

We all know Ireland for its green rolling hills, lively culture and deep history – but you cannot truly know Ireland until you have experienced it!

Ireland is a small island with a big heart – where the locals believe their land is the most beautiful in the world. They wouldn't be wrong! We chose to take our tours to Ireland, because it is a country with such a rich cultural heritage. We want show people not just the places, but actual living traditions, and give our travellers access to the people that keep these traditions alive.

On this unique itinerary, we will show you Ireland unlike anyone else!

When you see Ireland with us - you see the best of Ireland!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Dublin fair city: explore lively Dublin and its rich history.
Local cuisine: discover Ireland's thriving food scene on a Food Trail.

Liquid gold: experience tastings of Guinness and Irish Whiskey.

Moments in history: learn the story of the Titanic in Belfast.

Ancient legends: marvel at the Giant's Causeway.

Rural life: visit a local sheep farm, and try your hand at peat cutting!

Authentic Experience: venture to the Aran Islands, and take a journey around the island in a traditional pony & trap.

Folk dance: enjoy a traditional Irish Folk Dance Show!

Gift of the gab: kiss the Blarney Stone – it might bring you luck!

Cobblestone Exclusives: attend private concerts, cultural events, and workshops exclusively for Cobblestone Freeway travellers.



The Destination

Dublin

Day 1 TOUR START DATE | Dublin (-/-/D)

Welcome to Ireland!

Guests arrive individually and transfer on their own to the city centre.

Check in at your hotel. In the late afternoon, meet your Tour Leader and driver in the hotel foyer and transfer to the **Stag's Head Pub** for an **Evening of Irish Folklore and Storytelling**.

As you relax in a cosy, private setting above the atmospheric Stag's Head Pub in Dublin City, sit back and let renowned storytellers take you into another world of imagination with wonderful insights and mystical tales of Irish life in times gone by. Dinner included (*Traditional Beef & Guinness Stew with a Pint of Beer or Glass of Wine*).

Return transfer to the hotel. Free evening.

Day 2 | Dublin (B/L/-)

Explore Ireland's capital city on a **guided city tour** - originally founded by Vikings over 1,000 years ago, you will discover the city's charm. Morning stops will include a visit to the beautiful **Long Room Library** at Trinity College to see the famous **Book of Kells**. Written around the year 800 AD, it is one of the most beautifully illustrated manuscripts in the world. The Book of Kells contains a richly decorated copy of the four gospels in the Latin text.

Afterwards, visit the iconic **Guinness Storehouse** as part of your tour - see exhibits on how this world-famous stout was first created, and why it is so popular today. Finish your visit in the roof-top bar, Gravity, overlooking the city center where you can sample a complimentary pint of Guinness and enjoy the panoramic view of the city.

Next, meet with a local guide who will bring you on a **Fab Food Walking Trail**. You will hear some folklore stories, hear how Dublin has become the great City it is, and most importantly meet and dine with the local Irish people who are so proud of our heritage. The group will get to sample and share some hearty, typical Irish cuisine at each traditional Irish restaurant or pub that is visited along the trail. This will be influenced by the Tapas sharing nature. To top it off the tasty Tapas can be enjoyed with a glass of wine or beer in each establishment (in some venues the Irish Food Trail have arranged Irish Craft Beer tastings). Rest of the evening at your leisure.

HOTEL:

Camden Court Hotel or similar

<https://www.camdencourthotel.com>

2 Nights



Day 3 | Belfast (B/L/-)

Depart Dublin this morning and next it's on to **Belfast** City, which is the capital of Northern Ireland. Upon arrival, you'll take a **guided city tour** around Belfast City, including the Cathedral and University Quarter, the Murals and the government buildings at Stormont. Learn more about this city's turbulent past, its vast and varied history and its cosmopolitan present.

