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IRELAND
The Grand Tour of Ireland
Dublin – Charleville – Athlone – Roscommon – Dundalk – Bagenalstown
10 - Day Itinerary

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Day 1 – Dublin

Arrive Dublin, transfer to your hotel. Check in to your hotel in Dublin. Dublin, capital of the Republic of Ireland, is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey.

Overnight in Dublin.

Day 2 – Dublin Pass

The Dublin Pass is a must have when visiting Dublin! The Dublin Pass is a sightseeing city card which allows visitors to experience everything Dublin has to offer whilst saving both time and money. Free entry to over 25 of Dublin's most popular attractions, sights and landmarks. Free Hop on Hop off Bus Tour to discover Dublin's top attractions and landmarks with a 24hr ticket. Discounts and exclusive offers at 20 extra venues, only available to Dublin Pass holders. Fast Track Entry at selected top Dublin attractions to skip the queues. Free guidebook to help plan your sightseeing adventure and guide you around the city. Airport transfer included for free with the pass.

Overnight in Dublin.

Day 3 – Dublin - Cork - Charleville

Board Belmond Grand Hibernian at Dublin Heuston Station in the early afternoon. Indulge in a sumptuous Irish afternoon tea as the train weaves its way through the lush countryside to Cork, a former European Capital of Culture. Arriving at The Jameson Experience in Midleton, a resident expert accompanies you on an early evening tour of the distillery, where you enjoy highlights such as the world's largest pot still and a nip or two. Rejoin the train for a leisurely dinner before making your way to the Observation Car for lively entertainment.

Overnight stay in Charleville.

Day 4 – Charleville - Cork - Killarney - Charleville

Breakfast is served as the train travels south for a visit to Blarney Castle, home to the legendary Blarney Stone. Enjoy a private tour and an opportunity to kiss the stone in a time-honoured style. You then pause for morning coffee in a private location within the magnificent grounds. Lunch is served as the train continues west, through emerald hills, towards Killarney on the shores of Lough Leane. A fun ride in a traditional jaunting car (pony and trap) takes you through the beautiful national park to scenic Ross Castle, where you enjoy a boat trip around the islands of the lake. After a delicious dinner on the train, local musicians will surely inspire you to leap to your feet for some traditional ''ceili'' dancing! Overnight stay in Charleville.

Day 5 – Charleville Galway - Athlone

Enjoy a leisurely morning on board as the train travels north towards Galway. Alternatively, disembark after breakfast for an optional excursion to the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, towering over the Atlantic waves. On arrival in Galway, a lunch of local specialities is served in one of the city's convivial restaurants. Afterwards, you have the option to join a walking tour of the charming centre with its medieval lanes, riverside cathedral and Spanish Arch, or to explore independently at leisure. Returning to the train, dinner is served as you bid farewell to Galway and Ireland's dramatic west coast. The train stops and Overnight in Athlone.

Day 6 – Athlone - Westport - Roscommon

Breakfast is served en route to the leafy Georgian town of Westport. Disembark for a scenic drive through County Mayo towards Ashford Castle, in the atmospheric heart of Connemara National Park. Following lunch at the castle, a private falconry display demonstrates the prowess of majestic hawks and a guided walk takes in the estate's breathtaking grounds. Rejoin the train at Westport in perfect time for pre-dinner drinks.

Overnight stay in Roscommon.

Day 7 - Dublin - Belfast - Dundalk

Enjoy breakfast as the train winds its way back to Dublin. Alight to join an optional tour of the city's superb cultural treasures, quirky pubs and lively shops. Rejoin Belmond Grand Hibernian in the early afternoon. Lunch is served on board as the train travels north through the verdant Irish countryside.

On arrival in Belfast, you embark on the famous Black Taxi Tour, which takes in both the Republican Falls Road and the Loyalist Shankill, separated by a Peace Wall. Learn what life was really like during the Troubles, admire the colourful murals and discover how vibrant Belfast has become today.

Afterwards, delve further back in time at the award-winning Titanic Experience, which brings to life, through special effects, full-scale reconstructions and interactive features, the history of the celebrated but ill-fated ocean liner. Back on board, a leisurely dinner is served, which is followed by vibrant evening entertainment.

Overnight in Dundalk.

Day 8 - Dundalk - Waterford - Bagenalstown

This morning, the train journeys south to the historic Viking port of Waterford. Disembark to visit Curraghmore House, home to generations of the Waterford family, where you enjoy an exclusive tour and afternoon tea. The magnificent mansion boasts some of the finest neoclassical rooms in Ireland, while its expansive formal gardens include an intriguing shell house built by Catherine, Countess of Tyrone, in 1754.

You are then escorted to the House of Waterford Crystal for a fascinating factory tour, which reveals how master craftsmen still create sparkling pieces by hand. Return to the train for a sumptuous dinner, which is rounded off with a performance by traditional local musicians in the Observation Car. The train stops overnight in Bagenalstown, also known locally as Muine Bheag, on County Carlow's River Barrow.

Overnight in Bagenalstown.

Day 9 - Bagenalstown - Dublin

A leisurely breakfast is served as the train travels south and returns to Dublin Heuston Station, your journey's end. You are free to make your onward travel arrangements from here.

Overnight stay in Dublin.

Day 10 - Dublin Hotel - Airport Transfer

After breakfast, check out and depart to Dublin Airport to take your flight back, or continue to explore Ireland at your own request.