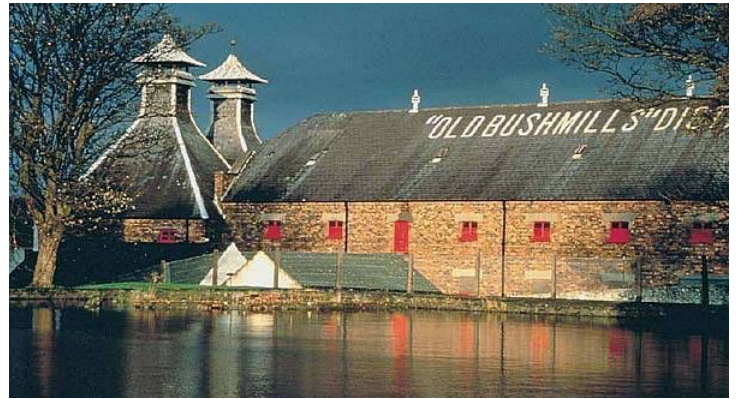




# Gourmet Ireland

Gastronomy & culture  
July 16 - July 23, 2017



## What to expect

This route offers a wonderful introduction to the magnificent island of Ireland. You will meet Irish Whiskey experts, have tastings of fine and rare whiskeys, meet artisan cheesemakers, eat the region's finest foods and enjoy the warmth of the local people. We also have some of the finest scenery in the world so if you love your whiskey, food and fun in an idyllic setting, this has got it all.

## Why Ireland with Iberian Wine Tours?

This is a 7 night trip which offers a chance for us to showcase our own lands, where we have lived (most of) our lives. We have first-hand knowledge of the places we visit and access to the insider tales of established professionals and friends and family along the road. There is a stunning range of styles of whiskey, countryside, architecture and cuisine and across it all a sense of friendliness and warmth that is very hard to find elsewhere in the world. Fun is guaranteed.

## Highlights

- Visit to The Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway and Newgrange
- Visit to cheesemakers Beal and Cashel Blue

- Staying at Ireland's best known country house hotel
- Visits to Midleton, Bushmills and Teelings whiskey distilleries
- Cookery masterclasses at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Cork and Belfast Cookery School
- Fun whiskey masterclass, with Ireland's top whiskey exponent
- Visit to local artisan gin makers, Shortcross
- Lunch at Glenarm Castle
- Private Bushmills whiskey tasting menu dinner in an old Northern Irish coaching inn
- Traditional music and bars
- 5\* hotel accommodation in Belfast and Dublin
- Michelin star dinner in Dublin



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## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1.** Leave Dublin heading west for morning visit to the picturesque Charleville Castle. Travel to the historic Ennis for lunch in the converted 13th century friary. On to the Atlantic Coast to see the 700ft high Cliffs of Moher. Check in to the Listowel Arms Hotel in County Kerry with views over the racecourse.

**Day 2.** Morning visit to Kerry cheesemakers Beal at their picturesque farm overlooking the Atlantic. Head to a magnificent venue in Killarney for lunch followed by a fun-filled tutored whiskey tasting with Heidi Donelon, Irish whiskey's foremost expert. Late afternoon check in at Ballymaloe, Ireland's best known country house hotel where we enjoy a splendid private dinner.

**Day 3.** Morning visit to Midleton Distillery, where some of Ireland's best quality and most famous whiskies are produced. Premium tasting and chance to see how whiskies are made. After lunch at the distillery it's back to Ballymaloe to the world famous cookery school. Under expert supervision we prepare dinner.



**Day 4.** Head north stopping at artisan cheesemakers, Cashel Blue for a tour and tasting. Stop for lunch and craft beer tasting in Kildare. Head into Dublin for check in to the 5\* Westin Hotel, close to Trinity College. Afternoon visit to Teelings Distillery, Dublin's only working distillery and home of some great expressions. Dinner at Michelin starred Chapter One in the city centre, maybe Ireland's best restaurant.

**Day 5.** Heading north again to visit Newgrange a 5000 year old prehistoric monument and Ireland's answer to Stonehenge, before Sunday lunch at a traditional Irish bar near the border. Crossing the border into Northern Ireland (UK) we check into Belfast's top 5\* hotel, The Merchant. Free evening or perhaps a bit of Irish music with Simon & Barry.

**Day 6.** Morning visit to artisan gin producer Shortcross in the Rademon Estate in the heart of County Down. Lunch at Balloo House near the shores of Strangford Lough. Afternoon visit to Mourne Seafood Bar for a seafood based cookery school at one of Belfast's premier restaurants. We prepare our own tasty dinner under the supervision of expert chefs.

**Day 7.** We leave Belfast and head along the spectacular Antrim Coast Road towards the Atlantic Coast. Stopping at the historic Glenarm Castle, home of the Highland Games, we enjoy lunch. North to the world famous Bushmills Distillery, the world's oldest licensed distillery (1608) we are treated to a private tasting and a dram from the cask. We visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Giant's Causeway, an amazing geographical feature before reaching the Old Bushmills Inn. Here there is a whiskey themed dinner hosted by an expert from Bushmills Distillery before bus back to Belfast.

**Day 8.** End of tour.



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**Cash Price: US\$4250 per person  
double occupancy**

**Paypal Price: US\$4350 per person  
double occupancy**

**US\$800 single supplement**

**US\$500 deposit per person**

**Limited to 16 guests**

## Included

- 2 nights Ballymaloe House, County Cork
- 1 night Listowel Arms Hotel, County Kerry
- 3 nights The Merchant Hotel, Belfast
- 1 night The Westin, Dublin
- Private transport by luxury coach
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 7 lunches/ 6 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified
- 2 cookery classes

## Not included

Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance; gratuities for guides



*Contact us to sign up for this trip*

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