

OCTOBER 17-25, 2026

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whiskey lovers TOUR OF IRELAND

with music from hugh morrison, linda relph, jonathan ramsey, and mark clavey

Join us as we explore Ireland through the lens of, and pay homage to, what was once the most popular drink in the world – *Uisce Beatha*, “the water of life”. And in the meantime, take in the splendor and magnificence of some of Ireland’s most famous sites. You know you’ve been wanting *and waiting* to do this! And you don’t have to be a whiskey-lover to love this tour! And neither do your friends!

DAY 1	Oct 17 Saturday	Arrive in Dublin. Arrange your travel-plans as leisurely as you’d like to arrive in Dublin, perhaps amble about town, and make your way to the City Centre’s <i>Camden Court Hotel</i> . Let the hustle and bustle of international travel fade away with a relaxed evening there. Enjoy dinner in the hotel restaurant (or at Darwin’s right around the corner). Rise and shine the next morning ready to kick off the tour after breakfast at the hotel! Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
DAY 2	Oct 18 Sunday	Dublin–Belfast. We meet the group over breakfast, then board the bus and off we go. Leaving the hotel, we head north to Belfast half a day away. Reaching Newry Town, we divert eastward, coming to Downpatrick and our first stop at <i>Down Cathedral</i> . Dating back to 1183, and with a restoration begun in 1790 and completed in 1818, the Cathedral is the reputed burial place of St Patrick, St Brigid, and St Columba. From there, we complete our drive into Belfast where the rest of the afternoon is on your own. Be back at the hotel in time for our first group-dinner. “Meet-and-Greet Dinner” and overnight at the Europa Hotel Belfast.
DAY 3	Oct 19 Monday	Bushmills–Donegal. After breakfast we bid adieu to short visit to Belfast and make our way to the North Antrim’s coast for two outstanding visits. The first is to the <i>Giants Causeway</i> , the volcanic marvel with its 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that form the legendary causeway, built (according to legend) by the Irish giant <i>Fionn mac Cumhaill</i> . From there we drive to the nearby town of Bushmills for lunch, and then take a very short jog to the <i>Old Bushmills Distillery</i> —whose license reportedly dates back to Sir Thomas Phillips in 1608. Then we push on to Donegal Town. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Abbey Hotel.
DAY 4	Oct 20 Tuesday	Donegal–Ardara. After a full Irish breakfast, we take a two-minute walk to tour the stunning <i>Donegal Castle</i> , first mentioned in 1544 in connection with the wars between the sons of MacSweeney Doe. Wrecked sailors from the Spanish Armada were granted refuge here in 1588. By 1600, it had been captured and taken over by Eoghan Og MacSweeney, an ally of the English, who was unsuccessfully besieged there by his brother Rory. Then we pile on the bus and drive to Ardara—named, which <i>The Irish Times</i> , in 2012, named as “the best village in which to live in Ireland”. We’ll have lunch in Ardara, and then walk around the corner to visit the <i>Triona Donegal Tweed Visitor Centre</i> , see how Irish wool is made, and engage in some retail therapy with some of the most beautiful woolens you’ve ever seen. Then we drive back to Donegal Town. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Abbey Hotel.
DAY 5	Oct 21 Wednesday	Carrowmore–Tullamore. After breakfast, it’s moving-day again and we make our goodbyes to Donegal Town, venturing southwest through Sligo and on to the <i>Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery</i> —the largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland, and also among the country’s oldest, with tombs and monuments dating from 4300-3500 BC. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs, of which 30 are visible. From there, we drive southeast across Sligo and Roscommon until we come to <i>Slighe Mhór</i> (“the Great Highway”) at Athlone, and then head east and south coming, finally, into Tullamore—County Offaly’s market-town that sits on the Grand Canal. We check into our hotel, then the remains of the day are yours. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Bridge House Hotel.
DAY 6	Oct 22 Thursday	Clonmacnoise–Tullamore. Today’s adventure involves a 45-minute jog across County Offaly to the ruins of St Ciarán’s 6 th -century monastery of <i>Clonmacnoise</i> (from <i>Cluain Mhic Nóis</i> , “the meadow of the sons of Nós”) on the east bank of the River Shannon. The ruins include a cathedral, seven churches, two round towers, three high crosses and a large collection of early-Christian grave slabs. It’s strategic location on “the Great Highway” helped it become a major center of religion, learning, craftsmanship, and trade. It was one of the most famous places in Ireland, visited by scholars from all over Europe, and many of the high kings of Tara and Connacht were buried here. After our visit, we jog back to Athlone for some lunch, and then a <i>Whiskey Tasting</i> at <i>Sean’s Bar</i> —the oldest pub in Ireland. Then we return to Tullamore and the rest of the day is yours. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Bridge House Hotel.
DAY 7	Oct 23 Friday	Kilbeggan–Dublin. For the final time, we make our farewells to Tullamore and take to the road once more. As we make our return to Dublin, we come to Kilbeggan (from <i>Cill Bheagáin</i> , “the church of St Bécán”). Once there, we visit the <i>Kilbeggan Distillery</i> —the oldest licensed distillery of its kind in Ireland. Founded in 1757, our second distillery spent the next 200 years making a whiskey beloved the world over. When tough times ground its gears to a halt, the town came together to save the whiskey that built the town. Afterwards, we have lunch and make our way to Ireland’s 1,000-year-old city of Dublin. Once we arrive, we return to the <i>Camden Court Hotel</i> to check in, and then the rest of the afternoon is at your leisure. But don’t wander too far afoot as we reconvene at the hotel in the late-afternoon for our second <i>Whiskey Tasting</i> , and then you’re free to check out the Dublin dinner-scene and night-life. Dinner is on your own. Overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
DAY 8	Oct 24 Saturday	Dublin. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before a day full of exploring Dublin! The day starts with a 5-minute walk to church... specifically the Church of St James in Dublin’s historic Liberties – which church so happens to now be the site of the <i>Pearse Lyons Distillery</i> and is a home worthy of the spirit it embodies. After this perfectly-soulful start to the day, the rest of the day is yours to take in Dublin! <i>DoDublin’s Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Pass</i> (the Green Bus) is the ideal way to see the whole of Dublin, get acquainted and see the sights, and enjoy live commentary from their <i>Fáilte Ireland</i> trained drivers. Be sure to see the magnificent Dublin Castle, the beautiful St Patrick’s Cathedral, the history-laden G.P.O. on O’Connell Street, Kilmainham Gaol, the famous Phoenix Park, and Trinity College—home to the Book of Kells. Enjoy a pint at the Guinness Storehouse or the Brazen Head—the oldest pub in Dublin. If you haven’t had enough of whiskey by this time, check out the Teeling Distillery, the Jameson Bow Street Distillery, or the Dublin Liberties Distillery, or even the Irish Whiskey Museum. “Farewell Dinner” and overnight at the Camden Court Hotel.
DEP DAY	Oct 25 Sunday	Dublin Airport to USA. After breakfast, absent any additional personal travel-plans, we transfer to Dublin Airport for your flight home. In the true Irish Tradition, we wish you a “Safe Home”.

