



Ireland

7 Day Luxury Itinerary
for South of Island



DAY 1: Step into Ireland's Ancient East...

DUBLIN DAA PLATINUM SERVICES

Tel: +353 (0) 1 8144895

www.dublinairport.com/at-the-airport/travel-services/platinum-services

Step off your flight to a luxury, fast, effortless travel experience with a warm Irish welcome. Meet your private luxury Chauffeur service before fast tracking through priority immigration to platinum services private terminal.

Enjoy some relaxation and refreshment time in your private suite with shower facilities and clothing valet services available, as well as porter assistance for luggage reclaim so you feel refreshed and ready to get the most from every moment of your trip to Ireland.

POWERSCOURT ESTATE PRIVATE HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR WITH BRUNCH

Tel: + 353 (0) 1 204 6000 / www.powerscourt.com

Enjoy a 'Behind the Scenes' private tour of Powerscourt House and Gardens with the Estate family. Hear the family stories passed down through the Generations.

Then join Alex, the Head Gardener for a Garden tour of these amazing Gardens, voted no 3 in the world by National Geographic. Indulge in brunch on the Terrace and a little shopping for the best of 'Irish design' gifts at Avoca.

 Dublin Airport – Powerscourt Estate (51 km/ 45-60 mins)

RUSSBOROUGH HOUSE - Private Tour, Birds of Prey & Artisans of Russborough

Tel: +353 (0) 45865239 / www.russborough.ie

Visit this award winning house with its ornate, 18th-century Palladian villa with collections of porcelain, furniture and art masterpieces, before visiting the National Birds of Prey Centre to meet over 40 different Birds of Prey.

Enjoy a Hawk Walk while learning how to handle these great birds. Meet the centre's Magnificent Eagle, against the backdrop of the spectacular Wicklow Mountains, before browsing the studios of the Mastercraftsman, The Artisans of Russborough in the refurbished stable yard of the Estate.

 Powerscourt House & Gardens – Russborough (41 km/ 56 mins)

WILD FOOD FORAGING WITH BLACKSTAIRS ECO TRAILS

Tel: +353 (0)87 270 71 89 / www.blackstairsecotrails.ie

Come and explore Nature with a Wild Food Foraging walk or Hike with Blackstairs Eco Trails expert Guides Mary and Robert White. Learn about the Celtic Tree Trail and enjoy a late afternoon tea/ refreshments at their wonderful Old Rectory Home, set in the foothills of the Blackstairs Mountains.

 Russborough – Ballyedmond, Borris (40 km/56 mins)

... Wicklow, Carlow and Waterford

Overnight Kilkenny, Wexford or Waterford options include:

MONART DESTINATION SPA

Tel: +353 (0) 53 9238999 / www.monart.ie

Visit one of the worlds leading Destination Spas at Monart. At Monart, they will ensure you relax, rejuvenate and renew in this stunning and unique environment, before you enjoy dinner and a relaxing luxury overnight stay.



Ballyedmond, Borris, Co Carlow – Monart, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford
(59km/ 1 hour)

MOUNT JULIET ESTATE

Tel: +353 56 777 3000 / www.mountjuliet.ie

Experience all that Mount Juliet Estate has to offer whether it be golf on the Jack Nicklaus-designed course, a dining experience in the Michelin Star Lady Helen Restaurant, treatments in the luxury spa and lake fishing, woodland walks, bike rides through the Estate, and more.



Ballyedmond, Borris – Mount Juliet Estate Thomastown
(75km – 1 hour 10 mins)

CLIFF HOUSE HOTEL

Tel: +353 2487800 / www.cliffhousehotel.ie

Stay at the intimate coastal luxury escape when you check into the Cliff House Hotel.

This 5-star relaxing hideaway overlooks the UNESCO Copper Coast, located just outside the picturesque village of Ardmore in Co Waterford. Its restaurant has been awarded a Michelin Star for its fine Irish food.



Ballyedmond, Borris – Cliff House Hotel, Ardmore
(196km – 2 hours 28 mins)

LISMORE CASTLE (PRIVATE RENTAL)

Tel: +353 (0) 58 54288 / www.lismorecastle.com

Step back in time in Lismore Castle which is the Irish home of the Duke of Devonshire and once belonged to the Earls of Desmond. The castle dates from 1170, yet there is no shortage of modern luxuries.



