



IRELAND

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ARTISAN TOUR

July 6th - 13th, 2026

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Day 1 | July 6 - Dublin

LOCATION - Arrive in Dublin & check in at The Fitzwilliam Hotel at 3 PM*

DINNER - Welcome Dinner and Apéritif at 7 PM

***Suggested Early Guest Activity:** Book of Kells Tour at Trinity College or shopping in Dublin.

OVERNIGHT - The Fitzwilliam Hotel

Day 2 | July 7 - Monaghan

LOCATION - Pick up at hotel

BREAKFAST - Full Irish breakfast at hotel

MORNING

Drive to Monaghan - Approximately 1.5 hours

The drive from Dublin to County Monaghan is a scenic journey that takes you through the heart of Ireland's rolling countryside. As you leave the bustling city behind, the landscape transforms into a patchwork of emerald fields, charming stone walls, and quaint villages. Along the way, you'll pass through

peaceful towns like Drogheda and Ardee, each brimming with local charm and rich heritage. By the time we approach Brehon Brewhouse, you'll have experienced a quintessential slice of Ireland's natural beauty.

Coffee & Tea Break | Hill of Tara

The Hill of Tara has been an important site since the late Stone Age, when a tomb was built there. However, it rose to supreme prominence in the Iron Age (600 BC to 400 AD) and into the Early Christian Period when it became the seat of the high kings of Ireland. All old Irish roads lead to this historical site.

AFTERNOON

Brehon Brewhouse - Tour, tasting, and a musical lunch experience.

DINNER - Castle Leslie Estate

OVERNIGHT - Castle Leslie Estate

Nestled in the charming village of Glaslough in County Monaghan, Castle Leslie Estate is a fairytale-like destination brimming with history, luxury, and natural beauty. One of the few remaining Irish estates still owned by its founding family, this 1,000-acre property offers a serene escape with its Victorian castle, tranquil woodlands, shimmering lakes, and rolling parklands. Guests can stay in the uniquely decorated castle rooms, the contemporary Lodge, or charming self-catering cottages. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy horseback riding, fishing on Glaslough Lake, or exploring scenic trails, while the Victorian Treatment Rooms offer indulgent spa experiences for those looking for some relaxation. Steeped in history and hosting notable events like Sir Paul McCartney's wedding, Castle Leslie Estate is a destination that leaves an indelible impression.





Castle Leslie Estate

Day 3 | July 8 - Monaghan

BREAKFAST - Castle Leslie Estate

Busy Bee Ceramics - Busy Bee Ceramics, located in the heart of County Monaghan, is a delightful destination for art enthusiasts and creative souls. Run by Brenda McGinn, the studio offers a welcoming space where visitors of all ages can discover the joy of pottery. Whether you're looking to handcraft your own piece or simply paint pre-made ceramics,

the studio provides all the tools, materials, and guidance needed to create something truly unique.

LUNCH - Castle Leslie with cooking demonstration

Glaslough Historical Walking Tour

DINNER - Castle Leslie Estate

OVERNIGHT - Castle Leslie Estate



Busy Bee Ceramics





Hands-on demonstration at Busy Bee Ceramics

Day 4 | July 9 - Sligo

BREAKFAST - Castle Leslie Estate

MORNING

Drive to Sligo - Approximately two hours with scenic stops

As you leave Monaghan, the patchwork of farmland gives way to the gentle undulating hills of County Cavan. You'll pass serene lakes and quiet country roads that exude a tranquil charm. Entering County Leitrim, the scenery becomes more dramatic, with glimpses of the rugged terrain and peaceful waterways that define the area. Approaching Sligo, the majestic Benbulbin mountain comes into view, a striking landmark that signals your arrival in Yeats Country. The drive is a delightful blend of pastoral beauty and natural wonders, offering a quintessential taste of Ireland's enchanting countryside.

Coffee Tea Stop | Enniskillen

Nestled in the heart of County Fermanagh, Enniskillen, is a picturesque town surrounded by the serene waters of Lough Erne. Its natural beauty is complemented by historic landmarks like Enniskillen Castle, lush green landscapes, and the vibrant charm of its bustling town center.

