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7 Day Belfast & The Game Of Thrones Inspired Journey



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Belfast is Northern Ireland's capital. It was the birthplace of the RMS Titanic, which famously struck an iceberg and sunk in 1912. This legacy is recalled in the renovated dockyards' Titanic Quarter, which includes the Titanic Belfast, an aluminium-clad museum reminiscent of a ship's hull, as well as shipbuilder Harland & Wolff's Drawing Offices and the Titanic Slipways, which now host open-air concerts.

Day 1 Arrival: Belfast: US - Belfast

Upon arrival in Belfast, you will be met by your private Professional Local Guide who will assist you through customs, escort you through the airport and deliver you to your private Driver who will transfer you to your hotel (TBD).

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Upon arrival at the hotel, meet the Concierge for a VIP check-in. Leave your luggage with the Concierge who will have it delivered to your accommodation and will be waiting for your return.

Your Professional local guide will join you and your driver in the lobby of the hotel for a morning Belfast city tour. This tour is designed to give you an overview of the city and let you get your bearings in Belfast.

You will be returned to your hotel around noon, where you will be at leisure for the remainder of the day.

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

Day 2: Belfast: Belfast

Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel for your Titanic Tour.



First you will experience Titanic Belfast.

Titanic Belfast, named the World's Leading Tourist Attraction at the prestigious World Travel Awards in 2016, is located beside the Titanic Slipways, the Harland and Wolff Drawing Offices and Hamilton Graving Dock, the very place where Titanic was designed, built and launched in 1912.

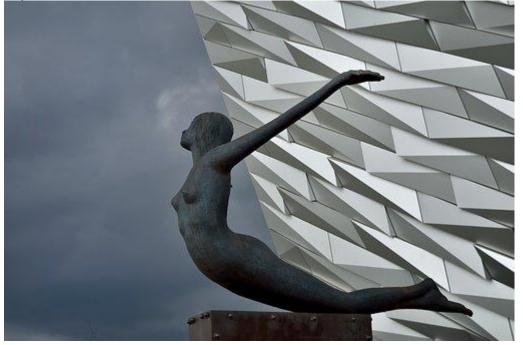
Titanic Belfast tells the story of the Titanic, from her conception in

Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to its maiden voyage and subsequent place in history.

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The self-guided Titanic Experience extends over nine interpretive and interactive galleries, which explore the sights, sounds, smells and stories of RMS Titanic, as well as the city and people who made her.

After your experience, your guide will take you on a tour of the other Titanic sites and experiences in this area.



The Titanic Memorial Garden commemorates the 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic in 1912.

Located on the east side of Belfast City Hall, the garden is set on two levels with the upper level containing a nine metre long plinth, inscribed with the names of those who died on RMS Titanic and a lower grassed terrace surrounding the existing monument.

The garden's memorial plinth supports fifteen bronze plaques which list, in alphabetical order, the names of 1,512 people who perished on RMS Titanic.

When the plaques were being designed, it was believed that a complete list of names was already in existence, however this was not the case.

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Eight well-known Belfast-made ships are represented by spectacular sculptured masts that line the east side of Donegall Place. **The Masts.**

Donegall Place, Belfast City Centre

Titanic, her sister ships Olympic and Brittanic, and Nomadic are among eight famous Belfast made ships represented by spectacular sculptured masts that line the east side of Donegall Place in the heart of Belfast. Each mast carries a sail which celebrates Belfast's maritime heritage.

The Kit

Abercorn Basin, Titanic Quarter

The innovative genius that lay behind the building of Titanic is celebrated in this spectacular see-through 13.5 metre tall bronze structure. A giant modelling kit - using scale replicas of Titanic's component parts - recreates the legendary liner beside the Abercorn Basin, near where the real ship was built. The £200,000 piece was inspired by the plastic frames of the Airfix model kits. At night it lights up Titanic Quarter with blue and white phosphorous lighting.

RMS Titanic's tender ship and the last remaining White Star Line vessel has been restored to her original glory.

Walk the decks, explore the ship, and take journey through over 100 years of authentic maritime and social history.

SS Nomadic is most famous for the part she played in the Titanic story when she ferried first and second class passengers to Titanic from Cherbourg, but this was only the beginning of her extraordinary journey that stretches over 100 years. Restored to her original 1911 glory and back home in Belfast where she was designed and built, a visit to SS Nomadic and Hamilton Dock combines the authentic heritage and atmosphere of this historic ship with the intriguing stories of her passengers and the ups and downs of her dramatic career.

Stretched over four decks a visit to Nomadic allows you to experience first-hand what it was like to be a passenger boarding Titanic on her fateful maiden voyage, to marvel at the intricate details and the contrasts between the separated class areas on board.

Behind Titanic Belfast you can walk along the historic slipways where Titanic and Olympic were built and launched over 100 years ago.

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See where Titanic first touched the water back in 1911. The Slipways have since been restored and now play host to a variety of open air concerts and events.

