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THE 9 DAY SUPREME IRISH EXPERIENCE

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Depart from Dublin



Tour introduction

Céad míle fáilte — a hundred thousand welcomes to Ireland!

Some journeys are about ticking places off a list. This one is about experiencing Ireland in style, with enough time to appreciate the people, stories and landscapes that make our little island so special.

Over nine wonderful days, we'll take you from Dublin's elegant Georgian streets to the peaceful valleys of Wicklow, the medieval charm of Kilkenny and the colourful corners of County Cork.

You'll discover the legends of Blarney Castle, wander Kinsale's harbour streets and enjoy the timeless beauty of Killarney National Park. Then we'll head out along the famous Ring of Kerry, where mountains, Atlantic beaches and spectacular coastal roads provide the perfect backdrop for a few unforgettable days.

And because this is an Irish Experience Tours adventure, there's more to the journey than beautiful scenery.

We'll share the stories behind ancient monasteries, castles and country estates. You'll meet some very clever sheepdogs, travel through Killarney by traditional horse-drawn jaunting car and enjoy the spectacular Cliffs of Moher.

Along the way, we've chosen some of Ireland's most beautiful places to stay — from elegant city hotels to countryside estates and lakeside retreats.

But the real luxury? Having your own dedicated Irish Experience Tours driver-guide, the flexibility to stop when something catches your eye and the freedom to enjoy Ireland without rushing from one attraction to the next.

A little luxury. A lot of local character. And plenty of Irish craic.

Tour highlights

- Discover elegant Georgian Dublin and its cultural treasures.
- Explore EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum.
- Experience the heritage of Irish whiskey at Jameson Distillery Bow St.
- Journey through the beautiful Wicklow Mountains.
- Discover the ancient monastic settlement of Glendalough.
- Explore Russborough House and its art collections.
- Visit magnificent Kilkenny Castle.
- Discover the legends of Blarney Castle and the Blarney Stone.
- Wander the colourful harbour streets of Kinsale.
- Enjoy a traditional jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park.
- Experience the spectacular Ring of Kerry.
- Watch talented working sheepdogs demonstrate their skills.
- Discover the mighty Cliffs of Moher.
- Enjoy exceptional stays at The Merrion, The Europe and Adare Manor.
- Visit the Irish National Stud and Japanese Gardens.
- Celebrate your Irish adventure with traditional music, dancing and a lively evening of craic.

Tour inclusions

Proposed inclusions, subject to final quotation and supplier confirmation.

- Eight nights' accommodation at the listed luxury hotels or agreed alternatives
- Breakfast each morning where included in the final hotel arrangements
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers
- Two-day Dublin hop-on hop-off sightseeing pass
- Private touring with an Irish Experience Tours driver-guide from Day 3 through Day 8
- Comfortable private touring vehicle
- Main sightseeing and experiences detailed in the itinerary, subject to final admission and supplier confirmation
- Shannon Estuary ferry crossing where operating
- Traditional Irish dinner and entertainment evening, subject to confirmation

- Local recommendations, scenic stops, storytelling and flexibility throughout the journey

Tour exclusions

Unless specifically confirmed in the final quotation: international flights, travel insurance, lunches, most dinners, drinks, personal expenses, gratuities, optional extras, additional free-time transportation, unconfirmed admissions, spa treatments and premium hotel activities.



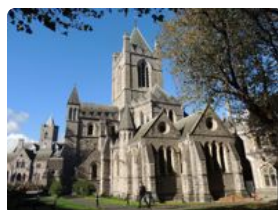
Day 1



Dublin Things to Do Guide

Things to Do in Dublin

- **St Stephen's Green** - Enjoy a peaceful stroll through one of Dublin's best-loved parks.
- **Grafton Street** - Explore independent shops, cafés and lively street performances.
- **National Gallery of Ireland** - Discover a remarkable collection of Irish and international art.
- **Merrion Square** - Admire Georgian architecture and colourful doors.