Martina Hamilton Jewelry - Get a backstage pass to the Martina Hamilton Jewelry studio with a tour, demonstration and gallery visit with insights into local jewelry craftsmanship. It is a celebrated Irish brand known for its timeless elegance and exquisite craftsmanship. Inspired by the stunning natural beauty of Ireland's wild Atlantic coastline, each piece is thoughtfully designed and handcrafted in her Sligo studio. With a deep appreciation for local heritage and artistry, Martina Hamilton creates collections that blend contemporary aesthetics with traditional Irish elements. Her jewelry reflects a sense of place and connection, making each piece not only a statement of style, but also a cherished keepsake of Ireland's rich culture and landscape.

LUNCH - WB Yeats Café

Sligo Oyster Experience - We will meet Aisling and her family for a unique and immersive journey into the world of Ireland's famous oysters. Set along the Wild Atlantic Way, this hands-on experience invites visitors to learn about the traditional methods of oyster farming while enjoying stunning coastal views. Guests can savor freshly shucked oysters paired with local flavors, all while hearing captivating stories about Sligo's rich maritime heritage. Perfect for food lovers and adventurers alike, it's an unforgettable way to connect with Ireland's coastal traditions.

DINNER - Local Sligo restaurant

OVERNIGHT - The Glasshouse Hotel



Martina Hamilton Jewelry



Sligo Oyster Experience

Day 5 | July 10 - Galway

BREAKFAST - The Glasshouse Hotel

MORNING

Drive to Galway - Approximately 2.5 hours to Aghnanure Castle - tea break at Westport (Mayo) and see Croagh Patrick Mountain.

The drive from Sligo to Galway is a journey through Ireland's wild and poetic heart, where every mile offers a new glimpse of its untamed beauty. Heading south along the Wild Atlantic Way, we'll pass by rugged coastlines, rolling hills, and charming villages like Strandhill and Kinvara, each inviting you to linger. As we approach Galway, the landscape softens, revealing the vast expanse of Galway Bay shimmering under an ever-changing sky.

LUNCH - Local restaurant in Galway

AFTERNOON

Traditional Irish Harp-Making with Natalie Surina - We arrive at the Aghnanure Castle, located near Oughterard in County Galway. It's a striking 16th-century tower house that offers a glimpse into Ireland's medieval past. Aghnanure has a special connection to Irish harps, as it's believed that the castle served as a gathering place for musicians during its time of prominence. The O'Flaherty clan, known for their patronage of the arts, likely welcomed harpists, whose music would have resonated within the castle's ancient walls, adding to its rich cultural legacy. We will meet renowned traditional harp maker Natalie Surina, who will showcase the intricate art of crafting these exquisite masterpieces. To add to the experience, she will share a few of her favorite Irish tunes, filling the air with the enchanting sounds of the harp.

DINNER - Hardiman Hotel

OVERNIGHT - Hardiman Hotel





Natalie Surina playing a traditional Irish harp



High Street in Galway

Day 6 | July 11 - Kilkenny

BREAKFAST - Hardiman Hotel

MORNING

Drive to Kilkenny via tour stops in Tipperary

The drive from Galway to Kilkenny takes you through Ireland's heartland, with charming towns, rolling fields, and ancient ruins along the way. Highlights include a stop in Birr with its Georgian architecture and castle.

LUNCH - On the way to Kilkenny

Candlemaking and beekeeping at Brookfield Farm - Ailbhe Gerrard at Brookfield Farm embraces sustainable practices and a profound respect for nature to create honey and handcrafted beeswax candles. With a focus on biodiversity, she nurtures thriving bee colonies in a pristine, chemical-free environment. During our visit, we'll delve into the art of beekeeping and discover the traditional techniques behind her beautifully crafted beeswax candles, which reflect her commitment to eco-friendly, natural products and harmonious living with the environment. Then, we'll head to Brookfield Farm to learn about honey production and sustainable farming practices.

OVERNIGHT - Lyrath Estate

Lyrath Estate, near Kilkenny City, is a luxurious retreat blending 17th-century elegance with modern design. Set on 170 acres of parkland, it features serene gardens, a tranquil lake, a world-class spa, and fine dining, offering a perfect escape for relaxation or special occasions.

Free time at the estate - clay pigeon shooting, horse riding and golf and additional activities to be booked in advance.

DINNER - Lyrath Estate



Candle making at Brookfield Farm



Lyrath Estate, near Kilkenny City