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THE 15 DAY ULTIMATE FAMILY IRISH EXPERIENCE

Tour details

15 Days / 14 Nights Private Irish Experience Tour Start and finish: Dublin

Trip Summary

Day 1

Depart from Dublin Airport
Check-in at Davenport Hotel
Discover Dublin at Your Own Pace
EPIC Irish Emigration Museum

Day 2

Dublinia - Discover Viking Dublin
Traditional Irish Dinner, Music & Dance

Day 3

Check-out at Davenport Hotel
Kilkenny Hurling Experience
Kilkenny Castle
Check-in at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa

Day 4

Check-out at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa
Blarney Castle
Blarney Castle Gardens
Check-in at Actons Hotel

Day 5

Charles Fort

Day 6

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Traditional Jaunting Car Experience
Ross Castle
Check-in at Great Southern Hotel

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Inch Beach
Slea Head Drive
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Trim Castle

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Depart from Trim

Information & Documents



Céad míle fáilte — a hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland!

Get ready to discover Ireland together, one unforgettable experience at a time.

We've designed this 15-day family adventure to bring together the very best of Ireland — from lively Dublin and medieval castles to colourful coastal towns, wild Atlantic landscapes, traditional farms, ancient legends and plenty of opportunities to have a laugh along the way.

But this isn't about spending two weeks looking at Ireland through a window.

You'll get your hands on a hurley and discover Ireland's fastest field sport, learn about Viking Dublin, taste your way through Kinsale, kiss the famous Blarney Stone, travel through Killarney National Park by horse-drawn jaunting car and cruise the waters of Dingle Bay.

You'll meet some clever sheepdogs, explore the extraordinary landscapes of the Burren, discover the magic of Westport and enjoy a rather special encounter with birds of prey at Ashford Castle.

Then we'll head north, where the roads get quieter, the scenery gets wilder and the stories get even better. From Donegal's mighty Slieve League cliffs to the Giant's Causeway and Belfast's Titanic heritage, there's something around every corner.

And because this is a family holiday, we'll make room for the important things too: ice creams, spontaneous photo stops, cosy cafés, local music, independent exploring and the occasional afternoon where doing absolutely nothing sounds like a very good plan.

With your dedicated Irish Experience Tours driver-guide looking after the journey from Kilkenny onwards, we'll share the Ireland we know and love — the famous sights, the little-known places and the stories you won't find in a guidebook.

Small Groups. Big Experiences. Brilliant Family Memories.

Tour highlights

- Discover Viking Dublin at Dublinia and explore the capital independently.
- Enjoy a traditional Irish music and dance evening.
- Try your hand at hurling in Kilkenny.
- Explore Kilkenny Castle and medieval Kilkenny.
- Visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous Blarney Stone.
- Taste your way around colourful Kinsale with a local food experience.
- Explore Charles Fort and Kinsale's harbour.
- Travel by traditional jaunting car through Killarney National Park.
- Discover Ross Castle and the beautiful Lakes of Killarney.
- Explore the spectacular Dingle Peninsula and enjoy a harbour cruise.
- Visit the magnificent Cliffs of Moher.
- Enjoy a special overnight stay at Dromoland Castle.
- Meet working sheepdogs at Caherconnell Farm.
- Discover the Burren's remarkable limestone landscape.
- Explore Westport and the heritage of Grace O'Malley, Ireland's Pirate Queen.
- Experience falconry at Ashford Castle.
- Travel through Yeats Country and see Benbulbin.
- Discover wild Donegal, Slieve League and Donegal Castle.
- Hear the legends of giants at the Giant's Causeway.
- Explore Belfast and discover the story of Titanic.
- Visit mighty Trim Castle before your final night in Ireland.

Tour inclusions

Proposed package, subject to final quotation and supplier confirmation.

