



11 Days Itinerary

A Couples Trip to Paris, London & Dublin - 11 Days

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| Day 1 | Flight to Paris |
| Day 2 | Airport to Hotel Transfer Castille Paris (3 Nights) Eiffel Tower Skip the Line and Seine River Cruise |
| Day 3 | Free Day to Explore Paris on Your Own After Hours Louvre Intimate Small Group Tour |
| Day 4 | Half Day Guided Versailles Afternoon Tour with Skip The Line (Group Tour) |
| Day 5 | Hotel to Train Station Transfer Experience Traveling by Eurostar (Paris-London) Train Station to Hotel Transfer The Rubens at the Palace |
| Day 6 | Downtown Abbey - Highclere Castle Experience |
| Day 7 | Small Group Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter & Oxford |
| Day 8 | Hotel to Airport Transfer Direct Flight From London to Dublin Rental Car (3 Days) Skip The Line With Self Guided Tour of Guiness Brewery & Enjoy Lunch in Dublin Drive from Downtown Dublin to Kilkenny (1 hr 35 minutes) |

Mount Juliet Estate - Hunter's Yard (3 Nights)

- Day 9** Enjoy a Day of Leisure at Mount Juliet Estate or Plan a Day Trip to Waterford
- Day 10** Self Guided Tour of the Rock of Cashel and Return to Kilkenny to Explore St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny Castle & the Downtown
- Day 11** Drive from Kilkenny to Dublin International Airport (1 hr 30 minutes)
Rental Car Return
Flight Home

Day 1



Flight to Paris

Day 2



Airport to Hotel Transfer

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Castille Paris

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33-37 Rue Cambon

33-37 Rue Cambon, Ile de France 75001
France

3 Nights

Duration

CASTILLE PARIS, 5-STAR HOTEL IN PARIS

Parisian allure, Italian style

The Castille is an iconic 5-star hotel in the heart of Paris. It is located near the Louvre Museum, Place Vendôme and l'Avenue des Champs-Élysées.

108 rooms, including 26 suites. The spaciousness and classic decor of the suites make them a comfortable place even for a longer stay. L'Assaggio, the gourmet restaurant run by Michelin-starred Chef Ugo Alciati, combines French gastronomic traditions with the creativity of Italian cuisine. 3 exclusive meeting rooms, the ideal location for business meetings, private and exclusive events in Paris.

