
GEEO ITINERARY

Ireland 7/14/2025

Day 1: Dublin Arrive in Dublin at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive in Dublin at any time. The Dublin airport is **Dublin International (DUB)**. Due to the potential for flight delays or cancellations, we recommend that you arrive in Ireland at least a day in advance. This will also give you time to adjust to the time difference and overcome any jet lag. We can book extra hotel nights for you in Dublin before the trip. **Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting** Day 1 is an arrival day with no scheduled activities. Check-in at the hotel is usually around 2:00-3:00 p.m. Your introduction meeting will begin around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., usually in the hotel lobby. Check for a sign or ask at the reception desk about the exact time and location of the group meeting. This meeting is important as you will meet your tour leader and group and receive important tour information. If you are delayed, please notify us; your tour leader will leave instructions at the front desk regarding where and when to meet the following day. After the meeting, you might choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another. **Joining Instructions** Taxi fare from the airport to Staycity Tivoli Dublin should cost approximately €30-40 EUR depending on traffic and the number of people traveling in the taxi. A more affordable option is [Dublin Express](#) (€9 EUR), which travels directly from Dublin International Airport to the city center. The journey time is approximately 35 minutes. Get off at the Usher's Quay stop and walk approximately 6 minutes south to the hotel. If you are arriving in Dublin by train, you will probably arrive at either Heuston or Connolly Station, Dublin's main railway stations. Staycity Tivoli Dublin is a short taxi ride from either station. You could also take a feeder bus that runs between Connolly and Heuston Station, passing through the city center approximately every 10 minutes; ask the bus driver to let you off just before Father Mathew Bridge—the hotel is a 7-minute walk from this bus stop. **Accommodation:** Staycity Tivoli Dublin (or similar) * For the actual hotel your specific departure will be using, please check your voucher.

Day 2: Dublin Take a free day to roam the cobblestone streets of this historic city.

Today, you are free to roam the cobblestone streets of this historic city. Walk along the River Liffey or marvel at the city's medieval castles and cathedrals. Don't tire yourself out too much – you'll want to get out later tonight and experience the nightlife for which the Temple Bar area is known. If you've already seen the city, this would be a good time to take a day tour of Newgrange and the Hill of Tara. See our optional activities list at the bottom of this page for some ideas on how to spend your time.

Accommodation: Staycity Tivoli Dublin (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 3: Dublin/Killarney Continue on to Killarney.

This morning, we drive to Killarney. After we arrive in the late afternoon, you will have the evening to explore the area at your leisure. You may want to take a traditional Jaunting Cart (horse and buggy ride), visit Muckross House and Abbey, or see Ross Castle along the banks of Lough Leane. You can also visit Killarney National Park, home to the only native red deer in the country. The National Park is a great place to enjoy nature by walking along the edge of the famous and scenic Killarney Lakes or biking on the trails through the forest to seek out some of the waterfalls in the area. If time and weather permits, we recommend taking an optional boat tour to explore the ruins of Inisfallen Abbey. **Approximate travel time:** 4-4.5 hrs by private vehicle **Accommodation:** Tatler Jack (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 4: Killarney Enjoy a day trip to experience some sights along the famous Ring of Kerry. Return to Killarney for another night in town.

We enjoy a day trip to experience some sights along the famous Ring of Kerry today. One of Ireland's most popular destinations, the Ring is a winding coastal road through a gorgeous mountainous and lake-

spattered region. Visitors since Victorian times have been drawn to this evocative chunk of the Emerald Isle, where mysterious ancient ring forts stand sentinel on mossy hillsides. Afterward, we return to Killarney for another night in town. **Accommodation:** Tatler Jack (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 5: Killarney/Galway City Travel to the stunning Cliffs of Moher and hike along its breathtaking trails, soaking in panoramic views of the Atlantic. Afterward, head to Galway for the evening. Opt for a night out at the local pub.