- 14 nights' accommodation in the listed hotels or agreed alternatives
- Daily breakfast where included in the confirmed accommodation arrangements
- Private Dublin Airport arrival transfer
- Two-day Dublin sightseeing bus pass, subject to final package confirmation
- Private touring vehicle and Irish Experience Tours driver-guide from Day 3 through Day 14
- Private Dublin Airport departure transfer
- Planned sightseeing and experiences as detailed in the itinerary
- Selected admissions, demonstrations, guided experiences and cruises as confirmed in the final package
- Local stories, recommendations, scenic stops and flexible touring

Tour exclusions

Unless specifically confirmed as included: international flights, travel insurance, lunches, most dinners, drinks, personal expenses, gratuities, optional extras, additional free-time transportation, unconfirmed admissions, portage and excess baggage.

Day 1



Depart from Dublin Airport

Your private transfer arrives at Dublin Airport to welcome you to Ireland and take you into the heart of Dublin.



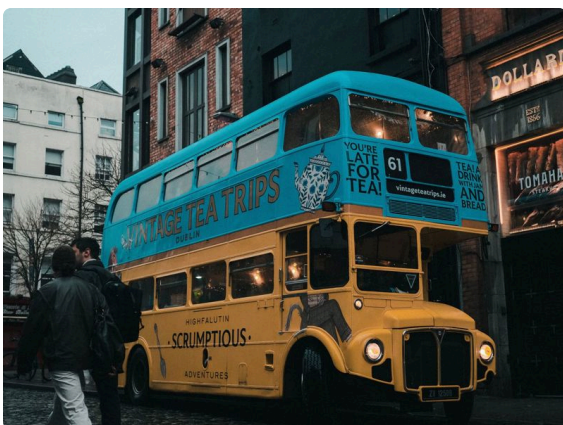
Check-in at Davenport Hotel

Settle into your accommodation in Dublin for a 2-night stay as you begin your family adventure filled with castles, legends, coastline, Irish culture and plenty of craic.



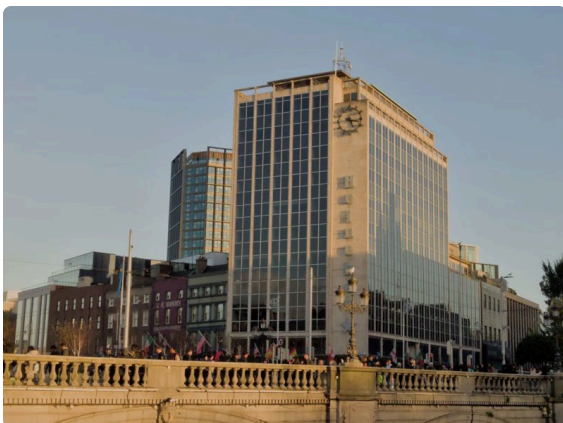
Discover Dublin at Your Own Pace

Enjoy the freedom of your Dublin sightseeing bus pass to explore the capital's famous streets and landmarks. Hop off wherever something catches your eye, from Trinity College and Dublin Castle to lively shopping streets and historic neighbourhoods—there's something for every generation.



EPIC Irish Emigration Museum

Discover the remarkable stories of Irish people who travelled across the world and the lasting influence they had on music, sport, literature, culture and everyday life. It's a wonderful introduction to Ireland's connections with the wider world.



Day 2



Dublinia - Discover Viking Dublin

Travel back over a thousand years and discover what Dublin was like when the Vikings arrived. Explore reconstructed Viking streets, learn about their ships, houses and daily lives, and discover the stories of medieval Dublin. It's a brilliant interactive experience for families and a chance to see a very different side of Ireland's capital.



Traditional Irish Dinner, Music & Dance

Enjoy an evening at the Merry Ploughboy Pub, where traditional Irish music, singing and dancing take centre stage. Settle in for a hearty Irish meal before a lively performance filled with rhythm, energy and plenty of personality—a wonderful way to introduce the family to Ireland's musical traditions.



Day 3



Check-out at Davenport Hotel



Kilkenny Hurling Experience

Discover one of Ireland's oldest and fastest field sports by combining a wooden stick, a small ball and some seriously impressive hand-eye coordination. Learn about hurling's importance in Irish communities and have a go at some of the skills yourself—expect plenty of laughs and perhaps a little family competition.



Kilkenny Castle

Visit magnificent Kilkenny Castle, standing proudly above the River Nore. Once home to the powerful Butler family, this historic castle has watched over Kilkenny for centuries. Explore its beautiful rooms, fascinating history and impressive grounds.



