



MEJDI TOURS

A Dual Narrative of Northern Ireland

(Scheduled Group Departure)

Dates & Pricing:

May 17 - 24, 2026 (\$4,550 per person, + \$950 single supplement)

Extension Tour: May 24 - 26, 2026 (\$1,650 per person, +\$350 single sup.)

August 23 - 30, 2026 (\$4,550 per person, + \$950 single supplement)

Extension Tour: August 30 -Sept 1, 2026 (\$1,650 per person, +\$350 single sup.)

May 16 - 23, 2027 (\$4,770 per person, + \$950 single supplement)

Extension Tour: May 23 - 25, 2027 (\$1,650 per person, +\$350 single sup.)

Included:

7 nights' accommodation at hotels per itinerary

1 MEJDI-trained guide for 4 days

2 MEJDI-trained guides in tandem for 4 days

6 days of private transportation

Meals listed in the itinerary: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Entrance fees, site visits, and honorariums for speakers Custom tips for drivers

US-based, dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included:

International airfare

Travel insurance - highly recommended Single occupancy supplement

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary Drinks at included meals

Airport transfers

Custom gratuities for guides and hotels

Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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Overview

Northern Ireland's deep history of conflict is still an active act of reconciliation. This tour provides a unique Dual Narrative perspective on both sides, with Catholic and Protestant tour guides sharing their community histories and stories. Given the conflict's personal nature, travelers will meet with several locals across Belfast and Derry/Londonderry, including journalists, politicians, historians, and artists—for insight into how peace was built and how so many work hard to sustain it today.

Travelers will participate in Northern Ireland's cultural traditions and explore some of its most significant sites—such as the Peace Walls, Giant's Causeway, Titanic and the Ulster Museums—and they will also receive a rare cultural education to leave with a better understanding of and compassion for both sides of the conflict.

MEJDI Socially Conscious Experiences

Our socially conscious model focuses on the human element of destinations—the diversity of its people and their stories—in a way that benefits local communities around the world. We specially design our itineraries to immerse you in these cultures. So you don't just visit new places; you become part of them. These human experiences and how we treat the people we meet are what sets MEJDI apart.

- Explore Northern Ireland from a Dual Narrative perspective with Catholic and Protestant tour guides who were involved in the conflict in the past and are now working towards peace.
- Meet with local journalists from different political traditions to learn about current affairs in Northern Ireland and how peace was achieved and is sustained today.
- Tour Skainos Square—an urban regeneration development and community shared space in inner East Belfast that contributes to the holistic regeneration of this economically and socially deprived community in Northern Ireland.
- Sit down with an expert on conflict resolution and learn about how the Good Friday agreement came to fruition and what lessons Americans can take forward from the Irish Peace Process.



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- Tour the Peace Walls from the Nationalist and Unionist sides of the divide and hear political narratives from both perspectives.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival - Belfast (one guide, no transportation)

Upon arrival in Belfast, transfer on your own to your hotel.

Have an **Introduction tour of Belfast** to provide a brief yet insightful introduction to the city's complex history from an objective, fact-based perspective. This is a foundation before the dual narrative tour, and presents key events, locations, and context without political interpretation.

Later, enjoy a **welcome dinner** with your group this evening at 7:30 p.m. Meet your main guide/s for the tour and hear about the dual-narrative approach.

Hotel: Europa Hotel, Belfast (dinner included)

Day 2: Belfast - History Pre Troubles (one guide, private transportation)

Travel to the innovative and engaging **Titanic Belfast Museum**, exploration of emigration, and the shipyards and maritime industry that shaped this historic city. The Titanic was launched in 1911 when the Home Rule crisis was about to start raging and the suffragette movement in the UK, the USA, and globally was flourishing. It was a time of protest and uncertainty. (*audio guides included)

Head to **Skainos square**, a post-conflict shared space urban village, and learn about the vision and dream behind creating a shared space post-conflict. Enjoy a hot lunch before engaging in a series of enriching cultural activities: learning basic Irish greetings and phrases, explore traditional Irish music through song and take a guided tour of the center itself, gaining insight into the community's work in peacebuilding and reconciliation.

Afterwards, continue to explore **CS Lewis Square** and sites associated with his life in Belfast. Later, take a free evening and enjoy dinner out.

Hotel: Europa Hotel, Belfast (breakfast and lunch included)



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Day 3: Today's Belfast (two guides, private transportation)

Today, we'll meet with a nationalist guide and with a unionist guide to learn more about Belfast as it is today, along with an overview of the conflict's history. Start the day with a visit to the **Ulster museum**, and head to **tour the barriers and walls** that still divide post-conflict Belfast, including the **Peace Wall** in other areas while learning about the different graffiti and their meanings.

After lunch, head to the **Crumlin Gaol**, one of Belfast's most iconic and haunting landmarks. This historic prison, operational for over 150 years, offers a powerful glimpse into Northern Ireland's complex political past. End our day with a **meeting with a journalist** from different political traditions to learn about current affairs in Northern Ireland.

