

TRAIN : GRAND HIBERNIAN

JOURNEY : Grand Tour of Ireland - Southbound

Journey Duration : Upto 7 Days

DAY 1 DUBLIN

Board the train in Dublin and enjoy a welcome champagne toast in the Observation Car. Traditional afternoon tea is served as the train journeys towards Cork.

Alight in Cork for a short walking tour of nearby Cobh with a renowned local historian. Finish at Cobh Heritage Centre, set in a former train station, to enjoy displays on the history of Irish emigration and the town's links with the Titanic.

Rejoin the train for your first exquisite dinner on board, followed by coffee and liqueurs.

DAY 2 CORK

After a leisurely breakfast, choose one of two morning activities in Cork. Either set off on a guided walk through the compact city finishing at the bustling English Market for a sample of Cork delicacies. Or head to the world-famous Jameson Distillery in Midleton for an exclusive tour and a tasting of a rare whiskey.

Return to the train for lunch as we travel to Killarney on the shores of Lough Leane. Alight for a ride in a traditional jaunting car through the National Park to the beautiful lake by Ross Castle. Board the Lily of Killarney boat for a scenic voyage.

Take advantage of a little free time to explore the quaint cobbled streets of Killarney. Round off a perfect day with drinks, dinner and entertainment on board.

DAY 3 LIMERICK

Spend a relaxing morning admiring the ever-changing scenery as you enjoy your breakfast. Stepping off the train in Limerick, after a short transfer, immerse yourself in a secret Ireland most visitors rarely see. Meet with local people and gain a refreshing insight into contemporary Irish art, architecture and sculpture.

Round off the visit with a unique gastro lunch on site.

Back on board the, dinner is served as the train continues towards Athlone.

DAY 4 WESTPORT

Linger over a leisurely à-la-carte Irish breakfast en route to the leafy Georgian town of Westport, arriving just before noon. Meet a local guide, who will enlighten you with historical and present-day facts.

Enjoy a hearty lunch in a local tavern before visiting Westport House, one of the country's best-loved stately homes whose rich interiors date back over 350 years. Admire the fabulous views of Clew Bay and Croagh Patrick, stroll in the woodland gardens and perhaps witness a hawk-flying display.

There's also time to explore Westport's pretty Georgian town centre before returning to the train for cocktails, canapés and a gourmet dinner.

DAY 5 DUBLIN

Breakfast is served as the train travels back to Dublin. Alight for a guided visit to EPIC - The Irish Emigration Museum, in Dublin's Docklands. Discover how 10 million Irish emigrants influenced and shaped other regions of the world.

Return to the train, where new passengers are welcomed on board. Savour lunch as we head up the east coast towards Belfast.

Alight to visit Hillsborough Castle, the official Northern Ireland residence of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The majestic Georgian country house, built in the 18th century, features elegant State Rooms and glorious gardens. Enjoy refreshments in the regal Drawing Room.

Rejoin the train for dinner as we journey towards Dundalk in County Louth, known as the 'Land of Legends'.

DAY 6 KILKENNY

Relax on board this morning as the train journeys towards Waterford on the south-east coast.

In the afternoon, explore some of the historic attractions of Kilkenny in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East. Visit Butler House, the charming 18th-century Georgian Dower House of Kilkenny Castle, nestled in the very heart of the vibrant city. Your guide offers a captivating tour of the city centre with its Medieval Mile Museum, housed in a converted 13th-century church. Time permitting, take a look inside Kilkenny Castle with its impressive art collection, visit St Canice's Cathedral, or simply stroll among the cobbled alleyways.

All too soon you're relishing your final feast on the train – sweetened by the prospect of some toe-tapping after-dinner entertainment in the Observation Car.

DAY 7 DUBLIN

Breakfast is served as the train continues to Dublin, its final destination. Disembark for your onward travel arrangements.