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BELMOND GRAND HIBERNIAN: GROUND TOUR OF IRELAND - SOUTHBOUND

Ancient legends, inspiring natural beauty and vibrant cities—
see the highlights of this beautiful country with a complete
journey through Ireland.

Luxury Rail Journeys



Europe, Ireland



7 days, from AU\$15,555



Private

Journey Overview

Tours from Dublin on the Belmond Grand Hibernian train are sure to stay with you for a lifetime. Let yourself be captivated by the charms of the Emerald Isle as you journey in peerless luxury. Anticipate a journey accentuated by magical encounters, world-class cuisine and exceptional service.

Includes

Six 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

City tours of Dublin

A visit to The Titanic Experience

Exclusive tours of Curraghmore House and Bishop's Palace



Itinerary

Day 1: Dublin

Board the train in Dublin in the early afternoon, and savour a delicious afternoon tea as the train begins its journey.

Arrive in Cork and visit the Jameson Experience. A private tour explores the history of the whiskey-making process, before guests are invited to participate in a tasting session.

Back on board, your first dinner is served as the train continues to Charleville, where it will stable for the night to ensure a good night's rest.

Day 2: Blarney Castle

The day starts out with a private tour of Blarney Castle & Gardens where guests will have the opportunity to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone. Enjoy morning coffee in Blarney House.

Lunch is served on board before continuing to the Lakes of Killarney. A pony-and-trap tour is followed by a boating excursion across Lough Leane.

Head back to the train for dinner.

Day 3: Galway

This morning your journey continues north to Galway for a tour. Lying on the River Corrib, let yourself be enchanted by this romantic city.

Lunch will be served at a local restaurant. Champagne and oysters set the scene for a fun-filled afternoon.

Revel in a traditional Irish experience at a charming local pub where you'll learn to play the bodhran (Irish drum) and to pull your own pint of Guinness, before taking part in an Irish dance.

Afterwards, step into the city to explore at your leisure. Alternatively, spend the entire afternoon soaking up Galway's bohemian charm at your own pace.

Return to the train for dinner as the train continues on to Athlone.

Day 4: Westport

Breakfast is accompanied by stunning pastoral views from your cabin's windows as the train continues to Westport.

Join the coach for an excursion to Ashford Castle. Activities include an interactive falconry experience plus a guided walk of the gardens, as well as a private lunch.

Afterwards, take a short transfer to the home of Joe and Mary Ann Joyce to enjoy an exhilarating sheepdog trial at their working farm.

Head to the Sheep and Wool Centre in the heart of Killary Harbour to discover the art of yarn spinning, then take to the outdoors to soak up the breathtaking views and perfect photo opportunities to be enjoyed in this beautiful region.

Day 5: Dublin

Your journey winds back towards Dublin where you can enjoy an optional half-day tour of the vibrant Irish capital.

Key sights include home to the ancient Book of Kells, Trinity College and the National Art Gallery of Ireland.

Rejoin the train and continue to Belfast. Here disembark for a famous Black Taxi Tour of the city and a private visit to The Titanic Experience. This fascinating attraction explores the history of the famed ocean liner.

Day 6: Waterford

This morning, the train journeys south to the historic Viking port of Waterford. Disembark to visit Curraghmore House, where you enjoy an exclusive tour of the house, grounds and stables before a classic afternoon tea.

The magnificent mansion boasts some of the finest neoclassical rooms in Ireland, while its expansive formal gardens include an intriguing shell house built by Catherine, Countess of Tyrone, in 1754.

You'll then be escorted to the Bishop's palace for a private after hours tour hosted by the director. Enjoy an unrivalled view of the finest collection of 17th century Irish silver, and marvel at the oldest piece of Waterford Crystal in the world with an exclusive glassmaking presentation.

Return to the train for a sumptuous dinner, followed by a performance by traditional local musicians in the Observation Car.

Day 7: Dublin

Breakfast is served as the train continues to Dublin, its final destination. Disembark for your onward travel arrangements.

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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