Ballyedmond, Borris – Lismore (170km – 2 hour 2 mins)

DAY 2: Discover the UNESCO Copper Coast...

If Staying at **Monart** or **Mount Juliet**:

SUNRISE TOUR AT HOOK LIGHTHOUSE

Tel: +353 (0) 51 397 055

www.hookheritage.ie/take-sunrise-tour/

Rising to the East of the Lighthouse tower, take in the glorious sunrise of this ancient site overlooking Ireland's Celtic Sea in a once in a lifetime experience. Enjoy the spectacular panoramic views of the rolling seas stretching out before you while you savour the dawning of a new day from the lighthouse watch room and balcony.



Monart – Hook Lighthouse, Hook Head (64km/1 hour 13 mins)



Mount Juliet – Hook Lighthouse, Hook Head (58km/1 hour 2 mins)

If Staying at **Cliff House**:

PLAN AN EARLY MORNING BIRD WATCHING OR DOLPHIN AND WHALE WATCHING CLIFF HIKE

Picnic refreshment provided by the hotel as you join Waterford's renowned nature guide, Andrew Malcolm along the spectacular cliffs at Ardmore. Just remind your clients pack their binoculars and wide range camera lens to capture some great memories of the trip.

Depart directly from hotel with your guide.

If Staying at **Lismore Castle**:

GARDEN TOUR OF THE ESTATE & CASTLE ART GALLERY

Enjoy an early morning Garden Tour of the Estate & Castle Art Gallery including the lower 19th century gardens designed for the Duke of Devonshire, with its informal setting of trees, shrubs and open lawns and a yew tree lined avenue, while the upper walled garden, dating back to 1605, designed by Sir Richard Boule, 1st Earl of Cork contain ornamental borders along with one of the best collections of rhododendrons and magnolias as well as herbs, vegetables, fruit and flower gardens created for the Castle kitchens.

Finish the morning with a relaxed visit to the Castle's very own art gallery, to view its contemporary visual arts collection.

BALLYMALOE COUNTRY HOUSE & COOKERY SCHOOL

Tel: +353 (0) 21 465 2531 / www.ballymaloe.ie

Enjoy a private cookery 'demo' at Ballymaloe Country House set on a 300 acre farm in East Cork. A family with a renowned culinary heritage recognised across the world. Here, using home grown produce from its walled garden and farm, the Allens' will ensure your guests leave with some useful tips and plenty of recipes for you to take a little bit of culinary expertise to spice up their home cooking and guest entertaining.



Hook Head to Ballymaloe (154 km /2 hours 16 mins)



Cliff House – Ballymaloe (27km/ 37 mins)



Lismore Castle – Ballymaloe (41km/44 mins)

... to Cork.

MIDLETON DISTILLERY & IRISH WHISKEY ACADEMY

Tel: +353 (0) 21 465 2531 / www.jamesonwhiskey.com

Enjoy a tour and whiskey tasting at Jameson's Midleton Distillery. Whiskey connoisseurs can sample premium whiskies at the Irish Whiskey Academy with the opportunity to hand fill a bottle of Jameson Select Reserve Strength Black Barrel from a live bourbon cask before personalising the label with your name, date, number and alcohol strength.



Ballymaloe – Midleton (13km/ 21 mins)

Overnight Cork options include:

BALLYVOLANE HOUSE

Tel: +353 (0) 25 36349 / www.ballyvolane.ie

Set on an estate of idyllic landscaped gardens and parkland in the Blackwater Valley, Ballyvolane House is a historic Irish country house of extraordinary warmth, style and comfort that provides luxury accommodation and salmon fishing on the river Blackwater, located in the North Cork countryside of southern Ireland. A member of Great Fishing Houses of Ireland.



Midleton – Ballyvolane (23km/21mins)

Overnight Cork options continued...

CASTLEMARTYR

Tel: +353 (0)21 421 9000 / www.castlemartyrresort.ie

Nestled amid Cork's woodlands, Castlemartyr is steeped in history and tradition. First built in 1201 by the Knights Templar under Richard Earl de Clare, commonly known as Strongbow. The lands changed hands many times, and past owners included Sir Walter Raleigh and Rochard Boyle, First Earl of Cork. Under Boyle the construction of the magnificent 17th century manor house was completed. Recently restored to its original grandeur on resort activities include carriage rides, horse-riding, archery, clay shooting and forest walks. A favourite stay with the British royals when they visit!



