

## Ireland Explorer - EQII

13 days: Belfast to Dublin

### What's Included

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- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Discover Moment: Dublin
- Visit to Giant's Causeway
- Guided tour of Old Bushmills Distillery
- Guided historical walking tour of Derry
- Cliffs of Moher visit
- Walk along the Wild Atlantic Way
- Ring of Kerry excursion
- Cork orientation walk
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2017 and onwards

### Itinerary Notes

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### Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

#### Day 1 Belfast

Arrive at any time.

##### **Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group**

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

#### Day 2 Belfast/Londonderry

En route to Derry, stop at the Giant's Causeway and marvel at the natural phenomenon of its volcanic columns. Stop at Bushmills Distillery for a guided tour of the oldest working distillery in Ireland. Spend the night in Derry.

##### **Private Vehicle**

Belfast – Giant's Causeway 1h30m Morning 96km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Giant's Causeway Visit**

Giant's Causeway Afternoon

Stop at the Giant's Causeway - a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most stunning coastlines in Europe. This area is known for its unique, polygonal column rock formations that were created by a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago. You don't want to forget your camera for this one.

### **Old Bushmills Distillery Tour**

Bushmills 1h-1h30m

Take a guided tour of the Old Bushmills Distillery - and is the oldest working distillery in Ireland. For over 400 years, this distillery believes the secret to good whiskey is crafting the spirit in small batches; taste the difference yourself as you indulge in a whiskey tasting.

### **Private Vehicle**

Bushmills - Londonderry 1h-1h30m Afternoon 60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 3 Londonderry/Belfast**

Enjoy a guided historical walk in Derry. Afterwards, take some time to explore on your own. Opt to grab a bite at a food stall in the Walled City Market, or visit the the Tower Museum. Transfer to Belfast in the evening.

### **Free Time**

Londonderry Afternoon

Get out and explore this quaint town.

### **Private Vehicle**

Londonderry - Belfast 1h30m-1h45m Evening 113km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Optional Activities - Day 3**

#### **Derry City Walls**

Londonderry

Free

Visit the City Walls to get perspective on the last remaining completely walled-city in Ireland.

#### **Tower Museum**

Londonderry 1h-3h

4EUR per person

Learn about the dramatic history of this city with a visit to this award winning museum.

#### **St. Eugene's Cathedral**

Londonderry

Free

Feast your eyes on this breathtaking Roman Catholic cathedral, built in 1849 and opened in 1873.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 4 Belfast**

Enjoy a free day in Belfast. Treat yourself to a traditional Irish breakfast, visit the Ulster Museum, or wander through the botanical gardens. In the evening, get in with the locals and hit the pub for a pint of a local brew.

### **Free Time**

Belfast Full Day

Get out and explore.

### **Optional Activities - Day 4**

#### **Ulster Museum Visit**

Belfast 30m-2h

This museum boasts a great collection of worldly pieces ranging from Celtic treasures, dinosaurs, the 2500 year old mummified body of Egyptian Princess Takatubi, and artefacts retrieved by a Spanish shipwreck. Free tours operate throughout the week.

#### **Titanic Belfast**

Belfast 1h-2h

17.50EUR per person

Witness the spot where the iconic Titanic was built and launched. Within the ship liner shaped building, you can find a museum dedicated to the ship's construction, replicas of the passengers accommodation, rare footage documenting the ship's existence, and the history of Belfast.

## **Belfast Botanic Gardens**

Belfast

Free

Take a relaxing stroll through the botanical gardens, and see first hand how gardeners use greenhouse environments to cultivate tropical flora species.

## **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 5 Belfast/Dublin**

Transfer to Dublin. Enjoy a free afternoon in the city before an optional welcome meeting in the evening.

## **Private Vehicle**

Belfast - Dublin 2h-2h30m Morning 170km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## **Optional Welcome Meeting for Travellers on Combos**

You may be a seasoned pro at group travel by now, but there will likely be some new travellers joining the group. Sit in on the welcome meeting to meet the newest members of your group and learn about the next leg of your tour.

