Saturday, 12 April
Afternoon    Check in to hotel in Belfast & settle into accommodation
Evening      Welcome reception & Dinner

Sunday, 13 April
Breakfast    Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning      Talk: ‘Sign of the Times: Murals & Political Transformation of Northern Ireland’ speaker: Bill Rolston, professor of Sociology at the University of Ulster.
Lunch        At An Culturlann – Irish language and Culture Centre on the Falls Road
Afternoon    Depart for Black taxi tour of Belfast, visiting the colourful and evocative murals of West Belfast. It has been said that a city can be defined by its taxi drivers and nowhere is this more true than in Belfast
Evening      Dinner at hotel

Monday, 14 April
Breakfast    Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning      Guided Field Trip to the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont and meet with a Member of the Local Assembly
Lunch        taken locally
Afternoon    Visit local cross community / Peace building organisation
Evening      Dinner in Belfast’s most famous pub & restaurant, the Crown Bar & Saloon Dining Rooms, now run by the British Trust.
**Tuesday, 15 April**

**Breakfast**  
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**  
Depart for Derry / Londonderry, the only remaining walled city in Ireland  
Field Trip to **Bushmills Whiskey Distillery**, the world’s oldest licensed Whiskey distillery

**Lunch**  
In Bushmills village

**Afternoon**  
Explore the **Giant’s Causeway**, a Unesco World Heritage site, A natural amphitheater made up of hexagonal shaped basalt rocks

**Evening**  
Check in to Derry hotel  
Dinner at hotel
**Wednesday, 16 April**

**Breakfast**  
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**  
Depart for walking field trip around **Derry City**, visiting the **Walls, the Guildhall** and the **Bogside**

Talk at the **Guildhall**: The Story of Derry Past & Present - speaker: Councillor Gerard Diver, SDLP

**Lunch**  
In Derry city centre

**Afternoon:**  
Visit the **Museum of Free Derry**, the Apprentice Boys’ **Memorial Hall**, and St. Columb’s Cathedral.

**Evening**  
Dinner at hotel followed by **evening of traditional Irish music**

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**Thursday, 17 April**

**Breakfast**  
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**  
Depart for **Westport** in Co Mayo One of the few planned towns in Ireland, Westport was designed in the 18th Century by James Wyatt, and today is one of the prettiest towns in Ireland. Located at the south-east corner of Clew Bay, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean, the town has many picturesque features, most notably its tree-lined, flower decorated, boulevard known as The Mall with several stone bridges over the Carrowbeg river.

The famous mountain **Croagh Patrick**, one of Europe's best-known places of Pilgrimage, presents a striking backdrop to the town.

En route make a visit to the **Ulster American Folk Park**. This museum tells the poignant story of emigration from Ulster to America in the 18th & 19th centuries.

**Afternoon**  
Check in to hotel

**Evening**  
Dinner at hotel

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**Friday, 18 April**

**Breakfast**  
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Full day Field Trip to Conmemara in West County Galway**

A broad peninsula between Killary Harbour and Kilkieran Bay Connemara has long been regarded at the real emerald of Ireland

Lunch in **Kylemore** followed by guided visit of **Kylemore Abbey**

Continue on to explore the sleepy seaside villages on Connemara

Visit the award winning **Cnoc Suain** heritage center for an insight into the rural folklore, traditions and way of life in the West of Ireland

**Evening**  
Dinner at hotel
Saturday, 19 April
   Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

   Depart for full day field trip to **Inis Mor**, the largest of the Aran Islands. Cross by ferry from Ross a Mhíl, to explore this last remnant of authentic Gaelic civilization, where Christian ruins stand side by side with remarkable Pagan relics. Walk the short distance to the pretty village of Kilronan. From here, explore the island independently on foot, by bicycle, mini-van or traditional horse-drawn jaunty car.
   On return from the island continue transfer to **Galway city**
   Evening Dinner at hotel

Sunday, 20 April
   Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**   **Lecture:** The Celts and the West of Ireland
   Followed by an **expertly guided walking orientation of Galway** city in the company of local historian Peadar O'Dowd.

