

Day 1: Sunday, September 30th – Welcome to Ireland!

Arrive at Dublin Airport and meet with your driver who will transfer everyone to the hotel in Dublin. Check-in time is typically 3 pm in the afternoon. If you cannot check-in upon arrival, luggage can be stored at the hotel, so you can head out into the city to start exploring on your own! Today is a full day to enjoy Dublin, while getting used to the time change and jet-lag you may be experiencing.

Dublin is on Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey and it's historic buildings include Dublin Castle dating to the 13th century and St. Patrick's Cathedral, founded in 1191. City parks include St. Stephen's Green and huge Phoenix Park, where you will find the Dublin Zoo - a major attraction in town! Dublin is also known for many other sights including Trinity College and the Book of Kells, Grafton Street (great shopping!), Guinness Storehouse, Temple Bar, Kilmainham Gaol, St. Patrick's Cathedral and much, more!

This evening, enjoy a welcome reception at your hotel, either in the main bar (blocked out for your group) or private room. Includes appetizers, one beer and one glass of wine per person! Additional drinks available for purchase.



Day 2: Monday, October 1st – Conference and Optional Tour (Distillery)

Enjoy breakfast this morning before you head to the hotel conference room for your CLE session. The times for the CLE's can be flexible, normally would be 9 am to 1 pm.

After the meeting this morning and everyone grabs some lunch, you will set out with your personal, local guide to visit the Old Jameson Distillery Bow Street. The Jameson Distillery in Smithfield village is located in the heart of Dublin city centre. This old barley storehouse, once the centre of distilling in Dublin, was renovated in 1998 and converted into a museum where all the secrets of Irish whiskey distillation will be revealed. An audio-visual show will introduce the history of this spirit and it is followed by a guided visit which will take visitors through the various stages of whiskey distilling from grain intake to malting, mashing, fermentation, distillation, maturation and finally bottling. The visit culminates in the Jameson bar with an opportunity for all to taste the signature Jameson drink. During the visit a number of volunteers are selected to take part in a tasting session to compare a Jameson whiskey with a Scottish whisky and an American bourbon. Participants will receive a diploma for their achievement. Other facilities include the Distillery Gift Shop and public bar.

Day 3: Tuesday, October 2nd – Conference and Optional Tour (Glendalough)

Another CLE in the conference room this morning after breakfast!

In the afternoon, you will meet your local personal guide for a visit south of Dublin to County Wicklow for a visit to Glendalough. The English name Glendalough originated from the Irish “Gleann Dá Locha”, which translates as “The valley of the two lakes”. It was here that St. Kevin, son of the king of Leinster, founded a monastery in the 6th century. Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses. The Visitor Centre has an interesting exhibition on Glendalough detailing the history, archaeology and wildlife of this area of Wicklow.



Day 4: Wednesday, October 3rd – Optional Day Tour (Excursion to Belfast)

This morning you will meet with your driver and guide to depart for Belfast in Northern Ireland. En-route, you will make a stop at Hillsborough Castle. Hillsborough Castle holds a unique place in the history of Northern Ireland. Since it was built in the 18th-century the castle has gone from being a simple country house for the Hill family, to becoming the official royal residence in Northern Ireland and the place where many of the formal and informal stages of the Peace Process happened. Hillsborough Castle’s history begins as a modest country house built in the 1770s by Wills Hill, first Marquis of Downshire. The house itself is set in the heart of Hillsborough village, in view of the original Fort, and the Court House. During the early 19th-century the grand country house was altered and extended; a great Library was added, along with a Billiards Room, estate offices, a Muniments Room, and better servants’ areas. Over the course of the century the Hill family spent less and less time at Hillsborough. From here, you will continue to the Titanic Museum, located in the heart of Belfast. The Titanic Belfast recreates the story of the world’s most famous ship in an iconic, six floor building right beside the historic site of the original ship’s construction. Opened in April 2012, to coincide with the centenary of its launch, the self-guided journey begins on entering the building’s giant atrium, where the visitor is surrounded by the four ‘ship’s hull’ shaped wings which house the Titanic Experience. As you journey through the nine large galleries of the interactive exhibition, you will uncover the true story of the Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900’s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and subsequent place in history. A truly amazing experience.

Day 5: Thursday, October 4th – Conference and Optional Tour (Epic Museum)

Today is your last day in Ireland! Enjoy another delicious Irish breakfast and meet in the conference room for your last CLE.

In the afternoon, you will meet your local guide for a visit to the Epic Emigration Museum. EPIC or The Irish Emigration Museum is a state-of-the-art interactive experience located in the beautiful vaults of the 1820 Custom House Quarter building in Dublin's Docklands, the original departure point for so many of Ireland's emigrants. It will inspire and guide you on a journey to discover the stories of Irish emigration around the world, from early times to the modern day. Over the centuries, some 10 million people have left the island of Ireland. At EPIC you can step through 20 themed galleries to find out why people left, see how they influenced the world they found, and experience the connection between their descendants and Ireland today. Immerse yourself in the stories of some of the most remarkable tales of sacrifice, endurance, adventure, and discovery the world has ever known. EPIC brings these amazing stories to life in a unique and spectacular way.



Day 6: Friday, October 5th – Farewell

This morning, you will pack your bags and board your airport transfer to take you to the Dublin Airport to get ready for departure home! Slainte!