

6-Day Journey Through the North of Ireland

A Captivating Small Group Tour of History, Landscape, and Living Heritage

Start & End: Dublin

Duration: 6 Days / 5 Nights

Accommodation: Handpicked Luxury Hotels & Boutique Retreats

Group Size: Intimate & Comfortable (Maximum 16 Guests)

Includes: Professional Local Guide | Premium Transport | Daily Breakfast | Entry to Select Sites

Why the North?

Northern Ireland and Donegal together form one of the most strikingly beautiful and culturally rich regions in Europe—often overlooked, but never forgotten by those who visit. From the dramatic cliffs of Antrim to the haunting legends of Donegal's glens, this tour explores a side of Ireland where the land speaks, history lives, and tradition thrives. With ancient folklore, poignant history, and epic landscapes, this journey captures the untamed and unforgettable soul of the North.

Day 1: Dublin to Belfast – A City Transformed

Depart from Dublin and travel north through the green heart of Ireland, arriving in Belfast, Northern Ireland's dynamic capital. Once synonymous with conflict, Belfast is now a thriving city of culture, innovation, and artistic expression.

Explore its layered past on a guided city tour, taking in the grand architecture of City Hall, the revitalised Cathedral Quarter, and striking street murals. Visit the world-famous Titanic Belfast, an award-winning museum built on the slipways where the ship itself was constructed.

Highlights:

- Scenic journey from Dublin to Belfast
 - Expert-led city tour
 - Titanic Belfast experience
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Day 2: The Antrim Coast – Giants, Cliffs & Causeways

Today, follow the coastal route north along the Antrim Coast, one of Ireland's most spectacular drives.

Walk the natural wonder of the Giant's Causeway, a surreal formation of 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns that has inspired myths of ancient giants and battles across the sea. Your guide will bring the folklore of this fascinating landscape vividly to life.

Then, visit the dramatic clifftop ruins of Dunluce Castle, whose crumbling towers and sea-swept arches tell tales of medieval grandeur and ghostly mystery.

Later, enjoy a curated cultural stop, such as a visit to a local artisan workshop, a heritage farm, or a coastal craft village, where you'll connect with the living traditions of the region.

Highlights:

- Giant's Causeway walk and folklore
 - Dunluce Castle visit
 - Coastal views and scenic photo stops
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Day 3: Derry – Walled City, Living History

Continue to Derry, Ireland's only fully walled city and a powerful place of story and resilience.

Walk the 17th-century city walls with a local guide who brings to life centuries of conflict, culture, and renewal—from the Siege of Derry to the civil rights movement and modern reconciliation. Explore the vibrant street art of the Bogside, visit the Museum of Free Derry, or enjoy a quiet coffee overlooking the River Foyle.

Derry is a city that does not shy away from its past—and offers a hopeful view of the future.

Highlights:

- Guided tour of the historic walls
 - Insights into the Troubles and peace process
 - Free time to explore museums and local shops
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Day 4: Into Donegal – Stories in the Land

Cross into County Donegal, one of the wildest, most poetic parts of Ireland. The landscape shifts into rolling glens, rugged coastlines, and towering mountains.

Stop in a traditional village or craft workshop before arriving at a secluded location for a truly unique experience: a private folklore session with one of Donegal's most renowned

seanchaí (traditional storytellers). Through myth, legend, and humour, you'll hear stories passed down through generations—tales of faerie folk, ancient heroes, and the spirit of the land itself.

Highlights:

- Scenic journey through Donegal's glens and coast
 - Visit to a traditional craft or heritage site
 - Private storytelling session with a legendary Donegal seanchaí
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Day 5: Glenveagh & the Wild Atlantic – Nature Untamed

Venture deep into Glenveagh National Park, a vast wilderness of lakes, forest, and mountains. Visit Glenveagh Castle, a 19th-century estate set on the edge of a remote lake, with gardens inspired by Victorian romance.

Continue your journey along Donegal's remote Atlantic coast. If weather permits, visit Slieve League Cliffs, among the highest in Europe and a place of staggering natural beauty.

Enjoy a final evening of reflection, music, or simply a walk along the shore.

Highlights:

- Glenveagh Castle and National Park
 - Wild Atlantic Way coastal drive
 - Optional visit to Slieve League Cliffs
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Day 6: Return to Dublin – Final Reflections

After breakfast, begin your return to Dublin through the landscapes of rural Ulster. Pause along the way for a scenic stop or heritage site visit before arriving in the capital by late afternoon.

Take with you not only photographs and souvenirs, but a deeper understanding of Ireland's north—its stories, scars, humour, and wild heart.

Highlights:

- Relaxed drive through the northern midlands
- Cultural stop en route
- Return to Dublin by late afternoon

What Sets This Tour Apart?

- **Authentic Encounters** – Hear the myths and music that still shape everyday life in Donegal
- **Intimate Group Size** – Travel with no more than 16 guests for a truly personal experience
- **Expert Local Guide** – Insightful, engaging, and deeply rooted in the region
- **Luxury Without Excess** – Premium travel and accommodations with comfort, charm, and character
- **The Untold Story of Ireland** – Experience the North as few visitors do

What's Included:

- 5 nights in carefully selected luxury accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- All ground transport by luxury bus
- Entrance to key attractions (Titanic Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Glenveagh Castle, etc.)
- Full-time professional Irish guide
- Exclusive storytelling session in Donegal

Not Included:

- Flights
 - Lunches and evening meals (except optional group dinners)
 - Optional activities and personal expenses
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