Today, we drive and hike along the Wild Atlantic Way route from Doolin to the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. The Wild Atlantic Way, 1,600 miles in length, is one of the longest defined coastal routes in the world, winding its way all along the Irish west coast. We will walk along the cliffs, with a maximum height of 214 m (702 ft) above the Atlantic, taking in the amazing in the views. The hike on the Cliffs of Moher can be difficult for some people. It also can be muddy, so boots are handy here. After spending time along the coast, we return to Galway for the evening. You might choose to have a night out at the local pub. **Approximate travel time:** 3-4 hrs by private vehicle **Accommodation:** Imperial Hotel Galway (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 6 Galway City Travel to Ireland's west coast to Galway. Set off on a guided walking tour before enjoying a free afternoon to explore the city.

This morning, we travel to Ireland's west coast to Galway, where we will set off on a guided walking tour before enjoying a free afternoon to explore the city's colorful streets and bohemian atmosphere. Galway is known as Ireland's Cultural Heart and is renowned for its vibrant lifestyle and numerous festivals, celebrations, and events. In the evening, head out for an optional dinner and drinks in a local pub. **Approximate travel time:** 1-2 hrs by private vehicle **Accommodation:** Imperial Hotel Galway (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 7: Galway City/Belfast Travel along the coast towards Northern Ireland. Stop for lunch in the historic city of Derry. Visit Dark Hedges. End the day in Belfast.

Today we travel along the coast towards Northern Ireland. We will stop for lunch in the historic city of Derry, known for the intact 17th-century Walls with seven gates. We will then visit Dark Hedges, an avenue of beech trees that form an atmospheric tunnel that has been used as a location in HBO's popular television series *Game of Thrones*. We'll end the day in Belfast in time for dinner and evening out at a local pub. **Approximate travel time:** 4 hrs by private vehicle **Accommodation:** Ibis Belfast City Centre (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast | Lunch

Day 8: Belfast Stop at the Giant's Causeway and marvel at the natural phenomenon of its volcanic columns. Continue on to Bushmills Distillery for a guided tour of the oldest working distillery in Ireland. Return to Belfast.

This morning we'll get in our vehicle and drive to the Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most stunning coastlines in Europe. This area is known for its unique, polygonal column rock formations that were created by a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago. You don't want to forget your camera for this one. Then we will take a guided tour of the Old Bushmills Distillery, the oldest working distillery in Ireland. For over 400 years, this distillery has believed the secret to good whiskey is crafting the spirit in small batches; taste the difference yourself as you indulge in a whiskey tasting. We'll return to Belfast for a final night out on the town with the group and raise a pint to this beautiful island! **Approximate travel time:** 3 hrs by private vehicle **Accommodation:** Ibis Belfast City Centre (or similar) **Meals included:** Breakfast

Day 9: Belfast Depart Belfast at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The tour ends in Belfast, and the

nearest airports are **Belfast International Airport (BFS)** and **George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD)**. Often, it is less expensive to take a bus or train to **Dublin Airport (DUB)** and fly home from there. If you wish to extend your stay in Belfast, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us. If you booked a round-trip flight to Dublin, there are convenient and affordable transfer options from Belfast to Dublin, including direct trains to Dublin Connolly station with [Irish Rail](#) (2-2.25 hrs) or buses with [DublinExpress](#), [Aircoach](#), and [Translink](#). Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk. Want more adventure? Book two or more GEEO programs in the same school year and receive a discount! GEEO will give you 10% off of the lesser value program(s) (up to 3 programs per year). If you would like to extend your time abroad but don't see another GEEO program that interests you, let us know. We can work with you to find a trip from our tour operator's much larger catalog. Their tours are open to the general public and not designed specifically for educators, but we can still offer you and your travel companions a discounted educator price on any additional tours that you book. **Meals included:** Breakfast

***Itinerary Disclaimer:** *While it is our intention to adhere to the routes described on our website, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.*