

Dublin, Ireland

POST-CRUISE VACATION STRETCHER

JULY 2021



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Welcome to Dublin, Ireland!

Known for Guinness, whiskey, and some of the world's greenest countryside, Dublin is the capital of the Republic of Ireland. It was voted Europe's fourth most popular capital city and destination behind London, Paris, and Rome, and is one of the friendliest cities in the world. It is also one of Europe's most beautiful capitals, with its right pedestrian walkway along the River Liffey and its elegant Georgian architecture and medieval buildings, including the 13th-century Dublin Castle, the imposing St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Trinity College Library. Not to be left out is Grafton Street, the bustling, largely pedestrian-only shopping area famed for its street musicians and performers.

Although it was inhabited by humans since prehistoric times, Dublin's known history as a city dates back to its founding as a Viking settlement, known as the Kingdom of Dublin. It became Ireland's principal city following the Norman invasion. Today, Dublin is still a principal city and is famous for its laid-back charm and cultural heritage. It is the capital of the craic (pronounced 'crack')—the art of life. With its famous writers, including Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, and playwright Samuel Beckett, and, of course, musical acts such as the band U2, the craic has helped shape Dublin into what it is now: a vibrant and lovely capital that moves at an easygoing pace.

THREE-NIGHT DUBLIN DISCOVERY (JULY 14-17, 2021)

\$1,759 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY— CLASSIC ROOM

\$2,299 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY— CLASSIC ROOM

INCLUDED

- Three nights at **The Westbury Hotel** (July 14, 15, and 16; checkout by 12 pm on July 17)
- Full buffet Irish breakfast (July 15, 16 and 17)
- Luggage transferred from the Cruise Terminal to Hotel (July 14)
- Three-quarter-day tour of Dublin City (July 14)
- Group Welcome Dinner at an authentic Irish pub in Dublin's lively Temple Bar area (July 14)
- Full-day tour to Glendalough and Wicklow countryside with lunch (July 15)
- Half-day tour to Newgrange (July 16)
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- International air, transfer from hotel to Dublin airport (DUB), any meals not listed, and items of a personal nature

ACTIVITY LEVEL REQUIREMENTS – IMPORTANT

This program requires a **HIGH** level of mobility because most of the tours require extensive walking on cobblestone streets, uneven ground, up and down steep hills, and up and down stairs, and standing for long periods of time. If you have limited mobility but still wish to meet the activity level requirements, you are required to travel with someone who can assist you.

ONE-NIGHT DUBLIN DISCOVERY (JULY 14-15, 2021)

\$789 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

\$999 PP SINGLE OCCUPANCY – CLASSIC ROOM

INCLUDED

- One night at **The Westbury Hotel** (July 14-15; checkout by 12 pm on July 15)
- Full Irish breakfast (July 15)
- Luggage transferred from the Cruise Terminal to Hotel (July 14)
- 3/4-day tour of Dublin City (July 14)
- Group Welcome Dinner at an authentic Irish pub in Dublin's lively Temple Bar area (July 14)
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary
- Round-trip hotel luggage portage
- Olivia staff assistance throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- International air, transfer from hotel to Dublin airport (DUB), meals not listed

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YOUR ITINERARY



St. Patrick's Cathedral



Dublin Castle



Home to the Book of Kells

JULY 14, 2021—DUBLIN CITY TOUR, INCLUDING LUNCH AND GROUP DINNER IN AN AUTHENTIC IRISH PUB (one- and three-night packages)

You'll disembark your Windstar ship in Dublin and set off for a day exploring this charming European capital city with your fellow Vacation Stretcher participants. Your luggage will be sent ahead to the hotel and will be waiting for you upon your arrival later this afternoon.

Departing the Cruise Terminal, we'll make our way to Dublin's City Center, passing many highlights such as the River Liffey, Ha'penny Bridge, St. Stephen's Green, Merion Square lined with elegant Georgian homes, and the National Gallery of Ireland—all places you may wish to explore further on your own.

Our first stop is the imposing St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church, dating back over 800 years. We'll enjoy a guided tour of the stunning and ornate interior and learn the history of Ireland's oldest Christian site. Next, we'll continue through central Dublin to the Guinness Storehouse, for a tour to discover the ingredients and process that goes into making a perfect pint of Ireland's most famous brew. A glass of Guinness is included for all tour participants.

Now that we've whet our appetites, we'll stop for lunch at Café En Seine, an art nouveau haven featuring a beautiful indoor garden.

After lunch, we'll visit Dublin Castle, the seat of British power in Ireland for 700 years. Today the castle is used for important events such as presidential inaugurations and state banquets for visiting dignitaries. Among the highlights are the magnificent State Apartments, Ladies Drawing Room, the Throne Room, Chapel, and St. Patrick's Hall.

For our final stop today, you'll stroll through Trinity College to its famous library, for a visit to the Book of Kells, a must-see on the itinerary of all visitors to Dublin (as a part of the Olivia group, you'll skip the lines!). This ninth-century manuscript documents the four Gospels of the life of Jesus Christ. The Book of Kells is Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and the world's most famous medieval manuscript. The exhibition also features access to the Long Room, one of the world's most beautiful libraries, housing 200,000 of Trinity College's oldest books.

