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Halloween Package 2 people - 10 Day - self drive

Trip Summary

Day 1: Arrival & Dublin

Arrival - Dublin Airport
Dublin City, Co. Dublin
Hop-On/Hop-Off: Dublin
Glasnevin National Cemetery
Guinness Storehouse
Check in to The Alex Hotel (or similar)

Day 2: Dublin

Explore Dublin
Trinity College
Book of Kells
Original Dublin Haunted Walking Tour
The Alex Hotel (or similar)

Day 3: Waterford

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Hertz - Dublin South Circular Road
Waterford City
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Day 4: Cork

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Cork City
Cork City Goal
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Spike Island - After Dark Tour

Day 5: Limerick & Mayo

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Limerick City, Co. Limerick
King John's Castle
Cong
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Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
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Departure - Dublin Airport

Day 1: Arrival & Dublin



Arrival - Dublin Airport

Céad Míle Fáilte (a hundred thousand welcomes!).

Flight details to be advised.

Your Private Driver will meet you in the Arrivals Hall of Dublin Airport and transfer you to your hotel.



Dublin City, Co. Dublin

Dublin is one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Over a thousand years old, the turbulent history and rich traditions of the city have inspired writers, artists and musicians down the ages. Today, artists are still attracted by Dublin's youthful enthusiasms and easy-going lifestyle and the city has become a thriving center of culture and enjoyment. The new wave of cafes and restaurants are meeting places for all ages while traditional Dublin pubs are rightly world-famous for their informal atmosphere and lively conversation. The city oozes atmosphere, not least in the heady scents that cling to it – the rich aroma of the hops being roasted in the Guinness brewery and the salty tang of the sea. Nighttime entertainment is a rich mix of world-class theater, concerts from classical to rock, jazz clubs, traditional music sessions and old-style cabaret.

Above all, Dublin is a small city, where visitors can feel at home after even the shortest stay.



Activities listed on this date have not been included in the package price and depend on availability.



Hop-On/Hop-Off: Dublin

Dublin's Hop-On/ Hop-Off city bus tour. The easiest way to go sightseeing in Dublin - hit all of the major attractions, and travel at your own pace. The buses operate 9am-5pm every day, regularly stopping around the city. Major stops include:

Trinity College/The Book Of Kells

National Art Gallery

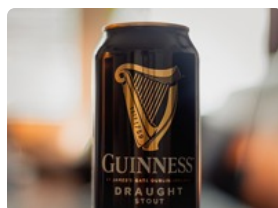
St. Stephen's Green

Temple Bar

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Guinness Storehouse

...and more!



Glasnevin National Cemetery

The stories of 1.5 million people are faithfully preserved here at Ireland's largest burial place, a beautifully restored garden cemetery featuring epic monuments to our past.

From poets and presidents, singers and suffragettes, the ordinary and the extraordinary - the stories of those who shaped Ireland's history are brought to life.



Guinness Storehouse

The Guinness Storehouse is Dublin's most visited attraction and the home of one of Ireland's best-known brands. Learn about the history of "the black stuff", pull your own pint, and enjoy The Gravity Bar's stunning panoramic views. Visit the home of Ireland's oldest and most popular beer. This brewery experience tells the tale of Ireland's signature beer, with tastings and a rooftop bar overlooking Dublin.





Check in to The Alex Hotel (or similar)

The Alex Hotel is a boutique hotel in the heart of Dublin city center & located just a 5-minute walk from Trinity College, Grafton St. & many key locations.

This sophisticated hotel in the city center is 1 minute on foot from Pearse train station, 2 km from Dublin Castle and 3 km from Guinness Storehouse.

The polished rooms with retro flair provide en suite bathrooms with rainfall showers, in addition to 50-inch flat-screens and free Wi-Fi.



Day 2: Dublin



Explore Dublin

Today, you will continue to explore Dublin on your own. In the evening, enjoy a haunted history tour of the city.



Trinity College

Visit Dublin's historic university - walk the grounds, take a guided campus tour, and see the Book of Kells. Guided tours are offered daily - or, feel free to explore the campus yourself!



Book of Kells

Located in the heart of the historic Trinity College, this lavishly illustrated manuscript of the Gospels dates back to the 9th century. A marvel of Early Christian art is housed in the 65-metre Long Room in the Old Library — an incredible sight in itself. The room with its barrel-vaulted ceiling inspired the imagery of the Jedi Archive in Star Wars Episode II.



