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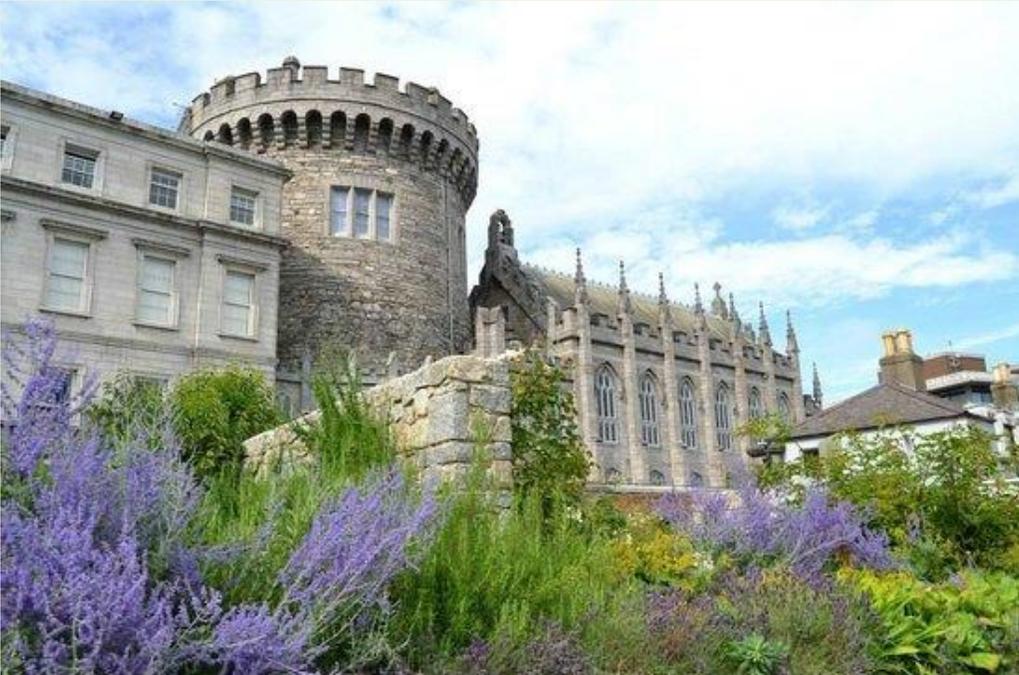
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Day 1 – Arrival Day: Thursday, September 1

Arrive *Dublin* this morning (there are overnight nonstops from a dozen U.S. and Canadian cities). You'll be met at the airport and transferred to our highly-rated [Clontarf Castle](#). It's a wonderful way to be welcomed to Ireland and we'll be here for two nights. This afternoon, we'll begin to explore Ireland's capital, including [Dublin Castle](#), Ha'penny Bridge, [Christ Church Cathedral](#) (founded 1028), [Custom House Quay](#), and ending in the peaceful Victorian elegance of the [Library Bar](#).