Your tour ends at our hotel, the 5-star Westbury, located a few minutes' walk to many of the most famous visitors' sights, and just steps to the pedestrian Grafton Street, lined with galleries, shops, and cafés. Despite its central location, the hotel is discreetly tucked away to ensure guest privacy and comfort. Unpack and unwind—there's plenty more excitement ahead!

This evening join your fellow Olivians for a fun night out at an authentic Irish pub in Dublin's lively Temple Bar area. Enjoy a traditional Irish pub meal as Dublin rolls out a welcome. After dinner, make your way upstairs to Old Storehouse Pub to listen to live local Irish music. Maybe you'll want to dance a jig and raise a pint or two! Afterward, return to the hotel by motor coach or take a stroll through the Temple Bar area along the River Liffey, back to the nearby hotel.



JULY 15, 2021—BONNY IRELAND'S WICKLOW AND GLENDALOUGH COUNTRYSIDE FULL-DAY TOUR

(three-night packages)

After your included breakfast we'll depart for County Wicklow, on a drive through some of bonny Ireland's most beautiful scenery of lakes, glacial valleys, and mountain peaks. Following a stop in charming Glendalough, we'll arrive at Powerscourt Estate, a 68-room estate built in the 1700's, surrounded by 47 acres of Italian, Japanese, and statuary gardens. Enjoy a self-guided tour of the formal gardens and take time for lunch on your own on the Powerscourt Restaurant terrace, overlooking the vast gardens to the mountains beyond.

After lunch, we'll continue to Newbridge House and Farm. Built in 1747 for Charles Cobbe, who became the Archbishop of Dublin, the house was subsequently given to his son, Thomas, whose wife, Lady Elizabeth Beresford ('Lady Betty') helped fund major improvements with her family's money. The house has continued to pass from generation to generation. Step back in time and enjoy artworks and original furnishings of times past in Ireland's only intact Georgian mansion and estate. See the splendor of the upstairs rooms, then explore the servant's quarters while you imagine the hectic workload involved in running the Big House.

Afterward, we'll pass through the courtyard, which originally housed a blacksmith's forge, pig sty, slaughterhouse, bull pen, horse stables, fowl houses, and the vinery – among many other outbuildings for the keeping of animals for food and transport. From the courtyard, follow the trail through the pastures to the farm and say hello to the Shetland ponies, pigs, goats, baby chicks, bunnies, and birds.

We'll return through the lovely Irish countryside to Dublin, where the evening will be free for you to have dinner and explore this lively city on your own.

River Liffey



St. Stephen's Green Park



Newgrange



JULY 16, 2021–HISTORIC NEWGRANGE HALF-DAY TOUR (three-night package)

Relax over your included Irish breakfast at the hotel, and then enjoy free time and lunch on your own in this walkable small city. Meander along the River Liffey, gaze at art treasures at the National Gallery Museum, or take a walk around St. Stephen's Green.

After lunch on your own, we'll depart in the early afternoon for historic Newgrange, a tomb built over 5,200 years ago—before Stonehenge and the Great Pyramids of Egypt! Our motor coach will take us to the rich, pastoral farmlands just outside of Dublin to this UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a visit to Brú na Bóinne Visitors Center, our local Irish guide will take us for an interior tour of fascinating Newgrange. This ancient temple is considered to be a place of astrological, spiritual, religious, and ceremonial importance, much as present day cathedrals are places of prestige and worship where dignitaries may be laid to rest. Of special interest are a 60-foot passage and chamber, which are perfectly aligned with the rising sun each year on the winter solstice.

JULY 17, 2021–DEPARTURE FROM DUBLIN (three-night package)

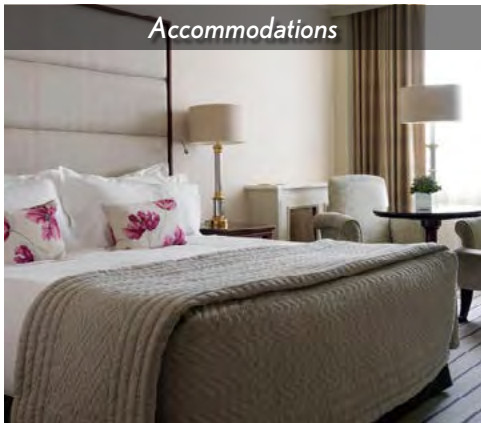
Rise and shine for your included Irish breakfast before checking out and departing on your own.

ABOUT YOUR HOTEL

The Westbury Hotel



Accommodations



Café Novo Brasserie



THE WESTBURY HOTEL

Centrally located, The Westbury Hotel is a short walk from bustling Grafton Street, lined with shops and cafés, and other Dublin highlights, such as Trinity College and the National Museum. This 5-star hotel is itself high on the list of city attractions, especially its famous gallery, with an extensive art collection and traditional afternoon tea.

All guest rooms feature luxurious marble bathrooms with heated floors, sumptuous King-size pillow-topped beds, a 55" HD LED television, Nespresso coffee machine, complimentary wifi, and Aromatherapy Associates bathroom amenities. On-site amenities include the fine-dining restaurant Wilde, which uses local ingredients to create an international menu, and Café Novo, a trendy brasserie. Complimentary wifi and fitness center are also included.

NEED MORE INFO? READY TO BOOK?

Our Travel Consultants can be reached: reservations@happygaytravel.com . Due to high demand, our vacation stretchers sell out very quickly!

DEADLINE TO BOOK IS MARCH 12, 2021 OR UNTIL SOLD OUT.

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