Midleton – Castlemartyr (11km/16 mins)

THE KINGSLEY

Tel: +353 (0) 21 4800 500 / www.thekingsley.ie

Overlooking the historic River Lee, The Kingsley ensure a sense of tranquility. Luxuriate in their luxury, organic spa – winner of Hotel Spa of the Year 2018 (Luxury Travel Guide Spa and Wellness Awards).



Midleton – Kingsley Hotel, Cork (30km/29 mins)

MONTENOTTE HOTEL

Tel: +353 (0) 21 453 0050 / www.themontenottehotel.com

Experience exquisite comfort and pampering in Cork's newest boutique hotel. A stroll from many of Cork's highlights, overlooking Ireland's only Hotel Sunken Victorian Garden.



Midleton – Montenotte Hotel, Cork (23km/23 mins)

DAY 3: Journey on The Wild Atlantic Way...

KINSALE WALKING TOUR

Tel: +353 (0) 21 477 2873 / www.historicstrollkinsale.com

Discover Kinsale Heritage Town and gourmet capital of Ireland on a private walking tour with Don Herlihy and Barry Moloney. A beautiful walled town, hear about its battles and sieges and the conflict for New World treasure. Stop for lunch and sample its gastronomic delights in some of Ireland's finest restaurants.

 Castlemartyr Hotel – Kinsale (56km/51mins)

 Ballyvolane House, Cork – Kinsale (34km/39 mins)

 Cork City – Kinsale (27km/32 mins)


OR

WHALE WATCHING IN BALTIMORE

T +353 (0)86 1200027 / www.whalewatchwestcork.com

Whale watching off the coast of Ireland's West Cork is a unique experience. Set sail with Whale Watch West Cork from Baltimore Harbour for a voyage with your guide, zoologist and conservationist Nic Slocum. Your journey travels to Cape Clear Island allowing you get up close and personal with the giants of the sea.

 Castlemartyr Hotel – Baltimore (128km/1 hour 52mins)

 Ballyvolane House, Cork – Baltimore (102km/1 hour 40mins)

 Cork City – Baltimore (98km/1 hour 36mins)

LUNCH AT THE PARK HOTEL, KENMARE

Nestled peacefully in an idyllic setting overlooking Kenmare Bay in South West Ireland the 5 star Park Hotel Kenmare, Co. Kerry is at one with nature.

This Victorian landmark, dating from 1897, with its splendid views over the glistening waters in the Bay, the ever changing light of the Cork and Kerry Mountains, the adjoining 18 hole golf course, garden walks and the Heritage Town of Kenmare is home to one of Ireland's finest hotels.


 Kinsale – Park Hotel, Kenmare (99km/ 1hour 40 mins)

 Baltimore – Park Hotel, Kenmare (85 km/1 hour 27 mins)

EXPLORE THE RING OF KERRY

www.theringofkerry.com

It's a road that takes you through 10,000 years of dramatic history, from deep forest to the crashing waters of the Wild Atlantic Way; through rugged, majestic landscapes: where wild stag roam and where tumbling waterfalls crash into crystal streams teeming with wild salmon. The Ring of Kerry shows you the real meaning of a holiday in Kerry.

 Kenmare – Killarney via Ring of Kerry
(circa 4 hours to allow for photo stops 140km)

Overnight Killarney

MUCKROSS PARK HOTEL

Tel: +353 (0)64 6623400 / www.muckrosspark.com

Ideally located in the heart of the stunning Killarney National Park, only 4km from Killarney Town Centre, Muckross Park offers a tradition of Irish hospitality and history with modern, luxurious facilities. Killarney National Park surrounds the hotel and offers guests spectacular walking trails, cycle routes, historic tours, horse riding and lake activities.

 Killarney - Muckross Park Hotel (4.5km/7 mins)

DAY 4: Limerick's Lady & #Beyond Everything

MUCKROSS HOUSE AND GARDENS

www.muckross-house.ie & www.killarneyjauntingcars.ie

This nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The house stands close to the shores of Muckross Lake, one of Killarney's three lakes, famed world wide for their splendour and beauty. As a focal point within Killarney National Park, Muckross House is the ideal base from which to explore the park's landscape via a jaunting car after your visit to the house and gardens.