Dublin Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences in Dublin

- **Trinity College and Book of Kells** - Discover one of Ireland's most famous cultural treasures.
- **Private Dublin Walking Tour** - Explore the city's history with a local guide.
- **Dublin Food Tour** - Taste local flavours and meet passionate producers.
- **Irish Traditional Music Evening** - Enjoy an authentic music session in a welcoming pub.

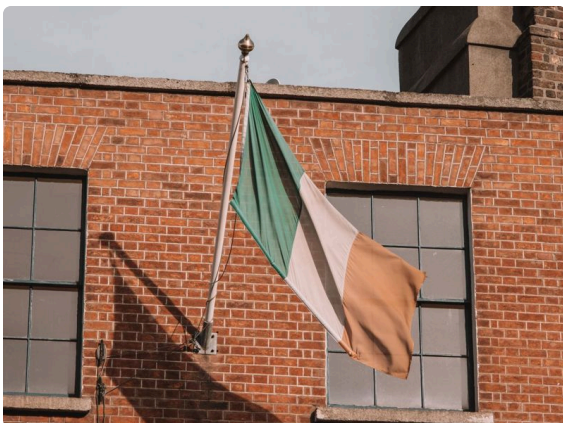
Additional Dublin Experiences

- **Guinness Storehouse** - Discover the story of Ireland's famous stout.
- **Private Literary Walking Tour** - Follow in the footsteps of Dublin's great writers.
- **Dublin Bay Coastal Excursion** - Visit charming coastal villages such as Howth.
- **Fine Dining Experience** - Enjoy a special evening at one of Dublin's acclaimed restaurants.



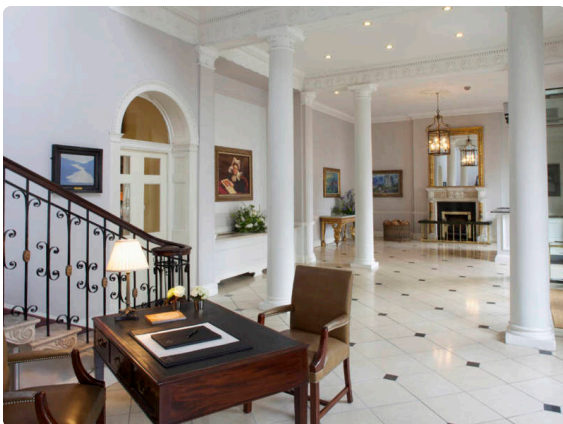
Depart from Dublin Airport

Your private transfer will bring you from Dublin Airport into the heart of the capital city, where you'll settle into your hotel and prepare for nine days of beautiful scenery, fascinating stories and memorable experiences.



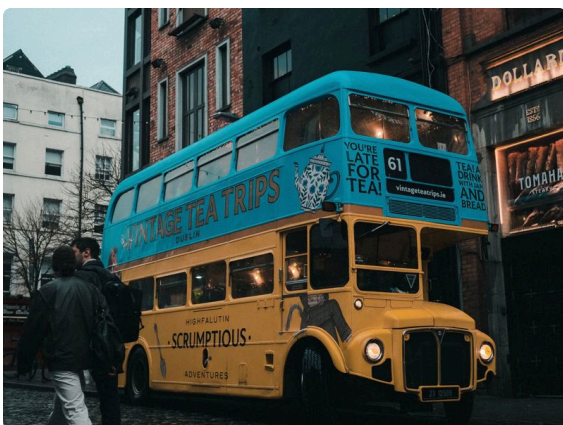
Check-in at The Merrion Hotel, Dublin

Settle into The Merrion Hotel in Dublin for a 2-night stay in the heart of the capital city, where you can relax after your journey and prepare for nine days of beautiful scenery, fascinating stories and memorable experiences.



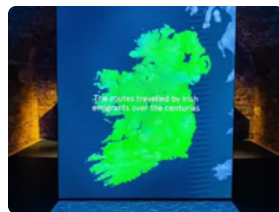
Dublin Hop-On Hop-Off Pass

Enjoy the freedom of a two-day hop-on hop-off sightseeing pass to explore Dublin at your own pace. Dublin is a city full of personality, where Georgian architecture, historic landmarks, lively streets and traditional pubs sit comfortably side by side, allowing you to stop wherever something catches your eye.



