



LAW & CULTURE IN IRELAND



MAY 7-13, 2025
4 OR 6 NIGHT
PROGRAM OPTIONS



By Invitation of The Mississippi Bar

Register online at www.cle-abroad.com/trip/msbar

INCLUDED

Premium Hotel Accommodations (if selected)

Daily ground transportation

Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)

Full-time tour leader, local guides and specialists

Lecture series with local experts and influencers (open to non-attorney guests)

Admission to all museums / attractions in program

Travel Tips and Assistance

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Ireland

Airport transfers (except for those on the Belfast extension)

Suggested tips for drivers and local guide(s)

Additional meals not provided in itinerary

Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses (e.g., mini bar, room services, laundry fees)

Trip cancellation insurance



YOU'RE INVITED!

The Mississippi Bar invites you to join our exclusive **Journey to Ireland**. We engage with **local experts, academics, officials and change makers** who offer in-depth commentary on the EU and UK legal-political systems, economics, environmental justice, history and religion.

Ireland is a country that boasts stunning natural landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and friendly locals. We stay 4 nights in charming **Dublin**, explore ancient castles, visit landmarks, museums and notable legal institutions, and sample delicious local cuisine and beverages. The vibrant culture of Ireland is reflected in the music, dance and literary legacy that continues to influence global culture.

Add two nights in **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of **Northern Ireland (UK)**, engaging with local ambassadors and guides offering context to the region's unique political history, Good Friday Agreement, and the ongoing reconciliation efforts and peace process.

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IRELAND AT A GLANCE



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JOURNEY TO IRELAND

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Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations.

Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and special requests are encouraged.

Day 1 Wednesday May 7th

Individuals arrive **Dublin International Airport (DUB)** throughout the day and travel independently to the hotel. *Door-to-Door Airport Transfers can be arranged for a fee upon request.*

Hotel Accommodations selected at registration.

Early Arrivals

Possible early afternoon / optional activities suitable for self-guided or guided tours include the **National Gallery of Ireland** and/or **National Museum of Ireland** known for its remarkable collection including well-preserved bog bodies.

3:00pm

Meet in your hotel lobby and depart on foot for our first group activity - an orientation walking tour of Central Dublin. We cross the River Liffey and travel through the Temple Bar area. *Please wear comfortable walking shoes!*

Christ Church private tour and reception. Originally a Viking Church, this architectural masterpiece has been welcoming pilgrims and visitors for almost 1,000 years. In our private tour, we explore its depths to find the crypt, Dublin city's oldest working structure. Hidden treasures of this tour at Christ Church include seeing Strongbow's final resting place and a rare copy of the **Magna Carta**.

6:30pm

Welcome Dinner with guest speaker.

UNRAVELING THE KNOT: NAVIGATING THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT ON IRELAND



Day 2 Thursday May 8th

Morning

Meet in your hotel lobby to depart for the **EPIC Museum**.

Law, State & Society Lecture and Mississippi links with **EPIC Museum Curator**.

Following our lecture, we visit the **EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum** highlighting the historical legacy between the US and Ireland. This museum is an immersive experience that touches the hearts and minds of all its visitors.

From EPIC we travel crosstown to the **Liberties neighborhood**.

Afternoon

Group Lunch before visiting the Guinness Storehouse.

BREHON LAWS, CHEESE TASTING, AND THE HISTORY OF THE IRISH FOOD MOVEMENT

At lunch we enjoy a tasting and exploration of Irish Cheese and Dairy. Not constrained by tradition and nourished by premium quality produce, Irish food artisans and culinary pioneers have taken advantage of the new found wealth and created a vibrant and innovative food scene. Today we explore cheese led by Jim Dempsey, who was part of this nascent revolution in the 1990's and he will introduce the cheeses, their makers and back stories and tell the history of Irish food. From Brehon Law prescriptive serving rules to anarchic raw milk cheese makers - welcome, this is Irish food.

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE EXPERIENCE

Visit the **Guinness Storehouse & Museum** with time to explore the innovative exhibits and interactive demonstrations of making beer. Its a stout lover's paradise! *A pint of Guinness, beer or soft drink included with entry.*

5:45pm

Bus returns to our hotels. *Remainder of evening free. Dinner on your own.*

Day 3 Friday May 9th

Morning

Today we visit Dublin's Legal Quarter and some of Ireland's most prestigious legal institutions. *Smart casual dress is suggested.*

Group visit to the Law Society of Ireland and/or Bar of Ireland.

The Society of Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland was established in 1830 and re-formed in May 1841 when the Honorable Benchers of the King's Inns granted the Society rooms in the Four Courts. In 1852, Queen Victoria granted a Royal Charter which incorporated the Society, followed by a further Supplemental Charter in 1888, which allowed for the nomination to Council of members representing the four Provinces and also changed the name of the Society to the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. During the second half of the nineteenth century, the Society gained its independence from the King's Inns with the transfer of education and disciplinary functions to the Society.

