



Saturday · May 4th, 2019 - Tuesday · May 7th, 2019

# SSOMS Itinerary 2019 - Linda Kinsey (Custom Travel) - IRELAND PRE CONFERENCE

Itinerary for IRELAND - 3 Nights (Dublin & Shannon Region)

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Saturday · May 4th	OVERVIEW Georgian Dublin Christ Church Cathedral Dublin Castle Dingle Whiskey Bar The Shelbourne (2 nights)
Sunday · May 5th	OVERVIEW Kilmainham Jail Guinness Storehouse Trinity College Library and Book of Kells
Monday · May 6th	OVERVIEW Activities at Adare Manor Adare Manor (1 night)
Tuesday · May 7th	OVERVIEW Cliffs of Moher Burren National Park

Saturday · May 4th

## OVERVIEW

Today you will arrive into Dublin Airport. You will make your own way to your Dublin Hotel. Explore Dublin on your doorstep of this centrally located hotel.

This afternoon enjoy an overview Walking tour of Dublin to include it's rich Georgian Historical buildings along with its Viking past. (This tour will be up to 2 hours) You will finish your tour at the Dingle Whiskey Bar for a private tasting experience.



## Georgian Dublin

*79 Lower Gardiner St, I.F.S.C., Dublin, Ireland*

At the beginning of the 18th Century, Dublin was a medieval city akin to Paris. During the course of the century it underwent a major rebuilding, with the Wide Streets Commission demolishing many of the narrow medieval streets and replacing them with large Georgian streets. Among the famous streets to appear following this redesign were Sackville Street (now called O'Connell Street), Dame Street, Westmoreland Street, and D'Olier Street. Five major Georgian squares were also laid out: Rutland Square (now called Parnell Square) and Mountjoy Square to the north, and Merrion Square, Fitzwilliam Square, and Saint Stephen's Green south of the River Liffey.



## Christ Church Cathedral

*Christchurch Pl, Dublin 8, Ireland*

Christ Church Cathedral is located in the former heart of medieval Dublin, next to Wood Quay, at the end of Dame Street. Christ Church Cathedral began in 1038 as a Viking church built by King Sitric, but was incorporated into the Irish church in 1152. Ten years later, Archbishop Laurence O'Toole, established an Augustinian Priory to run the church. This remained intact until Henry VIII replaced it with secular canons after his split from Rome. In 1562, the nave roof collapsed and temporary measures were taken to repair the damage. These measures lasted until the 1870's when Henry Roe, a Dublin whiskey distiller, gave £230,000 for its restoration, which was done in a mostly Victorian style. At the present time there are 19 bells in use at the cathedral, which is a world record for bells rung in this style. The cathedral also contains the largest crypt in Britain or Ireland which had been used in the 16th and 17th Centuries in a variety of ways including a market, a meeting place for business, and even briefly as a pub.



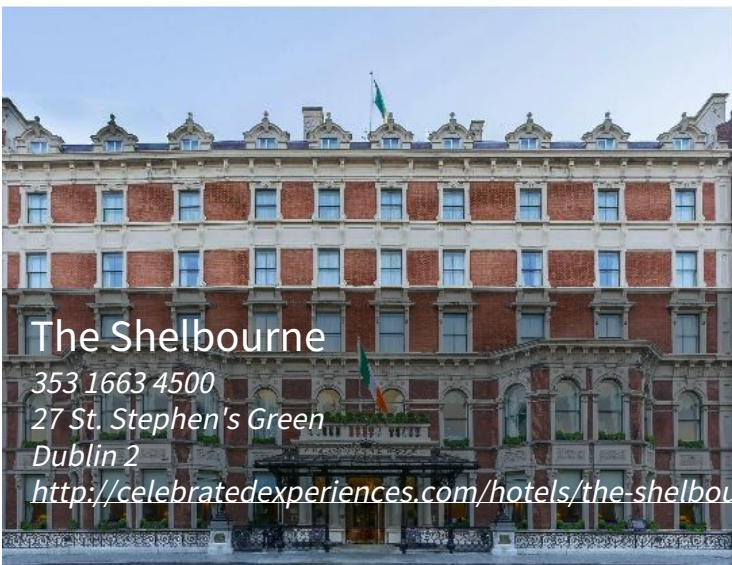
**Dublin Castle**  
*Dame St, Dublin 2, Ireland*