Muckross Park Hotel – Muckross House and Gardens
(2km/ 2mins)

SCATTERY ISLAND TOUR, KILRUSH MARINA

T +353 (0)85 2505512 / www.scatteryislandtours.com

The unique microclimate of Scattery Island, coupled with its range of historic sites, fabulous bird watching and island walks ensure a simply unforgettable visit to this wonderful isle. Also home to a monastery, round tower and several churches, founded in early 6th century, as well as a lighthouse and artillery battery. Daily scheduled ferry service offered to the island (May to September) with complimentary guided walking tours (June to August). Enjoy a delicious packed lunch from local ingredients to make the most out of your trip to this hidden sanctuary.



Muckross Park Hotel – Kilrush Marina (96km/ 2 hrs 21 mins)

FLYING BOAT MUSEUM

Tel: +353 (0)69 65416 / www.flyingboatmuseum.com

Imagine life as a passenger on one of the first transatlantic flights across the Atlantic. Here at Foynes Flying Boat Museum, board the world's only replica of a Boeing 314 Clipper. Equipped with a fourteen seater dining room, honeymoon suite and deck quarters for the crew, explore the original transatlantic terminal where a 3D holographic recreates the night in 1943 when Chef Joe Sheridan invented Irish Coffee for weary passengers returning to the Airport after bad weather forced the New York Flight to turn back. No better way to recreate the night than sample one for yourself,



Kilrush - Foynes via Tarbert Ferry (35 km/ 1 hr 37 mins)

Overnight and time on Resort

ADARE MANOR

Tel: +353 (0) 61 605 200 / www.adaremanor.com

Part of Leading Hotels of the World, and a member of Virtuoso, this cherished heritage of Irish hospitality, sumptuously restored and brimming with gothic splendour is perfectly appointed in every detail. The Estate's 840 acres of pristine parkland, invites you to play your way through the magnificent golf course, and experience the depths of relaxation in the spa, where you will start to understand its soul. It is prestige without pretence and magic without nonsense. Reflected by a world-class staff whose personalised, intimate service places you at the heart of this home. With endless on resort experiences to enjoy from Horse-riding, Falconry, Cycling, Fishing and more, visitors just don't want to leave.



Foynes – Adare (26km/ 26 mins)

DAY 5: From Here to Clare

HAZEL MOUNTAIN CHOCOLATE - BEAN TO BAR CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE

Tel: +353 (0)87 9903000 / www.hazelmountainchocolates.com


Enjoy a taste of the sweet life with Hazel Mountain Chocolates. This hands on boutique factory in the heart of the Burren Mountains welcomes you to take a trip behind the scenes to see fine Irish chocolate being made the traditional way – but with a twist. Owner and Chocolatier Kasha, trained with Belgian Chocolate masters, incorporates the highest quality chocolate and unique local ingredients to create some of the most tastebud-teasing confections you'll find anywhere.

 Adare - Oughtmama, Bellharbour (91km/1 hr 9 mins)

BURREN PERFUMERY

Tel: +353 (0)65 708 9102 / www.burrenperfumery.com

Drawing inspiration from the flora and beauty of the Burren landscape, the Burren perfumery creates signature scents to soothe the soul. Their perfumes, creams, soaps and candles are handcrafted on-site using the very best natural and organic ingredients. Visit the manufacturing rooms to see where the magic happens and wander through the herb garden to see the native herbs and then learn about their uses.

 Oughtmama, Bellharbour – Burren Perfumery, Fahee North (18km/ 22 mins)

BURREN FOOD TRAIL

www.burren.ie/food-dining/burren-food-trail/
www.burrensmokehouse.com

As proud winners of the European Destination of Excellence (EDEN) 2015 for Tourism and Gastronomy, visitors are invited to get involved with the Burren Food Story. The Burren Food Trail is more than a listing of quality food establishments– it aims to uncover for you the path that your food takes from field to plate. Visitors decide how to follow the trail – stop at every point or else dip in and out along the way, according to your taste, interest and location. Don't miss the Burren Smokehouse, near Lisdoonvarna on route to your Sunset Cliff Tour

 Burren Perfumery, Fahee North – Burren Visitor Centre (26km/30 mins)

SUNSET TOUR AT CLIFFS OF MOHER

Tel: + 353 (0)65 708 6141 / www.cliffsofmoher.ie

No trip to Ireland would be complete without capturing the views at this iconic Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point, on the coast of Clare. But a sunset tour, away from the crowds, offers not only the most incredible views, but also an evening palette so rich in colours from deep crimson reds, to purples and rich blue hues, reflecting off the limesone cliff face, and dotted with yellow and purple heathers, which explains why Ireland's landscapes have been inspiring artists and writers for hundreds of years.

