

NORTH IRELAND

JULY 22 - 28, 2024





THANKS FOR TRAVELING WITH US

At the Cleo Redd Fisher Museum, we understand the importance of travel—providing our community and audiences with the opportunity to connect with and understand new cultures, lands, and ways of life. Travel opens your heart, broadens your mind, and fills your life with stories to tell. We hope that this trips provides you with lasting memories and a deeper appreciation for the places we visit and the people we meet. It is our pleasure and honor to welcome you on this adventure with us.

We are proud to partner with *My Ireland Tours* to present this tour of the the North of Ireland. *My Ireland Tours* is a family business that has offered small group tours for over 35 years. The CRF Museum is proud to partner with Ireland’s top-rated tour operator for this adventure.



FÁILTE

WELCOME TO IRELAND



DAY 1 JULY 22

Welcome to Ireland! Our private driver will pick you up at the Dublin Airport. Once all introductions have been made we'll depart for Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Along the way we'll visit Downpatrick, one of the oldest settlements in Ireland and best known as the final resting place of Saint Patrick. Once in Belfast, explore the city on your own or if time allows we recommend a free City Hall tour. Finish the night at the historic 1820's Crown Liquor Saloon where we'll treat the group to a welcome dinner.

Stay: **Grand Central Hotel** 9-15 Bedford St, Belfast BT2 7FF, United Kingdom





DAY 2 JULY 23

A city tour of Belfast will explore the city's rich history first as a center for the rope, linen, and tobacco industries and then for the famed Harland & Wolff shipyard where the Titanic was built, and finally the late 20th century period known as *the Troubles*. After lunch, guests have a choice of which experience they'd prefer: visiting the Titanic Belfast experience, exploring the history of the Titanic in the very spot it was built; visiting the Ulster Folk Museum, a living-history village and farming community that preserves the traditions and skills of the 19th century; or free time to continue exploring on their own.

Stay: **Grand Central Hotel** 9-15 Bedford St, Belfast BT2 7FF, United Kingdom





DAY 3 JULY 24

After departing Belfast, we head for Glenshane Country Farm in the Irish countryside. There you'll witness—and maybe even participate—in sheepdog demonstrations on the farm, before settling in for a fireside lunch and Irish tea. Then in the afternoon we visit Bushmills, the oldest licensed distillery in the world dating to 1608, for a tour and whiskey tasting. We continue on to the Giant's Causeway—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Nature Reserve best known for its iconic basalt columns jutting out of the coastline. We'll end the day in Derry/Londonderry, the second largest city in Northern Ireland.

Stay: **Maldron Hotel Derry** Butcher St, Londonderry BT48 6HL, United Kingdom



DAY 4 JULY 25

Today we visit Glenveagh National Park, located in the wilderness of the Derryveagh Mountains in northwest County Donegal. The park is highlighted by scenic mountains, lakes, waterfalls, and woodlands. We'll visit Glenveagh Castle on the shores of Lough Veagh, built in 1870 by the notorious landlord John Adair.

Stay: **Maldron Hotel Derry** Butcher St, Londonderry BT48 6HL, United Kingdom





DAY 5 JULY 26

A walking tour of Derry/Londonderry will guide us through the city, the only remaining one in Ireland with an intact wall surrounding it, with a history ranging from the Gaelic chieftains of Donegal to the dark *Troubles* of the late 20th century. We'll then head for the beautiful town of Enniskillen, stopping along the way in the town of Donegal before continuing on to the Ulster American Folk Park—an open-air museum exploring why two million people left Ulster for America in the 18th and 19th centuries, and what their lives were like when they arrived there.

Stay: **Westville Hotel** 14-20 Tempo Rd, Enniskillen BT74 6HR, United Kingdom



BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER



DAY 6 JULY 27

We'll take a morning cruise through Lough Erne, boasting a combination of natural and historic sights including the famed waterfowl of Devenish Island. Afterward we round out the trip with a return to Dublin, passing through Cavan and the famed rounded hills (or drumlins) that form a natural border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as well as through the Royal County of Meath where past High Kings were crowned. We end the day with free time in Dublin and one last chance to take in the culture and cuisine of the Emerald Isle.