Next you will have light lunch in the atmospheric **Drawing Office Two** Restaurant at the Titanic Hotel Belfast followed by a visit to the award-winning visitor attraction - Belfast's **Titanic Museum**. Built on the very slipways where the RMS Titanic was built, this centre is the world's largest Titanic visitor experience, exploring the Titanic story in a fresh and insightful way. Embark on a journey through the life of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. Through state of the art technology, the exhibitions nine interactive galleries take you back to the sights, sounds and stories of Titanic as well as the City and people which made her. The exhibition also explores the discovery of the wreck and has live links to current marine expeditions.

In the evening check in to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Day 4 | Giant's Causeway (B/-/D)

Enjoy a free morning in Belfast before we will continue our journey north along the coast via the Glens of Antrim to the Antrim Coast.

Stop to visit the **Giant's Causeway**. This incredible natural wonder and geological marvel draws people from all over the world to witness its unusual shape and form. This huge area of hexagonal columns was formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava. The unique shape has led to many legends told, that the basalt resembles giant's footprints. The legend has it that Finn McCool, the mythical giant, built this as a bridge to Scotland to reach his beloved. Photostop at the dramatic **Dunluce Castle** before continuing to Limavady to check in to your hotel.

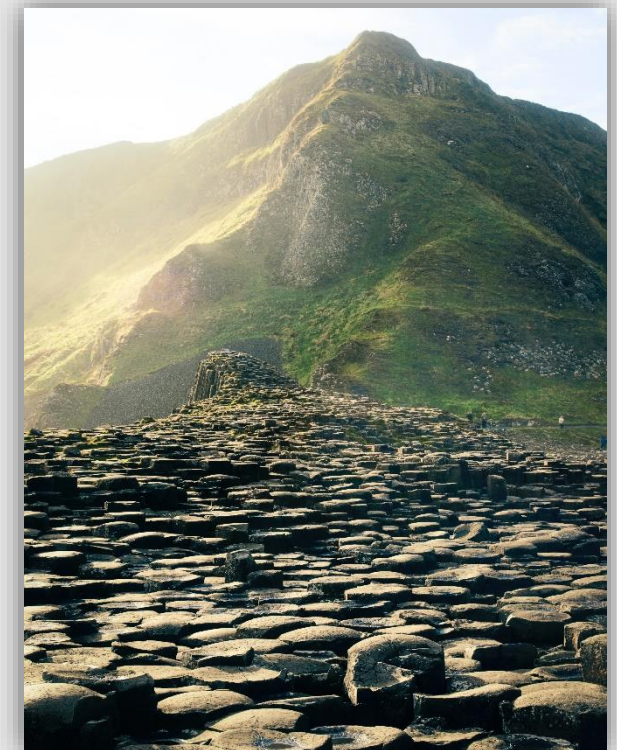
Dinner included at the hotel. Evening at your leisure.

HOTELS:

Bullitt Hotel or similar

<https://bullitthotel.com/>

1 Night



The Destination

Day 5 | Limavady (B/L/-)

Continue your exploration of Northern Ireland today with a stop at the Game of Thrones “**Dark Hedges**” en route to **Shean’s Horse Farm and Heritage Centre**. Here you will discover the History and Heritage of the people of the Causeway Coast. Visit with the family, and hear the McDonnell story while enjoying fresh tea and scones! It doesn’t get more personal than this!

Delve into Irish country life some more, as you try your hand at peat cutting, out on the green hillside! Enjoys stunning views, meet the local horses and sheep, and have fun dressing up in historic Game of Thrones costumes (for those of you who watch the series)!

After a light lunch at the nearby **Scenic Inn**, we’ll visit the **Bushmills Distillery**, the oldest working distillery in Ireland. Ireland is famous for its whiskey – learn more about it and see for yourself how the famous whiskey is made! Oh, and taste some too!

Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. Free for dinner.

