

Tours of Ireland's Hidden Gems

De Burgh Manor offers a bespoke touring vacation to allow you to experience the best that Ireland has to offer. Our 7 day Irish tour visits the best of Ireland's historical sites, stunning gardens and offers you a hands-on experience of the Irish culture. The tour includes accommodation, breakfast each morning, lunch and dinner each day as well as some light refreshments. All meals served sample the best of local Irish produce.

We can, of course, tailor an itinerary to suit your group's needs, but we fine our Tour covers both the main attractions and some of Ireland's hidden secrets.



€1,200 per person

(based on twin sharing and a minimum of 12 people.
Larger groups will receive discounted rates).

7 Days, 6 Nights

Tour Includes:

- Expert Guided Tour of Ireland
- 5 Nights' accommodation at De Burgh Manor
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily
- Light morning/afternoon refreshments, where specified
- Irish Welcome in our Arrival Hall
- Manor Host to assist you during your stay
- Wine Tasting in our Cellar Bar
- Admission to all attractions listed in itinerary with guided tours where specified

Day 1 – A Traditional Irish Welcome

On arriving in Dublin, you will be escorted to De Burgh Manor where you will enjoy the next 7 days exploring Ireland's hidden gems. Be welcomed to De Burgh Manor with tea/coffee & scones to help you settle into your accommodation and relax after your flight. Your host will provide an introduction to De Burgh Manor and show you around all the hidden corners of the stunning 300 year old manor.

Take a stroll around the gardens or along the River Barrow and take in the gorgeous Kildare countryside before enjoying a superb 4 course traditional Irish dinner in our formal dining room.

Day 2 - Explore the pleasures of Kildare

Awaken to the pleasures of the Kildare countryside and the smells of a delicious Full Irish Breakfast to set you up for a day of sightseeing.



Today, we'll take you by coach around some of Kildare's iconic attractions and some hidden gems that the normal tours miss! Learn about Ireland's rich equine culture and racing history at the Irish National Stud. Take a walk through their specially designed Japanese Gardens which outline the pathway of human life. Next, we'll visit the historical St Brigid's Cathedral in Kildare Town which dates back to 1223. It is found on a site with great religious history, as it's believed to be the place where St

Brigid founded a nunnery in the 5th century. Those who are a little more daring can climb the Round Tower for amazing views across Kildare and The Curragh. We'll stop for lunch at the well-known Silken Thomas in Kildare Town.

After lunch, we'll head to Newbridge Silverware, Ireland's premier designer and producer of homeware and giftware products. It is also home the Museum of Style Icons where you can browse their extensive collection of artefacts and memorabilia on Stars of the Silver Screen and Modern day Icons. Then we'll head to one of Kildare's hidden gems, Burtown House & Gardens – one of Ireland's first quaker houses. On arrival we'll have some light refreshments then take a tour around the gardens and woodlands.



We'll then return to the Manor for a delicious home-cooked dinner served in our dining room. Then it's time for some true Irish craic! We'll treat you to some almighty craic at the Fisherman's Thatched Pub – one of a dying breed of truly rural Irish pubs located next to the Grand Canal. It dates back to the 1600's where local people get together for everything and anything!

Highlights

- Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- St Brigid's Cathedral and Round Tower

- The Curragh
- Newbridge Silverware
- Fisherman's Thatched Pub

Day 3 – Wilds of Wicklow & Houses of Times Gone By

Today, we set out to explore the wilds of Wicklow and some of Ireland's most magnificent Grand Houses. Our first stop, Russborough House, is a stunning palladian mansion overlooking the most stunning views in Ireland. We'll take a guided house tour with art, architecture and world famous inspiring artifacts from across the globe and stories from the expert guides, followed by a horse & carriage ride around the stunning grounds, stopping off to see a true Irish craft at work – the Irish sheepdog. An essential tool for Irish hill farmers.



Next is the exhilarating drive through Wicklow Mountains National Park. The upper slopes here are blanketed with heath and bog, with lower valleys cradling enchanting treasures like Glendalough, the sixth century monastic settlement founded by St. Kevin. We'll take a guided tour of the Monastic site followed by a hearty lunch in Lynhams of Laragh. Then, it's off to Powerscourt House & Gardens. Built around an old castle by Richard Cassels (the architect responsible for Russborough and Carton House) in 1731, the estate's formal gardens are ornate with

Italianate features added by Daniel Robertson in the 19th century. The estate was gifted to Richard Wingfield by the Queen for his military achievements.