## **Your Discover Moment**

Dublin Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Dublin, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like exploring Temple Bar, whisky tasting at the Jameson Distillery, or discover the eerie history of Kilmainham Gaol prison. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

## **Optional Activities - Day 5**

### **Guinness Storehouse Visit**

Dublin 1h-2h

29EUR per person

Have you ever wanted to see a glass atrium shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness? Here's your chance. Visit the Guinness Storehouse and learn about the history of Ireland's most famous beer, and how this dry stout it is brewed.

### **Jameson Distillery Visit**

Dublin 30m-1h

22EUR per person

Can you taste the differences between Scotch, American, and Jameson Irish Whiskey? Take a visit to the original Jameson Distillery in Smithfield Dublin, operating since 1780. Learn about, and experience the taste and smells of this iconic whiskey recipe. Walk away proudly with your shiny Jameson Whiskey Tasting certificate.

### **Temple Bar Area Visit**

Dublin 30m-1h

Free

Immerse yourself in the Temple Bar area, known as Dublin's Cultural Quarter. Shop around at the weekend markets, grab a pint at the pub, and dine in in the area's vast and diverse cuisine options. Then go back at night and experience this area really come to life.

## **Day 6 Dublin**

Take a free day to roam the cobblestone streets of this historic city.

Walk along the riverside, or marvel at the city's medieval castles and cathedrals. Don't tire yourself out too much - you'll want to get out later tonight and experience the nightlife that the Temple Bar area is known for.

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### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 7 Dublin/Galway City**

Travel to Ireland's west coast to Galway. Set off on a guided walking tour before enjoying a free afternoon to explore the city's colourful streets and bohemian atmosphere.

### **Private Vehicle**

Dublin - Galway City 2h30m-3h 210km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Galway Walking Tour**

Galway City 1h-2h

Enjoy a guided walking tour through the medieval heart of the city.

### **Free Time**

Galway City Afternoon

Get out and explore.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 8 Galway City**

Travel to the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. Walk through picturesque countryside along the cliffs. Gaze out at the splendour before returning to Galway for the evening. Opt for a night out at the local pub.

Spend a few hours following the Wild Atlantic Way trail from Doolin to the Cliffs of Moher. Stroll leisurely along the path, soaking in the views. Opt for a picnic along the way.

### **Private Vehicle**

Galway City - Cliffs of Moher 1h30m-2h 76km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Cliffs of Moher Visit**

Cliffs of Moher 3h-4h Afternoon

Set off on a half day hike along the cliffs, with a maximum height of 214m (702 ft) above the Atlantic. Take in the incredible views as you trek along the cliff's edge. Visit the tower near the midpoint and look out into the sea beyond. This is a great spot to take some fantastic photos of the panoramic view.

### **Private Vehicle**

Cliffs of Moher - Galway City 1h30m-2h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 9 Galway City/Killarney**

Continue on to Killarney with free time to enjoy the town or explore the nearby national park.

### **Private Vehicle**

Galway City - Killarney 2h30m-3h 208km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### **Free Time**

Killarney Afternoon

Enjoy the town of Killarney or explore the nearby national park.

### **Optional Activities - Day 9** **Killarney National Park Visit**

Killarney National Park 3h-4h

Free

Spend some time exploring the expansive Killarney National Park, home to the only native red deer in the country. The national park is a great place to enjoy nature with hiking or biking options. Walk along the edge of the famous and scenic Killarney Lakes, or bike on the trails through the forest to seek out some of the waterfalls in the area.

### **Muckross House Visit**

Killarney

Land at Muckross House and explore the spectacular gardens. The house was built in the 19th century for the politician Henry Arthur Herbert and his wife Mary Balfour Herbert, a painter. Queen Victoria came to visit the Muckross House in 1861, to honor her arrival the Herberts commissioned the extensive gardens that cover the grounds.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 10 Killarney**

Enjoy a day trip to experience some sights along the famous Ring of Kerry. Return to Killarney for another night in town.

### **Ring of Kerry Day Trip**

Ring of Kerry

Experience sights along the famous, 179-km-long Ring of Kerry.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 11 Killarney/Cork**

Spend a morning in Killarney before traveling to Cork. Set out on a CEO-led orientation walk.

