



Back to my Roots II Tour of Ireland

hosted by **Annette Foley**

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\$3,699 per person sharing Land only

\$999 Single Supplement – limit 4 per tour

Caddie Tours will also gladly handle all your flights to and from Dublin



THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19th – UNITED STATES TO DUBLIN

Depart the US for Dublin. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you start your vacation.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20th - DUBLIN CITY & ABBEY TAVERN

Cead Mile Failte – (literally ‘one hundred thousand welcomes’) Welcome to Ireland! After claiming your luggage and passing through Irish customs you will enjoy a group breakfast and then your Caddie Tours driver/guide will escort you to your luxury coach to bring you on a tour of Dublin City before we arrive at our hotel - The Grand Hotel, Malahide. You will have time to relax before we meet in the lobby and make our way to Abbey Tavern for some traditional Irish song and dance accompanied by a delightful dinner.

DINNER: ABBEY TAVERN, HOWTH (D)

OVERNIGHT: THE GRAND HOTEL, MALAHIDE (B)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st – GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR & BELFAST

After breakfast we travel north today to visit the Game of Thrones Studio Tour located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland. The Studio Tour invites you to step behind the scenes of The Seven Kingdoms and beyond. We will stop in Drogheda on our way north. Drogheda’s name is derived from the Irish “Droichead Átha”, literally “bridge at the ford,” a name that encapsulates the reason for the settlement. It was a place for trade and defense. No wonder that two towns sprung up: Drogheda-in-Meath and Drogheda-in-Oriel. Finally, in 1412, the two Drogheda’s became one “County of the Town of Drogheda.” In 1898, the town, still retaining some independence, became part of County Louth. We will continue to Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic – (and once the second richest city in the British Empire!) We check in at the centrally located, The Grand Central Hotel. Join your fellow travelers later for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, BELFAST (B, D)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd - BELFAST CITY TOUR & TITANIC MUSEUM

After breakfast we will embark on a guided sightseeing tour of the city. Belfast is an attractive city today but has many remnants of its troubled past. Most notable are the impressive murals which depict the struggles as seen from the Republican and Loyalist sides but there is also an abundance of attractive pubs and restaurants and plenty of good shopping. Visit Titanic Belfast, this is a wonderful visitor attraction where you embark on a journey through the life of the Titanic, from her conception to her tragic end. It is located on the former site of Harland & Wolf Shipyard, where the Titanic was built and from where it set sail in 1912. There are several pubs and restaurants very convenient to the hotel and this is a night when you can go out and discover what the city has to offer.



OVERNIGHT: GRAND CENTRAL HOTEL, BELFAST (B)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd - BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY, GIANTS CAUSEWAY & DERRY



After breakfast, we continue our journey north to Ballymena, along the Antrim coast to Cusendall before we arrive in Bushmills to visit the famous distillery established in 1608. In that year, King James I granted a particular license to this small village. The license gave Bushmills the right to distil whiskey. Today, Bushmills is home to the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world. Over 400 years later, they’re still using Irish barley and the unique water from their own stream. After lunch it’s a short distance to visit the Giants Causeway – N. Ireland’s premier tourist attraction. Geologists explain that these hexagonal columns were formed 60 million years ago when lava solidified but Irish mythology claims that Finn McCool was paving his way across to Scotland - hence the name. We will check in to the newly opened Hotel Ebrington overlooking the river Foyle. Dinner at the hotel tonight.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL EBRINGTON DERRY (B, D)

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24th – WALKING TOUR OF DERRY & WALLED CITY BREWERY

After breakfast we will take part in a guided walking tour of the walled city of Derry with our guide Charlene McCrossan. She will give us a brief history of over fifty natural and built attractions in the region, such as Derry's Walls, The Bogside, The Peoples Gallery (Murals) The Bloody Sunday Story, The History of the Apprentice Boys, and The Marching Season Traditions. Doire, aka Derry, aka Londonderry has 1,500 years of history and culture enclosed within Ireland's only completely walled city. From the sixth-century monastic settlement to the vibrant European city of the twenty-first century. You will have the afternoon free to explore Derry. We recommend you visit The Peace Bridge, an integral part of Derry City's infrastructure and has changed the way local people use and view their city. Popular 24/7 it is never empty and while it certainly tells the local story of triumph over adversity it is nonetheless a universal symbol of peace that locals and visitors alike can relate to and resonate with, this bridge has become a kind of modern-day place of pilgrimage.



