

Dublin

POST-CRUISE VACATION STRETCHER

JULY 2024



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Dublin, Ireland

Known for Guinness, whiskey, and some of the greenest countryside in the world, Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland. It was voted Europe's fourth most popular city and destination behind London, Paris, and Rome, and is one of the friendliest cities in the world. It is also one of Europe's most beautiful cities, with its elegant Georgian Architecture and medieval buildings, including the 13th-century Dublin Castle, the imposing St. Patrick's Cathedral and Temple Bar. Not to be left out is Grafton Street, the bustling, largely pedestrian-only shopping area famed for its buskers.

Dublin's history takes us back to when it was founded as a Viking settlement, known as the Kingdom of Dublin. It became Ireland's principal city following the Norman invasion. Today, Dublin is still a principal city and is famous for its laid-back charm and cultural heritage. It is the capital of The Craic (pronounced 'crack'), the art of life. With its famous writers, such as Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, and playwright Samuel Beckett, and, of course, the band U2, The Craic have helped shape Dublin into what it is now: a vibrant capital that moves at an easygoing pace.

1-NIGHT DUBLIN (JULY 5-6, 2024)

\$989 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

\$1,229 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

INCLUDED

- 1-night stay at **The Westbury Hotel** (July 5-6; checkout by 12 pm on July 6)
- Full Irish buffet breakfast (July 6)
- Luggage transferred from the Cruise Terminal to Hotel (July 5)
- ¾-day tour to Dublin City; Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College & Book of Kells, and St. Patrick's Cathedral with lunch (July 5)
- Group Welcome Dinner and show at the Merry Ploughboy (July 5)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Hotel luggage portorage
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

International air, transfer from Dublin Airport (DUB) to hotel, meals not listed, and gratuities to guides and drivers

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – IMPORTANT

This post-cruise Vacation Stretcher requires a **HIGH** level of mobility because most of the tours require extensive walking (on cobblestone streets, uneven ground, up and down steep hills, and up and down stairs) and standing for long periods of time. If you have limited mobility but still wish to meet the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

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3-NIGHT DUBLIN (JULY 5-8, 2024)

\$2,099 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

\$2,979 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

INCLUDED

- 3-night stay at **The Westbury Hotel** (July 5-8; checkout by 12 pm on July 8)
- Full Irish buffet breakfast (July 6, 7, & 8)
- Luggage transferred from the Cruise Terminal to Hotel (July 5)
- ¾-day tour to Dublin City; Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College & Book of Kells, and St. Patrick's Cathedral with lunch (July 5)
- Group Welcome Dinner and show at the Merry Ploughboy (July 5)
- ½-day Wonderful Wicklow Tour visiting Glendalough, Powerscourt Estate and Countryside (July 6)
- ¾-day Dublin Coastline Tour visiting Malahide Castle and Howth Head (July 7)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
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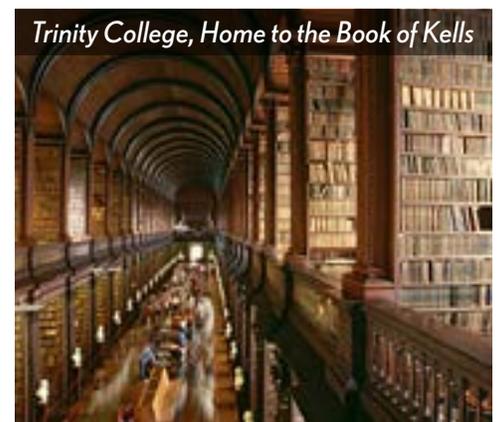
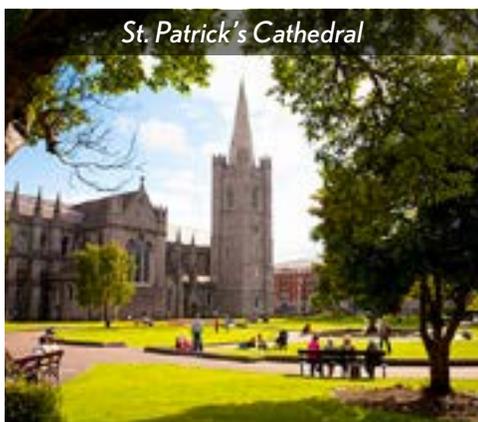
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ABOUT YOUR TOURS



