

March 10-18, 2025



Land Only Tour

\$2845.00 PER PERSON

3 PINTS GONE TOUR OF IRELAND

Daily Itinerary

Day 1, March 10-Monday: Dublin Airport- Dublin.

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. **The group will depart the airport at 10:00AM.** We travel into Dublin Town where we enjoy a panoramic tour of this 1000-year-old city. Then we will make our way to Guinness Storehouse, visiting the Guinness Storehouse is not only an opportunity to learn about Ireland's most famous beer but also to immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Dublin and its iconic brewery. It's a must-visit destination for beer enthusiasts and travelers alike. One of the highlights of the Guinness Storehouse is the Gravity Bar, located at the top of the building. Here, you can enjoy a complimentary pint of Guinness while taking in panoramic views of Dublin cityscape. Check into our hotel LATE AFTERNOON. Dinner is on your own.

Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel

Day 2, March 11-Tuesday: Dublin-Ballygally

Leaving Dublin, we begin our adventures by driving north from Dublin to Ballygally, you will experience a transition from the vibrant urban atmosphere of Dublin to the scenic coastal beauty of Ballygally. Leaving Dublin, you'll enter the Irish countryside, characterized by rolling green hills, quaint villages, and picturesque farmland. You might see sheep grazing in fields and old stone walls dividing the land. As you approach Ballygally, you'll start to see glimpses of the Irish coastline. On our way we will make a stop at Carrickfurgus Castle, in County Antrim. It is one of the best-preserved medieval castles in Ireland and has a rich history dating back to its construction in the 12th century. Its strategic location overlooking Belfast Lough made it an important military stronghold throughout its history. Continuing we will pass by the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, the bridge spans a 20-meter chasm and connects the mainland to the tiny island of Carrickarede. It's a popular tourist attraction known for its scenic views and thrilling experience of crossing the bridge, which sways and bounces with the wind and waves below. Then it is onto Ballygally. **Dinner & Overnight at the Ballygally Castle Hotel.**

Your Tour Includes:

Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers (1 group transfer on arrival & departure) and sightseeing.
Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
Eight (8 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Dublin-	Camden Court Hotel-1 Nights **** www.camdencourthotel.com
Ballygally-	The Ballygally Castle Hotel- 1 Night *** www.ballygallycastlehotel.com
Belfast-The	Europa Hotel- 2Nights ***** www.europahotelbelfast.com
Donegal-	The Center Hotel – 2 Nights **** www.centralhoteldonegal.com
Ennis-The	Old Ground Hotel- 2 Nights **** www.oldgroundhotelennis.com

Full Irish breakfast daily, except the day of arrival, Two Dinners: 1 Ballygally & 1 Bunratty
Admissions to Guinness, Carrickfurgus Castle, Giants Causeway, Dunluce Castle, Glenview Folk Park, Game of Thrones Studio Tour, Titanic Museum, Sileve League
Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
Porterage of one suitcase per person, Hotel taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)

NOT

INCLUDED:

Any items of a personal nature
Dinners and items not mentioned as included.
Sightseeing not indicated as included.

Day 3, March 12-Wednesday: Ballygally- Belfast.

Morning departure from Ballygally to our first stop, The Giant's Causeway, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located on the northeast coast. It's a natural wonder renowned for its unique geological formations, which consist of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns formed by volcanic activity millions of years ago. The site offers stunning coastal scenery and opportunities for exploration. Visitors can walk along designated trails to explore the basalt columns, some of which rise as high as 39 feet above sea level. The Giant's Causeway Visitor Centre provides information about the geological significance of the site, its history, and the surrounding area. The Causeway is a popular tourist destination, drawing visitors from around the world to marvel at its unique beauty and geological significance. This afternoon we will make our way to Dunluce Castle, which is a medieval castle, not far from the Giant's Causeway. It is situated on a dramatic basalt outcropping overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The castle has a long and storied history dating back to the 13th century when it was built by the MacQuillan family. Today, Dunluce Castle stands as a picturesque ruin, with its crumbling walls and turrets adding to its mystique. It is a popular tourist attraction, offering visitors the chance to explore its atmospheric ruins and enjoy panoramic views of the coastline. **Overnight at the Europa Hotel.**

Day 4, March 13- Thursday: Belfast.

