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Dublin and West Coast 4-Day Experience - James Smith

Apr 16, 2020 - Apr 19, 2020

Enjoy a lovely 4-day tour of Dublin and the West Coast. Hold on to your hat!

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April 16 - Day 1 - Dublin



The City

Dublin boasts a cracking zoo, the 11th-century Christ Church Cathedral, and a plethora of literary pubs befitting its status as one of just five UNESCO Cities of Literature on the planet. You can raise a pint to writers like James Joyce and Bram Stoker, or explore the life and works of poet WB Yeats at the National Library.

City footwork:

Dublin is a great city to explore on foot. From the gracious city parks of Merrion Square and Iveagh Gardens, to the grand Georgian architecture and alfresco café culture of South William and Drury Streets, there's a lot to divert your attention. And don't forget Temple Bar – a cobblestoned cultural enclave of galleries, restaurants, hopping pubs and the lively Meeting House Square.



Meet your Chauffeur: Jim Smith

Jim has been a historian and travel concierge for 15 years....



9:00 AM - Irish Standard Time - 3 hr

Half-Day Walking Tour of Dublin

Sample Description: Walk the historic streets of Dublin on an award-winning private tour created by renowned author and historian Pat Liddy. Tours cater to small groups and families, and visit attractions such as the Guinness Storehouse, Docklands area, and Howth.



Trinity College

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Grafton Street Dublin

Grafton Street, Dublin, County Dublin, IE

Grafton Street is one of the two principal shopping streets in Dublin city centre, the other being Henry Street. It runs from Saint Stephen's Green in the south to College Green in the north.



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Check in at The Merrion Hotel Dublin

Set in a restored, Georgian building, this formal hotel is a 6-minute walk from the National Gallery of Ireland and 2 miles from Dublin Castle.

Decorated in neutral tones and country-style furnishings, the genteel rooms and suites feature flat-screen TVs, free Wi-Fi and minibars. Suites additions range from Nespresso machines and sitting areas to fireplaces and claw-foot tubs.

An acclaimed, upscale restaurant overlooks the gardens. There's also a cocktail bar, an 18th-century wine vault turned pub, and an eatery offering traditional Irish dishes. In addition to spa treatments, leisure facilities include an infinity pool and a fitness centre.





The Merrion Hotel Dublin

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin 2
(01) 603 0600

The Shelbourne Dublin, A Renaissance Hotel, located in Dublin Ireland, greets business and leisure guests with 5-star amenities, a luxury spa, and a picture-perfect location.

Amenities:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Laundry service
- Room service
- Kid-friendly
- Restaurant
- Hot tub
- Free breakfast
- Airport shuttle
- Spa
- Fitness Center
- Bar
- Smoke-free



Evening Dinner

Enjoy a memorable dinner and evening at a classical Irish pub hosting 'Traditional Irish Night' with live Irish ballads, dancing and dinner.



Ye Old Abbey Tavern

28 Abbey St, Howth
+353 1 839 0307

April 17 - Day 2 - West Coast Tour Day



Check out at The Merrion Hotel Dublin



Depart for Tour

After a hearty full Irish breakfast we will depart for Galway City, known as the “City of the Tribes”. Travelling west your route today will take you through Ballinasloe & Athlone, which is the centre of Ireland.



Hiking at the Cliffs of Moher

Your tour today continues with hiking and 3-hour tour of the Cliffs of Moher. Take in amazing views of the majestic 700ft Cliffs and the wild limestone Burren National Park on Galway Bay.



Cliffs Of Moher

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The Cliffs of Moher is 1 of Ireland's top visitor attractions. The Cliffs are 214m high at the highest point & range for 8 kilometres over the Atlantic Ocean.



Walking Tour of Downtown Galway

Galway, a harbour city on Ireland's west coast, sits where the River Corrib meets the Atlantic Ocean. The city's hub is 18th-century Eyre Square, a popular meeting spot surrounded by shops and traditional pubs that often offer live Irish folk music. Nearby, stone-clad cafes, boutiques and art galleries line the winding lanes of the Latin Quarter, which retains portions of the medieval city walls.



Galway City
County Galway, IE



Check in at The Lodge At Ashford Castle

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45749272 Ashford Castle

Overlooking Lough Corrib lake, on 350 acres of parkland, this luxe hotel occupies a 13th-century castle, 15 km from Headford town centre and 42 km from central Galway.

Opulent, old-world rooms come with antique rosewood furniture. All have free Wi-Fi, minibars and cable TV. Suites add separate dining rooms.

There's a palatial restaurant serving upmarket Irish cuisine, as well as a bistro and a medieval-style pub. Afternoon tea is served in a Victorian-era drawing room. There's also an oak-panelled bar. In addition to an indoor pool, amenities include a full-service spa, a cinema and 9-hole golf course, plus a falconry school.



The Lodge at Ashford Castle
Cong, County Mayo, IE
(094) 954 5400

April 18 - Day 3 - Galway + Cork



Check out at The Lodge At Ashford Castle



The Lodge At Ashford Castle

Leaf Island, Cong, MAYO, IE
(094) 954 5400

Located on the West Coast of Ireland, this 13th Century, five star castle sits on the northern shores of Lough Corrib, half hour from Galway City. Once a country estate of the Guinness family, it was transformed into a luxury hotel in 1939 and now offers 83 guest rooms. Activities include golf, fishing, boat cruising, falconry, health & beauty. There are two dining options available in the castle from timeless classical cuisine in the George V to a Bistro style menu in Cullen's. Recently voted "Best Resort in Ireland" by Conde Nast Traveler 2008 & 2009 & 2010



Depart for Tour

This morning after breakfast you will set off on the world famous Ring of Kerry (Iveragh Peninsula) via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator", to Caherdaniel.