Original Dublin Haunted Walking Tour

Embark on a chilling 2-hour walking tour through Dublin's shadowy past with the Original Dublin Haunted Tour. Starting in the vibrant Temple Bar district, this journey delves into the city's most sinister tales, from grave robbers and serial killers to witchcraft and the infamous Hellfire Club. Traverse cobbled lanes and hidden alleyways as expert guides reveal eerie stories and historical horrors that lurk behind Dublin's iconic landmarks. Highlights include insights into Bram Stoker's inspirations for Dracula, accounts of medieval punishments, and encounters with tales of poltergeists and headless horsemen. Whether you're a history enthusiast or a seeker of the supernatural, this tour offers a spine-tingling experience that showcases Dublin's darker side.



The Alex Hotel (or similar)

Return for overnight.

Day 3: Waterford



Check out of The Alex Hotel (or similar)



Hertz - Dublin South Circular Road

This morning, you will pick up your rental car from Dublin's Downtown location.

151-157, S Circular Rd, Saint Catherine's, Dublin, D08 RY7W



Waterford City

Waterford, a seaport in southeast Ireland, is the country's oldest city. It was founded by Vikings in 914 A.D. and parts of its ancient walled core remain. Within Reginald's Tower, a circa-1003 fortification, the Waterford Museum of Treasures displays local archaeological finds. Famed glass manufacturer Waterford Crystal began here in 1783. Today the company's facility near the historic district offers factory tours.



Check in to Granville Hotel (or similar)

The Granville Hotel is situated in the centre of the quay in Waterford City. Its bustling shopping district is right behind the hotel and the historic Viking Triangle is just a stones throw away!

Whether you are visiting to shop, immerse yourself in history, cycle the award winning Waterford Greenway or explore some of Waterford Counties 52 beautiful beaches, the Granville Hotel is your perfect base.

Enjoy a meal in the award-winning Bianconi Restaurant before enjoying some drinks from the Whiskey & Gin wall in the Thomas Francis Meagher Bar. The following morning enjoy a breakfast which includes the Granville Hotel Porridge Experience.



Day 4: Cork



Check out of Granville Hotel (or similar)

After checking out of your hotel in Waterford, make your way to Cork City. This evening, take a special tour of Spike Island, just off of the coast of Cork.



Cork City

Cork City is one of Ireland's most friendly and welcoming cities. The shopping and commercial capital of the south, it still manages to retain the pleasant charm and friendliness of a country town. Like the rest of the Cork area, food and restaurants are an important feature of the city. Visitors can choose from its many restaurants and cafés or browse in the famous English Market where Irish food, and even some Cork delicacies, can be seen in all their glory.



Cork City Goal

Cork is a city with a very rich historical and archaeological heritage much of it still in evidence today. Part of this heritage, Cork City Gaol, is a magnificent castle-like building which once housed 19th century prisoners. Take a trip back in time and wander through the wings of the Gaol, accompanied by the shuffling feet of inmates and the jingle of the warders' keys.



Check in to Imperial Hotel Cork (or similar)

The location of the 4 star Imperial Hotel in Cork Ireland is perfect; right on the doorstep of Cork's shopping and commercial district; making it the perfect retreat to explore the culinary and cultural hidden gems in Cork.

Steeped in history Cork city is the second largest city in Ireland and is known as "the real capital". The compact city centre is set on an island in the River Lee surrounded by interesting waterways and modern buildings. At every corner you'll come across a panoramic view, an interesting architectural feature and some of the best art galleries, theatres and museums in Ireland.



Spike Island - After Dark Tour

Step into Ireland's "Alcatraz" by lantern light on this atmospheric after-dark tour. Explore prison cells, tunnels, and chilling stories of convict life on Spike Island, all while surrounded by the eerie silence of Cork Harbour at night.

Not for the faint-hearted, this tour bring you to areas of the island, usually off limits to the public, where spine-chilling stories of some of Ireland's most notorious murders and deviants are brought to life.

Prepare to be led through eerie tunnels and abandoned prison cells under the cover of darkness. Explore the haunting corridors of an abandoned prison, find yourself in the heart of solitary confinement, and immerse yourself in a place once infamously known as 'Ireland's Hell' on this unique tour

This Halloween, embrace the spookiest season of all by diving into Spike Island's dark history.

This tour is Strictly over 18's.



Day 5: Limerick & Mayo



Check out of Imperial Hotel Cork (or similar)

After checking out of your Cork hotel, continue towards Cong in Co. Mayo, where you will spend one night. Enroute, visit King John's Castle and explore the city of Limerick.



Limerick City, Co. Limerick

The Capital of the Shannon Region, and less than 30 minutes from Shannon Airport, Limerick is the perfect base from which to explore some of Ireland's most beautiful sights. The Cliffs of Moher and the stunning landscape of the Burren are all within easy driving distance.



