day gastro-pub menu.

Along with a full bar service, carefully selected wines are available by the glass. Great service and a convivial atmosphere make the Cellar Bar an ideal choice for lunch, dinner or just a quiet pint.



RESTAURANT PATRICK GUILBAUD

The Merrion is proud to be home to Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud, Ireland's only two-star Michelin restaurant is situated in the luxurious surroundings of The Merrion 5 star hotel, with magnificent views overlooking the hotel's classical gardens.

Restaurant Patrick Guilbaud's pursuit of perfection is evidenced in cuisine that is as sophisticated as it is immaculately presented. Delicious and innovative dishes are prepared from the finest ingredients, while service is impeccable, combining efficient French decorum with discreet Irish charm.



ART AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon tea, with pastries inspired by the hotel's magnificent art collection, is served in the Drawing Rooms. It's art that's good enough to eat.

'Art Tea' at The Merrion 5 star hotel is the most lavish afternoon tea in Dublin. Treat yourself to a slice of 19th- or 20th-century art served on fine china with miniature sweet creations inspired by the work of J.B Yeats, William Scott, Louis Le Brocquy and others.

The gracious surroundings of The Merrion's Drawing Rooms are the perfect place to relax for an afternoon with a selection of delectable treats, accompanied by teas and coffees selected by our in-house tea masters and barista, while browsing through a complimentary copy of The Merrion art collection catalogue.

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Art Tea is served at 1.30pm and 4.30pm daily.

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