Return to our hotel and relax before joining your fellow travelers for dinner at The Walled City Brewery, a small gastropub, which provides a uniquely local experience for guests.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: HOTEL EBRINGTON DERRY (B, D)

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25th – GLENVEAGH NATIONAL PARK & DONEGAL

Leaving Derry, we continue to Glenveagh National Park that lies in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in northwest Donegal. The park covers 40,000 acres, a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains, deep glens, pristine lakes, and a resident red deer herd. The centerpiece of the park is the 19th century Glenveagh Castle with its ornate gardens. The Visitors Center provides an audio-visual display and exhibits the history of the park. We'll also see the highest mountain in Donegal, Mount Errigal on our way to Gweedore in the heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht and onto Leo's Tavern for lunch, the ancestral home of Clannad, Enya and Moya Brennan. We'll travel down through the Blue Stack Mountains through Dunloe before checking into The Mill Park Hotel in Donegal Town. Join your fellow travelers for dinner tonight in the hotel restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL DONEGAL (B, D)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26th – SLIEVE LEAGUE & DONEGAL TOWN



Following breakfast, we drive through the fishing village of Killybegs and Teelin and travel to Slieve League Sea Cliffs, one of Ireland's best-kept secrets and a signature point of interest along the Wild Atlantic Way. Take in the astounding panoramic views of Slieve League swooping down from the mountain with a staggering 2000 feet drop into the swirling Atlantic Ocean below with amazing vistas. This stunning sight is three times higher than the Cliffs of Moher! We'll travel through gorgeous Glencolumcille onto the town of Ardara for lunch and a visit to the Triona Design where we'll watch the fine art of hand weaving tweed at the loom woven with the same traditional skills that have been used for centuries. We then cross the Glengesh Pass stopping in Donegal Town for a stroll through the town before dinner.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: MILL PARK HOTEL DONEGAL (B, D)

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27th – THE SHED DISTILLERY & SEANS BAR

After breakfast, we depart Donegal Town, driving south through Sligo to Co. Leitrim to visit the award-winning Shed Distillery – home of Gunpowder Gin, Drumshanbo Single Pot Still Irish Whiskey, and other remarkable creations from the curious mind of PJ Rigney. A fully guided experience including an expert tasting their Single Pot Whiskey and finishing off with a refreshing Gunpowder Gin and tonic at the Honey Badger Bar in the majestic botanical glasshouse. We will have lunch here also before we continue our way south Athlone to visit one of the oldest pubs in Ireland – Sean's Bar. Situated in the Heart of Ireland, Sean's Bar plays host to visitors from all around the world. Whether absorbing history, listening to music, visiting with friends and family, or simply enjoying the perfect pint, the appeal is equally strong for everyone. We will check into The Shearton Hotel where you will have time to relax before joining your fellow travelers for dinner in the hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: SHEARTON HOTEL ATHLONE (B, L, D)

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28th – GUINNESS STOREHOUSE & PEARSE LYONS DISTILLERY

After breakfast, we depart for Dublin where we will visit the Guinness Storehouse. Immerse yourself in 7 floors of fun and excitement as we explore the story. Immerse yourself in 7 floors of fun and excitement as we explore the story of Ireland's most iconic beer. Enjoy the panoramic views from the famous Gravity Bar, dive into the history of Guinness and experience the unique taste of Guinness. With over 20 million visitors, we are Ireland's number one attraction.



After lunch (not included) at the brewery, we will visit Pearse Lyons Distillery nearby. Pearse Lyons Distillery opened its doors in 2017 and produces a line of award-winning Irish Whiskeys. The Pearse 5-Year-Old Single Malt was the first to be produced by a new distillery in Ireland in more than 25 years, marking a historic milestone in the re-evolution of the Irish Whiskey industry. In 2019, the distillery began making single pot still whiskey, the traditional style of distilling in Ireland. To date, our distillery experts continue to innovate with new releases and exciting barreling programs. We will check into our final hotel, the Royal Marine Hotel. Enjoy your farewell dinner with the group in the Dun Restaurant in your hotel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT: ROYAL MARINE HOTEL, DUNLAOGHAIRE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29th – SAFE TRAVELS HOME



Sadly, our adventures are over and we're very sorry to see you go! Our Driver will get you to Dublin Airport in plenty of time for you to check in for your flight and clear customs and immigration, avoiding the long lines that you can meet you in America. There is ample duty-free shopping available at the airport for any last-minute gifts or mementos.

Thank you for trusting us with your vacation, and we certainly hope you had a great time and will think of joining us again on another one of our adventures. We wish you a safe journey home.

Slan Abhaile – Safe Home

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Inclusions

Internal Transport as per the Program of Activities by private motorcoach with Driver/ Guide

1 Night Hotel accommodation at the Grand Hotel Malahide

2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Belfast

2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Derry

2 Nights Hotel accommodation in Donegal

1 Night Hotel accommodation in Athlone

1 Night Hotel accommodation in Dun Laoghaire

Breakfast each day

8 Dinners

2 lunches

Porterage at each hotel

Group Departure Transfer from final hotel to Dublin Airport

Program of activities as per the provisional schedule including entrance fees:

Irish Night at the Abbey Tavern	Glenveagh National Park
Game of Thrones Studio Tour	Slieve League Cliffs
Titanic	Triona Design
Step on Guide for Belfast city tour	Shed Distillery
Bushmills Distillery	Sean's Bar
Giants Causeway	Guinness Storehouse
Derry City Walking Tour	Pearse Lyons Distillery

Activities are provisional and subject to change

Exclusions

International Travel to Ireland

Medical, Accident & Travel Insurance

Meals not listed

Gratuities

Additional Activities

