



**8 DAY TRIP TO IRELAND FOR JASON & SHANNA'S WEDDING
WITH IRELAND US EXPERIENCE
23rd July to 31st July 2017**

ireland us experience

Tour Reference: 201707-12

DATES: From 23rd July 2017 to 31st July 2017

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

The Wedding Including transfer to the Ceremony, and transport to the Wedding Party afterwards.

Day Trip To Irelands Ancient East

Day Trip To Glendalough and Wicklow Mountains

Irish Night With Dinner At The Merry Ploughboy

Pub Crawl In Temple Bar

Optional Game Of Golf (Not included in price)

HOTEL

8 Nights Accommodation In The Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road In Dublin With The Choice Of Single Or Twin/Double Accomodation

Full Irish Breakfast Included Each Morning

Transfers Between The Hotel And The Wedding And Dublin Airport





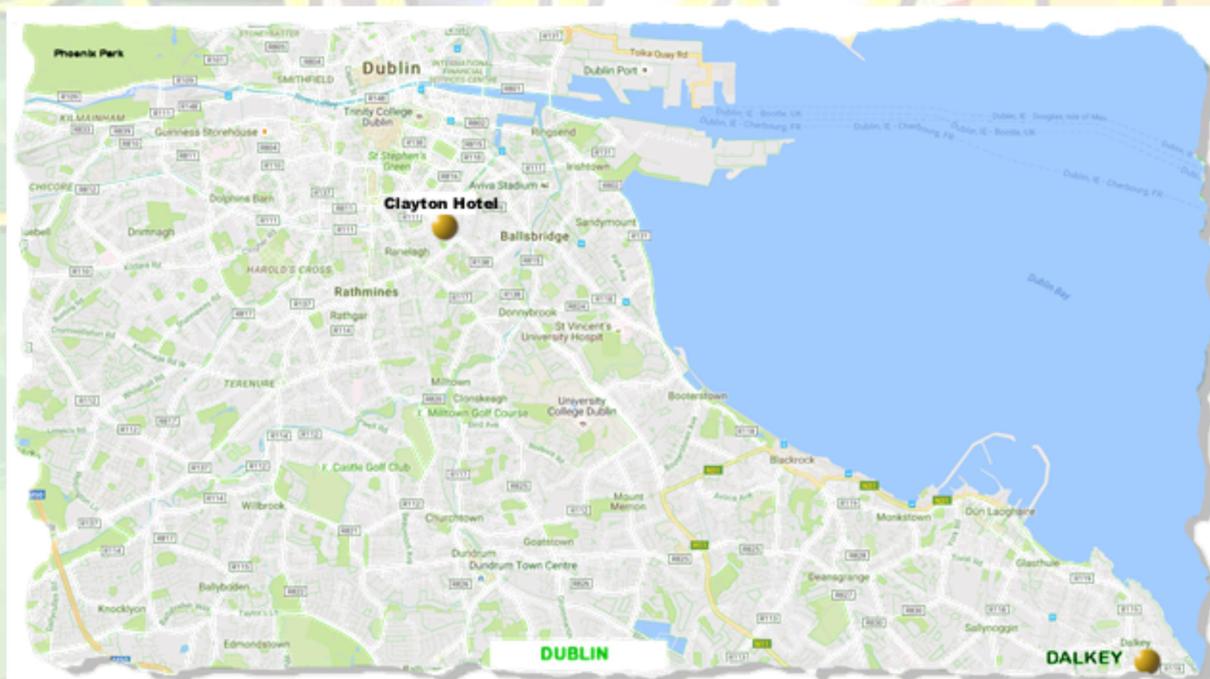
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Day 0 : July 22nd 2017 - USA Based Visitors Depart From US Airports

Flights depart from US Airports for visitors who are based in the USA. Don't forget to ensure that you have valid passports and that they are not due to expire prior to or during the vacation.