**Afternoon**   Free afternoon for you to explore Galway

**Evening**   Free
Monday, 21 April
Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Depart for Killarney in Co Kerry via the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren. There will be time to linger by the cliffs, which rise like a cathedral into the sky some 700 feet over the wild Atlantic ocean.

The views stretch as far as Galway Bay and the Aran Islands and the location is also home to one of the major colonies of cliff nesting seabirds in Ireland. Back on the coach, our local expert will lead us through the Burren, one of the largest karst limestone landscapes in Europe, and we will stop for a short hike on the moon-like terrain.

Lunch: Pub lunch in the Burren
Afternoon: Field trip and transfer continues
Evening: Arrive in Killarney. Dinner at hotel

Tuesday, 22 April
Breakfast Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning: Accompanied by a local farmer and storyteller, depart on an excursion around the Ring of Kerry: Running through an area of outstanding natural beauty, the circuit takes in the towns of Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, Waterville, Caherdaniel and Sneem.

Lunch: In the village of Caherdaniel
Afternoon: Visit Muckross House en route. Muckross is a magnificent Victorian mansion spectacularly situated close to the eastern shore of Muckross Lake and set beneath the impressive backdrop of Torc and Mangerton Mountains.
Evening: Dinner at hotel

Wednesday, 23 April
Breakfast Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

Morning: Depart Killarney for Cork. En route visit Blarney Castle kiss the famous Blarney Stone

Lunch: in Blarney
Afternoon: Continue to Cork city. Ireland’s second largest city, Cork was founded in the seventh century. Today it is a bustling lively city with a wealth of cultural life and a festive atmosphere.
Thursday, 24 April
Breakfast       Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning     Visit Cobh, the port of emigration for many Irish emigrating to the US in the 19th century, and Titanic’s last port of call. Guided ‘Titanic Trail’ gentle walk in Cobh
Lunch         in Cobh
Afternoon    Free afternoon in Cork city
Evening      Dinner as Guests of Local Families

Friday, 25 April
Breakfast     Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning      Depart for Dublin via Kilkenny
            Walking tour of the medieval Kilkenny City
            Visit Kilkenny Castle A 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in extensive parklands
            Kilkenny Castle was the principal seat of the Butler family, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to
            major restoration works, the central block now includes a library, drawing room and bedrooms decorated
            in 1830’s splendour, as well as the beautiful Long Gallery.
Afternoon   Transfer continues to Dublin
Evening     Dinner at hotel

Saturday, 26 April
Breakfast   Full Irish Breakfast at hotel
Morning     Take a guided coach journey around the centre of Dublin to see
            its historic, cultural and architectural highlights. Stop for a guided visit of St Patrick’s Cathedral
            Visit Historic Trinity College in the company of current students - Trinity College builds on its four-
            hundred-year-old tradition of scholarship to confirm its position as one of the great universities of the
            world. It has been the educator of many of Ireland's great writers from Swift to Wilde. Part of the tour
will include *Trinity College Library* which houses 200,000 antique texts, marble busts of scholars and the *oldest surviving harp* in Ireland as well as the *Book of Kells*. Irish monks around the year 800 created this illuminated manuscript of the Gospels.

**Evening**

Pre theatre dinner followed by an evening at one of Dublin’s renowned theatres for a performance of an Irish play

**Sunday, 27 April**

**Breakfast**

Full Irish Breakfast at hotel

**Morning**

Depart for a guided visit of *Bru na Boinne* in nearby county Meath. Brú na Bóinne comprises of the Neolithic age burial chambers of *Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth*. Their survival through more than 5,500 years reflects the sophistication of their design, and ingenuity of the Stone Age man, which constructed them.

**Afternoon**

Free

**Evening**

Farewell dinner with *Traditional Irish Music*

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**Monday, 28 April:** Depart, Ireland.