



# Ireland

**7 DAY / 7 NIGHT IRELAND**  
**(SUGGESTED ITINERARY)**

**INCLUDES BELFAST &  
NORTHERN IRELAND**

  
**WILD ATLANTIC WAY**  
SLÍ AN ATLANTAIGH FHIÁIN

  
**IRELAND'S  
ANCIENT EAST**  
Wander Through Time

**Dublin**

## DAY ONE

### Travel to Kildare from Dublin Airport

[www.kildare.ie/tourism](http://www.kildare.ie/tourism) (Dublin Airport - Newbridge 63km – 49 mins Drive).

### Newbridge Silverware

[www.newbridgesilverware.com](http://www.newbridgesilverware.com) Enjoy a unique shopping experience at Newbridge Silverware and the Museum of Icons which includes original fashions from style icons such as Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jackson, Audrey Hepburn, Elvis Presley and more. (Dublin – Newbridge: 55km – 1hr Drive).

### [OPTIONAL]

### Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens

[www.irishnationalstud.ie](http://www.irishnationalstud.ie) Visit the world-renowned horse breeding stud farm, home to many internationally acclaimed winning racehorses. Enjoy some refreshment and explore the gardens laid out by Tassa Eida and his son, which traces the journey of a human soul from birth to death and the afterlife. (Newbridge – Tully, Co Kildare: 11km – 11min Drive)

### Kildare Village

[www.kildarevillage.com](http://www.kildarevillage.com) Lunch followed by designer outlet shopping experience. Discover the latest offers from favourite brands including Ted Baker, Polo Ralph Lauren, Brooks Brothers and many more. (Tully – Kildare Town: 5km – 3min Drive).

### Athlone

[www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/athlone/0/19/473](http://www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/athlone/0/19/473) Kildare Town – Athlone (93km - 1hr 18min Drive).

### CONSIDER FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

- Discover Athlone Castle  
[www.athlonecastle.ie](http://www.athlonecastle.ie) immerse yourself in 5000 years of history.
- Play golf at Glasson Golf Hotel  
[www.glassongolfhotel.ie](http://www.glassongolfhotel.ie)
- Take a river cruise on the Shannon  
[www.shannon-river.com](http://www.shannon-river.com)

### Overnight Athlone

## DAY TWO

### Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Centre

[www.birrcastle.com](http://www.birrcastle.com) The Parsons family, who have family connections with China, invite you to their award-winning castle, gardens and science centre, home to its giant 'leviathan' telescope and many scientific discoveries. (Athlone – Birr: 46km – 44min Drive).

### Limerick City

[www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/limerick-city/1/636/751](http://www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/limerick-city/1/636/751) Enjoy a walk around this city rich in Medieval and Georgian architecture and famed as the sporting capital of Ireland.

### SUGGESTED EXPERIENCES INCLUDE

- King John's Castle  
[www.shannonheritage.com/KingJohnsCastle](http://www.shannonheritage.com/KingJohnsCastle)
- The Hunt Museum [www.huntmuseum.com](http://www.huntmuseum.com)
- Thomond Park, the home of Munster Rugby  
[www.thomondpark.ie](http://www.thomondpark.ie) (Athlone – Limerick City: 110km – 1hr15min Drive).

### [OPTIONAL EVENING EVENT, SUBJECT TO PROGRAMME SCHEDULE]

- Limerick Greyhound Stadium  
[www.igb.ie/go-greyhound-racing-our-stadiums/limerick-greyhound-stadium/](http://www.igb.ie/go-greyhound-racing-our-stadiums/limerick-greyhound-stadium/) Enjoy a night at the dogs and a 'flutter' on your favourite to win at Limerick Greyhound Stadium.

### Overnight Limerick or Ennis

Limerick – Ennis (41km – 35min Drive).

## DAY 3

### Cliffs of Moher

[www.cliffsomoher.ie](http://www.cliffsomoher.ie) Enjoy one of Ireland's most famous sights. The Cliffs of Moher are entirely vertical and reach 214m (702ft) at their highest point and stretch for 8km (5 miles). (Ennis – Liscannor: 34km – 35min Drive).

### The Burren Geopark

[www.burrengeopark.ie](http://www.burrengeopark.ie) Explore the vast lunar like limestone landscape with 11 Geosites; it is an area of outstanding geological significance. (Liscannor – Ballyvaughan: 32km – 40min Drive)

### Galway City

[www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/galway-city/1/2681/143](http://www.discoverireland.ie/places-to-go/galway-city/1/2681/143) Meander through the cobble stoned laneways of this delightful heritage city visiting The Claddagh; Spanish Arch and the Latin Quarter. Famous for its university and Irish music scene, sample some of the local brews in one of the many traditional pubs. (Ballyvaughan – Galway City: 48km – 1hr Drive).



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### Trad on the Prom

[www.tradontheprom.com](http://www.tradontheprom.com) A captivating Celtic Irish dance and music show with performers from River Dance, The Chieftains and Lord of the Dance. (Galway City – Salthill: 1.5km – 5min Drive).

