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SSOMS Ireland pre-meeting trip

May 2, 2027 - May 5, 2027

Trip Summary

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The next few days will be full of amazing sites and the opportunity to sleep in a fairytale castle. Get ready for an experience you will be telling all your friends about when you return.



Discover Dublin: Historic Pubs, Guinness & Irish Dining

Meet your local host, an expert guide who will introduce you to the rich history, traditions, and flavours of Dublin.

Set off on a tour exploring Dublin's iconic pub culture, where history and hospitality come together. Visit a small selection of traditional pubs, each offering its own unique character, atmosphere, and a selection of curated tastings.

At one of Dublin's celebrated heritage pubs, delve into the fascinating story of Irish pub culture while learning the art of pouring the perfect pint of Guinness under the guidance of experienced staff.

Conclude your experience with a delicious traditional Irish meal. Choose from classics such as hearty Irish stew, beer-battered fish and chips, or a rich beef and Guinness pie. *Vegetarian options are available upon request.*



Check in at The Westbury Location

Thanks to its central location in Dublin, this urban hotel is a perfect point of departure for discovering the area, ideal for business travelers as well as families. There are a number of shops nearby. It is about 8 miles to Dublin (DUB) Airport.

Arrivals (including the likes of Taylor Swift, Audrey Hepburn and Bob Dylan) will find a prime Grafton Street location, close to shopping and historic St. Teresa's Church, and it is within easy walking distance of St. Stephen's Green, Trinity College and Temple Bar.

Facilities

The hotel welcomes guests in a 6-story building with an elevator and 205 rooms. English- and French-speaking staff at the reception desk in the lobby are ready to assist you with check-in and check-out. Wireless internet access is provided in public areas. The tour desk offers assistance with booking additional excursions.





The Westbury
Balfe Street, Dublin, Ireland

May 3 - Monday



Check out from The Westbury

After breakfast (included) we will board our bus for the next adventure.



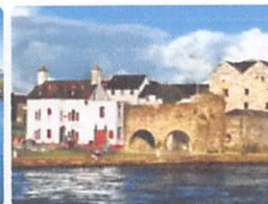
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Discover Galway: Ireland's Bohemian Cultural Gem

Discover Galway, a vibrant city renowned for its bohemian spirit, artistic flair, and welcoming atmosphere. Wander through its charming streets lined with independent boutiques and artisan shops showcasing beautifully crafted local products, from hand-knitted textiles and pottery to glassware, jewellery, and woodwork. Besides sightseeing, we will also have some free time for shopping and lunch while there.

Originally established as a small fishing village, Galway evolved into a fortified walled town in 1232. Affectionately known as "The City of the Tribes," its rich heritage reflects the influence of the fourteen powerful merchant families who shaped the city's political, commercial, and social life between the 13th and 16th centuries. Today, Galway seamlessly blends its fascinating history with a thriving contemporary culture, making it one of Ireland's most captivating destinations.



Check in at Ashford Castle Hotel & Country Estate

For anyone who has ever dreamed of bunking down in a fairytale castle, this is your opportunity to dress up (jackets are required in the fine-dining room).

The property, which dates to 1228, was converted to a hotel in 1939 after serving as the Guinness Family home for more than 70 years.

Just 19 miles north of Galway, this, along with Dromoland, is one of the best castle hotels in Ireland, and it competes with the best of best in the U.K., France and Germany. It is truly a world-class gem.

Location

This hotel is located in Cong. The nearest airport is Shannon (SNN).

Facilities

The hotel has an elevator and features 82 non-smoking rooms and 6 suites. The friendly staff at the reception desk are happy to answer any questions. Amenities include a baggage storage service, a safe and a currency exchange service. Wireless internet access is provided in public areas. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. The hotel has wheelchair-accessible facilities. A fireplace creates a cozy atmosphere. There are a number of shops as well. Guests of the hotel are welcome to relax in the garden. Additional facilities include a library. Active guests can make use of the bicycle rental service to explore the surrounding area. Complimentary newspapers are available.

Breakfast included daily.



Ashford Castle Hotel & Country Estate

Cong, Cong, Ireland



Private Dinner in "Cullens at The Cottage"

Get ready for an unforgettable evening.