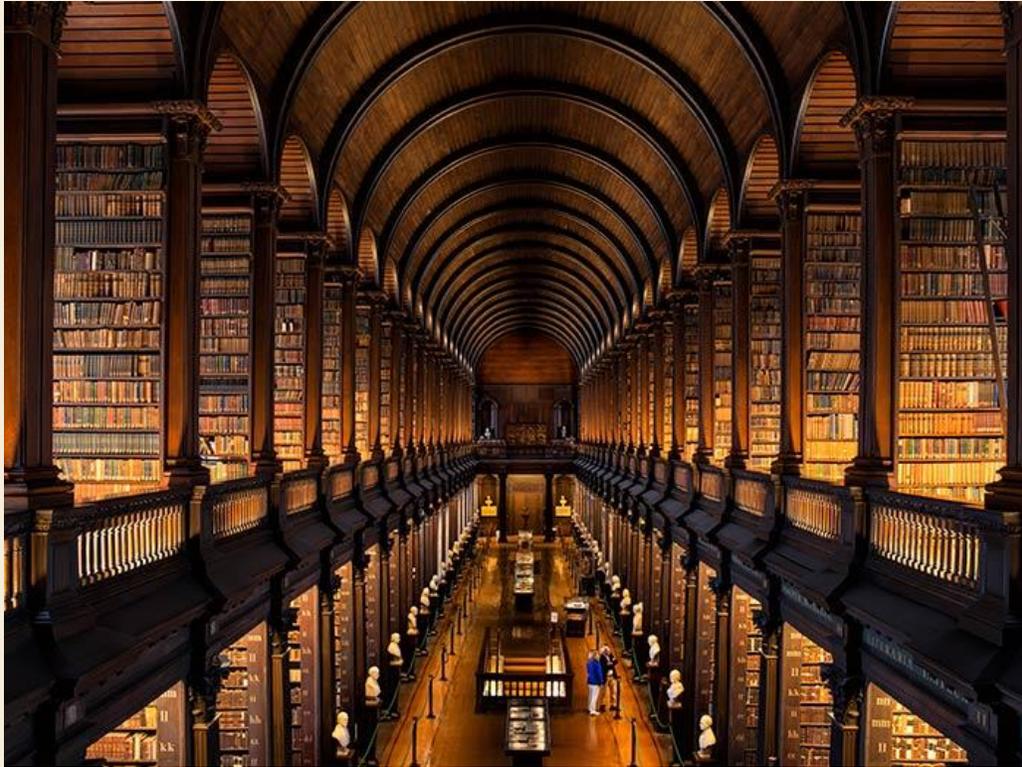


Dublin Castle

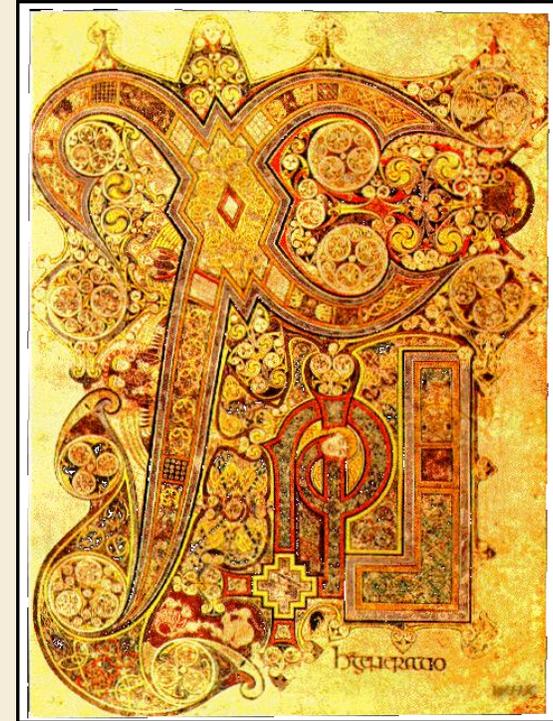


Christ Church Cathedral

Day 2 – Today we explore Dublin in more depth. We start with the Trinity College Old Library, with its famous [Long Room](#), the [Brian Boru Harp](#) (Ireland’s national symbol), and the astounding [Book of Kells](#), Medieval Europe’s greatest treasure and one of the most astonishing works of art in human history.



The Long Room



Chi-Rho Monogram Book of Kells

Day 2 (continued) We'll lunch at the [Guinness Storehouse Gravity Bar](#) and tour of the world's most famous brewery at St. James Gate. Mid-afternoon we visit the Neo-Classical masterpiece, the [Casino Marino Mansion](#) built in 1775 by architectural genius Sir William Chambers. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a leisurely cruise down the River Liffey that runs through the center of Dublin.

The Irish call their restaurants “pubs” - combining eating and drinking in a wide variety of formats. We'll spend the evening on a “pub crawl” to Dublin's most famous – and most hidden – pubs such as Temple Bar, Kehoe's, Grogan's, and Ireland's oldest pub, The Brazen Head, established in 1198.



Casino (“Little House” in Italian) Marino



Ireland's Oldest Pub Est. 1198

Day 3 – We're up early and head west. Our first stop is [The Wonderful Barn](#) in County Kildare – a huge stone corkscrew tower built in 1743 to house grain during famine, it's like no barn you've ever seen.

Next is [Newgrange](#) in County Meath. Here is the magnificent Megalithic Passage Temple built over 5,000 years ago (3200 BC) in worship of the Ancient Irish Sun-god Dragha. Together with the massive temples of Knowth and Dowth, it comprises the [Brú na Bóinne World Heritage Site](#). We'll visit all three.



The Wonderful Barn



Newgrange Megalithic Passage Temple

Day 3 (continued) Today we visit [Sligo Abbey](#) originally built in 1252, then we venture into what many consider Ireland's most hidden natural wonder, [The Glen](#). A tiny microvalley etched by an Ice Age glaciers eons ago, it was the secret fairy tale garden of mythical Queen Maeve.



Sligo Abbey



The Glen

Tonight we stay at [Kilronan Castle Hotel](#) – a castle beautifully converted to a hotel.



