



# MEJDI TOURS

## **A Dual Narrative of Northern Ireland**

(Scheduled Group Departure)

### **Dates & Pricing:**

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 premium hotels per itinerary

2 MEJDI-trained guides in tandem for 3 days

1 MEJDI-trained guide 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

Dedicated pre-trip traveler services and 24/7 on-ground support

### **Not included:**

International airfare

Travel insurance - highly recommended

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary

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.

## **MEJDI Socially Conscious Experiences**

- Explore Northern Ireland in a “Dual Narrative” framework led by guides from both Nationalist-Catholic and Loyalist-Protestant-Loyalist 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 neighborhood 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 multiple perspectives
- Theater of Witness performance by two former combatants offering a human window into the legacy of conflict and paths to peace



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## Itinerary

### **Day 1: Arrival in Northern Ireland**

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**

Meet with your guide and begin with an **orientation walking tour** of Belfast, a city shaped by industry, conflict, resilience, and creativity. Visit 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**

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 loyalist perspective**. Conclude the day in conversation with a **leading journalist** who offers insight into Northern Ireland's current affairs and political development.

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

### **Day 4: Wonders of the Coast**

Travel through Northern Ireland's most iconic landscape, beginning at the dramatic Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its unique geological



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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: Bridges & Walls**

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**

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 and Tower Museum in the afternoon and conclude the day with group reflection on the powerful themes of this journey together with your guide.

*Hotel: Maldron Hotel, Derry (breakfast included)*



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## **Day 7: Island Countryside**

Today brings a mix of breathtaking scenery and celebration. 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. 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. After time at leisure in the afternoon, gather for a festive farewell dinner in the evening.

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

## **Day 8: Departure or Extension to Dublin**

Check out and head to the airport for your departing flights or extend your trip and continue to Dublin.

*Hotel: N/A (breakfast included)*



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## **Optional Extension**

### **Dublin: From Past to Present**

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2 days of private transportation  
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### **Day 1: Welcome to Dublin**

Check out and head to Dublin, making scenic stops en route for photos. Dive deeper into Irish history at the Kilmanhaim Gaol then continue to 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 (breakfast included)*

### **Day 2: Character & Culture**

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)*