Day 6 | Derry - Connemara (B/-/D)

In the morning, we’ll continue our journey and drive to the nearby **city of Derry** for a **guided city tour**. Walk its wall and soak up the rich history of its tumultuous past. Derry City is a 6th-century walled city founded by St. Columille. Enjoy a city tour, and see the massive City Walls and Gates and the Guild Hall where the City Council sits.

You’ll then embark on the long transfer to beautiful Connemara. Travel through the stunning **Connemara National Park**, which covers some 7000 acres of mountains, bogs, heaths and grasslands, with wildlife and scenic walking trails. Its mountains – known as the Twelve Bens - are made up of sharp-peaked quartzite summits and ridges, which provide an impressive vista. Free time for lunch.

Arrive in Clifden, the capital of Connemara and check in to your castle. Dinner is included in the castle. Free evening.

Derry - Connemara

HOTELS:

Roe Park Resort or similar | Limavady

<https://www.roeparkresort.com>

2 nights

Abbeyglen Castle Hotel or similar | Clifden

<https://www.abbeyglen.ie/>

1 night



The Destination

Galway – Cliffs of Moher - Bunratty

Day 7 | Kylemore Abbey - Galway (B/-/D)

Today will travel on to the picturesque **Kylemore Abbey**. Originally built as a Castle in 1867 as a romantic gift by Mitchell Henry who was inspired by his love for his wife. Kylemore Abbey and the surrounding mountains and lakes are steeped in history. It became home to a community of Benedictine Nuns in 1920 and has been renowned as a place of spirituality and education. Visit the beautiful Gothic Church which is a short stroll from the Abbey. Nestled nearby is the Mausoleum where the romantic couple, Mitchell and Margaret Henry are buried side by side.

Free time for lunch and continue through the Connemara countryside in the afternoon to the vibrant **city of Galway**. Check in to your hotel and enjoy dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

Day 8 | Aran Islands (B/L/-)

Discover the **Aran Islands**, a ruggedly beautiful trio of islands off the west coast of Ireland, known worldwide for their distinctive knitted jumpers.

This morning, we'll take a ferry to Inishmore, the largest of **the Aran Islands** – Inis Mor.

Feel the history as we take a ride in a traditional **Horse & Trap**! Get an insight into island life and take in the highlights including the fortress of **Dun Aengus**. You'll have time to explore the village of Kilronan, have a picnic lunch, or do some shopping for hand-knitted **Aran wool sweaters** before returning back to the mainland.

Return to Galway City where you can continue your exploration and enjoy the local atmosphere in one of the many pubs and restaurants.

Day 9 | Cliffs of Moher - Bunratty (B/-/D)

Continue our journey, heading along the west coast towards the **Cliffs of Moher**. The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's top Visitor attractions, and provide some of the most breathtaking scenery in all of Ireland, out over the Atlantic Ocean.

After enjoying the fresh green scenery, we'll check you in to your hotel where you'll have some time to relax before the evening's excitement. In the evening, we'll have an authentic **Medieval Banquet** in the majestic **Knappogue Castle**! The Earl's Butler welcomes guests from the four corners of the world toasting an era of great Irish taste with excellent food and fine wine.

Later continue to Limerick and check in to your hotel. Free evening at leisure.

HOTEL:

Victoria Hotel or similar | Galway

<https://victoriahotelgalway.com/>

2 nights

Limerick Strand Hotel or similar | Limerick

<https://www.strandhotellimerick.ie>

1 Night



The Destination

Killarney – Kerry – The Dingle Peninsula

Day 10 | Adare - Killarney (B/L/-)

Today we will head down to **Killarney** with a stop in the pretty village of **Adare**. Enjoy a **Paired Whiskey and Artisan Cheeseboard tasting** in a Whiskey Bar in Killarney.

You are then free to explore the town set against the magnificent backdrop of the National Park and the McGillicuddy Reeks. Take a stroll, visit the Cathedral, or take one of the popular Horse & Jaunting Car tours.