JULY 5, 2024 – DUBLIN CITY TOUR, INCLUDING LUNCH AND GROUP DINNER IN AN AUTHENTIC IRISH PUB

(1- and 3-night packages)

You'll disembark your Windstar ship in Dublin and set off for a day exploring this charming European capital city. Your luggage will be sent ahead to the hotel and will be waiting for you upon your arrival later this afternoon.

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Departing the Cruise Terminal, we'll make our way to Dublin's City Center, passing many highlights such as the River Liffey, Ha'penny Bridge, St. Stephen's Green, Merion Square lined with elegant Georgian homes, and the National Gallery of Ireland—all places you may wish to explore further on your own.

Our first stop is the imposing St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church, dating back over 800 years. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the stunning and ornate interior and learn the history of Ireland's oldest Christian site.

Next, we'll continue through central Dublin to the Guinness Storehouse, for a tour to discover the ingredients and process that goes into making a perfect pint of Ireland's most famous brew. A glass of Guinness is included for all tour participants.

Now that we've whet our appetites, we'll stop for lunch at Café En Seine, an art nouveau haven featuring a beautiful indoor garden.

For our final stop today, you'll stroll through Trinity College to its famous library, for a visit to the Book of Kells, a must-see on the itinerary of all visitors to Dublin (as a part of the Olivia group, you'll skip the lines!). This 9th-century manuscript documents the four Gospels of the life of Jesus Christ. The Book of Kells is Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval manuscript. The exhibition also features access to the Long Room, one of the world's most beautiful libraries, housing 200,000 of Trinity College's oldest books.

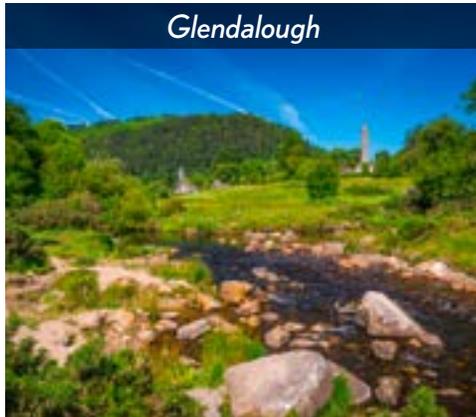
Your tour ends at our hotel, the 5-star Westbury, located a few minutes' walk to many of the most famous visitors' sights, and just steps to the pedestrian Grafton Street, lined with galleries, shops, and cafés. Despite its central location, the hotel is discreetly tucked away to ensure guest privacy and comfort. Unpack and unwind—there's plenty more excitement ahead!

This evening you will join your fellow Olivians for a true Irish dinner with traditional music and a dance show at the Merry Ploughboy Pub. From start to finish, this is a show based on interaction between the performers and the audience. The entertainment commences with Ireland's leading traditional Irish music group, The Merry Ploughboys, who have been performing to audiences in Dublin since 1989. This makes the Merry Ploughboys show the longest running show in Ireland hosted by the same performers over an impressive 34 years. Midway through, All-Ireland and world champion Irish dancers from Dublin and beyond will perform. A night of authentically Irish entertainment is guaranteed.