Titanic Belfast stands at the head of the historic slipways where Titanic and Olympic were built and from where these famous ships were first launched into the water. Walk down the very slipway where Titanic was constructed and explore a life size plan of Titanic's Promenade Deck which is inlaid in white stone.

Discover the positions of the liner's lifeboats and funnels and have a seat at one of the benches positioned exactly as they would have been on board the deck of Titanic.

Lunch is on your own today. See Celebration Escapes' Restaurant Collection for recommendations for dining in Belfast.

After lunch, you will visit the Ulster American Folk Park.



Immerse yourself in the story of Irish emigration at the museum that brings it to life.

The indoor exhibition at the Ulster American Folk Park examines life in Ulster in the 18th and 19th centuries. It reveals the reasons behind the exodus and shows how the settlers adapted to and impacted on, a new and unfamiliar environment.

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The ultimate in living history, the outdoor museum brings to life people's daily routines and activities in both the Old and New Worlds. Notable buildings include the famous Mellon Homestead, as well as buildings from America which have been relocated to the museum.

An Ulster street, complete with original shop fronts, and an American street have been reconstructed alongside a full-scale dockside

galley and ship, the Brig Union. Together they recreate the conditions that many thousands of emigrants experienced before, during and after the arduous Atlantic crossing.

The Ulster American Folk Park is part of National Museums Northern Ireland, which also includes the Ulster Museum, Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, the W5 Science Centre and Armagh County Museum.

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

Day 3: Belfast: Belfast – Game of Thrones Tour

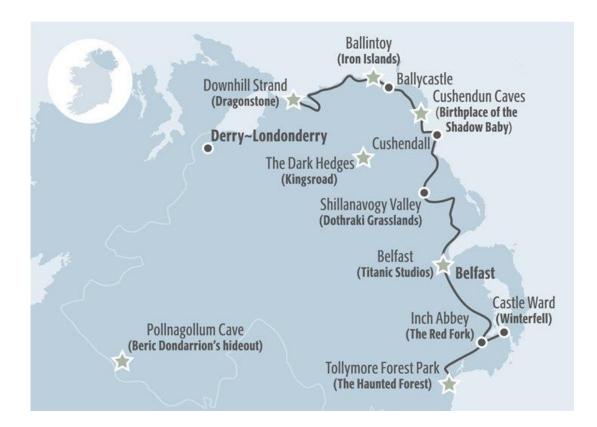
Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to begin your Game of Thrones Tour.

*This itinerary is a sample itinerary (one of many available) at the time of your booking, details for your journey will be crafted for your tour.

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You will drive to the Tollymore Forest Park to begin your exciting adventure.



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Start at the **Tollymore Forest Park**, otherwise known as the Haunted Forest. Once you enter through the gothic-style gates, ramble around these wild woods and along the Shimna River, seeking out ancient redwoods and crumbling ruins, and avoiding the eerie blue eyes of the White Walkers that may watch you from the shadows...



As you make your way forward, stop off at **Inch Abbey**, the remains of a Cistercian abbey that form the backdrop for Robb Stark's camp as he is crowned "King in the North".

Lunch: Stop over at **The Cuan** guesthouse for a filling lunch. Here, you'll find one of the Doors of Thrones, carved from one of the centuries-old old

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beech trees that were felled in a storm at the **Dark Hedges**. Each door is inspired by a different episode of the sixth season of the series.

Afternoon: Visit Castle Ward. A tour of the filming location for Winterfell, just 40 minutes from Belfast and 2 hours from Dublin, this treat includes archery lessons, cycle tours and a meeting with direwolves! Odin and Thor are two Northern Inuit dogs who starred in the series as the beloved pets of the Stark children and Jon Snow. For groups, medieval banquets inspired by King Robert's welcome feast are offered, alongside team-building activities where you can reenact scenes from the show.

As you venture north, you'll find yourself brushing the immaculate beaches of **Quintin Bay**. This stunning stretch of sand, overlooked by the privately owned **Quintin Castle**, provides the backdrop for Castle Stokeworth, the new home of Bronn of the Blackwater, whom Jaime enlists to retrieve Princess Myrcella from Dorne.

Evening

Stop off for the night at Denvir's in **Downpatrick** for a touch of old-world charm in this historic coaching inn.

Day 4: Ireland: Game of Thrones Tour

Breakfast in your hotel.

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Morning

It's all about stunning landscapes this morning. The **Antrim Plateau**, with its Bronze Age fort at Knockdhu and ridge of black basalt rising against the sky, provides a haunting background to Sansa learning she is to be wed to Ramsay Bolton.

Travel downwards into the Dothraki Sea towards Vaes Dothrak, otherwise known as the **Shillanavogy Valley**, where Khal Drogo brings his new bride Daenerys. This huge expanse of gently waving grass is far more peaceful when it's not being bombarded by a horde of thundering Dothraki horsemen.

