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Groups 8 Day Ireland Castles Journey Ultimate Celebrities & Passions



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8 Day GROUP ITINERARY

****This is a sample Itinerary based on a group with 21 Rooms. Groups of all sizes can be accommodated on this itinerary. Accommodations will change depending on size of group.**

This Itinerary Is A Celebrity Hosted Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival Ireland : US – Ireland - Dublin

Ireland Castles Experience

Upon arrival in Dublin, you will meet your private Coach in Baggage Claim. There may be multiple flights arriving within an hour of each other, so the transfer will take place every two hours until all passengers are arrived.

You will be transferred approximately 1 hour outside of Dublin, in County Kildare to Leixlip Castle.

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Assuming all the flights arrive at different times it is proposed that individual transfers are arranged to the 12th Century private castle of Hon Desmond Guinness where coffee and Irish coffee, scones and biscuits will be served, a wandering minstrel will play.

Once the entire group has assembled they will set off in two coaches, stopping for lunch at the Brittas Inn at circa at 1 pm, where Irish Coffees will be served. There will be a group of strolling musicians in the pub who will be practicing for a really important gig that they have to play. (one coach will have the people for 14 bedrooms at Humewood, the other for the 7 bedrooms at Lisnavagh)



There they will meet some musicians rehearsing for a really important gig.

After lunch it is a mere 40 minutes to Humewood Castle & Lisnavagh House. On arrival the group will be greeted by the local fox hounds - red coated horsemen blowing horns, and the entire pack of hounds. Drinks and nibbles will be laid out in the hall whilst the group are taken to their rooms. Check in, and relax.

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At 6.30 everyone gets together for an informal buffet at Ballyfin House and the musicians who were rehearsing at the Brittas Inn earlier arrive with dancers to entertain the group.

Day 2 Ireland : Ireland – County Kildare

Breakfast in the Castle.

After Breakfast the groups will transfer to Huntington Castle - 30 minutes away, and the private home of Major Alexander Durdin Robertson, 23rd Baron Strathloch. There a medieval experience awaits.



Within its ancient walls the group is divided into teams who vie with each other at bygone arts - weaving, dressing your knight in his armour (all 20 pieces of it), blacksmithing, candle making, word turning, archery...



Local alternative activities include: visiting gardens at Altamont and Newtown Barry, and playing golf at Buncloody.

This evening enjoy a medieval dinner, roasted over an open fire.

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Other activities for the day:

Jousting (non-contact) demonstration with real horses and weapons skills from horseback.
Falconry demonstration and hands-on.

Day 3 Ireland : Dublin

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast tour to Dublin – an hour away. A tour of Art and Architecture – private curator lead visits to some of the top galleries in the city and visits to some of the historic houses.

Visit the prehistoric gold at the **National Museum** . On to the Chester Beatty Library - an art museum and library which houses the great collection of manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings, rare books and some decorative arts assembled by Sir Alfred Chester Beatty (1875-1968).

The Library's exhibitions open a window on the artistic treasures of the great cultures and religions of the world. Its rich collection from countries across Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

You will experience A Joycean Lunch at a highly eccentric private city palace dating from the early 18th Century being slowly restored by its owner.

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"Mr Leopold Bloom ate with relish the inner organs of beasts and fowls", He heaped up the food on Stephen's plate and served uncle Charles and Mr Casey to large pieces of turkey and splashes of sauce



There's a tasty bit here we call the pope's nose. Maria superintended the distribution of the barmbrack

You will move on to see Francis Bacon's Studio at The Hugh Lane Gallery and finish the day at Joe and Marie Donnelly's purpose-built gallery overlooking Killiney Bay in County Dublin, where hang highly significant works by such artists as Picasso, De Kooning and Baselitz, as well as an acute portrait of Mrs Donnelly by Francesco Clemente.



Donnelly Gallery



Bacon's Studio



Donnelly Gallery

Return to Humewood Castle. You will be at leisure until dinner.