County Wicklow



Glendalough



Powerscourt Estate Gardens



JULY 6, 2024 – WONDERFUL WICKLOW TOUR VISITING GLENDALOUGH, POWERSCOURT ESTATE AND THE COUNTRYSIDE (3-night package)

After your included breakfast we'll depart for County Wicklow, on a drive through some of bonny Ireland's most beautiful scenery of lakes, glacial valleys, and mountain peaks. Your first stop is Glendalough, meaning "valley of two lakes", is a glacial valley that is renowned for an Early Medieval monastic settlement that was founded in the 6th century. The foundation of St. Kevin's at Glendalough became one of the most famous religious centers in Europe.

The remains of the Monastic City which are dotted across the glen, include a superb round tower, numerous medieval stone churches, and some decorated crosses. Of particular note is St. Kevin's Bed, a small man-made cave in the cliff face above the Upper Lake. It is said that St. Kevin lived and prayed there, but it may actually be a prehistoric burial place that far predates him.

Learn all about this hallowed place in the interpretive centre before exploring the site where you will be rewarded with spectacular views of the two lakes and a uniquely spiritual atmosphere.

Following a stop in charming Glendalough, you'll arrive at Powerscourt Estate, a 68-room estate built in the 1700's, surrounded by 47 acres of Italian, Japanese, and statuary gardens. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the formal gardens and take time for lunch on your own on the Powerscourt Restaurant terrace, overlooking the vast gardens to the mountains beyond.

You'll return to Dublin through the lovely Irish countryside, where the remainder of the day will be free for you to explore this lively city and have lunch and dinner on your own.

Malahide Castle



Howth Head



Ruins of Howth Abbey



JULY 7, 2024 – DUBLIN COASTLINE TOUR VISITING MALAHIDE CASTLE AND HOWTH HEAD (3-night package)

Today, we'll make our way just outside Dublin to Malahide Castle and Howth Head. Malahide Castle, set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide, was both a fortress and a private home for nearly eight hundred years, and is an interesting mix of architectural styles. The Talbot family lived here from 1185 to 1973, when the last Lord Talbot passed away.

The house is furnished with beautiful period furniture together with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings, mainly from the National Gallery. The history of the Talbot family is recorded in the Great Hall, with portraits of generations of the family telling their own story of Ireland's stormy history. One of the more poignant legends concerns the morning of the Battle of the Boyne in 1690, when fourteen members of the family breakfasted together in this room, never to return, as all were dead by nightfall.

Many additions and alterations have been made to this romantic and beautiful structure, but the contours of the surrounding parklands have changed little in eight hundred years, retaining a sense of the past. You will also have time to visit the beautiful gardens as you walk around the grounds of this castle steeped in legend and history.

You will then board the coaches to make your way out to Howth Head. Howth is a beautiful fishing village with steep winding streets. It is dominated by a Martello Tower and the interesting ruins of Howth Abbey. The village is a pleasant resort of steep winding streets and offers a host of options for lunch and shopping. After enjoying free time and lunch on your own you will board your coach driving back through the beautiful countryside for one last evening on your own in Dublin.

ABOUT YOUR HOTEL



THE WESTBURY HOTEL

Centrally located, The Westbury Hotel is a short walk from the bustling Grafton Street lined with shops, restaurants, Trinity College and the National Museum. This 5-star hotel is itself high on the list of city attractions, especially its famous Gallery, with an extensive art collection and traditional afternoon tea.

All guest rooms feature luxurious marble bathrooms with heated floors, sumptuous King-size pillow-topped beds, a 55" HD LED television, Nespresso coffee machine, complimentary wifi, and Aromatherapy Associates bathroom amenities. On-site amenities include the fine-dining restaurant Wilde, which uses local ingredients to create an international menu, and Café Novo, a trendy brasserie. Complimentary wifi and fitness center are also included.

NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

Our Travel Consultants can be reached from the US at 800-631-6277 x1 or from outside the US at 415-962-5700 x1. Due to high demand, our Vacation Stretchers sell out very quickly!

DEADLINE TO BOOK IS APRIL 26, 2024 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT.

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While we do our best to confirm hotels and itineraries in advance, they are always subject to change.

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