Nestled within a charming thatched cottage that once served as the historic Cong Cinema, Cullen's at the Cottage offers a warm and relaxed dining experience.

Guests can savour locally inspired cuisine crafted from the finest seasonal ingredients while enjoying the sounds of traditional Irish musicians performing in the background, creating an authentic and memorable atmosphere. (Dinner and wine included).



May 4 - Tuesday



Day at leisure at Ashford Castle

Spend the day relaxing, or perhaps taking advantage of the property's excellent activities. The sprawling estate covers 350 acres, and as one of the finest sporting estates in Ireland, it is something of a country playground - highlights could include:

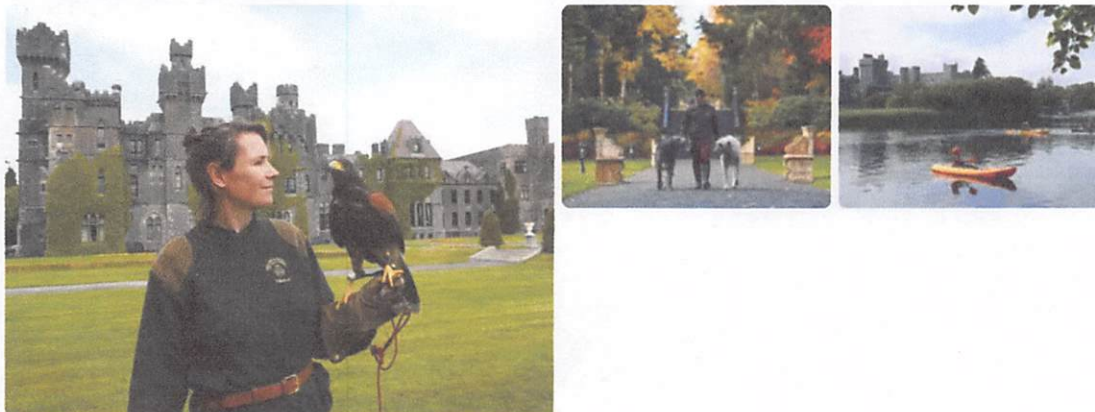
- *Horse riding* - Trail rides and lessons are available for all abilities. Explore the estate on horseback to discover the ancient forest steeped in history, and the gorgeous scenery which will captivate novice and expert riders alike.
- *Falconry* - The property boasts the oldest established Falconry School in Ireland. Take a journey with a hawk on your gloved fist through the estate. You are the falconer - get up close and enjoy the interactive experience as the hawks showcase their hunting technique before gliding majestically to land on your gloved fist with all the weight of feather!
- *Fishing* - Lough Corrib. It is well known for its trout, salmon and pike fishing.
- *Horse Drawn Carriage Ride* - Sit back and relax with a ride around the beautiful estate and see the monument dedicated to Lord Ardilaun (Arthur Guinness) overlooking Lough Corrib.
- *Golf* - Play a round on Ashford's beautiful 9-hole parkland course. It was designed by renowned Irish golf architect Eddie Hackett and incorporates a wide variety of natural features to ensure a challenging, yet enjoyable game.

- *Stand Up Paddle Boarding* – A fun and unique way to explore Ashford Bay on Lough Corrib.
- *Clay Shooting & Archery* – Perfect your aim and get expert tuition as you try your hand at the ancient sport of archery or try shooting at the sporting clay range which features targets that simulate the game typical to the region.

For animal lovers, perhaps enjoy a visit from the estate Wolfhounds – they are bigger than some of the guests, but very friendly!

If you would prefer to stay on land, take a stroll through the estate's delightful gardens, or venture into the woodlands to enjoy the tranquillity of the natural environment.

Note: as you would probably anticipate, height, age and weight restrictions are in place for some activities. It is recommended activities are reserved well in advance and will be charged as taken.



May 5 - Wednesday



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Cong, Cong, Ireland



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Information & Documents



Price per person is \$4,899.*

Euro is currently at a high rate. Price will go down if Euro decreases and vice versa. If we fill capacity, overall price will go down several hundred dollars per person. Maximum capacity is 50 people.

Deposit is 40% and is non-refundable. Final payment will be due February 1, 2027.



Travel Insurance is recommended and will be quoted based on age.



Registration form