Stay: **The Green Hotel** 1-5 Harcourt St, Dublin 2, Ireland



BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER



DAY 7 JULY 28

Our tour officially ends, with either a ride to the airport for your departure or the ability to continue on to new destinations of your own. Most international flights depart in the afternoon, so enjoy the morning either exploring the city or preparing for your return flight. The museum will arrange taxis for those heading to the airport.



BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



All travelers must have a valid passport to enter Ireland. No tourist visa is required for Americans.



Entry to Ireland is permitted for all travel purposes. It is no longer necessary to present proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative test result for entry to Ireland or to return to the United States.



Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in Ireland, however American Express is not. Be aware many credit cards charge a foreign transaction fee, and some shops may impose a minimum charge amount.



ATMs often provide the best conversion rate, though be sure your debit card has a chip (and your bank knows you will be traveling). ATMs are widely available, with the best rates from those associated with banks.



Ireland does not have a strong tipping culture, however if the service is good and you feel inclined then 10 percent is considered excellent.



The official currency of the Republic of Ireland is the euro, while Northern Ireland uses the pound sterling. Be aware that we will be visiting both countries, and so **both currencies will be used throughout the trip.**

WHAT TO PACK

This is not an exhaustive list of what to pack—each individual has different needs—and we highly recommend you check the weather forecast before leaving as this may affect your wardrobe. Be sure to pack smart, and light. We find that often a large backpack is excellent for international trips as only a carry-on and still holds enough clothes for one week—or simply find a laundromat for a quick refresh if staying longer.

Ireland escapes the heat waves that plague continental Europe during summer months. We will likely experience daytime temps in the 60s with night temps in the 40s, but with relative humidity often in the 80-90% range. Remember to bring a rain jacket. There is no shame in wearing the same pants or sweater multiple days. A single pair of comfortable walking shoes should suffice for the planned itinerary.

Other things to consider:

- Passport
- Copy of passport, spare credit card or cash in your suitcase, and printed flight and hotel information in case of emergency
- Contact information for hotels and guide
- Medications
- Travel-sized toiletries
- Travel Adapter (Ireland uses the Type G outlet)
- While not required, a mask is recommended in case of emergency
- Waterproof Jacket
- Phone charger

RECOMMENDED APPS



WhatsApp is an encrypted messaging platform similar to SMS. WhatsApp is the most popular messenger in Europe, used instead of SMS, and also widely used for businesses. This app works with wifi or data.



Airalo gives you access to digital sim cards with access in 190+ countries and the ability to connect anywhere in the world the second you land. This provides internet but not calls/sms. Use code KENNY0767 for \$3 off.



Google Maps is extremely useful for locating shops, restaurants, and more with options for walking directions, public transportation, and more. Plus, you can save directions or download city maps for offline use.



Google Translate allows for instant translation from English to Irish or the reverse through either texting, speaking, or via camera to easily scan and translate menus, signs, and more.



Mobile Passport Control allows eligible travelers to submit their passport and customs declaration information through a free, secure app.



Most **airlines** have a dedicated app for passengers, and can include your personal flight information and digital boarding pass and up-to-date gate information. Most airline apps also include maps of the airport.



Download your **banking** and **credit card apps** to have access to your transaction records and contact information in case of emergency.

REMINDERS

Don't forget not all meals are included in the trip. **We recommend a daily budget of \$50** for food and some shopping—though obviously your dining/shopping habits should be taken into consideration regarding this amount. See itinerary for what meals are included.

It is customary to tip the driver/guide on trips such as this. While the ultimate amount is up to you, **most generally tip 10-15 € per day (or 60-90 € total) per person.** The CRF Museum representative will happily collect all tips, to present to our guide, or you are welcome to tip directly to the guide if you prefer.

CONTACT INFORMATION



The CRF Museum will be sending Kenny Libben as a customer representative for this trip, to ensure things run smoothly. Libben is an experienced traveler and will be able to assist with most issues when our local guide is not available.

Only available via WhatsApp or iMessage when abroad.

 **+1 419 651 8324**

Our guide will be assigned by *My Ireland Tours* prior to our departure. Once assigned, we will update everyone with their name and contact information.

Name: _____



