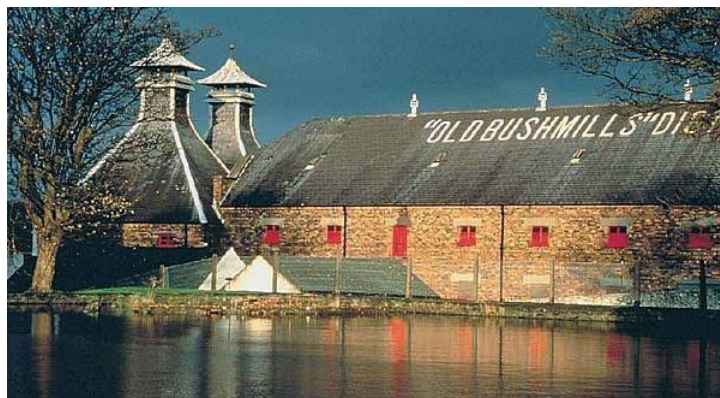


# Gourmet Ireland

Gastronomy & culture

22-29 June, 2025



## What to expect

*“Simply an amazing way to experience the warmth, hospitality & treasures of Ireland”*

**Carol Collis, West Sussex, England**

This route offers a wonderful introduction to the magnificent island of Ireland. You will meet Irish Whiskey experts, have tastings of fine whiskeys, 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

- Walk in Dublin and dinner in the company of wine writer and Dublin native, Raymond Blake
- Artisan bread making in rural County Down

- Staying at Ireland's best known country house hotel, Ballymaloe
- Visits to Midleton and Bushmills whiskey distilleries
- Cookery demonstration and dinner at world famous Ballymaloe Cookery School
- Visit to local artisan gin makers, Shortcross
- Lunch at historic Slane Castle
- Michelin star dinner in Belfast
- Guided tour of the historic city walls of Londonderry
- Foodie walking tour of Cork city
- Visit and tasting at Cashel Blue cheese producers



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## Trip Itinerary

**Day 1. Sun 22 June** Meet at the Fitzwilliam Hotel for our 1<sup>st</sup> night. Short introductory walk, followed by dinner with wine writer Raymond Blake at Cellar 22 wine bar in St Stephens Green, where we'll sample some wines from our regular destinations with some Dublin wine and whiskey tales from Raymond. **D**

**Day 2. Mon 23 June** Leave Dublin, heading to County Tipperary and Cashel Blue for a tasting tasting on the road followed by lunch in Cashel. Drive south to check in to the famous Ballymaloe Country House in County Cork for 2 nights. **B/L/D**

**Day 3. Tues 24 June** Morning Behind the Scenes visit to Midleton Distillery, where some of Ireland's best quality and most famous whiskeys are produced. Light lunch at the distillery. Some free time before going to Ballymaloe Cookery School for a cookery class and dinner at the world renowned venue. **B/L/D**

**Day 4. Wed 25 June** Check out of Ballymaloe for walking food tour of Cork and the English market. On to Galway to check in at Park House Hotel and wonderful tapas style Spanish Irish dinner at Cava. **B/L/D**

**Day 5. Thur 26 June** Check out and drive to Slane Castle for private lunch, including a taste of Slane



whiskey followed by a private tour at the castle. Drive to Belfast to check in to Merchant Hotel and enjoy light dinner at Berts Jazz Café. **B/L/D**

**Day 6. Fri 27 June** Drive to Londonderry for guided tour of the City Walls and some locations from Derry Girls. Brewery visit followed by lunch at the Walled City Brewery, then drive to Bushmills for a special private visit and tasting, followed by a drive along the coast to Ballycastle and then back to Belfast. Free evening. **B/L**

**Day 7. Sat 28 June** 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 in a light lunch. Evening dinner at Michelin starred Ox, Northern Ireland's premier restaurant. **B/L/D**

**Day 8. Sun 29 June** After breakfast, end of tour.





Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel

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**\$5995 per person double occupancy\***  
**\$1100 single supplement**  
**\$750 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 night The Fitzwilliam, Dublin
- Private transport by luxury coach
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 6 lunches/ 6 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified
- 1 cookery demonstration

## Not included



insurance; gratuities for guides

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