EPIC Irish Emigration Museum

Discover the extraordinary stories of Irish people who travelled across the world, taking their music, traditions, literature and culture with them. This fascinating interactive museum brings Ireland's global connections to life.



Day 2



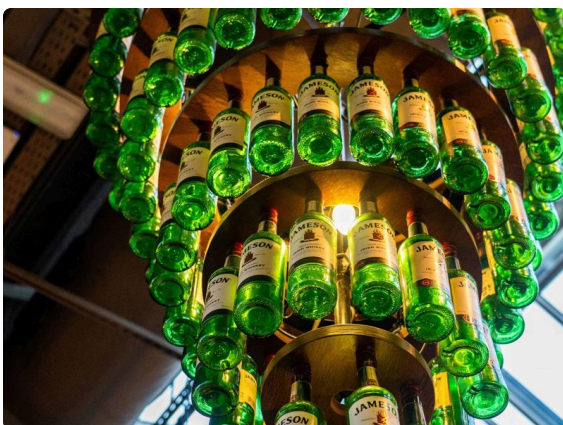
Dublin Hop-On Hop-Off Discovery

Continue exploring Dublin using your sightseeing pass to discover the city's great museums, historic buildings and colourful neighbourhoods. Whether you love art, architecture, shopping or simply finding a lovely café, Dublin has plenty to offer.



Jameson Distillery Bow Street

Step inside the historic home of Jameson Irish Whiskey in Smithfield and discover the stories, craftsmanship and traditions behind one of Ireland's most famous exports. Learn about Irish whiskey-making during a guided experience, with a tasting element for eligible adult guests.



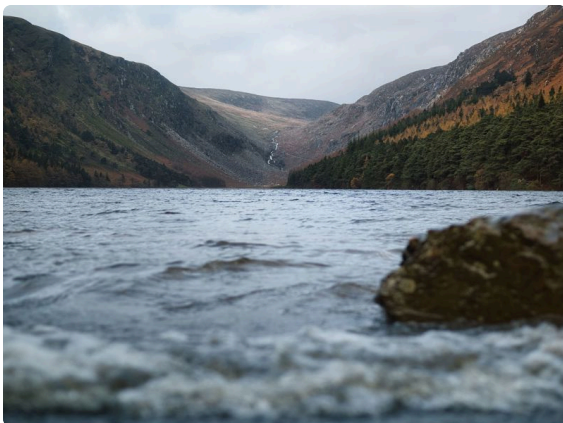
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Wicklow & Kilkenny Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences in Wicklow & Kilkenny

- **Glendalough Lakeside Walk** - Enjoy a scenic walk suited to your preferred pace.
- **Wicklow Scenic Photography Stops** - Explore some of the region's beautiful viewpoints.
- **Kilkenny Medieval Mile** - Discover the city's fascinating medieval heritage.
- **Smithwick's Experience** - Learn about Kilkenny's brewing traditions.
- **Traditional Music in Kilkenny** - Enjoy an evening of local music and conversation.



Check-out at The Merrion Hotel, Dublin

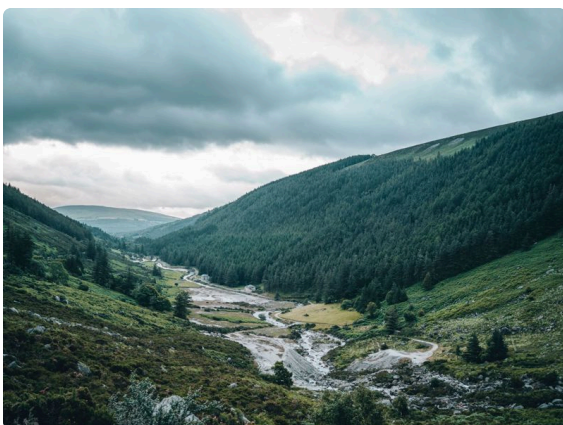


Depart from Dublin

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Meet your dedicated Irish Experience Tours driver-guide and begin your journey beyond Dublin. From here on, you'll discover Ireland together, combining famous landmarks with local stories, scenic backroads and those unexpected little stops that make a journey memorable.