Dublin Castle is situated in the very heart of historic Dublin directly above the Dubh Linn, or Black Pool (dubh means black), which gives the city its name. Originally built as a defensive fortification by the Normans, it later evolved into a royal residence, resided in by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Over the years, Dublin Castle played host to parliament and courts of law before they were given their own designated buildings. It also served as a military garrison. Upon formation of the Free State in 1922, the castle immediately assumed the role of court complex. It was decided in 1938 that the inauguration of the first President of Ireland, Douglas Hyde, would take place in the castle, and every other inauguration has since been hosted here. The castle is used for official state visits and for more informal foreign affairs engagements, such as state banquets and government policy launches.

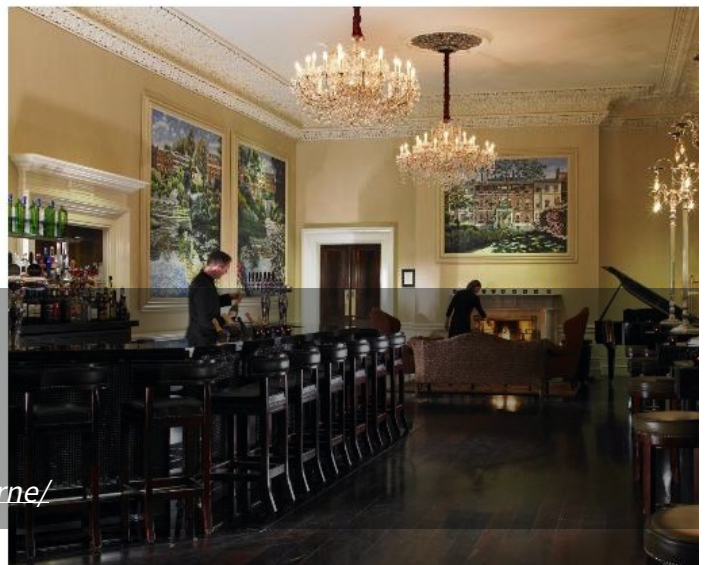
## Dingle Whiskey Bar

*44 Nassau St, Dublin Southside, Dublin, Ireland*

Named in honor of the picturesque town of Dingle in County Kerry, The Dingle Whiskey bar is a great place to relax while being educated and sipping on local whiskeys.



**The Shelbourne**  
 353 1663 4500  
 27 St. Stephen's Green  
 Dublin 2  
<http://celebratedexperiences.com/hotels/the-shelbourne/>



May 04 · 3:00 PM  
 Check-in

May 06 · 12:00 PM  
 Check-out

2 nights  
 Duration

One of the Europe's grandest and lively city hotels, The Shelbourne is an Irish icon. Welcoming VIPs, international emissaries and families in the know, everyone has been blown away by the over the top investment here over the past few years. The Shelbourne never stops getting better, updating their beautiful rooms, suites and public spaces. This Georgian masterpiece is full of history, and the Irish Constitution was even drafted here! Guest's favorite rooms overlook St. Stephens Green, and their Princess Grace Suite is one of the best 2-bedroom suites in the UK and Ireland. This is a great property for meeting the Irish as they adore the hotel's bars and sipping afternoon tea in their elegant drawing room. They have a beautiful spa and swimming pool, rare for a city center property. On a pragmatic note, they have many interconnecting rooms and family options!

## Amenities

### Inclusions

Full breakfast and VAT

## Room Selection

### Category

Deluxe Room

### Bedding

King

### Room Notes

We have 22 of these rooms for you.

Sunday · May 5th

## OVERVIEW

Today you will be met by your driver and separate guide to explore the many the sites of Dublin. You can begin your day touring Kilmainham Jail to learn about its important role in the Irish Revolution and some of its famous past occupants. You can then visit the Guinness Storehouse for the history of Ireland's most famous drink. You can also visit Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells and the Long Room. *Entrance fees for Kilmainham Jail, Trinity College and Guinness Storehouse are included in today's touring.*