King John's Castle

Located at the heart of Limerick's medieval quarter, STEP INSIDE the walls of Limerick's most iconic landmark! Discover the stories of ruthless King John, the noble knights, and rebellious natives. King John's Castle brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Explore the spacious outdoor courtyard where you'll get a sense of the bustling activity that took place many years ago. On your journey, expect to see some lively characters. Venture into our visitor centre with state of the art interpretive activities and exhibitions. 21st century touch screen technology, 3D models and discovery drawer are among the exciting techniques that will connect you to tales of siege and warfare. Visitors will love the dazzling array of computer generated animations and ghostly projections as they travel back through time.



Cong

Cong, a small village in south Mayo famous for its 12th century abbey, the lavish gold and silver processional Cross of Cong from 1123, the magnificent Ashford Castle, the village's links with Oscar Wilde and, most popularly, its association with the John Wayne classic movie, *The Quiet Man*.

The Quiet Man Cottage Museum is a novel concept which will give visitors a total Quiet Man experience as if they were actually 'on-set'. Located by the river at Circular Road, Cong, between actual locations used for the filming, the ground floor of the cottage has been designed as an exact replica of White-o-Mornin' Cottage. Painstaking effort has ensured that all the furnishings, artifacts, costumes, etc are authentic reproductions. The four-poster bed and the tables and chairs which Mary Kate cherished, the thatched roof, emerald green half door and white-washed front combine to charm all those who visit it. The Quiet Man Cottage Museum is a must for any Quiet Man enthusiasts or even those wishing to visit a typical Irish cottage of the 1920's.



Check in to The Lodge at Ashford Castle (or similar)

Originally built in 1865 for the Estate Manager of 800-year-old Ashford Castle, the elegant white-washed Lodge has views to rival the best in the world. Windows frame inspiring vistas out over placid Lough Corrib, one of Ireland's largest lakes, backed by the rolling, emerald hills of Connemara. The Lodge offers country house charm, fine dining in Wilde's Restaurant and an exceptional collection of estate activities.



Day 6: Derry



Check out of The Lodge at Ashford Castle (or similar)

After breakfast and checking out, continue your journey north to Derry. Enjoy the city's famous Halloween festivities for the next two days.

Please be advised it may be difficult to secure rooms in Derry City over the Halloween period, for this reason, we would suggest staying in Letterkenny.



Derry - The City

Northern Ireland's second largest city is located on the border with Donegal, Republic of Ireland. From the Irish Doire (meaning "oak tree") Derry, or the Maiden City, was renamed Londonderry in 1613 during the Plantation of Ulster.

Native city of poet and Nobel Prize winner Seamus Heaney, Derry has a strong literary, as well as musical tradition, evident in the vibrant art centre and an abundance of theatres and galleries. Derry is the only remaining walled city in Ireland, and is one of the finest examples of a walled city in Europe. Revelling in its cultural heritage, it also looks with pride and confidence into the future.



Derry Halloween Festival

Derry Halloween will take place from 28th – 31st October 2026.

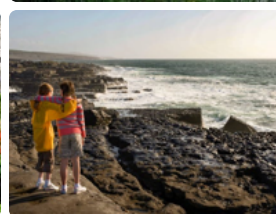
- The Awakening the Walled City Trail will take place from 6pm – 9pm, 28th – 30th October
- The Carnival Parade and the Fireworks will take place on 31st October.

Celebrated as Europe's largest Halloween festival, Derry's streets come alive each October with parades, haunted houses, live music, and eerie performances. The city's medieval walls provide the perfect backdrop for a truly unforgettable Halloween experience.



Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Letterkenny encompasses the best of Donegal. It's a vibrant town full of history and great nights out. See the intricate architecture of the town's grand cathedral, before popping into pubs for a memorable evening with friends.



Check in to Silver Tassie Hotel (or similar)

The family run 4 star Silver Tassie Hotel & Spa in Letterkenny Co. Donegal has been in the Blaney family for 2 generations. The Letterkenny Hotel is set in a rural location on the Wild Atlantic Way close to the heritage town of Ramelton and the bustling shopping town of Letterkenny.

The Silver Tassie Hotel & Spa offers the highest level of service values and standards, whilst its design and character embody the charm of a boutique country hotel.



Day 7: Derry



Derry - The City

Spend the day today exploring Derry City - we have listed some suggestions below.



Derry City Walls

It is essential to take a walk around Derry's beautifully preserved (and never breached) seventeenth century walls which surround the old city. This is a good way to get a feel for the city, and to look over onto estates on both sides of the divide. Guided tours available.