 Burren Visitor Centre – Cliffs of Moher (32km/35 mins)

Overnight Limerick or Clare, Options Include

DROMOLAND CASTLE

Tel: +353 (0) 61 368144 / www.dromoland.ie

Dromoland Castle has been welcoming guests since the 16th Century. The ancestral home of the O'Briens of Dromoland, their lineage dates back 1,000 years to Brian Boru, one of the last High Kings of Ireland. From the imposing façade to the startling interiors, a world of grandeur, lavish décor, indulgent dining and magnificent rooms and suites to help guests feel at home. Set on a 450 acre estate, on resort activities include world class golf and an intimate spa.

 Cliffs of Moher – Dromoland Castle (53km /53mins)

SAVOY LIMERICK

Tel: + 353 (0)61 448700 / www.savoylimerick.com

The Savoy Hotel, is a luxurious boutique property ideally located in the heart of Limerick City. With its central location The Savoy is on the gateway to The Wild Atlantic Way and has some wonderful attractions on its doorstep such as the Cliffs of Moher, King John's Castle and Thomond Park, home of Munster rugby. Offering everything visitors might want from a visit to the City, from luxury shopping to sightseeing, cocktails to massage and more.

 Cliffs of Moher – Savoy Hotel, Limerick City (78km/ 1 hr 11 mins)

SECOND OVERNIGHT AND TIME ON RESORT AT ADARE MANOR

Tel: +353 (0) 61 605 200 / www.adaremanor.com

 Cliffs of Moher – Adare (96km/ 1 hr 18 mins)

DAY 6: Travel through Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

SECRET IRELAND ESCAPES

T +353 (0) 87 675 4814 / www.secretirelandescapes.com

Looking to discover a part of Ireland many rarely do & enjoy an artistic experience that brings us up close and personal with nature, then a 'secret' Ireland bespoke tour is a must on every itinerary. Untouched and undiscovered by commercial tourism, this is hidden Ireland at its best.

Here you travel by Luxury Yacht or Vintage Car to gain exclusive access to a range of extraordinary private homes and unique locations, combined with a burst of genuine Irish hospitality. Lunch included.

 Adare – Killaloe (33km/ 44 mins)

 Limerick – Killaloe (23km/30mins)

 Dromoland – Killaloe (60km/45 mins)

AFTERNOON TEA AND GARDEN TOUR AT BIRR CASTLE & DEMENSE

Tel: +353 (0)57 912 0336 / www.birrcastle.com

Plan a private afternoon tea with the Lord and Lady of this historical Estate dating back to 1170, before strolling through the estate with a private tour of the grounds and gardens. The site includes the infamous Birr telescope, when it was once the largest in the world.

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Created in the early 1840's by the Third Earl of Rosse, he discovered the spiral nature of some of the galaxies. The Demesne is also home to St Brendan's Well, a formal millennium gardens and Science Centre, a museum of Ireland's historic scientists and their contributions to astronomy and botany.

 Killaloe – Birr Castle (58km/ 56 mins)

OR

PRIVATE BESPOKE ARISTOCRACY TOURS WITH HENNESSY AND FURLONG

Tel: + 353 (0)57 87 558 66 / www.hennessy&furlong.com

With experience that opens doors into select residential castles and manors of Ireland, Hennessy & Furlong create bespoke itineraries that marry hosts and guests perfectly.

Providing intimate tours of select residential castles and manors of Ireland with histories spanning hundreds of years. Your Guide and Host is the homeowner themselves, open and conversational about modern living in an old world setting.

