

Brother Cleve & Ciaran's Whiskey, Food & Music Trail Ireland October 16 – 24, 2017

Mon Oct 16th: Heading for the Emerald Isle

Today you will start our journey by flying across the United States and taking an overnight flight across the Atlantic Sea to Ireland.

Tue Oct 17th: Welcome to Ireland

This morning, you will land in Dublin Airport and will be transferred to your first destination, Dublin, the small capital of Ireland with a huge reputation. After checking in at the hotel, we will take a panoramic sightseeing tour of Dublin to see local landmarks and historic buildings like the GPO (General Post Office) on O'Connell Street and Trinity College, housing the Book of Kells.



We will then kick start the tour with an evening reception at the Old James Distillery to enjoy the history, the atmosphere and above all the taste of the world famous Jameson Irish Whiskey. **Overnight: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin**

Wed Oct 18th: Dublin's Fair City

After breakfast this morning, we will set out for an award winning Dublin Tasting Walk to visit a range of bakeries, food halls, street markets, cheese mongers, delicatessens and other specialty shops. After enjoying the food and learning a little about the culture and history of each Dublin neighborhood, you are free to explore the city as you please.



Of course, you simply can't visit Dublin without popping your head inside some of its brilliant pubs so later tonight, we will meet for an Irish Pub Night to enjoy great Irish food and drink. **Overnight: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin**

Thu Oct 19th: Day Tripping to Wicklow

This morning once breakfast is finished up, we will leave the city and head towards Co. Wicklow, known as 'The Garden of Ireland'. Our first stop will take us to one of Ireland's most famous attractions, Glendalough, a fascinating early Christian settlement positioned in a



glaciated valley with two lakes and founded by Saint Kevin in the 6th century.

Our next stop will be at Wicklow Wolf Brewing Company, to learn how to brew beer the Wicklow way. We will then return to the city where you are free to experience Irish hospitality at its finest and the cultural heart of Dublin, Temple Bar. **Overnight: The Morgan Hotel, Dublin**

Fri Oct 20th: Next Stop....The North

Refuel on your hearty Irish breakfast this morning as we prepare to leave Dublin for new adventures in the capital of Northern Ireland, Belfast. Before we leave the city, we will visit The Teeling Whiskey Distillery which is the first new distillery in Dublin in over 125 years. Today we will see, see, smell and experience a real operational distillery and interact with the people making Teeling whiskey and reviving the traditional style of Dublin whiskey distillation.



We will head for Belfast, crossing the border into Northern Ireland, where there are no customs checks though you may notice changes in the road signs and changes in currencies from the (€) Euro to (£) GBP Pounds Sterling. Before reaching Belfast, we will stop in Downpatrick in Co. Down to visit Down Cathedral, a magnificent church with stain glass windows, box pews and a beautiful organ case and the site where Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick, is buried.

Later, we will reach our hotel for check-in and later, we will meet for dinner to enjoy our first night in Belfast together. **Dinner & Overnight: The Europa Hotel, Belfast**

Sat Oct 21st: A Day Well Spent in Belfast

Fill up on breakfast as we get set for a day of sightseeing in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland where 'The Year of Food and Drink' was celebrated across the country in 2016. Belfast had a significant part in the success of the 'food revolution' in Northern Ireland and as a result, the country has generated more than £30m worth of publicity for the region and many local producers say it has helped boost the public's interest in what they do.



This morning, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Belfast, taking in all the areas like the compact center on Donegal Square which is dominated by the elaborate City Hall. We will drive through West Belfast's Protestant neighborhood of Shankill Road and the Catholic

neighborhood of Falls Road, where large vivid murals painted on the sides of buildings express the feelings that still run deep on both sides. Though the names of these areas were much in the news during ‘The Troubles’ the gate in the Peace Wall between them now stands open.

The tour concludes at Titanic Belfast, where you can visit (optional) the world’s number one attraction and experience the story of the Titanic in an innovative, interactive and insightful way. Otherwise, spend your afternoon exploring local landmarks such as St. Georges Market before meeting later for an ‘Exclusively Belfast’ food and drink event. **Overnight: The Europa Hotel, Belfast**

Sun Oct 22: Unique Experiences in Antrim

Enjoy your hearty Irish breakfast and get set to leave the city for the world famous Giant’s Causeway, renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt, which is the only World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland. Resulting from a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago, this is the focal point for a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has harbored a wealth of local and natural history.



Afterwards, we will visit Ireland’s oldest working whiskey distillery, Old Bushmills Distillery, to watch whiskey making take place and enjoy a wee taster too. Experience a guided tour of Ireland's only "grain to glass" distillery and discover some of our trade secrets learned over 400 years of distilling. We will return to the city to enjoy our last night here. As you may know by now, Belfast offers everything from fine dining, brasseries and bistros to gastro pubs, cafes, coffee shops and some of the best fish & chips around. From quick drinks to cocktail lounges – you are sure to find something to your taste, enjoy!. **Overnight: The Europa Hotel, Belfast**

Mon Oct 23: The Castle Experience

This morning after breakfast, we will bid Belfast farewell as we embark on a luxurious stay in Cabra Castle in Co. Cavan, known as the 'Lake Country' as supposedly there is a lake for every day of the year (including leap years).

On our way to Cavan, we will take an intriguing detour via Brú na Bóinne in Co. Meath, which is an area containing one of the world’s most important prehistoric landscapes.

Today we will visit the unique and extraordinary landscape built some 5,000 years ago in the Neolithic or Late Stone Age.



After arriving and checking into Cabra Castle, the magnificent 19th century 4 star castle which is set on 100 acres of beautifully manicured gardens and parkland. Enjoy your surroundings before meeting later to share a farewell dinner together. Reflect on the memories, friendships and magic created during your stay in Ireland and toast to a successful trip in the Emerald Isle. **Dinner & Overnight: Cabra Castle, Co. Cavan**

Tue Oct 24: Homeward Bound

Pack your bags as you head for Dublin Airport where you will board your flight for home. Carry on your photos and memories and bring a bit of the Emerald Isle home with you. ‘The Land of One Hundred Thousand You Welcomes’ will be expecting you again soon!