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An 8-day tour in the land of myths and legends. Take your time, immerse yourself in Irish history and its natural beauty. Savour the journey appreciating the beautiful landscapes, traveling in comfort by rail between Dublin and Belfast.

This is the ideal tour for those wanting to take their time and experience the emerald Isle. With day trips exploring the best of what both countries have to offer, this tour gets to the heart of Ireland while giving you the familiarity of staying in the same locations, building your connection with this wonderful island.

### **Itinerary**

Day 1	Arrive in Dublin
Day 2	Dublin Sightseeing
Day 3	Day Tour - Kilkenny &
	Wicklow
Day 4	Train Dublin - Belfast
Day 5	Giant's Causeway
Day 6	Belfast Sightseeing
Day 7	Train Belfast - Dublin
Day 8	Departure

## **Highlights**

- Day tours to Kilkenny and Wicklow
- Day tour of the Giant's Causeway
- Hop on hop off city sightseeing bus -Dublin
- · Visit Trinity College
- · Visit Guinness Storehouse
- Train travel between Dublin and Belfast
- · Titanic Belfast
- · Guided tour of Belfast murals
- Irish evening

# **Full Itinerary**



#### Day 1: Arrive in Dublin

Take a transfer to your hotel and spend some time exploring cosmopolitan Dublin. Take a tour of the city, stroll around the Georgian Squares and discover Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. Go shopping on Grafton Street and enjoy a bite to eat in Dublin's trendy Temple Bar district. Visit the oldest University in Ireland, Trinity College, founded in 1592 and view the famous and wonderful 'Book of Kells', a 9th century Gospel manuscript in Latin.



#### Day 2: Sightseeing in Dublin

Explore the Guinness Storehouse, with an interesting insight into the history and the brewing process of the world famous beverage. At the end of the tour, enjoy a delicious pint of Guinness in the Gravity bar, which offers wonderful panoramic views across the city.



#### Day 3: Day trip to Kilkenny & Wicklow

Discover the true beauty of Ireland on this trip to the monastic site of Glendalough and Kilkenny. In Wicklow visit St. Kevin's, famed for its round towers and Celtic crosses which will provide you with an insight into the workings of an early Christian monastery. Glendalough is known as the valley of 2 lakes and is surrounded by dense forests and romantic babbling brooks. Enjoy the rolling hills of Wicklow, featured in many blockbuster movies, Wicklow is known as the Garden of Ireland.



#### Day 4: Train Dublin - Belfast

Board your train to travel north to Belfast. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Irish landscapes, before checking into your hotel in Belfast. Take time to explore the city at your own pace.



#### **Day 5: Belfast Sightseeing**

Visit Titantic Belfast, a must-see attraction when in Belfast. Take an eye opening, educational tour around the famous Belfast murals, find out what it was like living through 'The Troubles.' The tour will visit both Nationalist and Unionist areas and give a balanced look at the history and politics of those communities. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Belfast peace wall - don't forget to sign the wall and leave your own message of peace.



#### Day 6: Giant's Causeway

Enjoy a guided day tour to the famous Giant's Causeway and surrounding areas.

**Causeway Coast:** The views along this coastline are spectacular; no wonder it is one of the most visited destinations in Europe.

**Giants Causeway:** Highlight of the trip - built by the Irish giant Fionn and his Scottish rival Angus, it is a real masterpiece formed of perfectly shaped hexagonal columns.



# **Dark Hedges:** Most of you will recognize the Dark Hedges as King's Road from the hit TV series Game of Thrones. It is a wonderful photostop and an opportunity to be a part of a real life set.

**Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge:** This impressive rope bridge is situated near the charming village of Ballintoy.

**Dunluce Castle:** Visit one of the most dramatic castle ruins in the world, be amazed at the way this old castle hangs over the edge of the cliffs. Part of the Dunluce Castle fell into the sea in the 1600's.



#### Day 7: Train Belfast - Dublin

Take the train and journey back to Dublin. Make your final day on the island more special with a traditional Irish-Celtic evening of dinner & entertainment and a show not to be forgotten.

#### **Day 8: Departure**

Today we say goodbye to this beautiful place. Take your transfer back to Dublin airport and return home.