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# Shades of Ireland

July 18 – 30, 2025 – North Departure  
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**13 Days • 20 Meals:** 11 Breakfasts, 9 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Dublin, Irish Evening, Guinness Storehouse Visit, Kilkenny, Waterford, Choice on Tour: Waterford Crystal Factory or Waterford Medieval Museum and Wine Vault, Blarney Castle, Boat Tour, Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Medieval Banquet, Farm Visit, Galway, Donegal Town, Derry, Spirit of Derry Tour (compliments of VISTA), Giant's Causeway, Glens of Antrim, Belfast, "Titanic Experience"

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Clayton Hotel Ballsbridge, Dublin
Day 4	Granville Hotel, Waterford
Days 5, 6	Great Southern Killarney, Killarney
Day 7	Old Ground Hotel, Ennis
Day 8	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo
Days 9, 10	The Ebrington, Londonderry
Days 11, 12	Europa Hotel Belfast, Belfast

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

**Day 1: Overnight Flight** Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the shades of Ireland.

**Day 2: Dublin, Ireland - Tour Begins** Get a taste of old Dublin. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers revel in a traditional Irish evening, including regional cuisine. (D)

**Day 3: Dublin** Today, ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the National Gallery, and the historic Phoenix Park. What follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own. Later, join a tour to the Guinness Storehouse. This culinary and cultural adventure begins at the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top international visitor attraction. This self-guided tour allows you time to wander over 7 floors with your audio guide, learning about how Guinness is brewed, its various advertising campaigns over the years, and of course you get to taste the iconic drink at its spectacular Gravity Bar. Enjoy a sweeping 360° view of Dublin as you savor a complimentary pint. Then, indulge in a quintessential Irish dinner at a contemporary restaurant that explores "New Irish Cuisine," serving up cutting-edge dishes using the freshest, local ingredients. (B, D)

**Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford** Step back in time and begin the day in the medieval splendor of 12th century Kilkenny on the River Nore. Then, in Waterford, embark on a leisurely paced walking tour of Ireland's oldest city. **It's your choice!** Tour the Waterford Crystal factory and learn how exquisite crystal has been made for centuries -OR- visit the Medieval Museum for a guided tour and a glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault. (B, D)

**Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney** The legend goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence - give it a try if you wish at historic Blarney Castle by navigating the 128 steps to the top. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney, where you will board a traditional boat\* and sail through breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney** Take in the rugged coastline as you loop your way around the picturesque Ring of Kerry, past pristine beaches, quaint villages, and majestic landscapes. At the Gap of Dunloe, shop for local artisan-made crafts. The night is free for reminiscing about the day as you find your own authentic taste of Irish culture. (B)

**Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis** Bid Killarney farewell and travel across the lovely Shannon River into County Clare. Visit the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most iconic sites. Walk along the rambling edge, soaking up unparalleled views and snapping incredible photos. Complete your day at the historic Old Ground Hotel in the heart of Ennis Town. This evening join a medieval banquet dinner, hosted in a castle. In a beautiful land of rolling green fields, ancient battlefields and medieval fortresses once inhabited by generations of clansmen, you can conjure up a world filled with lords and ladies, knights and damsels as you experience a true medieval banquet hosted in a real castle! The 15th century magically comes to life the moment you enter the castle. Sip honey-rich mead and admire the ornate tapestries and royal furnishings before sitting down for a sumptuous four-course meal and some fine wine suitable for toasting the royal court. Spirits run high with delightful song and dance performances reminiscent of this unique period. (B, D)

**Day 8: Ennis - Galway - Enniskillen, Northern Ireland** Experience the daily life of a traditional Irish family during a memorable farm visit. Then continue on to Galway for a brief tour that showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends in the northwest reaches of Eire. (B, D)



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**Included in Price:** Round Trip Group Transportation to Airport, Round Trip Air from O'Hare Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from ORD

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

**Day 9: Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry** Take in the rugged, natural beauty of County Donegal. Stop in Donegal Town and stroll the town square, enjoying its quaint craft and woolen shops. Next, travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads a walk through the old city, including the Craft Village, a charming 19th century Georgian square in the heart of the walled city. Tonight, it's *Diner's Choice*... choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants. (B, D)

**Day 10: Derry - Inishowen Peninsula - Derry** This morning, journey to the Inishowen Peninsula and Malin Head. Take in breathtaking scenery as you explore Ireland's northernmost point. Return to Derry and enjoy an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, join a tour to discover the culture of Derry through storytelling, music and song, with dinner at a restaurant serving pub style food. (B, D)

**Day 11: Derry - Giant's Causeway - Glens of Antrim - Belfast** See the most famous natural site in Northern Ireland as you visit the magnificent Giant's Causeway. Formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago, the causeway resembles a cobble road leading into the sea. Then lose yourself in the natural beauty of Northern Ireland as you explore the scenic back roads of the Glens of Antrim to Belfast. Top your day off with a visit to a country inn, for some real Irish hospitality. (B, D)

**Day 12: Belfast** Begin the day with a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, and hear of the struggles in this great city's history as you pass through the different neighborhoods. See "Samson" and "Goliath," the cranes at the shipyard that built the *Titanic*, before touring the "Titanic Experience," Northern Ireland's most visited attraction. This afternoon is yours to explore Belfast further, as your Irish adventure comes to a close. (B)

**Day 13: Belfast - Tour Ends** Your tour ends in Belfast. (B)

### PLEASE NOTE:

**Book Now rates valid until Jan 19, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.** The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

To kiss the Blarney Stone, you will have to walk up 128 narrow steps to the top, and back down again.

## Experience It! Northern Ireland

As part of the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland offers a different experience than its namesake. From the stunning lakes of Fermanagh to an overnight stay in a regal manor, Northern Ireland will feel otherworldly. Take in the lively city of Derry, venturing within the towering stone walls that encircle centuries of history. Experience Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital. The city is filled to the brim with local history – known to be the site where the infamous *Titanic* was built – and bustling with modern energy. Marvel at a land of rolling hills and verdant green valleys at the Glens of Antrim, where the horizon stretches for nine valleys. Stand in awe at Giant's Causeway, where 40,000 interlocking rocks form hexagonal footstones fit for a giant. The hardened-lava structures reach a height of 39 feet in some places, providing an ethereal quality to the out-of-place landscape.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Days of features are interchangeable.

\*A boat cruise is included, weather permitting.

The Cliffs of Moher can be very windy at the top.

Hotel rooms may be small by comparison to other countries and older properties may not have air conditioning.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Due to flight schedules, you may require an early morning departure from your hotel.

**For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.**

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Air passengers will arrive into Dublin airport and depart from Belfast or Dublin airport. Transfers will arrive into Dublin airport and will depart to Belfast or Dublin airport. Return flights from Dublin airport should not be booked before 10:00 a.m.

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of January 19, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 19, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until January 19, 2025.**

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