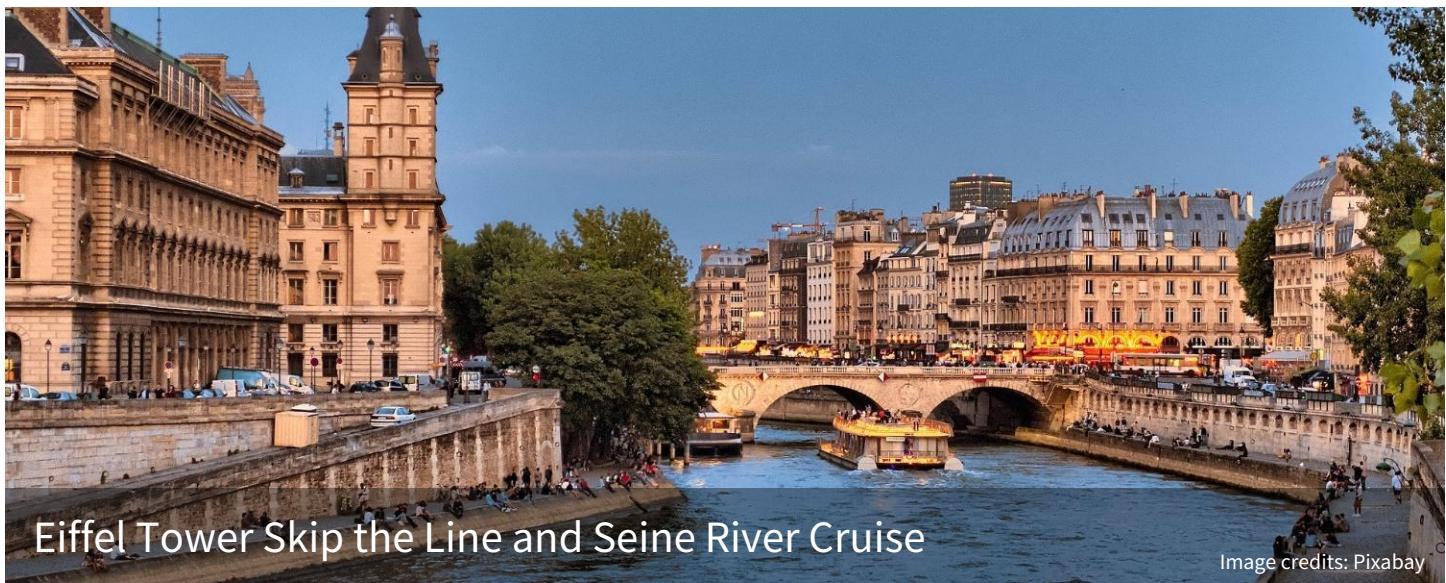
Room Selection

Room Category

Deluxe Room

Room Description

The Deluxe rooms are characterized by luxurious beds and elegant furnishings in shades of red, mauve and blush. Each room can comfortably accommodate up to three people to offer a peaceful stay in the French capital.



Eiffel Tower Skip the Line and Seine River Cruise

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Highlights: Save time with skip line entrance. Take advantage of spectacular photo opportunities as you enjoy amazing views of famous landmarks from the 2nd floor of the Eiffel Tower. Afterwards, see the monuments from a different perspective while you glide along the Seine River on a one hour cruise.

Duration: Approximately 2 hours 30 minutes including river cruise

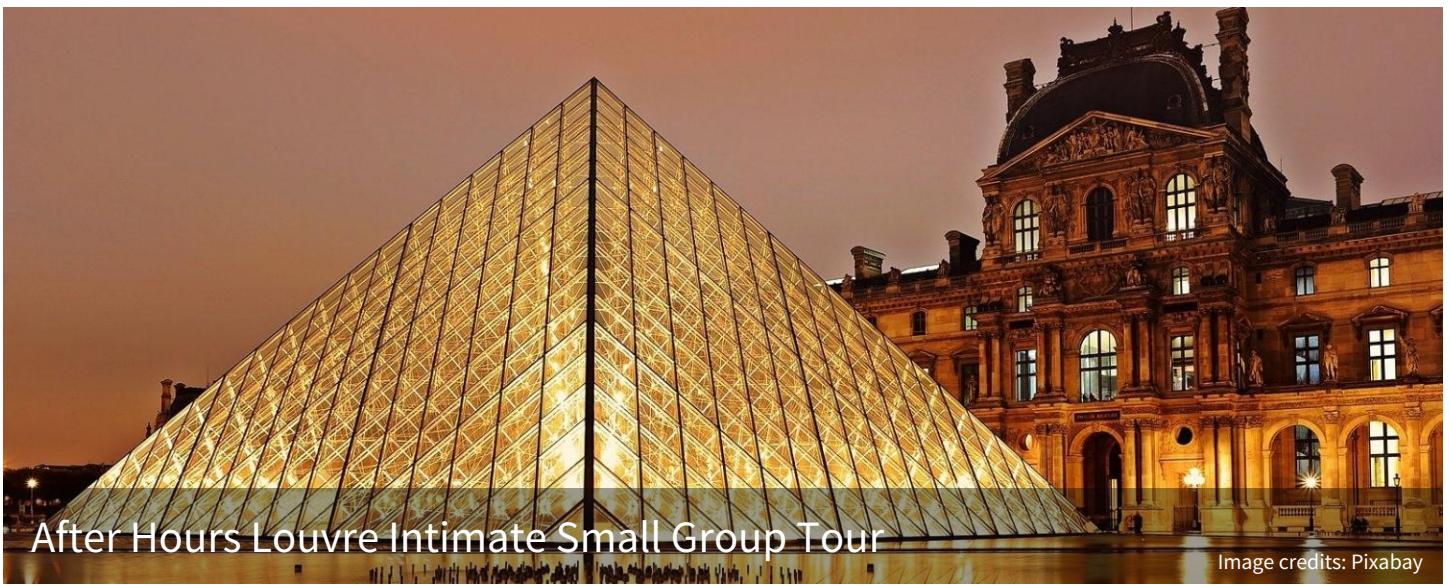
Departure: Daily year round; a specific start time will be assigned upon confirmation

Day 3



Free Day to Explore Paris on Your Own

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After Hours Louvre Intimate Small Group Tour

