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# A TALE OF TWO CITIES 3-DAY TOUR IN NORTHERN IRELAND







#### DAY 1 - BELFAST

This 3-day tour of Northern Ireland will start with a visit to Belfast, which is the capital and largest city of Northern Ireland. It is also one of Europe's most exciting cities, with a fantastic line up of things to see and do, from its Michelin-starred restaurants and legendary pub culture to a phenomenal Titanic history and filming location for the TV-series Game of Thrones. Your tour guide will meet you at the hotel and take you on a guided sightseeing tour that will take you past Belfast City Hall, Queen's University and some of the famous political murals in the city. We will make a stop at Stormont Buildings, the Parliament Buildings home to the Northern Ireland Assembly, for a guided tour.

Continuing to the Titanic Quarter, we will visit Titanic Belfast. The museum takes you through nine innovative and interactive galleries, telling the story of RMS Titanic, from her conception in Belfast in the early 1900s, through her construction and launch, to her famous maiden voyage and tragic end. We will then head over for lunch at Titanic Hotel, which is located in the former headquarters of Harland & Wolff, the builders of Titanic.

The sightseeing tour will finish at the hotel. You will get some time to relax and freshen up before the evening music tour. The walking tour will take you to a couple of pubs where you will get to know more about Irish music and its instruments. There will also be a chance to try some Irish dancing. Dinner will be served in one of the pubs, and later, you can discover more of Belfast's music scene and pub life on your own.

## **DAY 2 - DERRY~LONDONDERRY**

After breakfast, you will be picked up at the hotel to start your journey towards the north. Derry, or Londonderry as it is also called, is renowned as one of the finest Walled Cities in Europe, offering rich heritage and a vibrant cultural scene. Upon arrival, you will meet your Derry Walking Guide to commence a walking tour of Ireland's only completed walled city. While you walk on the wall and enjoy the view over the city, the tour guide tells you about the history of Derry and you will also get some good photo opportunities.

We will stop for lunch and then continue for a tour of the neo-gothic styled Guildhall, originally built in 1887. If the weather permits, we will also make a brief walk over the Peace Bridge. The bridge was opened in 2011 and is a symbol of a handshake between both communities from the opposite sides of the river Foyle confirming that the turbulent history of Derry is in the past.

Afterwards, you will get some free time at the hotel to freshen up before the dinner at a lovely seafood restaurant in the Craft Village, a quaint area in central Derry. The dinner will conclude with an Irish Coffee Making course in a thatched cottage accompanied by traditional Irish music.

### **DAY 3 – GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**

We won't let you leave Northern Ireland without a visit to the famous Giant's Causeway. It is located on the north coast of Northern Ireland and made out of 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, the result of an ancient volcanic fissure eruption. Giant's Causeway was named as the fourth greatest natural wonder in the United Kingdom and there are many legends as to how they were created. After our visit, we will have lunch together and then head to our next stop which is at Bushmills Distillery, the oldest working distillery in Ireland. A tour and tasting will be arranged before we drive back to Belfast again where you will begin your journey back home. We hope that you've had a lovely time in Northern Ireland and that you're leaving with many memories and beautiful pictures!

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