

All Ireland Cruise from Geneva

- Regions / Countries: **France** **UK** **Ireland**
- Duration: **10 Days / 9 Nights**
- Tags: **Mainland port, Popular, Castle, Town, Island, Discovery, Greenery, Village, Secluded, Romantic, City, Nightlife, Music**
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Day 1



France / Nantes

Mainland port, Popular, Castle, Town

DAY 1: GENEVA - NANTES

Departure on the scheduled flight to Nantes. Upon arrival in Nantes, transfer to the port, boarding and installation on board the World Explorer. Dinner on board.

Day 2



Navigation

DAY 2: NAVIGATION

Take advantage of this day of navigation to participate in the activities offered on board. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

Day 3



UK / Isles of Scilly

Island, Discovery, Greenery, Village, Secluded, Romantic

DAY 3: ST. MARY'S, ISLES OF SCILLY (United Kingdom)

St Mary's is the largest and most populated island of the Isles of Scilly, a dream archipelago with its fine sandy beaches bordered by blue lagoons: a site classified for the natural beauty of its landscapes and its marine park managed in collaboration with the Duchy of Cornwall. As you approach the archipelago, the view of the islets and the string of rocks emerging from the blue-green waters is of remarkable beauty. The Isles of Scilly also contain the remains of around fifty megalithic tombs from the Bronze Age. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

THE ISLES OF SCILLY BY BOAT
Departure by local boat for a one-hour cruise around the Isles of Scilly and their splendid coastal landscapes. Between fine sandy beaches bordered by turquoise waters and wild vegetation, it is sometimes possible to observe unique local fauna: grey seals, penguins, guillemots, gannets and dolphins. The archipelago remains a privileged migration site for many species of birds in spring and autumn.
LIMITED PLACES • Price per person (from): €80

THE EXOTIC GARDENS OF TRESCO
Founded in the 19th century by Augustus Smith around the ruins of a Benedictine priory, the magnificent gardens of Tresco Abbey are home to an extraordinary collection of subtropical plants from around the world. Benefiting from a mild oceanic climate, a wide variety of species have been planted by generations of botanical enthusiasts. On the edge of the garden is the small Valhalla Museum, which houses carved figureheads and ornaments from shipwrecks that have sunk in the archipelago over the centuries.
LIMITED PLACES • Half day - price per person (from): €75

THE GARRISON PENINSULA
A scenic walk along one of Britain's most beautiful coastal paths. The peninsula is home to a system of historic defensive fortifications, commissioned under Elizabeth I to ward off attempted Spanish invasions. At its centre is a castle whose surrounding walls form an eight-pointed star. Now a hotel, refreshments will be served.
LIMITED PLACES • Half day - price per person (from): €70

Day 4



Ireland / Bantry

Island, Town, Secluded

DAY 4: BANTRY (Ireland)

In the south of Ireland, Bantry is a charming little port in County Cork nestled in the heart of a magnificent 35 km bay where mountains, forests and white sandy beaches blend perfectly. Free time or participation in optional excursions.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK AND MUCKROSS HOUSE
Located north of Bantry, the drive to Killarney takes in the breathtaking scenery of the eastern Ring of Kerry, from wooded valleys to sandstone hills and rolling green plains. Stop at the National Park Lakes to admire the views before heading to Muckross House. This magnificent 19th century Victorian mansion with its ornate rooms is a testament to the lifestyle of the aristocracy of the period. The splendid gardens are also renowned for their collection of rhododendrons and azaleas. Continue to the charming town of Kenare for lunch. Free time and return to Bantry.
LIMITED PLACES • Day with lunch - price per person (from): €150

GARNISH ISLAND GARDENS
On to Glengarriff and board a local boat to reach Garnish Island, a haven of peace and tranquility. Considered Ireland's Garden of Eden, it is home to a series of exceptionally beautiful ornamental gardens of Italian inspiration created by the English architect Harold Peto. Its mild climate allows it to support a rich variety of plants as well as a colony of seals.
LIMITED PLACES • Half day - price per person (from): €90

Day 5



Ireland / Galway

Island, Town

DAY 5: GALWAY

In the west of Ireland, this small, dynamic town founded in 1320 is the gateway to the famous wild and romantic region of Connemara. While the coast offers a succession of peninsulas with very jagged contours, the land opens onto a harsher panorama where mountains, moors bordered by low walls, peat bogs and silver lakes intermingle. This region with its fabulous landscapes lives mainly from sheep farming, the famous black-headed sheep, and peat exploitation. Free time or participation in optional excursions.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

CONNEMARA AND KYLEMORE ABBEY
Discover the wild beauty of Connemara, its mountains, hidden valleys, breathtaking waterfalls, lakes and golden beaches. At the heart of Connemara lies the spectacular site of Leenane and Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. Visit Kylemore Benedictine Abbey, where the order settled in 1920 after their abbey at Ypres in Belgium was destroyed during the First World War. On settling at Kylemore, the community opened a world-famous girls' boarding school and restored the abbey, the Gothic church and the magnificent Victorian gardens lined with rhododendron hedges. On the way back, pass through the fabulous landscapes of the Inagh Valley, the Quiet Man's Bridge, the crossroads of Maam Cross and Oughterard.
Day with lunch - price per person (from): €150

