

# IBERIAN WINE TOURS

## Gourmet Ireland

Gastronomy & culture

24th June - 1st July 2018



### 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 whiskies, 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 Newgrange with a professor of Irish history
- Visit the stunning Giant's Causeway
- Visit to top cheesemakers Cashel Blue
- Staying at Ireland's best known country house hotel

- Visits to Kilbeggan, Midleton, Slane Castle, Bushmills whiskey distilleries
- Cookery masterclass at Ballymaloe Cookery School, Cork
- Visit to local artisan gin makers, Shortcross
- Lunch at historic Slane Castle
- Traditional music and bars
- Top hotel accommodation in Belfast, Dublin, Cork and Galway
- Michelin star dinner in Dublin
- Artisan bread making
- Private supper club dinner



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## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1.** Meet Dublin and head north to Newgrange to visit the famed neolithic site, Ireland's Stonehenge, in the company of a professor of Irish history. Heading to nearby Slane Castle, situated on the River Boyne, close to the famous battle site (1690). They have recently started to produce whiskey too, so we have tasting and lunch. Crossing the border into Northern Ireland (UK) we check into Belfast's top 5\* hotel, The Merchant for 3 nights. Light tapas at Jeremy's farm in the evening.

**Day 2.** We visit the UNESCO World Heritage site, the Giant's Causeway, before having lunch at the old coaching inn at Bushmills. After lunch we go to the world famous Bushmills Distillery, where we are treated to a private tasting and a dram from the cask. Heading back to Belfast the evening is free.

**Day 3.** Free morning in Belfast before afternoon visit to a traditional baker on the shores of Strangford Lough where we make local breads and taste local produce. Tasting at Shortcross Gin before dinner and beef masterclass at a private supper club in old Saintfield farmhouse.

**Day 4.** Morning visit to the picturesque Kilbeggan Distillery with premium tour and tasting before lunch



at the Pantry restaurant. On to Galway to check in at the G Hotel before dinner at the Cava restaurant in the city.

**Day 5.** Morning foodie tour of Galway city to enjoy some local artisan produce before lunch. Heading south stopping for coffee break at Bunratty Castle. Check in to Ballymaloe Country House in County Cork for 2 nights. Private dinner in the hotel

**Day 6.** 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 7.** Head north stopping at artisan cheesemakers, Cashel Blue for a tasting. On to Dublin for check in at 4\* Spencer Hotel for the night. Late afternoon VIP experience at the Guinness Storehouse before Michelin dinner in Ireland's top restaurant Chapter One.

**Day 8.** After breakfast, end of tour.



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\$4750 per person double occupancy  
\$950 single supplement  
\$500 deposit per person

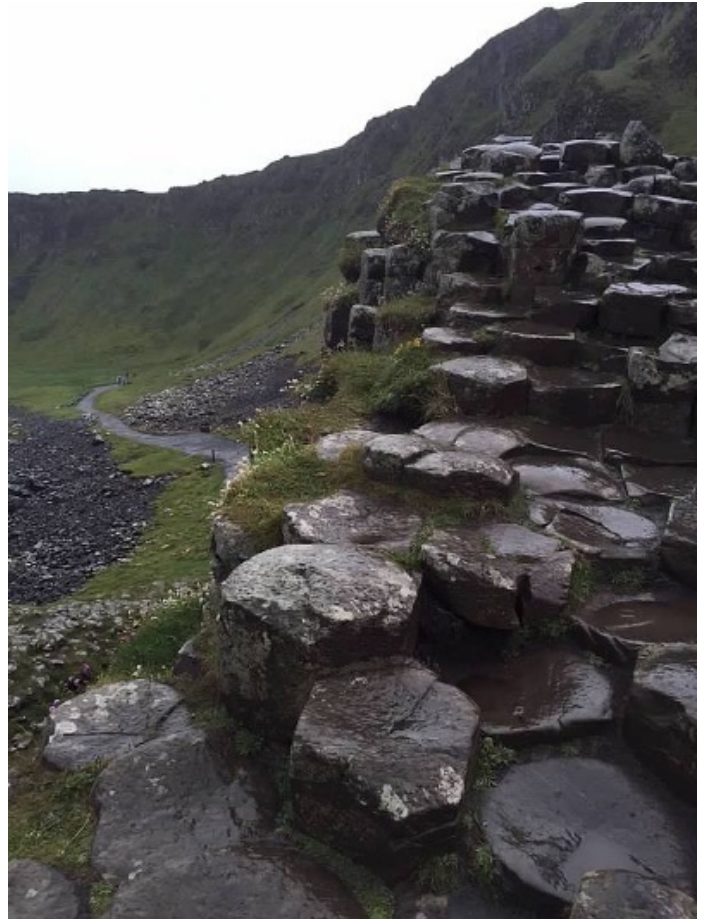
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## Included

- 3 nights The Merchant Hotel, Belfast
- 1 nights theG Hotel, Galway
- 2 nights Ballymaloe House, County Cork
- 1 nights The Spencer, Dublin
- Private transport by luxury coach
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 5 lunches/ 6 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified
- 1 cookery class

## Not included

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



*Contact us to sign up for this trip*

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