



Belfast & Dublin

4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS – FROM **£499**_{PP}



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Day 1

Coach departs school for an early morning ferry departure from Cairnryan to Belfast

Guided tour of Crumlin Road Jail

Students will gain insights into the prison's role in Northern Ireland's history, including stories about political prisoners and the civil rights struggles that shaped the region. The Crumlin Road Gaol, also known as "The Crum," is a former Victorian prison with a rich history dating back to 1845. It closed as a prison in 1996 and is now a historical site, offering an insight into Northern Ireland's history, particularly the period known as "The Troubles."

Tour Highlights: The Tunnel, Condemned Man's Cell, Prison Wings, Execution Cell.

Visit to the Peace Walls

Following the Gaol visit, students will tour the Peace Walls—large walls that separate Catholic and Protestant communities in Belfast. These walls were initially erected to reduce violence during The Troubles and still stand today, serving as symbols of both division and the ongoing peace efforts in Northern Ireland. This visit provides a look into Belfast's recent history, the ongoing peace process and how art and storytelling contribute to social change.

Tour Highlights: Murals, Sign the Wall, Guide's Insights.

Check in to hotel

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Day 2

Continental breakfast in the hotel

Visit to Belfast City Hall and Visitor Exhibition

Belfast City Hall is a landmark building in the heart of Belfast, showcasing the city's history, architecture and civic heritage. The Visitor Exhibition inside City Hall offers a self-guided tour with interactive displays, photographs and artefacts detailing Belfast's rich past and how it became an industrial and cultural hub.

Tour Highlights: Great Hall and Council Chambers, Visitor Exhibition, Memorial Garden.

Visit to the Titanic Belfast (Titanic Experience)

The Titanic Experience at Titanic Belfast is a world-class attraction, located on the historic shipyard where the RMS Titanic was built. The self-guided experience takes visitors through interactive galleries focusing on the Titanic's construction, launch, and maiden voyage as well as its tragic sinking. The Titanic Experience provides insights into Belfast's role as a shipbuilding centre, the engineering achievements of the time and the social aspects of Titanic's legacy. Students will learn about the technological and industrial context of early 20th-century Belfast.

Tour Highlights: Construction and Shipyard Experience, Interactive Galleries, SS Nomadic.



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Visit to the Stormont Parliament Buildings and Public Park

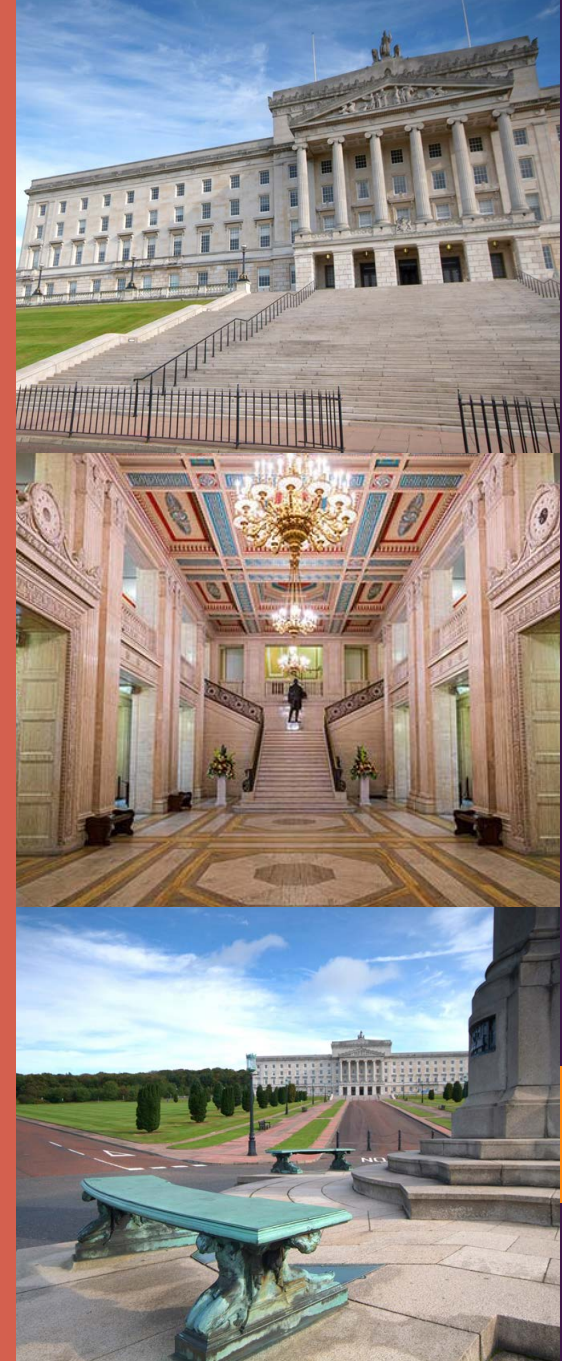
Stormont is the seat of the Northern Ireland Assembly and an iconic symbol of Northern Ireland's government. The Parliament Buildings, with their grand neoclassical architecture, provide an educational look into the political system and democratic process in Northern Ireland. The surrounding park offers ample space for students to explore and relax.

