

Abercrombie & Kent



BELMOND GRAND HIBERNIAN: LEGENDS AND LOUGHS

Experience the ultimate in Irish holidays and uncover the hidden gems of the Emerald Isle aboard the luxurious Belmond Grand Hibernian train.

Luxury Rail Journeys



Europe, Ireland



5 days, from AU\$8,665



Private

Journey Overview

Let yourself be taken by the spirit of adventure. Visit thrilling destinations as the train crosses through postcard-perfect scenery. Dine on lovingly prepared cuisine, enriched by the finest regional ingredients, while traditional local entertainment aboard brings each memorable day to a close.

Includes

Four nights aboard the Belmond Grand Hibernian luxury train

24-hour steward service

All meals aboard the train: full Irish breakfast, two-course lunch and four-course dinner including cheeseboard, coffee, tea and petits fours

All beverages including alcoholic drinks

Traditional entertainment on board

A visit to the Jameson Experience

Tour of Ashford Castle and Blarney Castle and Gardens

Traditional jaunting car excursion followed by a boat trip on Lough Leane



Itinerary

Day 1: Dublin

Depart from Dublin in the early afternoon and travel to Cork, enjoying afternoon tea en-route.

Arrive in Cork in the early evening and transfer to the Jameson Experience for a private tour. Learn about the history of the whiskey-making process before a tasting session. Rejoin the train for a spectacular dinner as it continues to Charleville for the night.

Meals: D

Day 2: Blarney Castle

After breakfast, head off for a private tour of Blarney Castle and Gardens, home to the fabled Blarney Stone. Enjoy morning coffee in Blarney House. After lunch, continue to the Lakes of Killarney. A tour by traditional jaunting car, a pony and trap, is followed by a boating excursion on Lough Leane.

Back on board, dinner is served as the train stables for the night.

Meals: BLD

Day 3: Galway

Enjoy a leisurely morning on board as the train travels north towards Galway. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant accompanied by champagne and oysters.

Step into a traditional pub for a classic Irish experience. Learn an Irish dance and try out your bodhran (Irish drum) skills before pulling your own pint of Guinness. Afterwards, take time to explore Galway at your leisure. Alternatively, spend the entire afternoon revelling in Galway's bohemian charm at your own pace.

Head back on board for dinner as the train continues on to Athlone where it will stable for the night.

Meals: BLD

Day 4: Westport

Relax as the train winds through the countryside towards Westport. Disembark for a scenic drive through County Mayo.

Rejoin the coach for your onward journey to Ashford Castle, where you'll enjoy an interactive falconry experience plus a guided walk of the hotel grounds. Enjoy a private lunch in the George V Dining Room before you depart from the castle for a transfer to the home of Joe & Mary Ann Joyce.

Enjoy an exhilarating sheepdog trial at their working farm. Afterwards, head to the heart of Killary Harbour to visit the Sheep and Wool centre. Discover the art of traditional yarn spinning, before savouring the views and photo opportunities in this naturally beautiful region.

Rejoin the train for the final dinner onboard.

Meals: BLD

Day 5: Dublin

The train makes its final journey back to Dublin, where you will disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

Meals: B

Accommodation

Belmond Grand Hibernian



Belmond Grand Hibernian is Ireland's first ever luxury touring train, lifting travel in the Emerald Isle to dazzling new heights. The train takes 40 guests in 16 lavishly furnished, private en suite cabins to remote areas and exclusive attractions including ancient castles, famous whiskey distilleries and vibrant cities. Dining is a highlight with culinary offerings influenced by the regions the train travels through.

The Cabins

Savour the glorious scenery from the comfort of your private cabin. The train offers 16 twin, four double and four interconnecting cabins named after an Irish county. All cabins have a Georgian air of elegant luxury and include private en suite facilities with shower. The interconnecting cabins are ideal for families and friends travelling together, and one is suitable for guests with limited mobility.

Dining

The richly upholstered dining cars, Sligo and Wexford, set the scene for an unforgettable onboard dining experience. Talented chefs conjure up culinary creations influenced by the regions the train traverses, with an emphasis on fresh and flavoursome local produce - wonderful artisan cheeses, superb smoked fish and smooth Irish whiskies.

Entertainment

After a sumptuous dinner on the train, local musicians inspire guests to leap to their feet and dance in the Observation Car or listen to tales of Irish folklore and local legends.

Observation Car

The splendour of the Observation Car, Kildare provides the perfect backdrop to Ireland's stunning scenery. Views are admired from the large picture windows whilst relaxing in comfy seating.

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