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Activities - Local Flavor at The Louvre

Highlights - Cosy small group : a maximum of 6 people in your group- Enjoy the masterpieces in 2 hours, during late openings, avoiding daytime crowds- A passionate guide and an enchanting palace and all its treasures

Description - Avoid the mass tourism tours by joining our small group tour during the Louvre weekly late openings, guided by a passionate art historian guide. In just 2 full hours we'll show you more of the Louvre than you would be going by yourself. Skip the line and jump straight to the surprising side of art history in a fun and accessible way. After the crowds are gone, see the secrets unveiled in front of you. Da Vinci, Delacroix, the ancient Greeks, the Italian Renaissance, and much more in a relaxed and easy going pace.

Start at the Denon Wing of the museum where reside the collection of Italian and Greek sculptures. The highlights include Mercury Flying, Psyche Revived by the Kiss of Cupid, and the Dying Slave series by Michelangelo. The grand staircase at the end unveils as you walk towards it, the Winged Victory of Samothrace, the biggest piece depicting an ancient and powerful Greek civilization. This announces the introduction to the Italian Renaissance Paintings galleries. These rooms are expansive and without your expert guide next to you, some important works could be missed. You'll see the Mona Lisa, but that's not the only Leonardo da Vinci masterpiece on show. Other masters will await, such as Botticelli, Raffaello, Caravaggio, and Veronese, revealing their works. While you finish in the impressive French grand format galleries, you'll get the chance to see oeuvres by Géricault or Delacroix, standing right next to monumental works like the Coronation of Napoleon by Jacques-Louis David. If you're not yet tired enough after these 2 hours, you're free to enjoy the rest of the museum without the crowds!

Meeting Location/Transit Details - Meet your guide at the metro exit opposite the Comédie Française Theatre on Place Colette. The exact metro station is "Palais Royal-Musée du Louvre" exit no.5 "Place Colette - Théâtres". Your guide will be standing by Le Kiosque des Noctambules; the brightly colored art installation, they wearing a special badge with the Localers logo, you can't miss it!

Day 4



Half Day Guided Versailles Afternoon Tour with Skip The Line (Group Tour)

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Overview

Activities - Sightseeing at Palace of Versailles, Hall of Mirrors, and Gardens of Versailles

Highlights - Take this fascinating tour of Versailles and its grounds- See the splendor of the Palace of Versailles - Visit the State Apartments, the Hall of Mirrors, and many other ornate and beautiful spaces- Explore the Queen's Apartments and the intricately manicured gardens

Description - Feel like a French courtesan when you take this fascinating and entertaining tour of the palace at Versailles and its magnificent grounds - you'll even learn a bit of history along the way! Versailles is the epitome of the grandeur of French classical architecture. The layout of the city, with its ornate palace and beautiful gardens, reflect the style, wealth, and magnificence of King Louis XIV, known as the Sun King. In the beautifully decorated State Apartments - Hall of Mirrors and Queens Apartments, our guide will dazzle and entertain you with tales of the excesses and indiscretions of French royals. Take advantage of time for a stroll in the intricate palace gardens as the perfect way to end your tour.

We depart from our office in central Paris at 2pm on the 45 minute journey (by luxury air-conditioned coach) to the Palace of Versailles.

Along the way your guide will provide information about the palace's history. On arrival you will follow your guide straight to the front of the line to tour the palace's most beautiful rooms: the King's Grand Apartments, with seven rooms each dedicated to a different god (Apollo, Mars, Mercury, Venus, etc.), and the Queen's Grand Apartments, mirroring those of the king, including the Coronation Room and the Queen's Bedroom, once occupied by Marie Antoinette. Also, marvel at the majestic "Hall of Mirrors" Versailles, a large reception room in which to see and be seen, dreamt up by the famous architect, Jules Hardouin-Mansart. Almost 240 feet-long, it was created to astonish visitors to the Sun King, Louis XIV; it is lit by 17 windows and some 350 mirrors, and overlooks the palace's breath-taking gardens, the second part of your visit.

In 1661, Louis XIV commissioned the landscape architect André Le Nôtre to lay out the gardens and grounds, something that was just as important to the king as the construction of the palace. Spend time exploring the Gardens of Versailles and admire the 386 works of art (including more than 200 statues), fountains, ponds, flower beds, and woodland. During the Summer months, a range of activities are organized, for example, the Grandes Eaux Musicales, when the garden's fountains "dance" in time to music.