### Overnight Galway City or Spiddal

Galway City – Spiddal (19km – 25min Drive).

## DAY 4

### Kylemore Abbey & Walled Gardens

[www.kylemoreabbey.com](http://www.kylemoreabbey.com) Set in the wilds of Connemara, nestling on the shores of a lake the abbey and gardens are one of the iconic and romantic attractions in the West of Ireland. (Galway City – Kylemore: 77km – 1hr18min Drive).

### Killary Harbour

[www.destinationwestport.com/places-to-visit/natural-beauty/killary-harbour-fjord](http://www.destinationwestport.com/places-to-visit/natural-beauty/killary-harbour-fjord) Discover Ireland's only fjord, surrounded by spectacular mountain peaks it extends from the Atlantic to Leenane, a famous film location. (Kylemore – Leenane: 16km – 19min Drive).

### Glen Keen Farm

[www.glenkeenfarm.com](http://www.glenkeenfarm.com) Enjoy a sheep dog demonstration at one of Ireland's largest farms. Set in a conservation area of natural beauty with waterfalls and breath-taking valleys. Guests can also enjoy a light lunch, shopping & traditional Irish music! (Leenane – Louisburgh: 31km – 37min Drive).

### Overnight Westport

Louisburgh – Westport (22km – 24min Drive).

## DAY 5

### Westport

[www.destinationwestport.com](http://www.destinationwestport.com) Explore the Georgian town of Westport, one of the only architecturally designed towns in Ireland with its tree lined promenades and narrow bridges spanning the River Carrow Beg.

### Westport House

[www.westporthouse.ie](http://www.westporthouse.ie) Visit 18th c. Westport House, set in beautiful woods, lake and parkland estate and built on the site of one of the castles belonging to legendary pirate queen Grace O'Malley.

### Carrick on Shannon

[www.discoverireland.ie/Activities-Adventure/carrick-on-shannon-self-guided-historic-town-walk/85587](http://www.discoverireland.ie/Activities-Adventure/carrick-on-shannon-self-guided-historic-town-walk/85587) Enjoy lunch in this idyllic town, nestled on the banks of the River Shannon famous for its bustling marina and river cruising. (Westport – Carrick-on-Shannon: 77km - 1hr18min Drive).

### Kilbeggan Distillery

[www.kilbeggandistillery.com](http://www.kilbeggandistillery.com) Discover and taste real artisanal Irish whiskey distilling at its best at the oldest licensed distillery in Ireland. (Carrick-on-Shannon – Kilbeggan: 92km – 1hr16min Drive).

### Overnight Meath or DUBLIN

(Kilbeggan – Dublin: 91km – 1hr10mins).

## DAY 6

### MORNING IN DUBLIN CITY (AT YOUR LEISURE) CONSIDER VISITS TO:

#### Trinity College – Books of Kells and the Long Room

[www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/](http://www.tcd.ie/visitors/book-of-kells/) [www.tcd.ie/library/old-library/long-room/](http://www.tcd.ie/library/old-library/long-room/) Visit the Book of Kells, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval (9th c.) manuscript. Continue upstairs to the Long Room (Old Library), 65m in length and filled with 200,000 of the Library's oldest books.

#### Guinness Storehouse

[www.guinness-storehouse.com](http://www.guinness-storehouse.com) No trip to Dublin would be complete without a visit to the home of Guinness and the Guinness Brewery since 1759. Discover how Guinness is made and sample a pint at the Gravity Bar.

#### Dublin Castle [www.dublincastle.ie](http://www.dublincastle.ie) & Chester Beatty Library [www.cbl.ie](http://www.cbl.ie)

Discover Ireland's history in this historic 13th c. castle built on the site of a Viking settlement, the castle was the home of the British Viceroy until Ireland's independence from Britain in 1922.

Chester Beatty Library features ancient manuscripts dating back to 2700BC.

#### Overnight Dublin or Belfast

(Dublin - Belfast 166km - 1 hr 6 mins Drive)

## DAY 7

### Titanic Experience

[www.titanicbelfast.com](http://www.titanicbelfast.com) Uncover the myths legends and explore the facts about this famous ship with a visit to the award winning interactive museum 'Titanic Belfast' (Dublin - Belfast: 166km – 2hrs 5mins Drive).

### Giants Causeway

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway) Walk in the footsteps of Giants (Belfast – Giants Causeway: 99km – 1hr 20min Drive).

### Explore film locations from Game of Thrones

[www.ireland.com/en-gb/articles/game-of-thrones-location](http://www.ireland.com/en-gb/articles/game-of-thrones-location) or enjoy an afternoon at Winterfell Castle & Demense for your own part in Game of Thrones costume reenactments [www.gameofthrones-winterfelltours.com](http://www.gameofthrones-winterfelltours.com)

Return to Dublin & Overnight before early morning departure

### 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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