Check-in at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa

Your 1-night stay in Kilkenny at this hotel and spa property.



Day 4



Check-out at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa



Blarney Castle

Visit one of Ireland's most famous castles, built nearly 600 years ago. Explore the historic grounds and discover the legends surrounding the famous Blarney Stone. Feeling brave? Climb the castle steps and kiss the Stone of Eloquence—legend has it you'll be rewarded with the gift of the gab.



Blarney Castle Gardens

Enjoy time exploring the castle's beautiful gardens and woodland paths. There's plenty to discover even for those who prefer to keep their feet firmly on the ground.



Check-in at Actons Hotel

Your 2-night stay in Kinsale at this hotel, positioned in the colourful harbour town known as one of Ireland's great food destinations.



Day 5



Charles Fort

Explore impressive Charles Fort, overlooking the entrance to Kinsale Harbour. Built in the late seventeenth century, this remarkable star-shaped fort has witnessed centuries of Irish military and maritime history. Enjoy the coastal views while your driver-guide shares stories of the people and events that shaped this historic harbour.



Day 6



Check-out at Actons Hotel



Traditional Jaunting Car Experience

Climb aboard a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car and travel through Killarney National Park with a local jarvey. It's a lovely experience for different generations of the family, with plenty of Kerry stories and humour along the way.



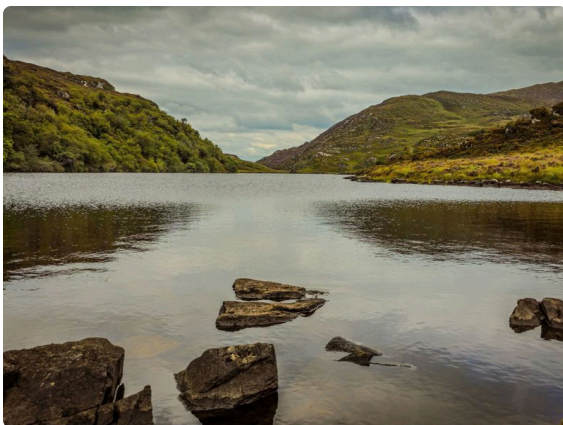
Ross Castle

Visit historic Ross Castle, a fifteenth-century tower house overlooking Lough Leane. Discover the stories of the O'Donoghue clan and enjoy the beautiful lakeside setting.



Check-in at Great Southern Hotel

Your 2-night stay in Killarney at this hotel, situated near one of Ireland's most beautiful national parks where mountains rise above sparkling lakes, ancient woodland and historic estates.



Day 7



Inch Beach

Enjoy a scenic stop at beautiful Inch Beach, where a long stretch of sand reaches out towards the Atlantic beneath the Kerry mountains. It's a wonderful place for a family photograph and some fresh sea air.



Slea Head Drive

Travel the spectacular Slea Head Drive, following the edge of the Dingle Peninsula with the Atlantic Ocean on one side and patchwork green fields on the other. Discover ancient stone sites, coastal viewpoints, Gaeltacht communities and views towards the Blasket Islands, with scenic stops along the way to enjoy the landscape.



Dingle Harbour Cruise

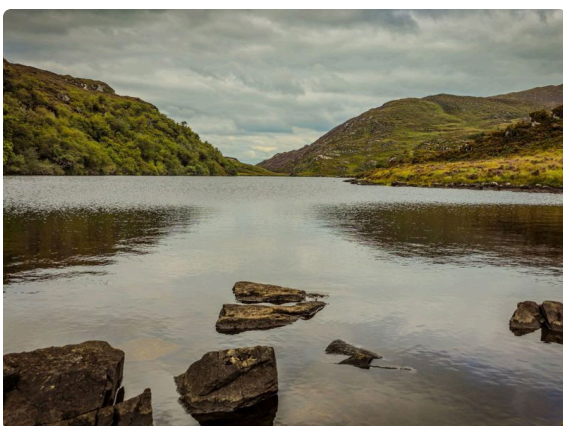
Take to the water for a guided cruise around Dingle Harbour and into the bay. Discover the area's maritime history, its connections with fishing and trade, and the stories of life along this Atlantic coastline.