 Killaloe – various options in Co Tipperary (circa 50km/45 mins)

Overnight in Laois or Kildare

BALLYFIN, CO LAOIS

Tel: + 353 (0)57 87 558 66 / www.ballyfin.ie

This 5 Star luxury Stately house hotel in the heart of Ireland is set at the foot of the Slieve Bloom Mountains in Hidden Heartlands of Ireland. A place of history and romance, tranquillity and natural beauty, the house is considered as the most lavish Regency mansion in Ireland. After eight years of restoration, it has reopened as a 5 star country house hotel like no other, offering the very best of Irish hospitality in the most beautiful surroundings. With the intimacy of twenty rooms on a 614 acre estate, it is the perfect place to provide discretion and privacy like few other destinations.

 Birr Castle – Ballyfin, Co Laois (40km/45 mins)

K CLUB, STRAFFAN, CO KILDARE

Tel: +353 (0) 1 6017200 / www.kclub.ie

The K Club, Ireland's First AA 5 Red Star Hotel, is a luxury resort nestled in beautiful Co Kildare, where the River Liffey meanders through the soft green countryside. Enjoy some fishing, a game of golf on Ireland's best-known parkland resort, host to the Ryder Cup (2006) or try your hand at clay pigeon shooting. Alternatively plan a visit to one of Kildare's many horse racing festival events, taking in a private visit to the Trainers Yard, in this area of Ireland's Ancient East, known as the 'Land of the Horse'.

 Birr Castle – K Club, Straffan Co Kildare (123km/ 1 hr 25 mins)

ROUTE MAP

If staying at the K Club, enjoy some late evening shopping at Kildare Village on route to hotel or drop into Newbridge Silverware for some gift shopping.

LUXURY SHOPPING AT 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.

 Birr Castle – Kildare Village, Co Kildare (96m/1hr 5 mins)

GIFT SHOPPING & VISIT TO MUSEUM OF STYLE ICONS AT NEWBRIDGE SILVERWARE

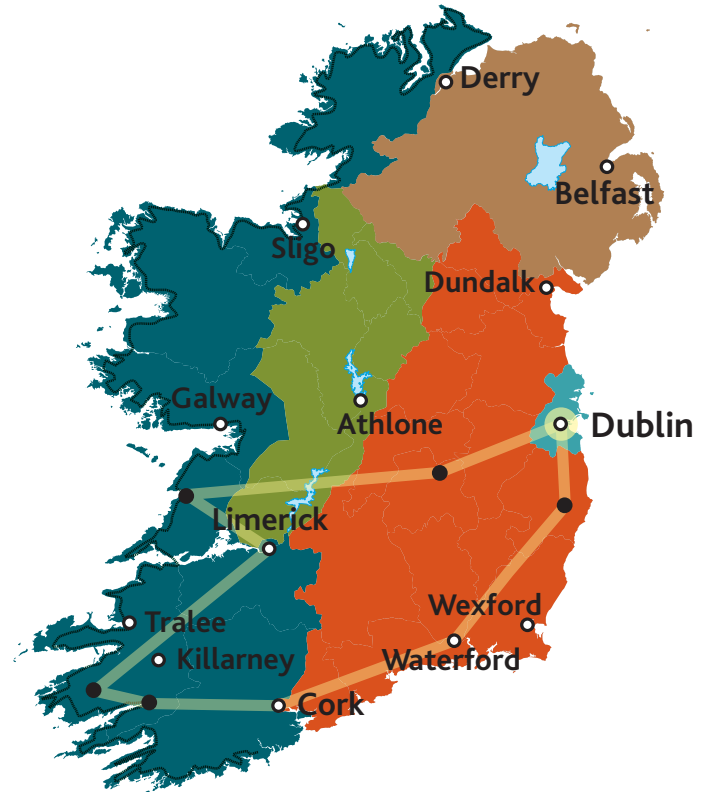
www.newbridgesilverware.com

Since 1934, this brand's unique history of craftsmanship has been designing and producing homeware and giftware products combining a contemporary and fresh attitude to design, that puts Newbridge Silverware at the cutting edge of modern living. Be sure to have your clients visit the Museum of Style Icons while there, to catch a glimpse of some fashion design collections from Audrey Hepburn, Princess Diana and Marilyn Monroe, to name a few. If time allows, invite them to consider a factory tour to meet the jewellery and gift makers too.

 Birr Castle – Newbridge Silverware (102km/1 hr 9 mins)

DAY 7: Do Dublin

For Suggestions on Exclusive Experiences for Dublin, see our 48 hour Dublin Exclusives!



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