Max in Group: 30 persons

Day 5



Hotel to Train Station Transfer

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Experience Traveling by Eurostar (Paris-London)

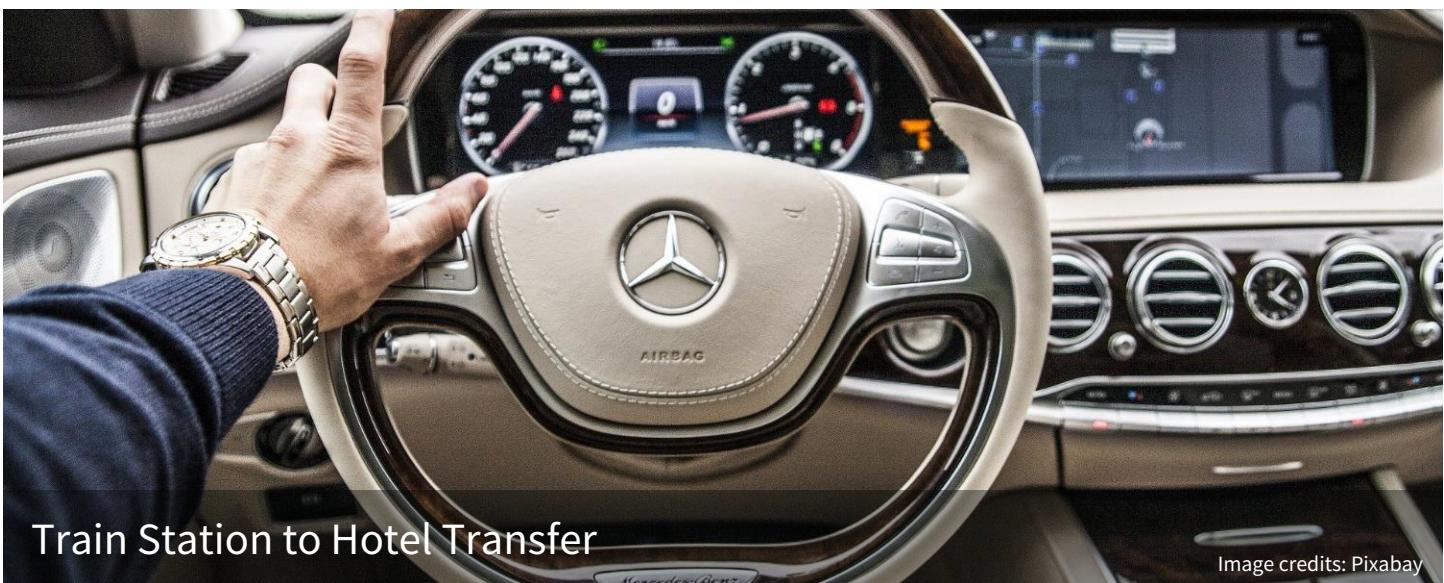
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ITINERARY:

Departure: PARIS

Arrival: LONDON ST-PANCRAS

Delivery rule: You will need to print your actual train ticket. The attachment will have your train tickets. Seat reservations: Your seat reservations were made simultaneously and seats are adjoining or as close as possible. Seat numbers do not necessarily follow numerically.



Train Station to Hotel Transfer

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The Rubens at the Palace

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39 Buckingham Palace Road London SW1W 0PS England

12:00 AM

Check In

12:00 AM

Check Out

The AA five star Rubens at the Palace is situated across the Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace and a short walk to the very front gates of Buckingham Palace. We offer the perfect location for sightseeing and tours of the city with famous theatres just around the corner from the hotel. There is a good choice of dining outlets to choose from. The brand new English Grill restaurant offers breakfast, lunch and early dinner. The Curry Room offers a small and intimate space for an authentic dining experience. Don't feel like stepping outside of your room- you can order room service from our 24 hour room service menu.

The New York Bar and Leopard Bar offers the perfect scene for drinks and live music. The Palace Lounge sets the scene for a perfect Royal afternoon tea experience with a view of The Royal Mews of Buckingham Palace. We pride ourselves of being a family friendly and pet friendly hotel and therefore offer many amenities tailored to each family's needs. Our kids concierge can certainly help to make planning for your trip easier! Our staff are helpful, discreet, and attentive. Whatever you want, we can arrange it for you. Our concierge team know every London sight and every West-End show, as well as the hidden gems that visitors often miss.

