



Day 1: ARRIVE IN DUBLIN

Explore Clontarf Castle (Sept. 21)

Arrive in Dublin and check into the historic **Clontarf Castle Hotel**, a stunning medieval castle dating back to 1172. Once a **Knights Templar** preceptory, this castle offers a perfect blend of history and luxury. Enjoy a welcome dinner in this enchanting setting.



Day 2: Castles, Cathedrals, & the Guinness Experience in Dublin (Sept. 22)

Start your day with a visit to **Drimnagh Castle**, known for its appearances in *The Tudors* and *Ella Enchanted*. Then, explore the magnificent **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, founded in 1220, before heading to **Temple Bar**, a vibrant district named after Sir William Temple, whose family lineage traces back to the **Knights Templar**. After lunch, visit the iconic **Christ Church Cathedral**, famous for its medieval architecture and mummified cat-and-rat. The day ends at the **Guinness Storehouse** for an immersive tour and a taste of Ireland's most famous beer. Dinner will be an extravagant 13-course tasting menu at **D'Olier Street**.



Day 3: ANCIENT IRELAND

Megalithic Tombs and Templar Castles (Sept. 23)

Journey to the **Hill of Tara**, the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, followed by visits to the mystical megalithic tombs of **Newgrange**, **Dowth**, and **Knowth**, some of the most significant **UNESCO World Heritage Sites** in Ireland. After lunch, continue to **Old Mellifont Abbey**, a Cistercian monastery, and the ancient monastic site of **Monasterboice**, known for its stunning **High Crosses**. On the return journey, stop at the **Knights Templar's Baldongan Castle** before relaxing at the **Knights Bar** for a casual dinner.



Day 4: Journey to Cork

Castles, Dolmens, and Sacred Sites (Sept. 24)

Check out from Clontarf Castle and embark on a scenic drive to Cork. Along the way, visit the mysterious **Old Kilcullen Round Tower** and the massive **Brownshill Dolmen**, Ireland's largest portal tomb. You'll also stop at **Leac an Scail**, another impressive dolmen. After lunch in the charming coastal town of Ardmore, visit **St. Declan's Cathedral** and its **Round Tower**. Arrive in Cork and check into the luxurious **Hayfield Manor Hotel**, where dinner awaits.



Day 5: Blarney Castle

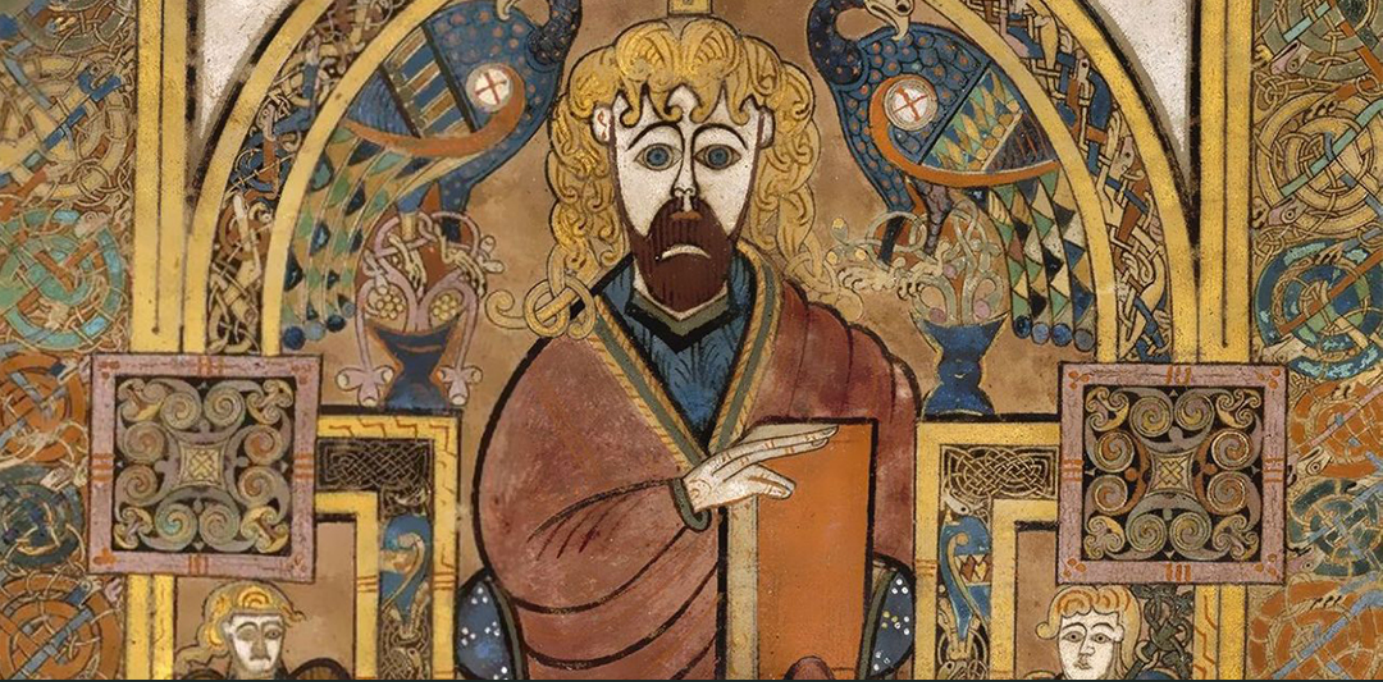
And the Mystical Absinthe Experience (Sept. 25)

Start your day at the legendary **Blarney Castle**, where you'll have the chance to kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** for the gift of eloquence. After lunch at **Muskerry Arms**, explore Cork's **Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral**. Finish the day at **Rebel City Distillery** with their intriguing "**Chase the Fairy**" **Absinthe Experience**, learning about absinthe production and sampling premium cocktails. End the day with a gourmet dinner at **Greenes Restaurant**.



Day 6: Sacred Pilgrimage And Relaxation in Cork (Sept. 26)

This day begins with a visit to the **Holy Well of St. John**, a pilgrimage site known for its miraculous spring water that allegedly restored a blind man's sight. Afterward, visit **Elizabeth Fort**, a 17th-century star-shaped fort. Enjoy an Italian lunch at **Gallo & Galetti** before a free afternoon to relax at the spa or explore Cork at your leisure. Dinner is on your own, allowing you to discover more of Cork's culinary delights.



Day 7: Knights, Whiskey, And Dublin's Legendary Sites (Sept. 27)

On your way back to Dublin, stop at **Grangefertagh**, a ruined church with a round tower and **tombs of medieval knights**. Then, visit **Powerscourt Distillery** for a whiskey and food pairing tour. In Dublin, explore the **Book of Kells** at **Trinity College** and visit **Dublin Castle** before checking into the **Portmarnock Resort & Jameson Golf Club** for your farewell dinner.



Day 8: Departure

Or Optional Northern Ireland Add-On (Sept. 28)

Bid farewell to Ireland unless you choose to join us for an unforgettable Northern Ireland add-on, featuring more historical sites and natural wonders.

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