After breakfast our journey begins with the Game of Thrones Studio Tour, which takes you on a journey from the conceptual stages of Game of Thrones and into the heart of Westeros where you'll be in awe of giants and dragons, and the real Iron Throne. Whether you're a Game of Thrones fan or simply curious about how an epic award-winning TV series is made, Game of Thrones Studio Tour is for everyone. You will see behind-the-scenes insights into the filming process, including anecdotes about the cast and crew, special effects, and challenges faced during production. You will have the opportunity to see costumes, weapons, and props used in the series up close. This afternoon we will visit the famed Titanic Museum Belfast, which is an award-winning museum located in the heart of Belfast. It's situated on the site where the RMS Titanic was built at the Harland & Wolff shipyard. The museum tells the story of the ill-fated ocean liner, from its construction and launch in Belfast to its tragic sinking in 1912. The museum features interactive exhibits, multimedia presentations, and artifacts related to the Titanic's construction, maiden voyage, and legacy. Visitors can take a ride through a simulated shipyard, experiencing what it was like to work on the construction of the Titanic. **Overnight at The Europa Hotel**

Day 5, March 14- Friday: Belfast-Donegal.

After breakfast today we make our way from Belfast to Donegal. The Dark Hedges is a picturesque avenue of beech trees along Bregagh Road near the town of Ballymoney in County Antrim. It's about an hour's drive from Belfast, making it a convenient stop on your way to Donegal. The Dark Hedges is a favorite spot for photographers due to its atmospheric beauty. Capture the sunlight filtering through the trees, or experiment with different angles to highlight the tunnel-like effect created by the branches. Remember that the Dark Hedges is a natural treasure and a protected site. Please respect any signage and barriers in place to preserve the area for future generations. Then it is onto Donegal. **Overnight at The Center Hotel.**

Day 6, March 15 -Saturday-Donegal. Today we travel south to our first stop the Glenview Folk Park. Glenview Folk Park is designed to recreate a typical rural village in Northern Ireland from the 19th and early 20th centuries. You'll find a variety of traditional buildings such as cottages, a schoolhouse, a blacksmith's forge. The park offers visitors a chance to experience life in a bygone era. Costumed guides bring the village to life, demonstrating traditional crafts and activities such as spinning, weaving, and baking. The Park is home to a variety of farm animals, including sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs. Visitors of all ages can interact with the animals

and learn about traditional farming methods. Glenview Folk Park is a charming attraction that offers a glimpse into Northern Ireland's rural heritage. This afternoon we will visit Slieve League is famous for its dramatic sea cliffs, which are among the highest in Europe. The main attraction at Slieve League is its towering sea cliffs, which rise dramatically from the Atlantic Ocean. The highest point of the cliffs reaches approximately 601 meters (1,972 feet) above sea level, offering breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding coastline and the Atlantic Ocean. There's a visitor center located at the base of Slieve League where you can learn about the history, geology, and wildlife of the area. The visitor center also has a cafe and gift shop.

Overnight at The Central Hotel.

Day 7, March 16- Sunday-Donegal-Ennis

After enjoying breakfast, we meet our driver guide in the lobby of the hotel and begin to travel to Ennis. Traveling from Donegal to Ennis offers an opportunity to pass some of the beautiful landscapes, historic sites, and charming towns of Ireland, finally arriving in Ennis, which is steeped in history, with its streets lined with historic buildings, quaint shops, and traditional pubs. The town has a rich heritage, dating back to medieval times, and you'll find remnants of its past in the architecture and landmarks scattered throughout. Ennis is known for its vibrant cultural scene, particularly its traditional Irish music. The town is renowned for its sessions of traditional music, which can be heard in many of its pubs and venues throughout the week. Ennis also hosts festivals and events celebrating Irish music, dance, and culture throughout the year. Tonight we will enjoy the Bunratty Banquet.

Overnight at The Old Ground Hotel.

Day 8 March 17– Monday: Ennis

After breakfast today we can explore Ennis before making our way to the Saint Patrick's Day Parade. Ennis, like many towns and cities across Ireland, celebrates St. Patrick's Day with enthusiasm, and the St. Patrick's Day parade in Ennis is a highlight of the festivities. The parade typically features a colorful procession through the town's streets, with marching bands, community groups, local businesses, and schools participating. The parade brings together people from all walks of life, creating a sense of community and celebration. Locals and visitors alike come out to enjoy the festivities and show their Irish pride. Expect to see floats adorned with green, white, and orange decorations, as well as plenty of Irish flags and banners. Participants often wear costumes or traditional Irish attire, adding to the festive atmosphere. Be sure to join the crowds with a pint of Guinness. **Overnight at The Old Ground Hotel.**

Day 9 March 18– Tuesday: Ennis- Shannon.

Today we make our way to Shannon Airport for our flight home. Still time for some duty free shopping and remembering what a wonderful week was had by all.



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