



Ireland

7 DAY / 7 NIGHT IRELAND ITINERARY (SOUTH OF ISLAND GEOGRAPHY)


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 IRELAND'S
ANCIENT EAST®
Wander Through Time

 Dublin

DAY ONE

Early Flight Arrival to Dublin

EPIC

www.epicchq.com Irish Emigration Museum Experience. Travel into the City for an early breakfast and a technology museum experience that tells the story of Irish people - interactive interpretation supported with audio guides in Chinese (Dublin Airport – City 10km - 30 mins Drive).

Powerscourt House & Gardens

www.powerscourt.com Voted no 3 Top Garden in the World by National Geographic, explore an amazing 47 acres of gardens, meander through the gift stores in Powerscourt House and indulge at the Avoca Terrace Café. (Dublin City – Powerscourt House: 46km – 51mins Drive).

Glendalough Monastic Site & Lake Trail Walk (3km)

www.walkingroutes.ie/1297-Glendalough-Lower-Lake.html For thousands of years people have been drawn to 'the valley of the two lakes', a glacial valley in Wicklow, the county often referred to as the Garden of Ireland. It is renowned for its spectacular scenery, rich history, archaeology and abundant wildlife. It also houses an Early Medieval monastic settlement from the 6th century by St Kevin (Powerscourt – Glendalough: 28km - 33 mins Drive).

Huntington Castle & Gardens

www.huntingtoncastle.com Meet the decedents of the family who built this privately owned castle. Enjoy a tour by the family to discover the history and stories of the castle and its family heritage (Glendalough to

Clonegal: 62 km - 1 hr 4 mins Drive).

Overnight in Wexford Ferrycarrig Hotel

www.ferrycarrighotel.ie (Clonegal to Ferrycarrig Wexford: 43km – 40 mins Drive).

DAY TWO

National Heritage Park

www.irishheritage.ie Journey deep into Ireland's past, in this outdoor museum depicting 9000 years of re-created Irish History. (Ferrycarrig Hotel – Irish National heritage Park: 2km – 5 mins Drive).

Hook Lighthouse

www.hookheritage.ie Explore the oldest working lighthouse in the world and enjoy amazing views of the Coastline of Ireland's Ancient East (Ferrycarrig to Hook Head: 47 km – 46 mins Drive).

Waterford Treasures – 3 Museum Experience

www.waterfordtreasures.com Explore over 1100 years of stories of Ireland's Oldest City, from its foundation in 914 by Viking sea pirates, in a three-museum experience in Waterford's Viking Triangle or take the EPIC tour. (Hook Head – Waterford's Viking Triangle: 32 km – 1 hr 3 mins)

House of Waterford Crystal

www.waterfordvisitorcentre.com Enjoy a factory tour, showroom & shopping at the world-renowned crystal brand. See mastercraftmen at work in all aspects of traditional crystal production including moulding, blowing, finishing, cutting, sculpting & engraving. (Waterford's Viking Triangle – House of Waterford Crystal: 300 metres - 2 mins walk)

Overnight in Waterford

DAY THREE

Lismore Castle Gardens

www.lismorecastlegardens.com The historic gardens at Lismore Castle include a 17th-century walled garden, dating to 1600s and a 19th century informal garden. Known for its magnificent collection of magnolias, camellias, rhododendrons, herbaceous borders, contemporary sculpture and yew tree walk. (Waterford – Lismore Castle: 71km – 1 hr).

Jameson Whiskey Distillery Experience Middleton

www.jamesonwhiskey.com/ie/visit-us/jameson-distillery-middleton Visit the home of Jameson to see where this world renowned Whiskey is made.

FREE TIME IN CORK CITY

Consider a visit to:

- **English Market, Cork**
www.englishmarket.ie Considered the finest covered food market in UK or Ireland, and a highlight of the British Queen's visit in 2011. From fledgling businesses to generations old stalls, produce include meats and fish, herbs and spices, fruit and vegetables, sauces and oils, chocolates, cakes, cheeses & sushi.
- **University College Cork** www.ucc.ie
- **St Fin Barre's Cathedral**
www.corkcathedral.webs.com
- **City Cycling Tour** www.beyondtheglass.ie/tour/cork-city-cycle-tour

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- **Cork Choral Festival (April)**
www.corkchoral.ie
- **Cork Guinness Jazz Festival (October)**
www.guinnessjazzfestival.com

Overnight in Cork or Blarney

DAY FOUR

Killarney National Park: Muckross House & Gardens

Ireland's oldest National Park, it includes the world famous Lakes of Killarney, the mountains and woodlands. Enjoy a visit to the 19th century mansion on the estate or explore the parklands on a horse and carriage. (Cork City to Killarney: 87km - 1 hr 34 mins Drive).