Hotel: Europa Hotel, Belfast (breakfast and dinner included)

Day 4: Dunluce Castle & Giant's Causeway (one guide, private transportation)

Today offers a stunning journey through Northern Ireland's dramatic landscapes, rich heritage, and legendary stories. We begin by heading north to the awe-inspiring **Giant's Causeway**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site famed for its 40,000 interlocking basalt columns formed by volcanic activity—or, as local legend has it, by the mighty giant Finn McCool. Walk along the rugged coastline, breathe in the salty Atlantic air, and marvel at one of the most unique geological formations in the world.

From there, we'll make our way to enjoy a warm Irish lunch with an opportunity to taste local whiskey.

In the afternoon, we continue to the breathtaking **Dunluce Castle**, a cliffside ruin steeped in history and mystery, offering panoramic views and tales of clans, battles, and shipwrecks.

Finally, we head west to the historic city of **Derry**, where we'll check in to our hotel and have a free evening. Your guide will recommend great pubs where you can enjoy local music on your own.

Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast and lunch included)



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Day 5: Derry (two guides, private transportation)

Anne Walker (former member of the IRA) and a former member of the UDA, former enemies but now close friends devoted to peace, will meet us for a **guided tour of the Derry Walls** from both perspectives.

Afterwards, we'll explore the **Siege Museum**, which features exhibits covering the Siege of Derry and the associated clubs of the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

After lunch downtown, our tour of Derry/Londonderry continues with our guides to the **Peace Bridge**.

Later, we'll visit the **museum of free Derry** and have a talk with a **muralist**, before getting back to the hotel to enjoy dinner on your own.

Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast included)

Day 6: Derry/Londonderry (two guides, private transportation)

Begin the day with a moving **Dual Narrative testimonial performance**—offering a deeply human window into the legacy of conflict and the path to peace.

From there, we shift our focus to the future, exploring how education plays a role in reconciliation and community building by **visiting local schools** and learning about the challenges and opportunities facing Derry's youth today.

After some free time to explore the charming Craft Village and enjoy **lunch on your own** at one of its cozy cafés, we'll gather again at the iconic **Ebrington Peace Bridge**. Here, we'll take part in a thoughtful discussion on how physical spaces can foster connection and transformation.

The afternoon includes a workshop about the historic **Good Friday Agreement**—its roots, its impact, and what peace means in practice today.

You'll then have time to explore the city at your own pace, or, if you wish, join a visit to the **Tower Museum**, where sweeping views and compelling exhibits offer a deeper understanding of Derry's layered history and vibrant culture.

Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast included)



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Day 7: Derry/Londonderry to Belfast (one guide, private transportation)

Our final day brings a mix of breathtaking scenery, cultural reflection, and joyful celebration. We'll begin with a visit to the majestic **Grianán of Aileach**, a stone ring fort perched high above the hills, offering stunning panoramic views over Lough Swilly and the surrounding Donegal countryside.

From there, we'll journey through the **Sperrin Mountains**—an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty—where the rolling hills and quiet valleys invite contemplation and appreciation for Northern Ireland's natural wonders.

After enjoying **lunch along the way**, we'll arrive back in **Belfast** for a **walking tour focused on street art and music**, two powerful forms of expression that tell the city's modern story of resilience, resistance, and renewal.

After checking in at the hotel, we'll gather once more for a **farewell dinner**.

Hotel: Europa Hotel, Belfast (breakfast and dinner included)

Day 8: Departure or extension to Dublin (no guide, no transportation)

Check out and depart for the airport for your flight home.

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)



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Optional Extension (Minimum of 4 Travelers)

Dublin: From Past to Present

Included:

2 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar (double occupancy): The Gresham (Dublin)
1 local guide for 2 days
2 days of private transportation
Meals listed in the itinerary: 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers¹
US-based customer service representatives

Not included:

International airfare
Travel insurance-highly recommended Single Occupancy Supplement
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary Drinks at included meals
Airport transfers
Gratuities
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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Itinerary

Day 1: Belfast to Dublin

Check out this morning and take a **scenic drive** down to **Dublin**, Ireland. Your guide will make sure you have time for a few picturesque overviews / photo op stops along the way.

Upon arrival, dive deeper into Irish history at the **Kilmainham Gaol museum**.

Then, continue on to explore **Trinity College** on a student-led tour of campus. Visit the Long Library, where you will learn about the legacy of Catholicism in Ireland and set eyes on the renowned **Book of Kells**, an illuminated manuscript of the Gospels.

Hotel: The Gresham Dublin

Day 2: Modern-Day Dublin

Depart to Glasnevin to visit **Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum** to hear the stories of Michael Collins, Daniel O'Connell, and other foundational figures in modern Irish history.

Visit the **EPIC Emigration Museum** to learn about the Irish diaspora and emigration to other countries.

Enjoy some **free time** this afternoon to explore the city further.

This evening, meet the group for a dinner and a **traditional Irish evening of music and storytelling** at the **Merry Ploughboy Pub**.

Hotel: The Gresham Dublin (breakfast and dinner included)

Day 3: Departure

Depart for Dublin for your flight home today.

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)