Kilmainham Jail chronicles the most important stages of Ireland's quest for independence between the 1790's and 1920's. Visitors of the restored prison get a vivid insight into the dark moments suffered by famous patriots as they awaited execution or transportation to Australia and Tasmania for their rebellious activities. Over the 140 years it served as a prison, it's cells held many of the most famous people involved in the campaign for Irish independence, including seven signatories of the 1916 Easter Proclamation, who were held and executed here. Kilmainham Gaol was abandoned as a jail in 1924 by the government

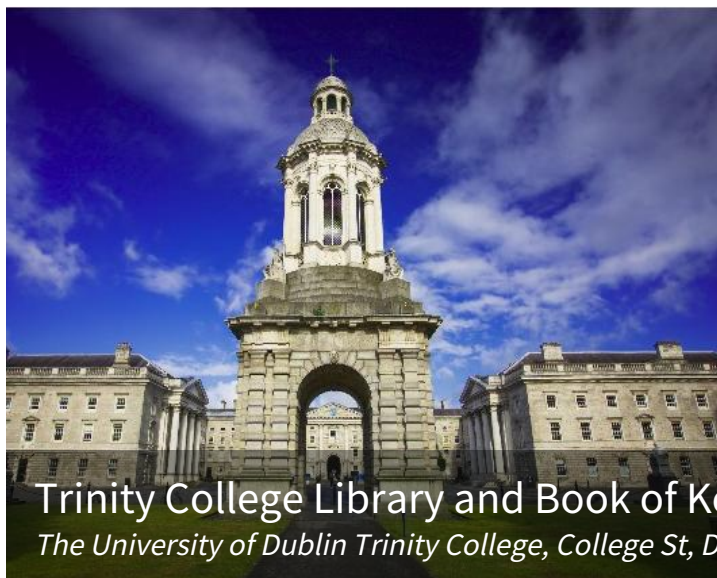
of the new Irish Free State. Following its lengthy restoration, it now houses a museum on the history of Irish nationalism and offers guided tours of the building. *\*Tickets must be booked in advance at <http://kilmainhamgaolmuseum.ie/>*



**Guinness Storehouse**  
*St James's Gate, Dublin 8, Ireland*



The Guinness Storehouse is located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin and is Ireland's #1 international visitor attraction. Situated in the heart of Old Dublin, this is the home of Guinness Stout, the famous black (truly red in color) beer with the distinctive creamy head, which is now produced around the world at the rate of over 10 million glasses a day. Arthur Guinness purchased Rainsford Brewery in 1759 and began creating his unique brew. The storehouse has since been converted into one of Dublin's finest venues for historical and cultural exhibitions, with a 9,000-year lease. Here you can visit the "World of Guinness Exhibition," which is 7 floors of history and interactive experiences. One of the more popular spots within the storehouse is The Gravity Bar, where you can sample Dublin's finest brew at your leisure and enjoy the very best views of Dublin. Some additional experiences you can enjoy while at Guinness are the Connoisseur Experience and the Tasting Room.



**Trinity College Library and Book of Kells**  
*The University of Dublin Trinity College, College St, Dublin 2, Ireland*



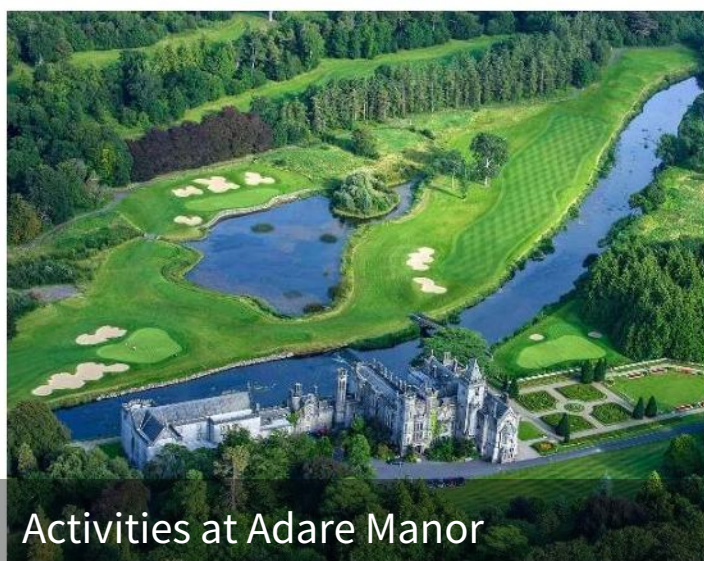
Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, Trinity College Dublin is the oldest university in Ireland. Situated in the heart of the city, Trinity is famous for graduates such as Jonathan Swift, Oliver Goldsmith, Oscar Wilde, and Samuel Beckett. Architecturally, a visit to Trinity with its majestic 18th Century buildings and squares is like stepping back into another age, an opportunity to experience the peace and quiet of another era. The Old Library was built about 1712 and was renovated to coincide with the College's 400th anniversary in 1992. The Long Room, the largest single chamber library in the world, contains about 200,000 of