Your Tour Package Includes the Following:

- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver/Guide
- 8 Nights' accommodations as follows (or similar):

Location	Hotel		
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel	****	1 Nights
Belfast	Europa Hotel Belfast	****	1 Nights
Donegal	Abbey Hotel	***	2 Nights
Tullamore	Bridge House Hotel	****	2 Nights
Dublin	Camden Court Hotel	****	2 Nights

- Full Irish Breakfast daily except Arrival Day
- Two Dinners with the group: at the Europa Hotel Belfast and the Camden Court Hotel
- Admission to: the Giants Causeway, the **Old Bushmills Distillery**, Donegal Castle, the Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, Clonmacnoise, a **Whiskey Tasting** (at Sean's Bar), the **Kilbeggan Distillery**, a **Whiskey Tasting** (at the Camden Court Hotel), and the **Pearse Lyons Distillery**
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Sessions most nights featuring Hugh Morrison, Linda Relph, Jonathan Ramsey, and Mark Clavey.
- Porterage of one suitcase per person
- All hotel taxes, service charges and tips (except to Driver/Guide)

THIS IS A LAND ONLY PACKAGE. YOU MUST ARRANGE YOUR OWN AIR TRAVEL.
(Your travel-arrangements MUST have you arriving at the Camden Court Hotel on October 17, 2026.)

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The Second Deposit of \$550.00 per person is due May 15th, 2026.

The Final Payment is due August 1st, 2026.

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