Cork/Kerry Mountains + Macroom Castle

Your route today will take you over the famous Cork/Kerry Mountains via the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery and Ballyvourney to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom Castle, once home of Sir William Penn, whose son was later to found the state of Pennsylvania.



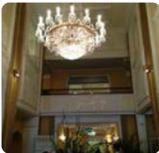
Jameson Old Midleton Distillery

Visit [Jameson Old Midleton Distillery](#) which has the world's largest pot still with a capacity of over 30,000 gallons. Enjoy a complimentary drop of Irish whiskey!



Check in at Imperial Hotel

Magnificently renovated, The Imperial Hotel, Cork, offers the finest luxury [accommodations](#) with a bespoke, personal and professional service in surroundings bristling with old world charm, opulent décor and a truly welcoming atmosphere.



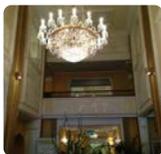
Imperial Hotel

South Mall, Cork, Co Cork, IE
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April 19 - Day 4 - Lough Corrib Cruise & Connemara



Check out at Imperial Hotel



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Lough Corrib Cruise

Embark for a cruise on Lough Corrib to enjoy the scenery and sip an Irish coffee while enjoying an Irish dancing demonstration.



Lough Corrib

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Lough Corrib is a lake in the west of Ireland. The River Corrib or Galway River connects the lake to the sea at Galway. It is the largest lake within the Republic of Ireland and the second largest on the island of Ireland.



Connemara

Drive through scenic Connemara. At Kylemore Abbey, visit elegant rooms and the charming lakeside church. Enjoy lunch and more views of Connemara before returning to Galway where the evening is free to explore



Connemara National Park

Letterfrack, Galway

+353 95 410 54

This park offers an exhibition on Connemara's landscape, and it also features an audio visual, a playground, an indoor and outdoor picnic areas, as well as the Connemara ponies & Diamond Hill Trails ranging in length from 15 minutes to 3 hours. After experiencing the environment, you can afterwards enjoy yourself with a cup of tea of coffee, home baking and light lunches at the tearoom.



Galway at Your Leisure

Return to Galway where the evening is free to explore



Bars & Nightlife

Throughout the year, Galway features a party atmosphere with a special edge, and people start pouring into traditional pubs quite early, and hopping bars every weekend. Come and join us for an unforgettable time, and toast with your friends while mingling with locals.



The Kings Head Bar

15 High Street, Galway
+353 91 566 630

The Kings Head Bar serves great food and beverages within a cosy and relaxing atmosphere that is featured by the bar's location within a historic building as well as by music events and sports watching that both take place here regularly. Head here for experiencing a typical Irish pub.



The Trappers Inn

Tuam Road, Castlegar
+353 91 751 228

Only minutes away from Galway city centre, The Trappers Inn is a traditional and family-run bar and restaurant, and truly passionate about seasonal and locally obtained food. Enjoy best quality when it comes to both service and dishes, and a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.



Murty Rabbits

23 Forster Street, Galway
+353 91 566 490

Just off the Eyre Square, at Galway city centre, Murty Rabbits serves dishes and drinks of huge variety, and also high quality, and it ranks among the favourites of tourists and locals alike. While the welcoming atmosphere makes for a great stay, head here for watching sports as the mood then will come to the boil.



The Cellar

12 Eglinton Street, Galway
+353 91 563 966

Boasting a stunning two floor venue that transforms from a busy restaurant to a buzzing late bar, The Cellar is a favourite location of nearly everyone, as it offers something for every taste, and any occasion. While food and drinks are of high quality, the attentive service could not keep up any better.



The Quays Bar

Quay's Street, Galway

+353 91 568 347

For nearly 400 years already, The Quays Bar has been pleasing Galwegians and visitors alike with great food and drinks, as well as with live music and a quite lively atmosphere. The historic establishment in the heart of Galway City has a very own by itself, so head here for experiencing traditions at their best.



Galway Arms Inn

5 Dominick Street Lower, Galway

+353 91 564 555

The Galway Arms Inn has been one of the most recognisable buildings in Galway city for many years, and so it remains until today. Ideally located only minutes from Galway's shopping hub, and standing proudly at the entrance to Galway City West, this venue serves drinks at the bar, especially beer, but also food at their Grill.



The Dáil Bar

42-44 Middle Street, Galway

+353 91 563 777

In the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter, The Dáil Bar is a firm Galway favourite for fantastic Food and award winning cocktails. As live Music takes place five nights a week, with top DJs on the weekends on top, this is the place to be for a great night out.



Monroe's Tavern

14 Dominick Street Upper, Galway

+353 91 583 397

Tuesday night is a set-dancing night at Monroe's Tavern, a whitewashed pub in Galway's West End, so do take your partner's hand for the Siege of Ennis or the Walls of Limerick traditional Irish dances.