Day 8



Check-out at Great Southern Hotel



Cliffs of Moher

Visit the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, where towering cliffs rise dramatically above the Atlantic Ocean. Take time to enjoy the views, feel the Atlantic breeze and appreciate one of Ireland's most spectacular natural landmarks. Weather permitting, you'll enjoy wonderful views along the coastline.



Check-in at Dromoland Castle

Your 1-night stay at this magnificent historic estate surrounded by beautiful parkland, woodland and lakes—a wonderful opportunity to slow down and enjoy a little castle luxury.



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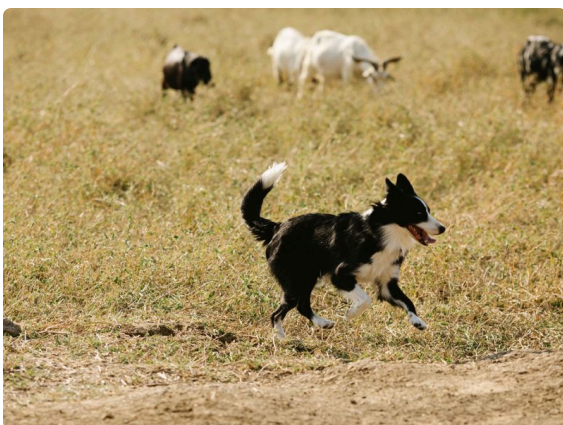


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Caherconnell Sheepdog Demonstration

Visit Caherconnell Farm for a wonderful insight into traditional Irish farming life. Meet the talented border collies and watch them demonstrate their skills working with sheep. It's a fantastic experience for all ages and a chance to discover the important role these dogs play on Irish farms.



Check-in at Wyatt Hotel

Your 2-night stay in Westport at this hotel, in the charming town surrounded by mountains, coastline and beautiful countryside.



Day 10



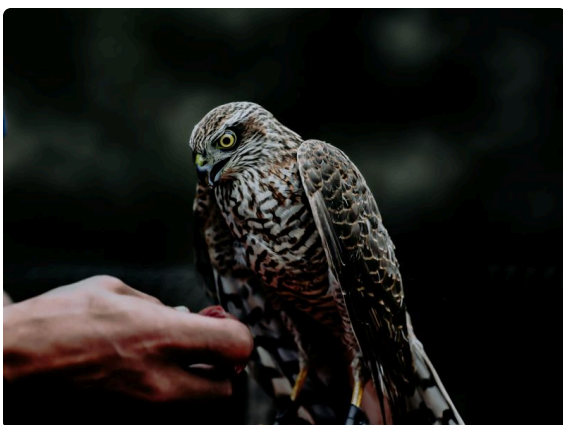
Westport House

Discover beautiful Westport House, a historic estate with strong connections to Grace O'Malley, the legendary Pirate Queen of Connacht. Hear the extraordinary story of this fearless woman who commanded ships, challenged powerful figures and became one of Ireland's most fascinating historical characters.



Ashford Castle Falconry Experience

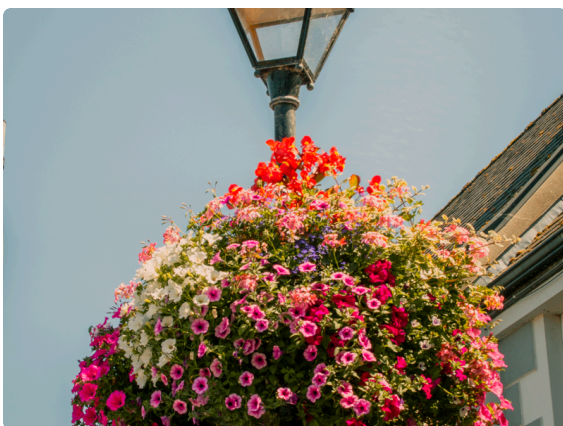
Get ready for a truly memorable experience at Ashford Castle. Meet the magnificent birds of prey and learn about the ancient art of falconry with an experienced instructor. Under supervision, discover how these extraordinary birds fly, hunt and respond to their handlers—the sort of experience families will still be talking about years later.