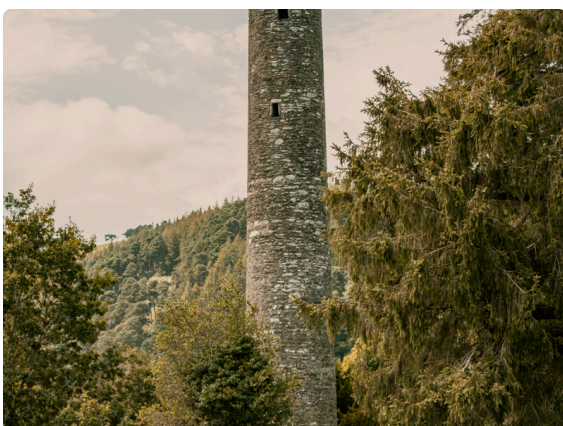
Wicklow Mountains Tour

Travel south into the beautiful Wicklow Mountains, often called the Garden of Ireland. Discover rolling hills, dramatic valleys, quiet lakes and sweeping mountain scenery as you take your time allowing the landscape to work its magic.



Glendalough Monastic Settlement

Visit Glendalough, one of Ireland's most atmospheric historic sites founded by St Kevin in the sixth century. This ancient monastic settlement lies in a beautiful valley surrounded by woodland and mountains, featuring a remarkable round tower, historic ruins and the stories of the monks who once lived here.



Russborough House Visit

Continue to elegant Russborough House, a magnificent country estate renowned for its architecture and art collections. Enjoy a guided visit and discover the stories of the families who shaped this beautiful house.



Check-in at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa, Kilkenny

Stay at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa in Kilkenny for 1 night, a welcoming base from which to explore the city's charming streets and medieval heritage.



Day 4



Cork Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences in Cork

- **English Market** - Browse one of Ireland's most famous food markets.
- **Cork City Walking Tour** - Discover the city's history, architecture and local stories.
- **Shandon Bells** - Visit a much-loved Cork landmark, subject to opening arrangements.
- **Cork Food Experience** - Meet local producers and sample regional specialities.
- **Hayfield Manor Spa** - Enjoy a relaxing treatment or leisure time at the hotel.



Check-out at Lyrath Estate Hotel & Spa, Kilkenny



Kilkenny Castle Visit

Begin at magnificent Kilkenny Castle, overlooking the River Nore and once home to the powerful Butler family. This impressive castle has stood at the heart of Kilkenny's story for centuries, with beautifully restored interiors and surrounding parkland to explore.



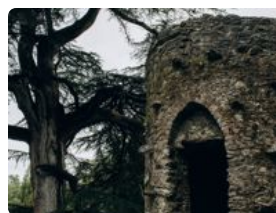
Blarney Castle Exploration

Welcome to one of Ireland's most famous castles, where history and legend go hand in hand. Explore the medieval stronghold and discover the stories surrounding the legendary Blarney Stone, and if feeling adventurous, climb the castle's winding stairs to kiss the Stone of Eloquence for the traditional gift of the gab.



Blarney Castle Gardens

Enjoy time exploring the beautiful gardens, woodland paths and fascinating corners of the Blarney Castle estate. There's plenty to discover even if climbing to the Blarney Stone isn't for you.



Check-in at Hayfield Manor, Cork

Stay at Hayfield Manor in Cork for 1 night, an elegant hotel in a city known for its independent spirit, lively atmosphere, wonderful food and friendly local character.



