



Itinerary

Shades of Ireland featuring Northern Ireland

Mar 26, 2020 - Apr 7, 2020

Pre Night: Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin



A landmark on Dublin's main thoroughfare, the Gresham Hotel provides a classic Dublin experience in the heart of its City Center. Enjoy easy access to many of Dublin's main attractions. While at the Gresham Hotel Dublin, enjoy luxurious modern rooms within this historic hotel building. Take in the views of Dublin's city center. Explore Dublin. Enjoy a stay at the beautiful, historic Gresham Hotel Dublin.

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Set out on an amazing Irish adventure that tells the complete story of the Emerald Isle.

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.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin
Dublin

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 49°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 3: Dublin



Today, it's your choice! Choose to ride with a local guide to see St. Patrick's Cathedral, O'Connell Street, the General Post Office, and the historic Phoenix Park -OR- choose a walking tour of the city's historic center, exploring St. Stephen's Green, Grafton Street, and the River Liffey. Either way, what follows is an afternoon to discover Dublin's charms on your own.

Hotel

Hotel Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin
Dublin

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 49°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 4: Dublin - Kilkenny - Waterford



Step back in time. 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 glass of wine in the 15th-century Mayor's Wine Vault.

Hotel

Granville Hotel
Waterford

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 50°
Low 38°
Rain 2"

Day 5: Waterford - Blarney Stone - Killarney



Live the legend. The story goes that those who kiss the Blarney Stone gain the gift of eloquence. This morning, give it a shot at historic Blarney Castle. Cross into County Kerry and continue on to charming Killarney. In Killarney's stunning national park, board a traditional boat* and sail through the breathtaking lakes in the company of an expert boatman. This evening, enjoy dinner on the town.

Hotel

Killarney Avenue
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 50°
Low 40°
Rain 2"

Day 6: Killarney - Ring of Kerry - Killarney



Take in the rugged coastline. 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. End your day with a traditional jaunting car ride* through one of Ireland's best kept secrets - Killarney National Park.

Hotel

Killarney Avenue
Killarney

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 50°
Low 40°
Rain 2"

Day 7: Killarney - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis



Bid Killarney farewell as we 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, and experience the finest in Irish hospitality.

Hotel

Old Ground Hotel
Ennis

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 58°
Low 36°
Rain 2"

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, where a brief tour showcases "The City of Tribes." Your day ends in the northwest reaches of Eire.

Hotel

Manor House Country Hotel
Enniskillen

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 55°
Low 40°

Day 9: Enniskillen - Donegal Town - Derry



Today you 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, we travel to Derry, known for its turbulent political history. This afternoon, a local guide leads you on 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...you will choose your included dinner from a "menu" of Derry's great restaurants.

Hotel

City Hotel Derry
Derry

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 54°
Low 37°
Rain 2"

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.

Hotel

City Hotel Derry
Derry

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 37°
Rain 2"

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.

Hotel

Europa Hotel Belfast
Belfast

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 53°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 12: Belfast - Kingscourt, Ireland



Get ready for a guided tour of Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. 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. Next, we cross back into the Republic of Ireland. Top your day off with an overnight stay on the regal grounds of Cabra Castle where you toast the end of a fabulous trip during your farewell dinner.

Hotel

Cabra Castle
Kingscourt

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 53°
Low 40°
Rain 2"

Day 13: Kingscourt - Tour Ends



Your tour ends in Kingscourt.

Post Night: Cabra Castle



Cabra Castle stands on 88 acres of gardens and parkland. This property boasts a proud history dating as far back as 1760. Cabra's long history lends a mature, cultured air to the castle which can be felt by one and all as you stroll along the castle's impressive hallways and stairwells.