The Ring of Kerry

www.theringofkerry.com One of the most spectacular and renowned landscapes in Ireland, the ring of Kerry with its rugged Island views, white-sand beaches, dramatic mountain passes and a royal goat will not disappoint the most travelled keen photographers (Circular route distance 169km- Allow 5-6 hrs approx. for photo and refreshment stops)

Overnight in Killarney, Kenmare or Macroom

DAY FIVE

Rock of Cashel

www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel
A spectacular group of medieval buildings includes a 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century

Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Tour includes audio-visual show and exhibition (Killarney to Cashel: 140km - 2hrs drive).

Highbank Orchards Organic Farm Tour & Tasting
www.highbankorchards.com/visit An award winning Organic Apple Farm, with Cider Brewing & Apple Spirit Distilling & a great family and farm heritage and local history (Cashel to Cuffsgrange 47 km - 49 mins Drive).

Lunch & shopping at Kilkenny Design

www.kilkennydesign.com Based in the medieval city of Kilkenny, the craft capital of Ireland, Kilkenny Design is part of Kilkenny's Castle Yard, built in the 1780s as the coach houses and stables of historic Kilkenny Castle. Also home to the National Craft Gallery www.ndcg.ie, one of Ireland's most exciting artistic and design venues (Cuffsgrange - Kilkenny City: 9km - 15 mins Drive)

IN KILKENNY CITY, CHOOSE TO VISIT ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Kilkenny Castle Tour** www.kilkennycastle.ie & **Butler Gallery** www.butlertgallery.com
- **St Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower Tour**
www.stcanicescathedral.ie
- **Kilkenny Medieval Mile Museum**
www.medievalmilemuseum.ie
- **Rothe House & Garden**
www.rothehouse.com

Kildare Village

www.kildarevillage.com/en/home Browse and buy from an extensive choice of the best International Designer brands and enjoy great tax-back shopping and refreshments.

Overnight in Newbridge or Naas

DAY SIX

Newbridge Silverware

www.newbridgesilverware.com Enjoy a unique factory tour, shopping experience when you visit the Newbridge Silverware showrooms where its craftsmanship dates back to 1934. Its showrooms and museum of style icons includes original fashions and jewellery inspirations from style icons such as Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, Audrey Hepburn, Elvis Presley & more. (Kilkenny - Newbridge: 86km - 1 hr Drive).

Russborough House & Parklands

www.russborough.ie One of Ireland most renowned beautifully preserved stately homes, a Palladian Mansion dating back to 1750. Enjoy its amazing Alfred Beit Art collection, unique antique artefacts from all over the world and a tour relaying stories of the three aristocratic families who lived here over generations. Enjoy lunch in the brambles Tea rooms, stroll the parklands and maze, meet the 'Artisans of Russborough' local master craftsmakers. (Newbridge - Russborough: 22km - 31mins Drive).

LEISURE AFTERNOON DUBLIN

Visit Trinity College & Book of Kells

www.tcd.ie/visitors Located on the grounds of Ireland's oldest and renowned University in Ireland, Trinity College Dublin Old Library houses the infamous Book of Kells, the oldest and most famous surviving manuscript in the world dating back to 800 AD.

Visit Guinness Storehouse

www.guinness-storehouse.com No. 1 most visited attraction in Dublin, home of the famous Guinness Brewery, located in the heart of Dublin City.

Explore Dublin Castle

www.dublincastle.ie &
Chester Beatty Library www.cbl.ie

Go Greyhound Racing

www.igb.ie/racing An evening watching Greyhounds (considered the fastest sprint dog breed on earth), engage in track racing, while enjoying a bet on your favourite to win. Available with an Evening dining package option too.

DAY SEVEN

FREE LEISURE DAY IN DUBLIN. CONSIDER VISITS TO:

- National Botanic Gardens
www.botanicgardens.ie
- Viking Splash Tour
www.vikingsplash.com
- Dublin City Walking Tour
- Dublin Hop on- Hop off Bus Tours
www.dodublin.ie/city-sightseeing-tours
- Dublin Bay Cruise
www.dublinbaycruises.com
- Irish Whiskey Museum
www.irishwhiskeymuseum.ie
- Croke Park Museum & Dublin Skyline Tour – Home of Gaelic Games
www.crokepark.ie/GAAMuseum

- Experience Gaelic Games (pre book for groups)
www.experiencegaelicgames.com

Overnight Dublin

- City North Hotel
www.citynorthhotel.com COTRI Accredited China Welcome Hotel (Dublin City – City North Hotel: 38km – 33min Drive).
- Citywest Hotel
www.citywesthotel.com Option of Evening Dining Experience at onsite Dublin City Hotel – Citywest Hotel: 21km – 35 mins Drive).
- Dublin City Hotels
www.visitdublin.com

DAY EIGHT

Depart Dublin.

WEEKLY DIRECT FLIGHTS TO CHINA

Hainan Airways:

Dublin - Beijing 2/week
+ via Edinburgh 2/week

Cathay Pacific:

Dublin - Hong Kong 2/week



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