Day 1 : July 23rd 2017 - Arrive Into Dublin Airport And Transport To Your Accomodation

Following your arrival in Dublin Airport at 8:40am local time in Dublin, you will eventually be transported to your hotel for the week, the Clayton Hotel Burlington Road near the centre of Dublin, or Dalkey for those staying in the Wedding House.



But first, there will be lots to explore on the first day so after picking you up from Dublin Airport we will take you into the city for a short tour of Dublin and have lunch before we head off to check in at your hotel. The hotel is located a short walk from St Stephens Green which is at the top of Grafton Street, Ireland's premier shopping street. It, in turn, is only a short distance from famous Dublin landmarks such as Trinity College where you can find the Book of Kells, the old Parliament Buildings (now the Bank of Ireland), O'Connell Bridge and O'Connell Street, Dublin Castle and Temple Bar, famous for it's night life for the younger generation, or those young at heart. In between you will find many bars and restaurants where you can sample the very best of Irish and international cuisine, and, of course, sample a pint of genuine Irish Guinness!

Day 2 : July 24th 2017 - A Free Day In Dublin

The wedding is fast approaching, but you still have one day free to enjoy the best Dublin has to offer.



Your hotel for the duration of the trip is the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, in Dublin ([Clayton Hotel Burlington Road](#)) which was totally refurbished within the past two years. Public transport is available close to the hotel, and it's features include complementary WiFi, flat-screen tvs in every room, a 24-hour fully featured fitness centre and several bars. Depending on your personal preference, you will have the choice of your own single room, or can share in a twin or double room. You should specify your room preference when booking.



The Ha'penny Bridge

Christ Church Cathedral

Trinity College

There are so many things to do in Dublin, it is hard to know where to start. Like many major cities around the world, Dublin features several hop-on-hop-off bus services that take you to all the main points of interest around the city and allow you to stop off to visit any that take your interest. We would recommend the CityScape tours, www.cityscapetours.ie, the yellow buses, as they have a pickup point near the hotel, plus they tend to be cheaper than most of the others (current offer is Euro 10 for a day ticket), but visit most of the same locations, although all of the companies feature a few destinations that the others don't. Places to look out for include: Kilmainham Jail, The Phoenix Park (which includes Dublin Zoo, Aras an Uachtarain – the Irish 'White House' which is the home of the President – and the US Ambassadors Residence), The National Museum (Decorative Arts) in Collins Barracks, The Ha'penny Bridge, The GPO in O'Connell Street, The Customs House, The Jeannie Johnston Tall Shop & Famine Museum, The National Art Gallery, The National Museum (Archeology) and The National Library in Kildare St, The National Museum (Natural History) in Merrion St, St Stephens Green, The Iveagh Gardens, The Mansion House, Trinity College/Book of Kells, Temple Bar, Dublin Castle, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublinia, St Patricks Cathedral, Teelings Whiskey Distillery, The Leprechaun Museum, The Irish Museum of Modern Art, and, of course, not forgetting the Number One Tourist Attraction in Europe (voted ahead of Buckingham Palace and the Eiffel Tower), The Guinness Storehouse where you can learn how they make 'the Black Stuff' and then learn how to pull the perfect pint, while enjoying panoramic views of Dublin. Or, if you prefer something different, try the Viking Splash Tour where your amphibian bus even takes a dive into the waters of the Grand Canal Basin.

Day 3 : July 25th 2017 – Day Trip Along Ireland’s Ancient East

Ireland’s Ancient East stretches all the way down the East Coast of Ireland from Drogheda, north of Dublin, to Cork and beyond in the south. It is full of ancient castles, historic monastic sites and stately homes where 5,000 years of history and spectacle come alive. Come with us and explore some of the best this fabled part of Ireland has to offer.