In the late afternoon, we'll check into your hotel in Killarney. Take some time to relax and enjoy the vibrant town of Killarney. Find a cosy traditional pub to enjoy a pint, or just wander the town and enjoy the quaint atmosphere!

Day 11 | Ring of Kerry (B/L/-)

Today you will take the full tour of The **Ring of Kerry**, which encircles the entire Iveragh Peninsula and takes you past some of the most breathtaking scenery in this part of Ireland. It's one of the most popular day tours in Ireland. Along its 110 miles, you will travel around the Mac Gillicuddy Reeks and the Iveragh Peninsula, along the breathtaking Atlantic Coast, Dingle Bay, and Kenmare Bay, returning to Killarney through the famed Molls Gap, Ladies View, and Killarney National Park. En route, see the lovely coastal villages of Glenbeigh, Waterville, and Sneem and the thriving market towns of Killorglin and Caherciveen. The Ring showcases so many points of historic and archaeological interest.

Lunch in the historic Butler Arms Hotel in Waterville.

Return to your hotel in Killarney. Free for dinner.

Day 12 | Dingle & Slea Head (B/-/D)

Today we explore the **Dingle Peninsula** where the Irish traditions and language still survive. Drive through the port of Dingle and then continue to **Slea Head**.

Visit a local **sheep farm** and see a demonstration of sheepdogs at work!

Onwards the visit the **Blasket Island Visitor Center**, and learn about the unique community who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until their evacuation in 1953.

Stop and visit the **Gallarus Oratory** - a 7th century stone chapel used by pilgrims going to Mount Brandon, and considered the oldest Christian church on the territory of Ireland. Return to Killarney.

This evening you will enjoy a **Traditional Irish Night** at **Kate Kearney's**, which consists of dinner, traditional music and costumed dancers! This will be a night to remember!

HOTELS:

The Brehon Hotel & Spa or similar | Killarney

<https://www.thebrehon.com>

3 nights



The Destination

Blarney - Dublin

Day 13 | Blarney & Dublin (B/-/D)

Bid farewell to Killarney and transfer to **the village of Blarney**. This place is home to the famous 15th-century **Blarney Castle**. Enjoy a stroll through the estate, up to the castle and then climb to the top to kiss the Blarney Stone. It is said that you will obtain the gift of eloquent speech by kissing the stone. Let's see if it works!

We'll continue our travels to Dublin. This evening, the last night of our tour together, we'll have dinner together in a traditional Irish restaurant - the Gallery Restaurant at The Church Bar & Restaurant which is approximately a 10-minute walk from the hotel. Free evening to relax.

Day 14 TOUR END DATE | Dublin (B/-/-)

After a free morning to stock up on souvenirs, it's time to say our goodbyes! Thank you for travelling with Cobblestone Freeway Tours! Hope to see you again on our tours!

HOTELS:

RIU Plaza Gresham Hotel or similar | Dublin

<https://www.riu.com>

1 night



Tour Details

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- All land transportation
- Escorted tour with full time Tour Leader
- Tour in English
- 2 meals a day
- 12 nights in hand-Selected hotels & 1 night Castle Stay
- All Events included in the Itinerary
- Internet in hotels when possible
- Interaction with local artists, craftsmen, and performers
- Special events exclusively for Cobblestone travellers
- Cobblestone Freeway t-shirt

NOT INCLUDED:

- Airport Transfers
- Extra days before/after the tour
- Events and Services not included in the itinerary or marked as **Optional**
- Alcoholic beverages
- Meals not listed in Itinerary
- Flights not listed in Itinerary
- Tips for guides / drivers/ maids
- Travel Insurance
- Laundry & Telephone Services



OPTIONAL ADD-ONS:

- Extend your trip
- Upgrade your room / Get a single room

On our Cobblestone Freeway Tour, enjoy:

Delicious, hand chosen local food, and more inclusions than most other tour operators



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