the library's oldest books. The Treasurer is the new home for the Book of Kells and other early Christian manuscripts. The Book of Kells is widely regarded as Ireland's finest national treasure. Transcribed by Celtic monks circa 800, it is an illuminated manuscript that is a masterwork of Western calligraphy and illumination.

Monday · May 6th

## OVERVIEW

Today you will leave Dublin with your Driver and Separate Guide and travel west to Adare Manor. Later today perhaps take part in the amazing activities they have on site such as Falconry, Fishing, Golf and more! *All activities must be pre-booked and will incur additional costs.*



When planning a stay at Adare Manor, it is well-worth pre-booking the incredible activities available on the estate. Activities include enjoying falconry, clay pigeon shooting, a round of golf at the 18 hole championship golf course, archery, and fishing. For those hoping for a little relaxation and revitalization, the spa offers indoor heated pool and relaxation area. The spa at Adare Manor will feature the UK and Ireland's only La Mer Spa, offering exclusive treatments using luxurious La Mer products to help rejuvenate and revitalize the skin. Spa treatments should be booked in advance of one's stay.



May 06 · 2:00 PM

Check-in

May 07 · 12:00 PM

Check-out

1 night

Duration

After a two-year extensive restoration and expansion, Adare Manor reopened at the end of 2017. We are in awe of the results, and the feedback from guests is extraordinary. Adare Manor has always been home to incredible activities such as falconry, but their golf course has been completely redesigned and is now considered one of the world's best parkland courses - some already calling it the Augusta National of Europe! The rooms are huge, and our favorites are in the oldest part of the manor with beautiful architectural touches that yield an extraordinary sense of place. Located just 30 minutes from Shannon Airport, clients love starting or ending their itinerary while feeling like Lords and Ladies of The Manor.

### Amenities

#### Inclusions

Full Breakfast and VAT

### Room Selection

#### Category

Deluxe

#### Bedding

King

#### Room Notes

There are 22 of these rooms available for you.

Tuesday · May 7th

## OVERVIEW

Today you will be met by your private driver and separate guide. You will travel southwest to The Europe. En route you will visit the stunning Cliffs of Moher, one of the world's highest sea cliffs with stunning views of the Atlantic Coast. You can then head to the Burren National Park to enjoy a walk through its vast limestone plateaus and diverse botanical wildlife. You will arrive at The Europe mid-afternoon today.



Even when shrouded in mist or buffeted by Atlantic gales, the 5-mile stretch of the Cliffs of Moher are absolutely breathtaking as they rise to a height of 650 feet above the sea. The sheer rock face, with its layers of black shale and sandstone, provides

sheltered ledges where guillemots and other sea birds nest. Well-worn paths lead along the cliffs and are definitely worth a visit. From Liscannor, you can walk to Hag's Head in a little more than an hour. To the north, a good alternative is the three hour walk along the coast between O'Brien's Tower and Fisher Street near Doolin. They have an incredible visitor center here that traces the history, geology and biology of the region.



Deriving from the Gaelic word Boireann, meaning “great rock,” the Burren is an apt name for the vast limestone plateau in northwest County Clare. The Burren has a diverse botanical environment in which Mediterranean and Alpine plants rare to Ireland grow side-by-side. This astonishing array of flowers adds splashes of color to the austere landscape of the Burren, yet few trees manage to grow in this desolate place. The Burren is also often described as a “moonscape” because of the vast stone space with so few trees. In the southern Burren, limestone gives way to the black shale and sandstone that form the dramatic Cliffs of Moher. Also found in the Burren are quite a few significant archeological sites, such as the Poul nabrone Dolmen, a portal tomb which is estimated to be more than 5,000 years old.