

ELEGANT NORTHERN IRELAND 2027

A Private Luxury Tour

Our “Elegant Ireland” tour combines luxurious properties in magnificent settings, customized sightseeing and the secret ingredient: the Irish people being themselves. Each property is selected for its amenities and ambiance.

DAY 1

USA – IRELAND

Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Ireland (flight not included).

DAY 2

DUBLIN

Morning arrival at Dublin Airport. After clearing customs, we transfer on our own (a 10-minute taxi ride; the taxi stand is outside baggage claim) to our five-star, city-center hotel. Spend the rest of the day enjoying the sights of this 1,000-year-old city.

Overnight in Dublin. Hammond will select from the following five-star hotels: the Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin.

DAY 3

DUBLIN

After a hearty Irish breakfast we meet our Driver Guide in the lobby. We take a half-day panoramic tour of Dublin and visit the Guinness Storehouse. Your driver then drops you off at Grafton Street in the heart of Dublin, where you can have lunch in one of the many pubs or restaurants. As you walk, you are bound to be enchanted by the street performers and musicians hoping to entertain you. You may also want to venture to Temple Bar, Dublin’s famous nightlife district. **Overnight in Dublin. Hammond will select from the following five-star hotels: the Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin.**

DAY 4

DUBLIN –
MONASTERBOICE –
BELFAST

After a hearty breakfast we meet our Driver Guide in the lobby of the hotel and travel north via Drogheda to Monasterboice. Monasterboice is a monastic settlement founded in the 5th century and home to some of the finest carved stone high crosses in Ireland, including Muiredach’s Cross (c. AD 923). We then travel through Dundalk and on to Belfast, where we take time to tour Titanic Belfast, truly one of the best museum experiences you will ever have. We then enjoy a panoramic tour of Belfast before arriving at our home for the next two nights, the magnificent Hastings Culloden Estate & Spa. This five-star hotel occupies a 19th-century Scottish baronial estate and offers every modern amenity, including an indoor pool, leisure center and spa. **Overnight at the Culloden Hotel, Belfast.**

DAY 5

BELFAST – GLENS OF
ANTRIM – GIANT’S
CAUSEWAY – BELFAST

Today we travel the Coast Road, which takes us through the Nine Glens of Antrim, considered one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland, with wonderful views of mountains, valleys and coastline. On a clear day you can see Scotland. Our first stop is Bushmills, the oldest licensed distillery in the world, where we savor a sample of this renowned amber liquid. We then continue along the coast to the Giant’s Causeway. This impressive area of hexagonal columns was formed some 60 million years ago by cooling lava. We return to Belfast via Ballymena. **Overnight at the Culloden Hotel, Belfast.**

DAY 6

BELFAST – ARMAGH –
ENNISKILLEN – DONEGAL

After a hearty Irish breakfast we depart for Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland. It is here that St. Patrick founded a church, and the town has remained a religious center. We continue west to Enniskillen, the county town of Fermanagh, whose center sits on an island between the upper and lower Lough Erne. Next we visit the famous Belleek Pottery, in existence since 1857. Belleek produces fine Parian china, sold worldwide for generations. An Irish tradition is to give a newlywed couple a piece of this china so that they will be blessed with lasting happiness. **Overnight at the Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel, on a secluded lakeside estate whose history goes back to the 1400s.**

DAY 7

DONEGAL – SLIGO – CONG

After breakfast we visit Drumcliffe, the burial place of the poet William Butler Yeats. Our journey continues to the tiny town of Cong, where much of John Ford's classic film *The Quiet Man* was filmed. We arrive at Ashford Castle. Ashford Castle is a five-star hotel and one of the Leading Hotels of the World. This 13th-century fairy-tale castle overlooks a picturesque lake and is one of the most luxurious castle hotels in Ireland. On the grounds of the estate you will feel transported back in time. Ashford was once home to the Guinness family, renowned for their brewing expertise. Perhaps you will choose to walk through the estate's spectacular gardens. Ashford Castle also offers an equestrian center, a spa and a 9-hole golf course. Tonight we enjoy a gourmet dinner in the George V dining room. Sleep like a king or queen this evening. **Overnight at Ashford Castle.**

DAY 8

CONG – CONNEMARA –
GALWAY – CLIFFS OF
MOHER – LIMERICK

After a gourmet breakfast we depart Ashford Castle and travel along the northern edge of Lough Corrib to the Connemara region, one of the most scenic and unspoiled areas in the country. Next is a stop in Galway. We continue to the Cliffs of Moher, which rise some 700 feet above the unforgiving Atlantic coastline. We then continue to Limerick, where we enjoy a panoramic tour. **Overnight at a five-star property. Hammond will select from the following five-star properties: Dromoland Castle, Adare Manor or the Savoy Hotel Limerick.**

DAY 9

SHANNON AIRPORT

Transfer on own by taxi to Shannon Airport.

YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRIVATE TOUR INCLUDES

DRIVER GUIDE

- Sightseeing by deluxe vehicle with a professional Irish Driver Guide from Day 3 (Dublin) until arrival in the Limerick area on Day 8

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Deluxe room accommodations in luxury castles, country homes, hotels and manors for 7 nights, all five-star:
- **Dublin – Westbury, Shelbourne, Fitzwilliam, InterContinental or Westin – 2 nights, 5-star**
- **Belfast – Culloden Hotel – 2 nights, 5-star**
- **Donegal – Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel – 1 night, 5-star**
- **Cong – Ashford Castle – 1 night, 5-star**
- **Limerick area – Dromoland Castle, Adare Manor or Savoy Hotel Limerick – 1 night, 5-star**

MEALS

- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Gourmet dinner at Ashford Castle (Day 7)

ADMISSIONS	• Titanic Belfast • Giant's Causeway • Bushmills Distillery • Belleek Pottery • Cliffs of Moher
ALSO INCLUDED	• Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary • Hotel taxes • Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally prepared by Hammond Tours
NOT INCLUDED	• Tip to your Driver Guide • Any items of a personal nature • Dinners and suggested optional sightseeing not mentioned as included in the itinerary

This is a suggested itinerary and can be customized to your interests. Dates, hotels and pricing are provided on request.