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## **Emerald Isle “Dual Narrative:” Ireland & Northern Ireland**

**Dates:** September 10-17, 2026

**Included:** 7 nights' accommodation at 3-4\* hotels per itinerary (double/twin occupancy), or similar hotel as necessary<sup>1</sup>  
2 MEJDI-Trained guides for 2 days  
1 MEJDI-Trained guide for 2+ days per itinerary  
Site guides as described in the itinerary  
4 days private transportation per itinerary, including gratuity  
Meals listed in itinerary: 7 Breakfast[B], 3 Lunch [L], 2 Dinner [D]  
All site entrances and activities unless noted per itinerary  
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

### **Itinerary**

#### **Day 1: Welcome to Dublin - Thursday, September 10** **[Guide; touring by foot]**

Arrive in Dublin in the morning and self-transfer to your centrally located accommodations to set down luggage.

Set out midday for a privately guided walking tour for an introduction to Dublin highlights along the River Liffey. Explore the words of **James Joyce** and history of the Irish Republic, cruise the **Temple Bar**, and find lesser known stories tucked in the city's alleyways. Check-in to your hotel in the late afternoon, then enjoy a group welcome dinner.

*Overnight: Premier Inn Dublin City Gloucester Street South [B, D]*

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<sup>1</sup>Subject to confirmation based on availability

**Day 2: Trinity and Beyond - Friday, September 11**  
**[Site guides; touring by foot]**

Head to the historic campus of **Trinity College** in the late morning for a guided “Trinity Trails” campus tour and self-guided **Book of Kells Experience** across two buildings featuring the Old Library, Book of Kells, and digital exhibition. Enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure, an opportunity to further explore Dublin on your own - consider stops at the Dublin Castle\* or the EPIC museum\* to learn about the Irish Diaspora.

*\*Cost not included.*

*Overnight: Premier Inn Dublin City Gloucester Street South [B]*

**Day 3: Road to Derry/Londonderry - Saturday, September 12**  
**[Site guides, Guide in PM; Transportation]**

Depart Dublin by private bus in the morning, stopping for a guided tour at the famous **Glasnevin Cemetery** telling the stories of trailblazing Irish women and unsung heroes. Consider the power of an individual to impact history in big and small ways, learning about the fight for Irish independence and campaign for suffrage. Continue the drive towards Derry, making a brief stop for a view and to grab lunch on own en route. Check in to your accommodation upon arrival in Derry, then set out for a brief orientation to the city center and waterfront.

*Overnight: Holiday Inn Express, Derry/Londonderry [B]*

**Day 4: The Bogside - Sunday, September 13**  
**[2 Guides; touring by foot]**

Begin the day with an overview of the region from the **Tower Museum**, before walking 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. Have lunch as a group, then head into the Bogside for a visit to the **Museum of Free Derry**. Meet a muralist for a discussion on the role of artistic expression in forming local identity and gather at the Ebrington Peace Bridge to reflect on the use of public space to bridge divides.

*Overnight: Holiday Inn Express, Derry/Londonderry [B, L]*

**Day 5: Wonders of the Coast - Monday, September 14**  
**[No guide; Transportation]**

Travel through Northern Ireland’s most iconic landscape, beginning at the **Dunluce Castle**, a stunning cliffside ruin rich with tales of clans, battles, and shipwrecks. Head into

Bushmills for some time to explore the quaint countryside town and grab lunch, before continuing to the dramatic **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. Continue to Belfast and check into your accommodation. Recommendations for restaurants and live music are provided for your first evening in town.

*Overnight: Maldron Belfast City [B]*

### **Day 6: Belfast Perspectives - Tuesday, September 15** **[2 Guides; Transportation]**

Explore Belfast's divided past and evolving present through a "**Dual Narrative**" lens. Stop by the campus of Queen's University and 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**. Enjoy the evening at leisure.

*Overnight: Maldron Belfast City [B, L]*

### **Day 7: After the Troubles - Wednesday, September 16** **[Guide in PM; Transportation]**

The morning offers time at leisure, with an opportunity to tour **Belfast City Hall\*** on your own, or check out **Titanic Belfast\*** to learn about the city's shipbuilding legacy and the broader context of protest and uncertainty in the early 1900's in both the UK and US. Your guide and bus pick up from the hotel and both sites above, en route to East Belfast for lunch and a visit to **Skainos Square, a post-conflict shared space** focused on peacebuilding. After a quick visit to C.S. Lewis Square and sites connected to the author's life in Belfast, meet with a **leading journalist** for insight into Northern Ireland's current affairs and political development. The tour concludes with a farewell dinner in town.

*\*Cost not included, MEJDI will provide instructions for booking tickets.*

*Overnight: Maldron Belfast City [B, L, D]*

### **Day 8: Departure - Thursday, September 17** **[No services]**

Check out of your accommodation and self-transfer to the airport in Belfast for departing flights. *MEJDI will provide instructions for self-transfer between Belfast and Dublin. Post-stay accommodation and/or private transfer to Dublin available at an additional cost.*

*Overnight: N/A [B]*