Day 5



Kinsale & Killarney Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences in Kinsale & Killarney

- **Kinsale Food Tour** - Meet local producers and discover the town's celebrated food scene.
- **Charles Fort** - Explore a remarkable coastal fortress overlooking Kinsale Harbour.
- **Muckross House & Gardens** - Discover an elegant historic estate.
- **Torc Waterfall** - Enjoy a scenic woodland walk.
- **Killarney Lake Cruise** - See the national park from the water.
- **Hotel Spa Experience** - Enjoy a relaxing treatment overlooking the Kerry landscape.



Check-out at Hayfield Manor, Cork



Colourful Kinsale Visit

Travel to beautiful Kinsale, one of Ireland's most charming harbour towns. Wander streets lined with brightly painted buildings, independent shops and welcoming cafés, and discover a town with maritime history and a celebrated reputation for excellent food.



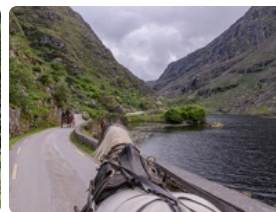
Killarney National Park

Discover the natural beauty of Killarney National Park, with its sparkling lakes, ancient woodland and magnificent mountain backdrop.



Traditional Jaunting Car Ride

Climb aboard a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car and travel through Killarney National Park with a local jarvey. Enjoy the scenery while hearing a few Kerry stories and perhaps a joke or two along the way.



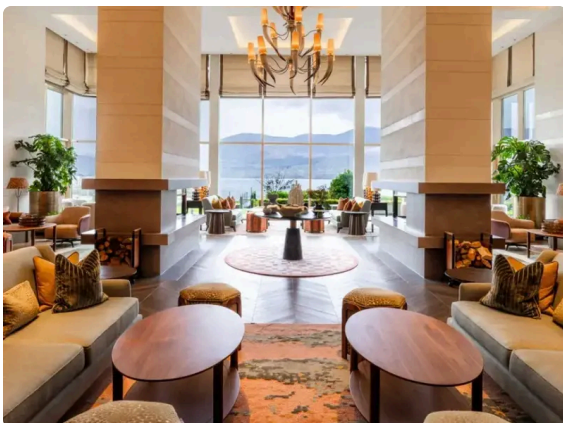
Ross Castle Visit

Arrive at historic Ross Castle, a fifteenth-century tower house standing proudly beside Lough Leane. Discover the stories of the O'Donoghue clan and enjoy the peaceful lakeside setting.



Check-in at The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney

Settle into The Europe Hotel & Resort in Killarney for a 2-night stay, a luxurious lakeside retreat overlooking Lough Leane and the Kerry mountains where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.



Day 6



Ring of Kerry Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences on the Ring of Kerry

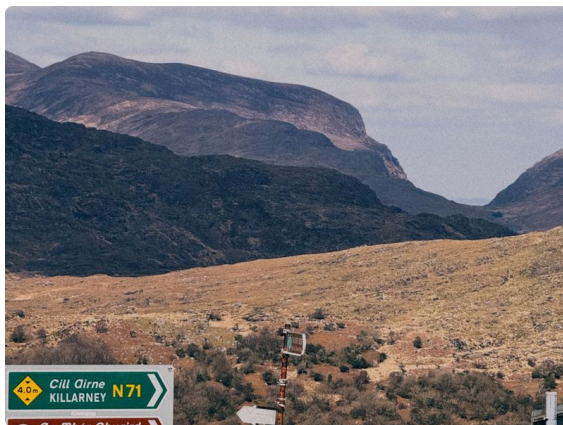
- **Skellig Ring Scenic Drive** - Explore an even quieter stretch of spectacular Atlantic coastline, as an alternative route.
- **Valentia Island** - Discover island scenery and maritime history.
- **Local Craft Workshop** - Meet a Kerry artisan and learn about traditional crafts.
- **Guided Coastal Walk** - Enjoy a gentle walk with a local guide.
- **Kerry Food Tasting** - Discover local cheese, seafood or other regional produce.
- **Traditional Music Evening** - Enjoy Kerry's famous musical hospitality.





