**DESTINATION: IRELAND** 

## DUBLIN







CURRENCY Euro



LANGUAGE English



HIGH / LOW SEASON June-Sept./Dec.-Feb.



TRAVEL Bus, Train/Tram



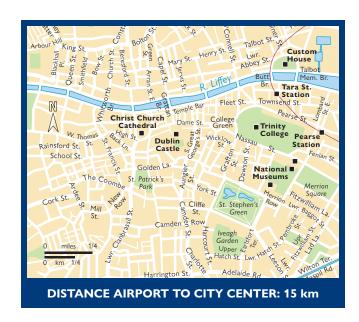
SUGGESTED STAY
4+ Nights



Travelers anticipate a lively "spirit" where Guinness and Jameson call home, but *craic* and character is far from limited to Temple Bar. In Dublin and beyond, find it in hidden tea rooms, upscale restaurants, historical landmarks, colorful neighborhoods, and natural wonders set to make you ready to plan your return.

## WHERE TO STAY

The Fitzwilliam Hotel Dublin  $\star \star \star \star \star$ Hyatt Centric The Liberties  $\star \star \star \star \star$ InterContinental Dublin  $\star \star \star \star$ Riu Plaza The Gresham Dublin  $\star \star \star \star$ The Westin Dublin  $\star \star \star \star$ 



## **CAN'T-MISS LIST**

The seat of power on the isle since 1204, Dublin Castle is the heart of the historic center of Ireland's capital city. Nearby is Trinity College, the country's oldest university, where the Book of Kells is housed, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Do a loop of all for total immersion into the city's history.

Temple Bar, a neighborhood south of the River Liffey, is the cultural, nightlife, and touristic quarter of Dublin and a must for any visit.

For lovers of a good drink, visit the seven floors of exhibits and sensations at Guinness Storehouse and/or the famous Jameson Distillery.

Join a day trip to Blarney Castle to kiss the famed stone or Bunratty Castle, a folk park with a living village.









## **5-DAY CURATED ITINERARY**

- Day 1 Add a hop-on/hop-off bus ticket to your package to take an immediate lay of the land. Make your last stop near The Brazen Head for dinner, the second-oldest pub in Ireland.
- Day 2 Get off the beaten (or bus!) path with a UNESCO City of Literature guided tour, tracing Joyce, Stoker, Yeats, Shaw, Beckett, Swift, and Wilde. Stay on theme with lunch at Winding Stair Restaurant & Bookshop, then loop to Trinity College, St. Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals, Dublin Castle, the Medieval Quarter, and EPIC Emigration Museum at leisure. Have dinner in the Liberties area tonight.
- Day 3 A quick hotel breakfast before an all-day tour to the Cliffs of Moher. At this spectacular site overlooking a rugged sea, Galway Bay, and Aran Islands, look for bird colonies as you traverse open trails. Next: Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, maybe a pint at Durty Nelly's Pub before a scenic drive along part of the Wild Atlantic Way and the Burrens. Relax at a pub in the Temple Bar neighborhood for dinner and drinks after.
- Day 4 Line your belly with a full Irish breakfast before a guided tour of Guinness Storehouse and Jameson Distillery, plus tastings of three Jameson whiskeys and a signature cocktail. At the Gravity Bar, drink in the Dublin skyline as you do "the black stuff." Have dinner in Portobello, the "Brooklyn of Dublin," then meet for a ghost tour. A paranormal expert will share the gory side of the city, acquainting you with other local "spirits."
- **Day 5** Last chance for shopping! Do it on Grafton Street and watch buskers on this pedestrian thoroughfare. Pack up your new belongings, then fly home.





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