Tour Highlights:

- **Parliament Buildings Tour:** Subject to scheduling, tours of Stormont allow students to visit the Assembly Chamber, the Great Hall and other significant rooms. Guides explain the history of the building and the workings of Northern Ireland's government.
- **Stormont Park:** The park surrounding Stormont includes walking paths, gardens and outdoor sculptures. The park is ideal for a break and group activities.

Any free time for sightseeing

2nd night in Belfast



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Continental breakfast in the hotel. Coach transfer to Dublin.

GPO Museum; the story of the 1916 Easter Rising and Modern Irish History

The GPO Witness History Museum, housed within Dublin's iconic General Post Office, is an interactive museum experience dedicated to the 1916 Easter Rising, a significant event in Ireland's struggle for independence. The museum offers a hands-on experience with artefacts, immersive displays and personal stories from those who participated in The Rising. Students will gain an understanding of the causes and outcomes of The Easter Rising and its significance in Irish history as well as insight into the lives of those who were involved. This is an opportunity to learn about nationalism, resilience and the complexities of the Irish independence movement.

Tour Highlights: Interactive Exhibits, Artefact Displays, Video and Sound Installations, Witness History Theatre

1916 Walking Tour of Dublin

After the GPO visit, students can embark on a guided walking tour of key sites associated with the 1916 Easter Rising. This tour takes them through the streets of Dublin where they'll see historical locations connected to the rebellion, accompanied by stories and historical context provided by the guide. Students will have the chance to experience the layout of historical events and see firsthand how The Rising impacted Dublin. It's an immersive way to understand the city's history and to relate physical landmarks to the stories they've learned.

Tour Highlights: O'Connell Street, Trinity College & City Hall, Moore Street & the Last Stand



Day 3 cont;

Visit to the Book of Kells Experience at Trinity College

The Book of Kells Experience is housed in Trinity College Library and provides students with an up-close look at one of the world's most famous medieval manuscripts. Created by monks around the year 800, the Book of Kells is a stunningly intricate illustrated copy of the Gospels, famous for its vibrant artwork and historical significance. This experience provides insight into early Irish Christianity, medieval art and manuscript preservation. It's a chance for students to appreciate Ireland's artistic heritage and learn about the dedication and skill of medieval scribes.

Tour Highlights:

- **The Book of Kells Exhibition:** This exhibition explains the origins, artistry and historical context of the Book of Kells. Interactive displays illustrate how the monks created this masterpiece.
- **Viewing the Book of Kells:** Students can view the book itself. Each day a different page is shown giving a glimpse of its intricate illustrations and text.
- **The Long Room Library:** A highlight for many visitors, this magnificent library houses thousands of rare books and features Ireland's oldest surviving harp.

Any free time for sightseeing

3rd night in Dublin



Day 4

Continental breakfast in the hotel.

Check out.

Free time for Sightseeing in Dublin

Visit some of Dublin's best shopping streets such as Grafton Street which runs from St Stephen's Green to Trinity College. Grafton Street has been the centre of shopping in Ireland since Victorian Times. This pedestrian shopping street is filled with magnificent townhouses and street-level stores with buskers and street performers galore.

Transfer to Belfast for late afternoon ferry crossing to Cairnryan

Travel back to school



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Price based on 40 paying pupils + 4 staff free
for departure on Monday 6th October 2025.

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