



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 3 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

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

Customary gratuities for guides, drivers and hotels

Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section



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Overview

Explore Northern Ireland's complex history and ongoing peace process through a unique Dual Narrative tour, guided by both Catholic and Protestant storytellers. Journey through the Irish countryside, take in views of its dramatic coastline, and immerse in the vibrant culture of this region through traditional music, local cuisine, poetry, and dance. Along the way, meet journalists, artists, and historians for their varied insights into the history of conflict on the Emerald Isle, paths to reconciliation, and prospects for the future.

Visit: Belfast Peace Walls, Titanic Museum, Giant's Causeway, Skainos Square, Derry Murals, CS Lewis Square, Dunluce Castle, and Sperrin Mountains

MEJDI Socially Conscious Experiences

- Explore Northern Ireland in a "Dual Narrative" framework led by guides from both Catholic and Protestant backgrounds
- Discuss current affairs and efforts to sustain peace in Northern Ireland with leading journalists
- Tour Skainos Square, a shared community space in East Belfast that supports social and economic development
- Learn how the Good Friday Agreement was achieved from a conflict resolution expert
- View the Belfast Peace Walls and Derry Murals, hearing about their significance from both Nationalist and Unionist perspectives.



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Itinerary

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

Welcome to Belfast! The journey begins with an orientation providing an overview of Belfast's complex history—setting the stage for the days ahead. Gather with your group for a welcome dinner and learn more about MEJDI's "Dual Narrative" approach.

Hotel: Europa Hotel, Belfast (dinner included)

Day 2: Before and after the Troubles (one guide, private transportation)

Begin at the Titanic Belfast Museum, exploring the city's shipbuilding legacy and the broader context of protest and uncertainty in the early 1900's in both the UK and US. Continue to Skainos Square, a post-conflict shared space focused on peacebuilding, where interactive cultural activities - learning basic Irish phrases, hearing traditional music - underscore the center's community impact. Finally, explore C.S. Lewis Square and sites connected to the author's life in Belfast.

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

Day 3: Belfast Perspectives (two guides, private transportation)

Explore Belfast's divided past and evolving present through a Dual Narrative lens. Visit the Ulster Museum for historical context on the Troubles, then tour the Peace Walls with two guides - one representing a nationalist, and the other a unionist perspective. Visit Crumlin Road Gaol, a former prison that reveals Belfast's turbulent political history, and conclude the day in conversation with a leading journalist who offers insight into Northern Ireland's current affairs.

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

Day 4: Wonders of the Coast (two guides, private transportation)

Travel through Northern Ireland's most iconic landscape, beginning at the dramatic



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Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its unique geological formations—shaped by volcanic forces or, as legend tells it, the giant Finn McCool. After exploring the coastline, enjoy a traditional Irish lunch with a chance to sample local whiskey. Continue to Dunluce Castle, a stunning cliffside ruin rich with tales of clans, battles, and shipwrecks, then reach the historic city of Derry for an evening at leisure. Recommendations for restaurants and live music are provided.

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

Day 5: Derry/Londonderry (two guides, private transportation)

Walk along the historic Derry Walls with two guides from opposite sides of the conflict—once enemies, now allies in peace—offering personal perspectives on the city's divided past. Tour the Siege Museum for background on the Siege of Derry and the the Apprentice Boys, both keys in the formation of Loyalist identity. Continue into the Bogside for a visit to the Museum of Free Derry, then hear from a local muralist about the stories behind the city's iconic political art. Gather at the Ebrington Peace Bridge to reflect on the use of public space to bridge divides and conclude the day with a workshop exploring the origins, impact and ongoing relevance of the Good Friday Agreement.

Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast included)

Day 6: Teaching and Testimonial (one guide, private transportation)

Begin the day with a moving performance of testimonials presented by two former combatants, offering a deeply human window into the legacy of conflict and paths to peace. Shifting focus to the future, head to a local school to examine the role of education in processes of reconciliation, and overcoming the challenges facing Derry's youth. Enjoy free time to explore the charming Craft Village in the afternoon and conclude the day with a visit to the Tower Museum where sweeping views and compelling exhibits offer a deeper dive into the city's unique heritage.

Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast included)

Day 7: Island Countryside (one guide, private transportation)

Today brings a mix of breathtaking scenery, reflection, and celebration. Begin with a visit to the majestic **Grianán of Aileach**, a stone ring fort perched high above the hills with stunning panoramic views over Lough Swilly and surrounding Donega. Journey next through the **Sperrin Mountains**—an Area of Outstanding Natural



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Beauty—where the rolling hills and quiet valleys invite contemplation and appreciation for Northern Ireland’s natural wonders. Arrive back in **Belfast** for a **walking tour focused on street art and music**, two powerful forms of expression that have played leading roles in the city’s stories of resilience, resistance, and renewal. Gather for a festive **farewell dinner in the evening**.

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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Day 1: Welcome to Dublin (one guide, private transportation)

Check out and take a **scenic drive** down to **Dublin** with stops at picturesque overviews for photos en route. Dive deeper into Irish history at the **Kilmanhaim Gaol** then continue on to explore **Trinity College** for a student-led tour of campus. Visit the Long Library to 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: Character & Culture (one guide, private transportation)

Visit the **Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum** to hear the stories of Michael Collins, Daniel O'Connell, and other foundational figures in modern Irish history, then dive into the **EPIC Emigration Museum** to learn about the Irish diaspora. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore the city further then gather as a group for 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

Check out and self-transfer to the airport for your departing flight.

Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)