Cork is known for its many universities, theatres, art schools and general diversity and culture. With many immigrants settling in the inviting city, it's easy to find different types of foods, shops and cafés lining the streets.

Make some time to hit up a traditional pub, listen to some music and drink a pint or two – Murphy's Irish Stout hails from Cork.

### **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

### **Private Vehicle**

Killarney – Cork 1h30m-2h90km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### **Day 12 Cork**

Enjoy free time to see the sights of Cork.

Enjoy a final night out on the town with the group and raise a pint to this beautiful island!

### **Free Time**

Cork Morning

Explore this enchanting city, enjoy the landscape, visit a historical landmark, or just wander the streets and discover this city's hidden gems.

### **Optional Activities - Day 12**

#### **Titanic Experience Visit**

Cobh

10EUR per person

Located in the original offices of the White Star Line, share the experience of the 123 passengers to sail on Titanic. The museum uses an audio-visual tour to recreate the journey of passengers getting ready for the epic journey, then examines how the ship sank and why.

## **Blarney Castle and Blarney Stone Visit**

Blarney 2h-3h

18EUR per person

Visit Blarney Castle, one of the most famous sights in Ireland built nearly 600 years ago. Find the "Stone of Eloquence", better known as the Blarney Stone, at the top of the tower. You'll need to lean over a railing and hang upside down for a moment to kiss the stone - a worthy price for the gift of gab!

**Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 13 Cork/Dublin**

Depart Cork after breakfast and return to Dublin. Trip will end upon arrival at a centrally located Dublin hotel where your CEO can help assist with onwards travel arrangements.

This tour will end upon arrival in Dublin at approximately 5pm. We suggest booking any onward travel after 7pm.

## **Private Vehicle**

Cork - Dublin 3h-3h30m 263km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## **Departure Day**

Depart on arrival to your final destination. Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

## **What's Included**

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## **Highlights**

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Drink a pint and listen to traditional music in a local pub, Explore the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, Visit the sites along the Ring of Kerry, Wander through the cities of Cork and Dublin

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## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

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## Group Size Notes

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max 16, avg 11.

## Meals Included

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11 breakfasts

## Transport

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Private vehicle, walking.

## Solo Travellers

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We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Accommodation

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Simple hotel (12 nts).

## My Own Room

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Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

## About Accommodation

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On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception.

## Joining Hotel

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For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## Joining Instructions

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To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:  
<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

Choose from a range of transport options including both private and shared transfers at a discounted rate.

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Travelling to Belfast from the Belfast International Airport can be done via bus or taxi:

## BUS

1) Airport Express 300

Airport to Belfast: £7.50 (single) £10.50 (return)

Tickets are available from the tourist information desk in arrivals or from the driver.

2) The Ulsterbus (109A) service operates between Lisburn Rail Station, Belfast International Airport and Antrim Buscentre which is situated next to Antrim Train Station. Buses run hourly from 06:00 – 18:00, Monday to Saturday

## TAXI

Approved taxis operate from the airport taxi rank outside the terminal building. The approximate fare to Belfast City Centre is £25. A taxi share scheme is available. For bookings, contact the Belfast International Airport Taxi Company on +44 (0)28 9448 4353 or visit [www.belfastairporttaxi.com](http://www.belfastairporttaxi.com).

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## Arrival Complications

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## Emergency Contact

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Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office London, United Kingdom

During Office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)

+44 20 7243 9870

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +44 7817 262 559

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, as well as on and off transportation.

## Packing List

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Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Snow Boots



- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

#### Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

#### Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

#### Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

## Visas and Entry Requirements

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

## Spending Money

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Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tipping

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Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline €30-40 per person, per week can be used.

## Optional Activities

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Londonderry

- Derry City Walls (Free)
- Tower Museum (4EUR per person)
- St. Eugene's Cathedral (Free)

Belfast

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Dublin

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## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to

safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## **A Couple of Rules**

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## **Travel Insurance**

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## **Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures**

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Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## **Feedback**

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of

your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## Newsletter

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation - Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## Minimum Age

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You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## International Flights

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Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.