Tonight, we allow a little down time to relax and enjoy your surrounds. After another superb dinner, you can enjoy a stroll around the estate and then retire to our lounge for an Irish movie screening – complete with popcorn!

Highlights

- Russborough House
- Wicklow Gap
- Glendalough
- Powerscourt House & Gardens

Day 4 – Medieval Kilkenny



With a full Irish breakfast in your belly, you'll be set to head off in our coach to the Medieval City of Kilkenny. The past echoes in every footstep as you walk through Kilkenny on our walking tour of the City. Explore its ancient laneways, wonder at the majestic halls of Kilkenny Castle – where we'll take a tour – and view the craftsmanship of the Irish craftspeople at the Kilkenny Design Centre.

For lunch, we'll head a little out of the City to the master of Irish pottery, Nicholas Mosse. We'll also take a tour of the pottery studio and see the craftspeople in action.



For the afternoon, you'll have some time to explore the wonders of Kilkenny City yourself and then meet up at the iconic, Langton's House Hotel for dinner followed by a trad music session – before heading back to the Manor.

Highlights

- Kilkenny Castle
- Walking tour of Kilkenny City
- Nicholas Mosse Pottery

Day 5 – The Viking Triangle

Today, we head South to Waterford City – Ireland's oldest City. Waterford City was founded by Viking traders in 914 and it has an exciting medieval flavour and riverside bustle.

The Waterford Museum of Treasures tells the 1000-year-story of Waterford from the treasures of Viking Waterford at Reginald's Tower, the oldest civic urban building in Ireland, to the story of Georgian Waterford at the Bishop's Palace from 1700 to 1970.

Waterford City is the home of Waterford Crystal, a lifestyle product of exquisite craftsmanship. Our visit to the House of Crystal visitor centre includes an opportunity to choose from the world's largest selection of Waterford Crystal and the factory tour offers first hand access to all areas of traditional crystal production.

After lunch, we head out to the stunning Waterford coastline and stop to explore some of the quaint villages dotted along the coastline including Dunmore East and Dungarvan.




WATERFORD
CRYSTAL

Highlights

- Waterford Viking Museum
- Waterford Crystal
- Waterford coastline

Day 6 – Ireland’s Capital

Our Capital can trace its origins back over 1,000 years, so there’s plenty to see and do. We’ll start by visiting the iconic Guinness Storehouse®. Located in the heart of the St James’s Gate Brewery, which has been home to the black stuff since 1759, the Storehouse is Ireland’s Number One Visitor Attraction and you simply cannot leave Dublin without having paid a visit.



The massive seven-storey building, a former Guinness® fermentation plant, has been remodeled into the shape of a giant pint of Guinness®. A visit will teach you everything you ever wanted to know about this world famous beer from how Guinness® is made to the ancient craft of Guinness® barrel making in the Cooperage. You’ll even get to sample a pint of the black stuff (if you haven’t already!).

Then it’s off to Ireland’s oldest university, Trinity College. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, the College is in an enviable position in the very heart of Ireland's capital. Trinity College on its 40-acre site retains some of its ancient seclusion of cobbled squares, gardens and parks.

The College is famed for the great treasures. These include the Book of Kells (which we’ll go in to view), a 9th century illuminated manuscript, the Books of Durrow and Armagh and an early Irish harp. These are displayed in the Treasury and the Long Room which houses over 200,000 of Trinity's oldest books. The Book of Kells Turning Darkness into Light explains the background of the story famous gospel manuscript and other related manuscripts.

For lunch, we’ll stop into Dublin’s Cultural Quarter, Temple Bar. Take some time and after lunch take some time to stroll around the Grafton Street and St Stephen’s Green areas before meeting up at the coach to return to the Manor for our final dinner together.

Tonight we have a treat just for you! Be amazed by the skill and elegance of our traditional Irish dancers with a private performance by some of Kildare’s best Irish dancers after dinner. They may even give you a demo so you can impress your friends back home!



Highlights

- Guinness Storehouse
- Trinity College
- Book of Kells
- Temple Bar

- Grafton Street
- St Stephens Green

Day 7 – Farewell

Enjoy your final breakfast with us and take a morning stroll along the River Barrow or around the estate. Your host will let you know what time the coach is leaving and arrange for your luggage to be loaded for you.

Our coach will then drop you off in Dublin City Centre or the Airport, wherever your preference is.