Not far away, **Slemish Mountain** is where St Patrick once served as a shepherd in reallife County Antrim.

Finally, descend towards the nine valleys of the **Glens of Antrim**, each with its own unique attractions.

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But it's **Glenariff Forest Park**, full of sparkling waterfalls and tranquil rivers, that is the goal. This place is known as Runestone in Westeros, where Lord Yohn Royce hides Robin Arryn, Lord of the Eyrie, to raise him as his ward.

Lunch

Stop off for lunch at **Laragh Lodge**, an 1890s Victorian tea house designed to act as a waypoint for visitors taking to the walks and waterfalls of this beautiful glen.

Afternoon

Delve in to the 400-million-year-old caves at **Cushendun** – this is where Melisandre enacts her black magic in order to murder Renly Baratheon! Explore the caves in depth, go rock pooling or just sit and look out over the sea. Along Northern Ireland's **Causeway Coastal Route**, **Murlough Bay** is where Tyrion and Jorah Mormont are accosted by slavers on their way to Meereen.

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Nearby, **Ballintoy Harbour** is a picturesque port that is known as Pyke in the Seven Kingdoms – the home of the Greyjoys and the Ironborn! Be sure to stride out over the **Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge** while you're here – if you're brave enough! – and explore Carrick Island.

Finally, take a walk down the real Kingsroad through the **Dark Hedges:** an avenue of 200-year old beech trees, twisting and curling in to the sky. This is where Arya takes flight away from the Lannisters, under the safety of the Night's Watch.

Evening

Stay at **The Bushmills Inn**, a boutique hotel that's perfect for exploring other iconic Northern Ireland locations like the **Old Bushmills Distillery** and the **Giant's Causeway**.

Day 5: Ireland: Game of Thrones Tour

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Morning

Keep it local in the morning, and explore the area around **Portstewart Strand** for a wealth of amazing Game of Thrones® locations. The strand itself is a beautiful expanse of golden sand, where surfers gather to take to the waves. However, this is also where Jaime and Bronn are captured on the coast of Sunspear.

Not far away, **Downhill Beach** is overlooked by **Mussenden Temple**, a beautiful structure atop the cliffs that's perfect to explore on foot, hiking up the hillside for breathtaking views of the surrounding area.

A stroll along the beach comes with its own slice of Westeros history – Stannis Baratheon is proclaimed as Azor Ahai by Melisandre here, after he burns effigies of the seven old gods and enters Dragonstone into the war.

Lunch



For lunch, book in to the ever-popular **Harry's Shack** for a range of fresh seafood delights.

Afternoon



Between County Armagh and County Londonderry, **Binevenagh** is where dragons come to fly. This mountain is where Daenerys and Drogon flee to after they escape Meereen. Take the 5km Binevenagh trail to the summit, and hope for a clear day for panoramic views as far as Inishowen and Scotland.

When you descend, make your way south and head towards the **Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark** – this expanse of beautiful woodland and subterranean adventures in County Fermanagh lies at the foot of the **Cuilcagh Mountains**.

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Take the **Belmore Forest** trail, a 7km long walk, and amongst the caves in the park you'll find **Pollnagollum Cave**. This serves as the hideout for the Brotherhood Without Banners and the lightning lord, Beric Dondarrion so get on your boots and explore this underground wonderland...

Evening

Experience gastronomic bliss and stay at **MacNean House**, the residence of legendary Irish chef Neven Maguire. This will round out your trip to the Seven Kingdoms.



Day 6: Ireland: Game of Thrones Tour – Dublin

Breakfast in your hotel.

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After breakfast, meet your private driver & professional local guide in the lobby of your hotel to transfer to Dublin. This two hour drive will take you through some incredible scenery and other interesting places in Ireland.

Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey. Its historic buildings include Dublin Castle, dating to the 13th century, and imposing St Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include landscaped St Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, containing Dublin Zoo. The National Museum of Ireland explores Irish heritage and culture.

Upon arrival in Dublin, you will have lunch in a local restaurant that oozes local culture. You will find many options on the menu but try some local Irish fare for a real Irish treat. **After Lunch**, you will go to The Guinness Storehouse. Located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery, the Guinness Storehouse® is Ireland's most popular tourist attraction. It's the home of the Black Stuff, the heart of Dublin and an unforgettable start to your Irish adventure.



The journey begins at the bottom of the world's largest pint glass and continues up through seven floors filled with interactive experiences that fuse our long brewing heritage with Ireland's rich history. At the top, you'll be rewarded with a pint of perfection in our world-famous rooftop Gravity Bar. Now that's our kind of higher education.

After your tour, you will be delivered to your hotel (TBD). Meet the concierge for a VIP Check-in. Settle into your accommodations and relax.

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

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Day 7: Ireland: Dublin – US & Home Breakfast in your hotel.

After breakfast, meet your private driver in the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the airport to meet your international flight back to the US & Home.

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