Ring of Kerry Scenic Drive

Set off on one of Ireland's great scenic journeys as the Ring of Kerry winds through spectacular mountains, Atlantic coastline, colourful villages and beautiful countryside. Enjoy the scenery at a relaxed pace, with plenty of opportunities to stop along the way.



Kells Sheepdogs Demonstration

Enjoy a wonderful introduction to traditional Irish farming life at Kells Sheepdogs. Watch talented working dogs demonstrate their incredible skill, intelligence and partnership with their handler—a fascinating local experience and one of those memorable moments that captures the character of rural Ireland.



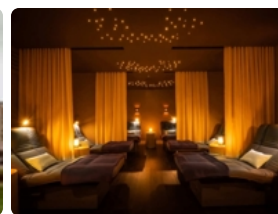
Day 7



Adare Manor Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences at Adare Manor

- **Falconry** - Enjoy a private encounter with magnificent birds of prey.
- **Championship Golf** - Play a round on the estate's celebrated course.
- **Spa Experience** - Relax with a luxurious treatment.
- **Estate Walking Trails** - Explore the beautiful parkland and gardens.
- **Horse Riding** - Arrange a countryside riding experience where available.
- **Adare Village Walk** - Discover the village's charming streets and heritage.



Check-out at The Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney



Depart from Tarbert

Board the ferry at Tarbert for a short journey across the Shannon Estuary towards County Clare. It's a lovely way to travel between the two counties and enjoy the views across the water.



Cliffs of Moher Visit

Visit the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, where towering cliffs rise dramatically above the Atlantic Ocean. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery, coastal views and the sheer beauty of one of Ireland's most famous natural landmarks.



Check-in at Adare Manor

Arrive at magnificent Adare Manor for a 1-night stay, one of Ireland's most celebrated luxury country estates. Surrounded by beautiful parkland and the River Maigue, this extraordinary property is the perfect place to unwind after a wonderful day of exploring.



Day 8



County Kildare & Dublin Optional Experiences

Optional Experiences in County Kildare & Dublin

- **Kildare Village** - Enjoy a little shopping before returning to Dublin, if time allows.
- **Irish National Stud Guided Experience** - Arrange a more in-depth visit where available.
- **Private Dublin Dining Experience** - Enjoy a special final meal as an alternative to the music show.
- **Dublin Evening Walk** - Enjoy a final wander through the capital's historic streets.



Check-out at Adare Manor



Irish National Stud Visit

Visit the Irish National Stud, where Ireland's proud horse-breeding heritage comes to life. Discover the history of thoroughbred breeding, admire the magnificent horses and learn why Ireland has such a remarkable reputation in the world of racing.





Japanese Gardens Stroll

Enjoy a stroll through the beautiful Japanese Gardens, designed to symbolise the journey of life. With winding paths, carefully landscaped gardens and peaceful corners, it's a lovely place to slow down and reflect on your journey.



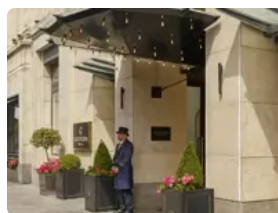
Traditional Irish Dinner & Music

Finish your Irish adventure in style with an evening at the Merry Ploughboy Pub. Enjoy a hearty Irish dinner followed by a lively performance of traditional Irish music, song and dancing, with great musicianship, plenty of energy and a wonderful atmosphere—the perfect way to celebrate the stories, scenery and unforgettable experiences shared over the past eight days.



Check-in at The Westin Hotel, Dublin

Stay at The Westin Hotel in Dublin for 1 night, your final base before departing Ireland, where you can reflect on your journey through the country's most memorable destinations.



Day 9



Check-out at The Westin Hotel, Dublin



Depart from Dublin

After breakfast, enjoy your private transfer to Dublin Airport for your journey home, concluding nine days of discovering the Ireland of Georgian Dublin, peaceful Wicklow Mountains, Kilkenny's medieval streets, the legends of Blarney, the lakes of Killarney and the wild beauty of the Atlantic coast.