GALWAY THROUGH THE AGES
Galway, the cultural capital of the west of the country, has preserved its medieval charm. Discover Eyre Square, the Latin Quarter, Lynch Castle and the Spanish Arch built in 1584 to protect the port. Visit St. Nicholas Church, one of the oldest parishes in Ireland. It was founded in 1320 and dedicated to Saint Nicholas of Myra, the patron saint of sailors.
Half day - price per person (from): €70

Day 6



UK / Londonderry

Island, Town

DAY 6: LONDONDERRY (United Kingdom)

Londonderry is the second largest city in Northern Ireland after Belfast. Nicknamed Derry, the city is particularly known for its siege of 1689 and the tragic episode of Bloody Sunday, on January 30, 1972. It is one of the only European cities whose fortifications were built between 1613 and 1619.
have never given way and are still intact. Free time or participation in optional excursions.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

HISTORIC LONDONDERRY
Departure for the Town Hall Square and its splendid red brick building donated by the London guilds in 1890. Walk around the ancient city walls dating from the 17th century. The only complete fortifications in Ireland, its ramparts became famous for having resisted for 105 days during the siege of Derry. Finally, visit the circular fort of Grianan d'Aileach dating from the Bronze Age and located in County Donegal.
Half day - price per person (from): €70

BUSHMILLS DISTILLERY
On the way to the town of Bushmills and its distillery, reputed to be the oldest in the world. Discover the process of making its whisky, which is based on 400 years of tradition and whose triple distillation practice gives birth to a single malt of great delicacy. Tasting at the end of the visit and return to Londonderry.
LIMITED PLACES • Half day - price per person (from): €100

Day 7



UK / Belfast

City, Popular, Nightlife, Music, Island, Discovery, Castle, Romantic

DAY 7: BELFAST

Belfast is the capital of Ulster, seat of the Northern Irish government and county town of Antrim. A former industrial powerhouse, a historic city with many Victorian-style buildings dating from the 19th century, Belfast has managed to reinvent itself by becoming a trendy, lively and
dynamic. The shipyards where the Titanic was built now house a museum. Free time or participation in optional excursions. Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

THE ANTRIM COAST AND THE GIANTS CAUSEWAY
The Antrim coast is considered the most beautiful in Europe. Passage through the 9 glens, valleys fractured over the centuries by torrents descending from the mountains, then by the vertiginous Carrick-a-Rede bridge. The Giant's Causeway is a natural wonder classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This volcanic formation which has nearly 40,000 columns of black basalt eroded and sculpted by the sea evokes a causeway of cobblestones. After lunch, return to Belfast via the ruins of Dunluce Castle.
Day with lunch - Price per person (from): €160

BELFAST AND THE CITY HALL
Capital of Ulster, it has become an attractive business centre. Its many Victorian-style buildings date from the 19th century, at the time of its sudden opulence orchestrated by bankers and speculators who had real palaces built there. Passage in front of the most famous places: the opera house, the town hall, St. George's market, the botanical gardens... It was in the Shankill Road and Falls Road districts that the Titanic was built. Finally, passage in front of the Stormont parliament where the Northern Ireland assembly sits. This imposing neoclassical building symbolises the triumphant unity of this country divided for so long.
Half day - price per person (from): €70

Day 8

Ireland / Dublin

Island, City, Popular, Nightlife

DAY 8: DUBLIN (Ireland)

Historical, political, artistic, cultural, economic and industrial center of Ireland, Dublin is one of the most beautiful European capitals. Its historic buildings such as Dublin Castle, dating from the 13th century, and the imposing Saint Patrick's Cathedral founded in 1191, will seduce architecture lovers. The city's large green spaces, its beautiful Georgian and Victorian houses with colorful doors, its pretty bridges spanning the River Liffey give it an incomparable charm. Free time or participation in optional excursions.
Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

GLENDALOUGH AND COUNTY WICKLOW
Depart Dublin for the wild and lush nature of County Wicklow, the garden of Ireland. Then, on the way to the Valley of the Two Lakes and Glendalough to discover its famous monastic ruins from the 6th century. Founded by Saint Kevin, he resided there as a hermit before the monastery became an important pilgrimage center until the 9th century. Stop on the way back at the beautiful pebble beach of Bray.
Half day - price per person (from): €70

DUBLIN CITY TOUR
Dublin is one of the most beautiful European capitals whose buildings seduce architecture lovers. There are many green spaces, including St. Stephen's Green and Merrion Gardens. Pass by the Custom House built in the 18th century. Visit Trinity College, the oldest university in Dublin. It hosted great writers such as James Joyce and Samuel Beckett. Visit the Anglican Cathedral built in 1190 in honor of Saint Patrick.
Half day - price per person (from): €90

MALAHIDE CASTLE AND COASTAL PANORAMAS
Discover the splendid Malahide Castle, one of the oldest in Ireland. This building, magnificently preserved with its period furniture, served as a fortress and private home to the Talbot family from 1185 to 1973. After the visit, continue to the charming village of Howth. Perched on a hill, it offers a superb view of Dublin and the Wicklow Mountains. Return along the waterfront of Dublin Bay with its panoramas of North Bull Island and Dollynmount Beach, a nature reserve listed by UNESCO.
Half day - price per person (from): €75

Day 9



Navigation

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Day 10



France / Dunkirk

Mainland port, Town

DAY 10: DUNKIRK - GENEVA

Breakfast on board. Disembarkation and transfer by coach to Paris or Brussels airport. Flight to Geneva on a scheduled flight.


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