Day 11



Check-out at Wyatt Hotel



Benbulbin

Stop to admire magnificent Benbulbin, the unmistakable flat-topped mountain that dominates the Sligo landscape. Your driver-guide will share some of the stories and folklore associated with this remarkable region.



Mullaghmore

Continue towards the coastal village of Mullaghmore, where the Atlantic meets the rugged landscape of north Sligo. Enjoy spectacular views and some time for photographs.



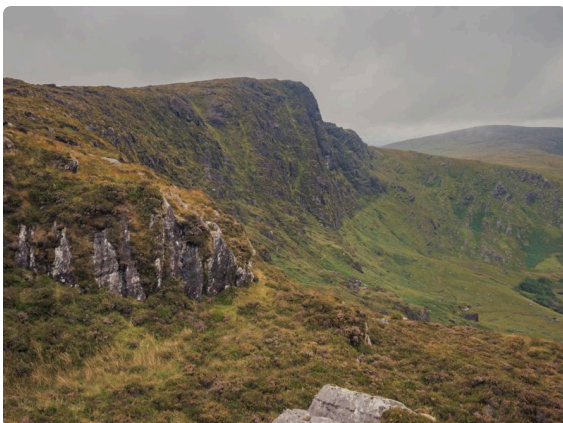
Classiebawn Castle Viewpoint

Admire the striking silhouette of Classiebawn Castle, standing dramatically between the ocean and Benbulbin.



Check-in at Harvey's Point

Your 2-night stay in Donegal at this hotel, in one of Ireland's wildest and most beautiful regions where the roads become quieter, the scenery gets bigger and the landscape feels wonderfully untouched.

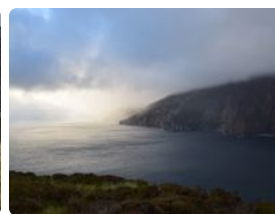


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Slieve League Sea Cliffs

Visit the spectacular Slieve League sea cliffs, where the mountains plunge dramatically towards the Atlantic Ocean. These cliffs are among the highest sea cliffs in Ireland, and the views are simply unforgettable.



Donegal Castle

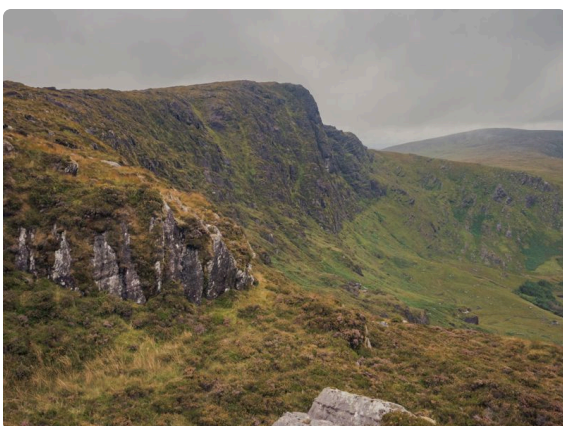
Return towards Donegal Town and visit historic Donegal Castle, once the stronghold of the powerful O'Donnell clan. Discover the fascinating history of this important Gaelic family and the turbulent events that shaped the region.



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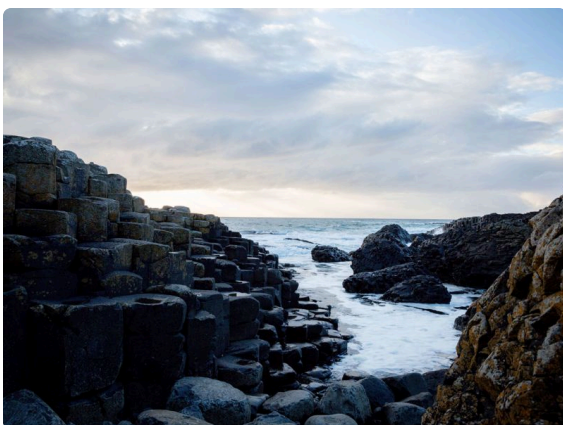


Check-out at Harvey's Point



Giant's Causeway

Visit one of Ireland's most extraordinary natural landmarks. Thousands of interlocking basalt columns stretch towards the Atlantic Ocean, formed by ancient volcanic activity. Irish mythology offers a different explanation involving the legendary giant Fionn mac Cumhaill and his Scottish rival Benandonner—you can decide which version you prefer.



