

IRELAND QUEST TO THE THRONE

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DAY 1 - Wed 8 May, Dublin

This morning, meet your professional driver and travel guide who will welcome you to Ireland and escort you to your luxury motorcoach. Start your journey in County Meath and visit the impressive Trim Castle, founded in 1173 by the Norman, Hugh de Lacy, and where a scene from Braveheart was filmed. The castle is one of the largest and best preserved in Ireland. Continue your drive to your hotel, check in and enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your fellow travellers. Your evening includes a visit from Trim Living History to view and see a demonstration of medieval weapons and armour.

Overnight stay: Dublin

Dinner is included



DAY 2 - Thu 9 May, Binevenagh Mountain, Downhill Strand (Dragonstone) & Mussenden Temple

After breakfast, leave Trim and start exploring Westeros from the television series as you pass the beautifully remote Binevenagh Mountain and visit the early Christian settlement of Monasterboice. Next, drive to Downhill Strand, known in the series as Dragonstone, the ancestral seat of House Targaryen. Continue exploring the dramatic coastline and visit Mussenden Temple, built in 1785, this building is now one of the most photographed in Ireland and is where Stannis Baratheon and his frequently disrobed companion Melisandre visit on many occasions. "For the night is dark and full of terrors". Transfer to your hotel, check in and enjoy some free time before meeting your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight stay: Portrush

Breakfast and dinner are included



DAY 3 - Fri 10 May, Dunluce Castle (House of Greyjoy) & Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge

Today, visit the picturesque ruins of Dunluce Castle, which is perched atop basalt rock jutting out over the sea. The castle was used as the House of Greyjoy on the Iron Islands. Next, stop to visit Ballintoy Harbour, located along the scenic North Antrim Coastline. It is also where Theon Greyjoy returns to the Iron Islands and meets his sister, Yara, for the first time. Continue your journey to the unique and legendary Giant's Causeway, made of hexagonal columns formed 60 million years ago. End your day exploring the Seven Kingdoms with a visit to the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge where Balon Greyjoy falls to his death. Return to your hotel in time for dinner with your fellow travellers.

Overnight stay: Portrush

Breakfast and dinner are included



DAY 4 – Sat 11 May, Dark Hedges, Cairncastle & Shillanavogy Valley (Dothraki grasslands)

After breakfast, leave your hotel and continue your journey as you drive north along the Nine Glens of Antrim, for lovely views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Stop to walk along the dark hedges in County Antrim, where Arya Stark made her escape down Kings Road in season two. Explore the Cushendun Caves where Melisandre gave birth to the shadow creature. Continue your travels and stop to view Cairncastle, an open area of many hills and beauty and used to film scenes from season one, four and five. Next, stop to visit Shillanavogy Valley which sits under the Slemish Mountain and enjoy a close look at the area filmed as the Dothraki grasslands. Drive to your hotel, check in and relax or freshen up before meeting your group for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight stay: Belfast

Breakfast and dinner are included

DAY 5 – Sun 12 May, Belfast Sightseeing

Today, embark on a sightseeing tour around Belfast, including the University area, and stop to visit Crumlin Road Gaol to learn about the jail's 150-year history. Continue your journey along the shores of Lough Neagh to Shane's Castle, built in the 1300's on the edge of the lake. The lough and castle were used in seasons one and five. The caverns underneath are used for filming the crypts in Winterfell. Return to Belfast for dinner with your group in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight stay: Belfast

Breakfast and dinner are included

DAY 6 – Mon 13 May, Tollymore Forest Park & Castle Ward (Winterfell)

This morning, drive along the scenic Strangford Lough, an area with close ties to St. Patrick. It was transformed into the Narrow Sea for the television series. Stop to visit the haunting ruins of Inch Abbey where Robb Stark's bannermen rallied to their leader after taking victory (and Jaime Lannister prisoner) at the Battle of the Whispering Wood. Explore Tollymore Forest Park in County Down where in season one, episode one, a Nights Watch deserter rides into a circle of dismembered Wildling bodies. Although the fake snow has been removed, you can still see the clearing that played canvas to the White Walkers corpse decor. Continue your journey and spend some time at Castle Ward, a 14th century castle complex transformed into Winterfell, home of the Starks. Enjoy admission to the movie set, dress up in authentic outfits, and pose for countless photo opportunities. Drive to your hotel in Newcastle for an overnight stay. Upon arrival, check in and enjoy some time to relax before joining your group for dinner.

Overnight stay: Newcastle

Breakfast and dinner are included

DAY 7 – Tue 14 May, Transfer to Dublin

All too soon, your time in Ireland has come to the end. For those departing today, transfer to Dublin Airport.

Breakfast is included

Tour Inclusions

- Minimum 4-star accommodation
 - 6 breakfasts and 6 dinners
 - Sightseeing by luxury coach
 - Professional driver and travel guide throughout
 - Welcome get-together drink
 - Meet and greet service
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