Trim Castle



The Brazen Head Pub



Hill Of Tara

On your return to Dublin you will have the evening free to have a quiet evening , or enjoy the nightlife and ‘craic’ in some of Dublin’s wide variety of pubs. We recommend checking out Ireland’s oldest pub (The Brazen Head, Lower Bridge St <http://brazenhead.com>), Ireland’s Smallest Pub (The Dawson Lounge, Dawson St <https://www.facebook.com/TheDawsonLounge>) or if you fancy a night of traditional Irish music you could try O’Donoghues in Merrion Row www.odonoghues.ie/bar.htm , a 10 minutes walk from your hotel or The Oliver StJohn Gogarty in Temple Bar <http://www.gogartys.ie>

Day 4 : July 26th 2017 - Dublin

Today you have a choice. For those interested in golf, we are arranging a round at ,Dun Laoghaire Golf Course one of Ireland’s famous golf courses close to Dublin. Clubs have been arranged for you at the venue. Please note that the cost of the round of golf is an optional extra and works out Euro 50 for the round of golf, and Euro 35 for the club hire. For the non-golfers, there is a chance to rest up for the day or catch up on all the things that you didn’t get to do on the previous days. This could include some shopping on Grafton Street or in the Stephens Green Shopping Centre that is located at the top end of it, perhaps a stroll around St Stephens Green itself, or a revisit of some of the places you missed out on during your hop-on hop off tour.

Just be sure to get back to your hotel in good time to be ready to be picked up at 5.30pm, to embark on a fabulous night of entertainment and Irish dancing accompanied by a great meal at the Merry Ploughboy pub (www.mpbpub.com). Following the show, you will be transported back to your accomodation.



The Merry Ploughboy Band



The Merry Ploughboy Pub



The Merry Ploughboy Dancers

Day 5 : July 27th 2017 – Jason & Shanna’s Wedding

The great day has arrived! On the day of the wedding you will be picked up from your hotel at 2.00pm and brought to the stunning house in Dalkey where the wedding is taking place in good time for the wedding ceremony. Following the wedding ceremony itself, you will enjoy drinks and appetizers with family and friends accompanied by live music in the gardens, with fabulous views over the Irish Sea.



The Wedding House In Dalkey

In the early evening you will all be taken to the Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, where you will have a sit-down dinner, and then dance the night away. At approx. 1.30am your transport will arrive and return everyone to the hotel and the house.

Day 6 : July 28th 2017 – The Recovery

Yesterday will have been a long day, so we are not doing anything today to allow everyone a chance to recover! Feel free to get in some last minute shopping or check out if the famous Irish hangover cure ‘the hair of the dog’ actually works.

Day 7 : July 29th 2017 – The Celebration

Your luxury transportation will arrive at noon to pick you up from your hotel and take you to to Johnnie Foxes Pub Restaurant in the Dublin mountains for lunch. (Note: Cost of lunch is not included in the itinerary). Following lunch, we will return to Dublin city, where there will be a pub crawl of the Temple Bar area (or for the non-drinkers, an opportunity to try out some of the wide variety of restaurants to be found in the area). You will be picked up in Temple Bar at 7.00pm and, by special request of the bride and groom, we will be transporting everyone to Templeogue United Soccer Club, for an evening of entertainment with the locals. Buses will leave Templeogue at 1.00am.



The Wicklow Mountains

Johnnie Foxes Pub

Glendalough Round Tower

Day 8 : July 30th 2017 – Glendalough And The Wicklow Mountains.

You will be picked up late-morning and taken up into the Wicklow Mountains to visit magical Glendalough, famous for it’s round towers and tranquil beauty.

Day 9 : July 31st 2017 – The Sad Day

On your final morning, you will be collected from your hotel for the saddest part of any vacation - the start of your journey home. Airport Check-In procedures require that you are at the airport three hours prior to take-off, which is 11:30am, so we will leave the Clayton Hotel at 7:30am to ensure that you are delivered to Dublin Airport in good time. We hope that you will bring home with you many happy memories to remind you of your experiences in Ireland.