Time and court calendars permitting, group visit and tour of the Four Courts.

Afternoon

Tour, Tasting and Lunch at [Teeling Whiskey Distillery](#). Over lunch we are addressed by founder Jack Teeling for a discussion on **Irish Whiskey Regulation and Protecting Brand Rights**.



Remainder of afternoon/evening free. Dinner on your own.

Optional evening entertainment, cultural calendars pending.

Day 4 Saturday May 10th

Morning

Today is reserved for free time with optional activities **pre-selected by participants: (1) Seaside visit to Howth, (2) Visit to Glendalough National Park, or (3) Free time.**

1. **TRACK 1: Coastal Walk and Seaside Life in Howth (approx 10am - 3pm)**

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: *The first 90 minutes is a hike over very rough terrain. This tour requires a good level of fitness.*

Alongside a private guide, we take public transportation from Dublin to Howth. We begin with a descent along the cliffs, leading to a quaint harbor town that provides a serene escape from Dublin's hustle. Our guide highlights Howth's Viking Legacy and significance in modern times. With its picturesque harbor, pretty beaches and wildflower-covered sea cliffs, Howth feels like the kind of village you'd find on a far-flung stretch of the west coast rather than a 30-minute drive from the city center.

Lunch on your own and free time for shopping or visits to local museums before returning to Dublin.

1. **TRACK 2: Visit Glendalough National Park /Monastic City in Wicklow**

Day trip to Ireland's Ancient East by visiting Glendalough, home to one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland. This settlement was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. It became Ireland's great ecclesiastical school of learning until the Normans destroyed the monastery in 1214 A.D.

Wander the Wicklow Mountains National park and take in it's stunning landscape, cultural, architectural, and archaeological heritage.

Lunch on your own and free time for shopping and exploring before returning to Dublin

1. **TRACK 3: Free time**

Enjoy your last day in Dublin at leisure.

Evening

Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for our **Book of Kells Experience**, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and one of the world's most beautiful libraries. 6:45pm entry (final entry of the day).

Dublin Farewell Dinner.

Day 5 Sunday May 11th

Morning / Departure Day for some.

Hotel Check Out. Depart by coach for Belfast. Morning activities were pre-selected by participants: (1) Game of Thrones Studio Tour, or (2) Early Arrival to Belfast/Free time.

Our first stop is **Banbridge**, for those visiting the Game of Thrones Studio Tour.

TRACK 1: GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR

We go behind-the-scenes of the hit HBO television series **Game of Thrones**. This tour is located at the *Linen Mill Studios* in **Banbridge**, just outside Belfast.

TRACK 2: Early arrival into Belfast

After a quick stop at the **Albert Clock aka Belfast's Leaning Tower**, continue to our hotel for Check-in.

Afternoon

Afternoon Tea with Conor Houston, Director of Policy & Engagement for the Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP), CEO of the New Ireland Commission, Visiting Chair of Irish Studies at Loyola Marymount Los Angeles, and co-chair of One Young World.

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union has raised a number of legal questions, particularly concerning trade and immigration. Over tea, we discuss the effects of Brexit in Ireland, what it meant to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and the Transition Protocols and issues of EU membership.

Optional afternoon visit to the award-winning shining tribute, the **Titanic Belfast Museum** that is encrusted with thousands of aluminum shards causing it to shimmer in the sunlight. From this vantage point, we also see the iconic *Samson & Goliath*, two enormous gantry cranes symbolizing the grit that built this world-class industrial center.

Evening

Dinner on your own.



Day 6

Monday May 12th

Complimentary breakfast served daily at the hotel.

Morning

Black Cab Tour through the Loyalist and Republican heartlands of this once divided city. We see famous landmarks as well as the iconic murals depicting freedom fighters & revolutionaries from all over the globe and write our own messages on the Peace Walls.

Time permitting we see **Pillars Of Justice: Crumlin Road Gaol** and the **Parliament Buildings Stormont**.

Afternoon

Lunch at **Holohan's Pantry** located in an old listed building oozing charm and ambience, a mixture of old style surroundings in a bright and welcoming setting. The Pantry offers a unique dining experience, based around great local produce and warm, genuine Irish hospitality.

Free time for shopping or exploring Belfast.

Evening

Farewell Dinner.

Day 7

Tuesday May 13th

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. Transfers to **Dublin International Airport (DUB)** can be arranged by CLE Abroad for those departing on this day or coordinate your own car service with the hotel.

Extra room nights at group hotels can be arranged upon request, subject to availability and cost.

Note 1: This is a "working" itinerary. There will be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary based on enrollment and participant surveys. All venues and meetings are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.

Note 2: This program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.



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