BTA Guests will receive:

- Accommodations as noted on itinerary.
- Daily English breakfast

Welcome Experience includes:

- Upon check-in, escort to room.
- Welcome card or letter from General Manager
- Welcome Fruit Plate

Payment

Quote Only

Cancellation Policy

Please refer to this for the details - <http://www.classicvacations.com/about-us/classic-vacations-price-protection-and-change-cancellation-waiver> <http://www.classicvacations.com/about-us/2015-travel-smart-plan>

Day 6



Summer Public Opening Season runs from approximately mid-June to mid-September.

Tickets to Highclere will be purchased in advance. Transportation options will be discussed and planned in advance.

[Link to ticket options.](#)

ABOUT THE CASTLE

The first written records of the estate date back to 749 when an Anglo-Saxon King granted the estate to the Bishops of Winchester. Bishop William of Wykeham built a beautiful medieval palace and gardens in the park. Later on, the palace was rebuilt as Highclere Place House in 1679 when it was purchased by Sir Robert Sawyer, the direct ancestor of the current Earl of Carnarvon. In 1842, Sir Charles Barry, who also designed the Houses of Parliament, transformed Highclere House into the present day Highclere Castle. During the First World War, Highclere Castle was converted into a hospital for wounded soldiers run by the 5th Countess of Carnarvon. Throughout the Second World War, Highclere Castle was home to children evacuated from London. There are between 250 and 300 rooms in the Castle Saloon and during your tour you will explore the main state rooms so familiar from "Downton Abbey". You will see some of the bedrooms after which you will follow the stairs down to the cellars and old staff quarters where you will find the Egyptian Exhibition, celebrating the 5th Earl of Carnarvon's discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun. [Source](#)



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Small Group Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter & Oxford

Spend a full day combining a guided walking tour of the historic University city of Oxford with its secluded quadrangles and cobbled squares, followed by a visit to the wonderful world of Harry Potter with a trip around the Warner Brothers Studio, visiting the actual movie sets and props. Learn about the 'behind the scenes' techniques used to bring this magical world to life on this small group day trip from London.

Maximum 20 people per tour, travel by executive coach. Admission to the Warner Brothers Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter

Four hours in the Warner Bros Studio. Guided walking tour in Oxford.

Our small group day trip from London begins with a visit to Oxford, to visit the historic town and its famous University founded in 1167. Its connections to the world of literature are wide and varied. Alice in Wonderland, The Lord of the Rings and The Chronicles of Narnia to name but three. Authors, poets, actors, inventors and statesmen have called Oxford their home. We take an eye opening historic walking tour of Oxford's ivy clad colleges and beautiful university buildings followed by some free time.

After lunch we begin the short journey to the very studios used to create the Harry Potter films. We can see the actual sets and props and tour the huge buildings used to bring the boy wizard to the big screen. Enter Hogwarts Great Hall and walk past the wooden tables down to the sorting hat. Sit in the Weasley's flying car and peer into Hagrid's hut. Stroll along the spectacular Diagon Alley and visit the Gryffindor Common Room. Out in the backlot you can see the Dursley house in Privet Drive and Harry's parents house at Godric's Hollow and then marvel at the Knight bus! Visit Hogsmeade station and climb aboard the Hogwarts Express. Learn about prosthetics and model making and film yourself riding a broomstick. Take a journey through the Forbidden Forest if you dare!

The latest addition to the Warner Bros Studio for fans of Harry Potter is the Gringotts Wizarding Bank! The biggest expansion to the Warner Bros Studio Tour to date, the exhibit is lined by marble pillars, sparkling chandeliers, and props and costumes belonging to the Goblin bankers, like Bogrod and Griphook. Discover the vault of Bellatrix Lestrange, in the vault you'll see the Sword of Gryffindor, piles of golden Galleons, silver Sickles, bronze Knuts and Helga Hufflepuff's cup. You'll also have the chance for a unique photo opportunity, surrounded by heaps of treasure, but be warned, the dragon is approaching!

After your visit to the Warner Bros Studio Tour, our Harry Potter day trip ends and coach will return to London.

Important note about cancellations - due to the very limited availability of Warner Bros. tickets, all bookings for this day trip are 100% non refundable. This applies to all bookings received up until 9th March 2020.