SOME USEFUL INFORMATION:

1. **WHAT TO PACK :** Irish Weather is always unpredictable. As we often say, there is a reason why the country is so green! However, during the summer months it should be reasonably warm (but certainly not as hot as Florida). You should be able to go around in t-shirts with maybe a light sweater in case you find it cool in the evenings. You should also bring a light rain-jacket, just in case, but won't need anything heavy. If there is any rain (and hopefully there won't be) it will tend to be light. You can always pick up additional cheap cardigans, t-shirts or a rain jacket when you are over here if you forget to pack anything or don't want to overfill your suitcase.
2. **SPENDING MONEY :** How much you will need to bring really depends on how much you intend to enjoy yourself and your personal resistance to a bargain! There should be no need to bring loads of cash over with you. Provided your debit or credit card is linked to one of the major brands such as Visa or Mastercard, the most efficient way to save on foreign exchange fees is to use your card in any bank ATM machine over here to withdraw cash. Credit cards are also accepted in almost every shop and restaurant. Don't use Bureau de Change desks as they tend to charge exorbitant fees and have high rates. The actual charges for using an ATM will really depend on your bank, but in general the charges are usually in the order of 1% to 1.5% of the amount withdrawn plus whatever the Euro/US\$ exchange rate is on the day. If you use a card in a non-bank branded ATM machine in, say a store, there can sometimes be an additional charge, but this would usually only be a Euro or two, depending on the amount withdrawn. Although the amount given to you from the machine will be in Euros, the amount debited to your card account in the States will be the equivalent amount in dollars at the rate on the day the transaction is processed. If you only draw down the amount you require when you need to, then you can reduce the level of cash you are carrying around with you (and therefore might be less likely to spend it!). If you have both a credit and debit card, it is usually much better to use the debit card when drawing down cash from an ATM, as credit card companies can often start charging interest from the day of drawdown, and credit card interest rates are not cheap. It is also recommended that you inform your bank or credit card provider that you will be in Ireland during the dates in question, to avoid the risk that they might place a block on the card when they see a "foreign" transaction suddenly appearing in your account.

3. **ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT** : Irish and UK electric plugs and sockets differ from American ones in two important ways: they use three pin square plugs, and they operate at a higher voltage (240 volts vs 120 volts). You can find cheap adaptor plugs in many shops that convert a US two pin plug to a three pin Irish plug but a word of warning : if you use one of these and the device you plug in does not have its own in-built power converter then you take the risk of blowing it. Some more expensive adaptors will do the voltage conversion for you, but check the packaging just in case. Luckily things like laptops usually handle this power conversion automatically (the sticker on the laptops power-supply block will let you know if it can handle both 120v and 240v) and most smartphones and cameras use USB chargers that feed the device a steady 5v charge. If you intend to bring any other electrical gear with you, you should check that it can run at 240 volts. Basic essentials such as kettles, hair dryers and irons will be available in your room, so you don't need to bring your own.
4. **LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANING** : both these services are available in the hotel if required.
5. **LUGGAGE**: The airlines will only permit you to bring one suitcase per person (maximum weight 50 Pounds), plus a carry-on that must be able to fit under your seat or in the overhead storage. Please note that airlines will charge you separately for overweight or additional bags. You can find out additional information re JetBlue baggage at <https://www.jetblue.com/travel/baggage/> and AirLingus at <https://www.aerlingus.com/travel-information/baggage-information/cabin-baggage/> Once your bags are checked-in at your home airport, they will be routed directly to Dublin so you will not see them again until your arrival in Ireland. Your luggage should be light, but sturdy as it may get banged around a bit in transit, and remember that TSA regulations mandate that luggage must not be locked. Please also note that for international flights you will pass through Customs, and while it is rare, they do perform random spot checks where they reserve the right to check your baggage and personal belongings if they wish.
6. **DUBLIN AIRPORT US CUSTOMS & IMMIGRATION PRE-CLEARANCE** : Both Dublin and Shannon Airports in Ireland have a rare facility where you actually go through US Customs and Immigration in Ireland **before** you get on your flight home. This means that on your arrival back in the USA, you can disembark as if you are arriving on a domestic flight.

