



Gourmet Ireland

Gastronomy & culture

25th May - 1st June 2019



What to expect

"Simply an amazing way to experience the warmth, hospitality & treasures of Ireland"
Carol Collis, West Sussex, England (Ireland Tour, 2018)

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, taste artisan cheeses, 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.

Top Californian winemaker Lindsay Hoopes will be co-hosting on this trip and providing her unique insight, having studied at Trinity College Dublin.

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 or Knowth
- Visit the stunning Giant's Causeway

- Tasting of local Irish cheeses
- Staying at Ireland's best known country house hotel, Ballymaloe
- Visits to Tullamore Dew, Midleton, and 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
- Personal literary and historic tour of Dublin
- Top quality dinner featuring Lindsay Hoopes' own wines



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Trip Itinerary

Day 1. Meet in Dublin and head north to visit the famed neolithic site at Knowth or Newgrange, Ireland's Stonehenge. 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 into Northern Ireland (UK) we check into Belfast's top 5* hotel, The Merchant for 3 nights. Evening Irish artisan cheese tasting in Belfast.

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 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 (maybe for a black taxi ride around the troubled parts of the city or a visit to Titanic Belfast) before afternoon tasting at top artisan producers, Shortcross Gin. On to a bread making demo with a traditional baker on the shores of Strangford Lough where we make local breads and taste local produce before a private home-cooked dinner and Irish music and dancing.



Day 4. Morning visit to the picturesque Tullamore Dew Distillery with tour and tasting before lunch. On to Galway to check in at Park House Hotel before dinner at the wonderful Spanish-themed Cava restaurant in the city.

Day 5. Morning foodie tour of Galway city to enjoy some local artisan produce at some of the city's most traditional eateries. Heading south stopping for break at Adare before check in to the world famous Ballymaloe Country House in County Cork for 2 nights. Private dinner in the hotel accompanied by Lindsay Hoopes' own special wines.

Day 6. Morning visit to Midleton Distillery, where some of Ireland's best quality and most famous whiskies are produced. Academy Experience visit 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. Free night at the hotel.

Day 7. Head north to Dublin for check in at the Brooks Hotel for one night. Historical and literary tour of Dublin led by Lindsay before Michelin dinner in Ireland's top restaurant Chapter One.

Day 8. After breakfast, end of tour.



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\$4950 per person double occupancy
\$950 single supplement
\$500 deposit per person

Limited to 16 guests

Included

- 3 nights The Merchant Hotel, Belfast
- 1 nights Park House Hotel, Galway
- 2 nights Ballymaloe House, County Cork
- 1 nights The Brooks, 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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