Day 4 - We head south across County Mayo to the small village of Cong – where John Wayne’s iconic movie [The Quiet Man](#) was filmed in 1951. Directed by John Ford, co-starring Maureen O’Hara, it is one of the most beloved films of all time. Many of the locations are still there, from the bridge Barry Fitzgerald and John Wayne crossed to Pat Cohan’s pub where Wayne’s climactic fight with Victor McLagen ends. We’ll have a great lunch in Cong and carry on...



“Quiet Man” Bridge



Cohan’s Pub in Cong

Tonight we stay over looking Camus Bay at award-winning water resort, [Screebe House](#).

Day 5

Today we visit the enthralling city of Galway in County Galway. We'll visit the Latin Quarter, Quay Street, drive along Galway Bay, and simply have fun. After all, many consider it Ireland's most fun city.



Day 5 (continued)

We head across County Clare today – our first stop is the 6,000 year-old megalithic tomb known as [“The Hole of Sorrows.”](#)

Then we view the spectacular [Cliffs of Moher](#) for a stunning walk along the cliff trail.



The Hole of Sorrows



The Cliffs of Moher

Day 5 (continued)

We end the day we see the hidden and hospitable village of [Sneem](#) – it’s called the “Knot” in the Ring of Kerry. We stroll around to see an authentic Irish village.

We relax for two nights and enjoy the view (*as below*) from the [The Derrynane Oceanfront Hotel](#)



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In the afternoon we return to relax at the Derrynane Hotel on the ocean...



The Ring of Kerry

Day 7

This morning we depart the Derrynane, leaving Co. Kerry to visit Killarney, drive through the gorgeous scenery of *Ladies View* and stopping at the stately home of [Muckross House](#) with its Victorian Gardens.



Ladies View – Ring of Kerry



Muckross House and Gardens

Day 7 (continued)

After a short walking tour of Killarney, we're off to Cork. Enroute, we stop at one of the most picturesque places in all Ireland, yet little known – St. Finbarr's Oratory by a lake near the hamlet of Gougane Barra.



St. Finbarr's Oratory

Day 7 (continued)

In Cork, we make the obligatory pilgrimage to [Blarney Castle](#) – to kiss the Blarney Stone you must be suspended upside down on the castle wall. Can you do it? Whether you do – or not, we'll explore the castle and the grounds for there's much more here than just the famous Stone.



Blarney Castle



Blarney Stone

We'll have lunch and then settle in at the [River Lee Luxury Hotel](#) in Cork. The remainder of the day is yours to see how much fun you can have in Cork.

Day 8

We depart Cork and now we head to County Tipperary to visit a fantasy home built by Lord and Lady Cahir in 1810 known as the [Swiss Cottage](#). We plan to take the tour and see the inside as well. And then on to Ireland's iconic medieval masterpiece, [The Rock of Cashel](#), built on the site St. Patrick converted the King of Munster to Christianity in the mid-400s.



The Swiss Cottage



The Rock of Cashel

Day 8 (continued)

We head back to the Southern Coast, this time heading east to Waterford. We may want to detour off to Waterford where we can visit the world famous [House of Waterford Crystal](#). While there we can stop at the most picturesque fishing village in all Ireland, Dunmore East in County Waterford. There's still a lot to do today, before we arrive in Kilkenny where we spend the next two nights at the highly-rated [Pembroke Kilkenny](#).



Dunmore East Beach Cove



Fishing Boats in Dunmore East Harbor

Day 9

We wake up in Kilkenny and are well positioned near the castle at the [Pembroke Kilkenny](#). As Ireland's medieval capital, much of it has been preserved, through which we'll stroll along the city's [Medieval Mile](#) to Kilkenny Castle.



Kilkenny Castle



The River Nore

Day 9

We'll celebrate with our Farewell Dinner tonight at Kilkenny's legendary pub, [Kyteler's Inn](#) founded in 1324 by Ireland's famous witch, Alice Kyteler.

We can experience their Medieval restaurant with a unique and delicious meal, while enjoying authentic Irish music – and who knows, maybe we'll dance!



The Witch's Pub



Local Musicians with Lively Music

Day 10 – Saturday, September 10, 2022 - Departure Day

We'll return to Dublin – only a 90 minute drive – for your flight back home or onward. It's a Saturday, so there should be light traffic on the road. And many, perhaps most, of the flights to the U.S. and Canada are in the afternoon.