At 8 pm a formal dinner in the grand hall of Humewood Castle with entertainment from The Drawing Room Opera Company.

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Day 4 Ireland : County Kildare – Kilkenny



Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast you will depart for the medieval city of Kilkenny, an hour away. Enjoy an exploration of the city – visit the great castle, the crafts centre of Ireland, in the castle's stables and the narrow medieval streets.

From Kilkenny carry on to New Ross for lunch with Countess Bernstorff in her enchanting 18th century home, where Bishop Berkley, after whom Berkley Ca is named, once lived.

The Countess is a very distinguished artist and after lunch the group will be brought into the neighbouring village of New Ross where her Ross Tapestry is the centrepiece of the Irish Heritage Museum, that includes the replica emigration sailing ship the JFK Dunbrody.

Continue on to Woodbrook House where H.E. Gyles Fitzherbert, British ambassador to Venezuela, will entertain the group to tea.

Return to Humewood and Lisnavagh. For an Informal supper.

Day 5 Ireland : County Kildare

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast head to **Moone Abbey** where the **Countess Matoushka** will show the group the wonderful early Christian High Cross there.

On to the National Stud to see the cream of the Bloodstock Industry (the Queen's favourite whilst she was here) .

Lunch at Kildare Village, a luxury retail outlet village.

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After lunch an afternoon at The K Club - golf or spa treatments. Return to Humewood for the night.

A dinner of local food producers - the dining room will be done up as a barn with lots of different stands offering local delicacies with local producers manning them and describing their dishes (and drinks!). After dinner a chocolate and whiskey tasting.



Day 6 Ireland : [Glendalough](#)

Breakfast in the Castle.

After breakfast across the Wicklow Mountains to the valley of Glendalough, the romantic setting of the remains of a medieval monastery that was once the “Lantern of Europe.”

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Carry on to lunch at Luggala House, the home of the Hon Gareth Browne. Luggala is known as "the most decorative honeypot in Ireland". The jewel in the crown of all the places to stay in Ireland, it was famous for the "raffish weekends" thrown there by the present owner's mother, Oonagh Guinness, one of the "Golden Guinness girls", and it features colourfully in Lord Bath's memoirs.

It has also been used as a setting for many films, most recently King Arthur. Like Edith Vanderbilt's Biltmore, or Nancy

Astor's Cliveden, Luggala, the hollow of the hill, is one of those houses to which invitations are sought by those who don't get them and given to those who don't seek them.

At Luggala the visitor's book is a Who's Who of 20th Century culture - Sean O'Casey, Brendan Behan and Lucian Freud, John Hurt, John Borman, John Huston, Mick Jagger, Rex Harrison, Peter O'Toole, Oliver Reed, Dirk Bogarde and Samuel Beckett. the list is endless. . Bono of U2 calls Luggala "our inspiration".



After lunch here visit the house and gardens of Powerscourt, with time to explore the charming village of Enniskerry, with craft shops, antique stores, boutiques and cafes.



Return to Humewood and Lisnavagh for a rest.

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For Dinner Tonight you will have a short transfer to the horribly haunted Cuffsborough House for dinner served by actors who will re-enact some of the gruesome scenes from the past.

Day 7 Ireland : US – Ireland – County Kildare - Dublin

Breakfast in the Castle.



After breakfast, you will have a day of comparative relaxation – spend the day wandering the city of Dublin. A couple of guides will be on hand – a shopping guide and a cultural guide.

Lunch at the Guinness Storehouse, with Guinness Pint Pulling training and certificates!

At 5 pm the coaches will return to **Humewood and Lisnavagh**.

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At 7 pm depart for a tented dinner in a stone age fort with entertainers, fireworks and musicians 10 pm return to your accommodation.

Day 8 Ireland : Ireland – County Kildare – Dublin – US & Home

Breakfast in the Castles.

After breakfast, you are at leisure until time for your coach departure for Dublin Airport, 90 minutes from the castle.

****This itinerary can be further customized & extended
for up to 15 days**

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