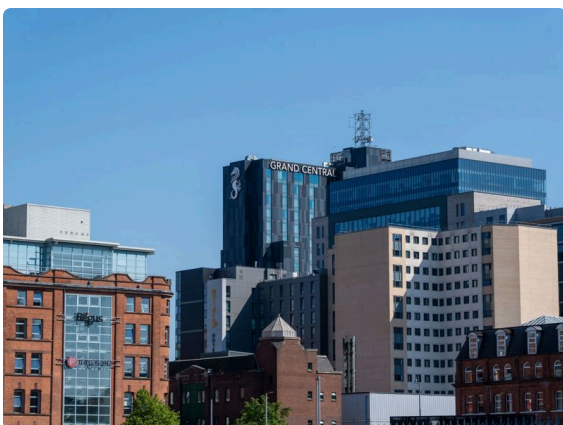
Belfast City Sightseeing

Enjoy an introduction to Belfast's history and landmarks, including City Hall, the Grand Opera House, the Albert Memorial Clock and the famous Crown Liquor Saloon.



Check-in at Grand Central Hotel

Your 1-night stay in Belfast at this hotel, in Northern Ireland's vibrant capital.



Day 14

**Check-out at Grand Central Hotel****Titanic Belfast**

Visit Titanic Belfast, located in the historic shipyard where the famous liner was built. Discover the extraordinary story of the ship, the people who built her and the passengers who travelled aboard her. It's a fascinating experience that brings Belfast's maritime and industrial heritage to life.

**Trim Castle**

Visit magnificent Trim Castle, one of Ireland's most impressive Anglo-Norman fortresses. Explore its extraordinary medieval history and discover why this remarkable castle became a filming location for the movie Braveheart.

**Check-in at Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort**

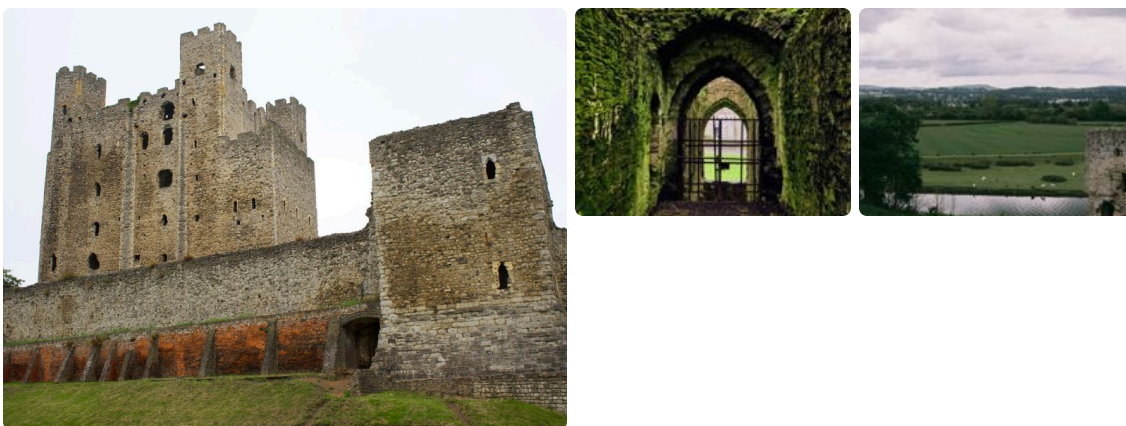
Your 1-night stay at this hotel and golf resort in Trim, a region filled with ancient history, medieval castles and fascinating Irish stories.



Day 15



Check-out at Knightsbrook Hotel Spa & Golf Resort



Depart from Trim

Your private transfer departs from Dublin Airport for your journey home after fifteen days exploring ancient castles, colourful towns, spectacular coastline, traditional farms and some of Ireland's most extraordinary landscapes.