We recommend that you choose an afternoon flight. Let us know if you would like assistance.

Ireland is open for travelers with no restrictions. **Note:** As of Sunday 06 March 2022, arriving passengers into Ireland no longer require passenger locator forms, proof of valid vaccination or recovery from COVID-19 in the prior 6 months, or evidence of a negative/not-detected result from a RT-PCR/Antigen test. **Ireland is open for travelers.**

For departing passengers, a private company with facilities in the airport terminals, Randox, can provide testing and certificates within 1 to 3 hours before your flight.

Whether you're one of the 31 million Americans who claim Irish heritage or not, you will have a sweet place in your heart for this beautiful island with friendly and helpful people.

You'll feel lucky indeed to have explored the Emerald Isle!





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IRELAND DREAM EXPLORATION DETAILS

Dates: Thursday, September 1 to Saturday, September 10, 2022

All Inclusive: \$7,600 per person, double occupancy.

Register for Sept 1-10: [Register for Ireland Dream Sep 1-10, 2022](#)

It is US\$3,600 deposit when you register with the link above with flexible payments. Questions? Feel free to contact us.

Cost includes: All accommodation (double occupancy), all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) with group, all ground transport, airport transfers, activities and tours as specified in itinerary. **Cost does not include:** International air travel to/from Dublin; activities not with group or in itinerary; personal expenditures, laundry, additional alcohol, communications, gratuities, etc.

Health Note: Country is open to visitors. No requirement for a vaccine or even a negative Covid test. This expedition is expected to be completed as scheduled. In the event of any unforeseen situation it will be rescheduled to a mutually agreeable date.

Payment, Cancellation and Refund: Refund of deposit and balance in full on the condition of a fully-paid acceptable replacement for you. You may want to secure trip insurance that allows you to “Cancel for Any Reason.” If you need assistance with this, most travel agents can assist. If you need a travel agent, we can refer you to one we have used for years.

Important caveat: Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary above. Due to the vagaries of travel, the itinerary may be altered if necessary. Participants are expected to accept this, and maintain a cheerful attitude on an adventure such as this.

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Jack Wheeler has traveled to every country in the world. He started out as the youngest Eagle Scout in history at age 12, he climbed the Matterhorn at age 14, swam the Hellespont (LIFE Magazine 12/12/60) and lived with Amazon headhunters at 16, hunted a man-eating tiger in Vietnam at 17, and started an export business in Vietnam at 19. He wrote *The Adventurer's Guide* (New York: Mackay, 1975), described by Merv Griffin as “the definitive book for anyone wishing to lead a more adventurous and exciting life.” He has three “first contacts” with tribes never before contacted by the outside world: a clan of Aushiri in the Amazon, the Wali-ali-fo in New Guinea, and a band of Bushmen in the Kalahari. He retraced Hannibal’s route over the Alps with elephants; led numerous expeditions in Central Asia, China, Tibet, Africa, the Amazon and elsewhere, including 21 expeditions to the North Pole; and has been listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records* for the first free fall sky-dive in history at the North Pole.

Jack founded **Wheeler Expeditions in 1976**, which has conducted exclusive and bespoke expeditions to unusual destinations across the globe for over 40 years. On a personal note, in the early 80’s he married **Ms. Rebel Holiday** in St Tropez, France, who is a partner in the business. She has traveled to 86 countries and co-leads. Wheeler Expeditions was a classic family business, working with their two grown sons: **Brandon Holiday Wheeler** and **Jackson Holiday Wheeler**.

Brandon Holiday Wheeler, has traveled to over 90 countries on 6 continents for the past 32 years and has been leading international expeditions for over a decade. He has summited 13 mountains, along with his many adventures skydiving, scuba diving, and flying. He has lived, studied, worked, and volunteered in multiple countries and participated in their diverse cultures, finding value in learning about their distinct worldviews.

Now, we are “Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions”...

Edward Windsor, Lord Downpatrick, (“Eddy Downpatrick”) Eddy is an explorer and adventurer who takes great pleasure in designing and guiding exclusive expeditions. Eddy’s experience, intellect, and great passion for exploring our wondrous planet and sharing it led to the formation of **Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions (“WWX”)**. In addition to extensive travel, Eddy is a mountaineer, avid hiker, skier, cold-water swimmer, multi-lingual, and adept on a horse.

This opens up an even wider range of travel experiences for our WWX Client-Members, with the “invitation-only,” exclusive-access events that stem from Eddy’s uniquely broad network.

We hope you join us and experience the joy in seeing and sharing the world.