Peace Bridge

Opened in 2011, the Peace Bridge stretches elegantly across the River Foyle, connecting the two traditionally divided sides of the city. Designed for pedestrians and cyclists, it has become a symbol of reconciliation and unity in Derry. Walking across offers wonderful views of the cityscape, especially at sunset or when it's beautifully lit at night.





Tower Museum

This is an award winning museum that houses two permanent exhibitions, telling the stories of the City of Derry and of an Armada shipwreck found off the coast of Donegal in 1971 through a range of displays and interactive exhibits. The top floor provides panoramic open air views of the city and the River Foyle.



Silver Tassie Hotel (or similar)

Return for overnight.



Derry Halloween Festival

Continue to enjoy the Halloween Festival - the famous finale is today, October 31: the homegrown Halloween parade, and stunning fireworks display.



Day 8: Meath/Puca



Check out of Silver Tassie Hotel (or similar)

After breakfast and checking out, continue your travels to the Puca Festival in Trim, Co. Meath. Enjoy the famous Halloween festivities for the next two days.



Trim, Co. Meath

Trim is a town in County Meath, Ireland. It is situated on the River Boyne and, as of the 2022 census, had a population of 9,563. The town is in a civil parish of the same name. The town is noted for Trim Castle – the largest Norman castle in Ireland.



Púca Festival

Held in Meath and Louth, the Púca Festival revives Ireland's ancient Samhain traditions with fire shows, music, myth-inspired performances, and harvest feasts. It's a magical way to experience the origins of Halloween where it all began.



Check in to Johnstown Estate (or similar)

Escape to luxury at The Johnstown Estate, a magnificent 18th-century manor in County Meath surrounded by 120 acres of lush parkland. This estate seamlessly blends historic charm with modern amenities, offering a lavish spa, fine dining experiences, and elegantly appointed rooms and suites. Visitors can unwind with afternoon tea, indulge in a spa day, or explore the serene grounds. Just 35 minutes from Dublin, it's a perfect retreat for relaxation and rejuvenation amid Ireland's countryside beauty.



Day 9: Meath/Puca



Púca Festival

Continue to enjoy the Halloween festivities of the Púca Festival today!

Please note there are many different shows and activities on each day during the Púca Festival, ranging from music, comedy, circus, podcast, storytelling and much more. Some shows and activities require tickets to be purchased in advance.

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis and are subject to availability.



Day 10: Departure



Check out of Johnstown Estate (or similar)



Departure - Dublin Airport

Today, a private transfer driver will collect you from your hotel in Co. Meath and bring you to Dublin Airport, where you will board your departure flight home.

Safe travels!



Information & Documents



What's Included

Transport:

- Private transfer from Dublin Airport to Dublin City Hotel
- 8 days (8 x 24 hours), group G; standard, automatic, air-conditioned car, inclusive of CDW, pick-up Dublin downtown / drop-off Dublin Airport. Includes: Unlimited Mileage, Collision Damage Waiver, Third Party Liability, Theft Protection, Location Service Charge & Tax. Excludes: Deposit & Damage Excess. Optional Super Cover, Driver & Baggage Protection and additional driver can be taken out at the time of vehicle collection. CDW stands for Collision Damage Waiver. This insurance covers you for damage to the Hertz vehicle over and above an excess amount. This amount varies by country of rental. Please ask the Hertz staff when you collect your car. Theft Protection covers you in the event that the car is stolen whilst on rental to you (subject to excess amount). A hold will be placed on your credit card

for the damage excess. You can reduce this damage excess to zero by purchasing super cover when you collect your rental car. The damage excess on a group G rental is €3,500.00. Please note there is a one way drop off fee of €20.00 to be paid when collecting your car.

Accommodation:

- x 2 nights: The Alex Hotel, Dublin City (or similar) - Executive room
- x 1 night: Granville Hotel, Waterford City (or similar) - Deluxe room
- x 1 night: Imperial Hotel, Cork City (or similar) - Premium room
- x 1 night: Lodge at Ashford Castle, Mayo County (or similar) - Superior Deluxe room
- x 2 nights: Silver Tassie Hotel, Donegal County (or similar) - Standard room
- x 2 nights: Johnstown Estate Hotel, Meath County (or similar) - Executive room

Activities:

- Original Dublin Haunted Walking Tour
- Entrance to Cork City Gaol
- Spike Island After Dark Tour
- Entrance to King John's Castle

Meals:

- Full Irish breakfast daily (except on day of arrival)

Total estimated package price based on 2 adults is from \$4,620.00

\$2,310.00 per person

Please note no rooms are holding at present and are subject to availability

Please note no activities or transport have been booked as of yet and are subject to availability