Day 8



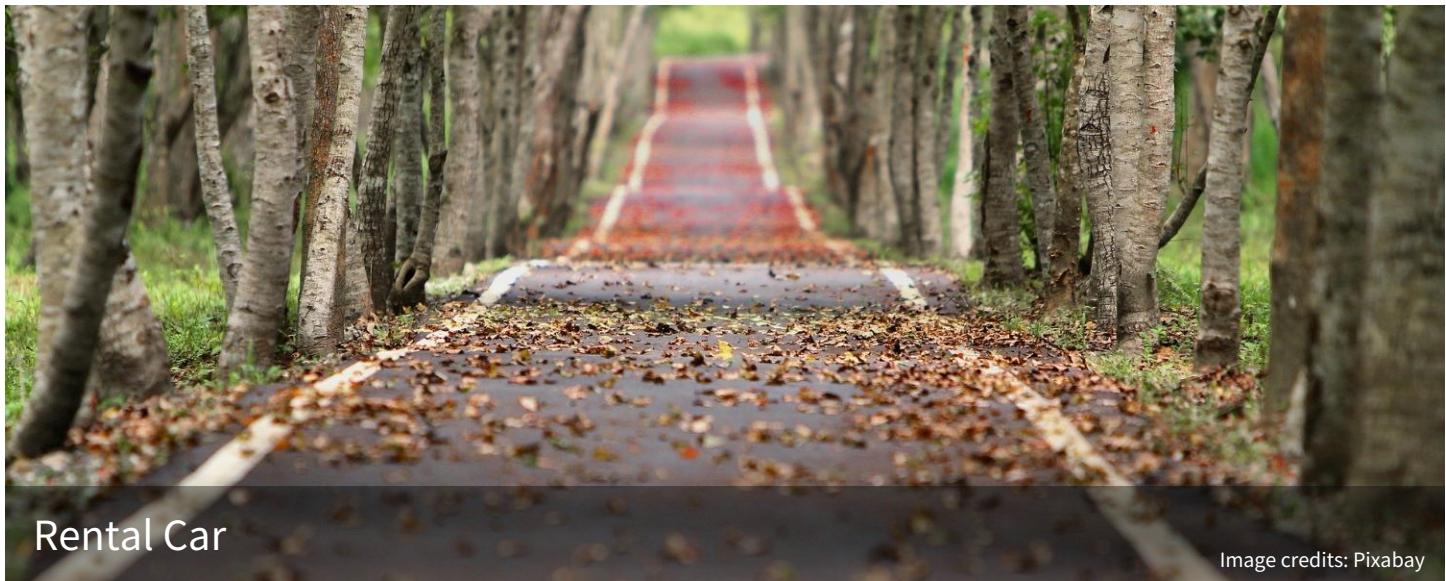
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Direct Flight From London to Dublin

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Rental Car

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3 Days

Duration

Pick Up Location
Dublin Airport

Drop Off Location
Dublin Airport



Skip The Line With Self Guided Tour of Guiness Brewery & Enjoy Lunch in Dublin

Your trip to Ireland is not complete without visiting Dublin's #1 tourist attraction. While in Dublin, you can learn all about Guinness' rich history. As you walk through each floor you will learn what goes into making a perfect pint of Guinness.

The ground floor tells the story of the beer's four ingredients (water, barley, hops and yeast). The brewery tour starts in largest beer glass in the world. It would take 14.3 million pints to fill the giant glass atrium in the centre of the Guinness Storehouse building.

Find out exactly what it takes to make the worlds most iconic stout. From our famous strain of yeast to the passion shared by all our brewers, we go to extraordinary lengths to bring you the world's number-one stout.

A must-visit for any Guinness fan, The Guinness Flagship Retail Store boasts the largest collection of Guinness memorabilia and exclusive merchandise in the world.



Drive from Downtown Dublin to Kilkenny (1 hr 35 minutes)

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[Link to Approximate Directions from downtown Dublin to Mount Juliet Estate.](#)



Mount Juliet Estate - Hunter's Yard

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Mount Juliet Estate Thomastown Kilkenny Ireland

4:00 PM

Check In

12:00 PM

Check Out

3 Nights

Duration

The 5 Star Mount Juliet Estate is Ireland's leading country estate with 2 luxurious properties, The Manor House and Hunter's Yard hotel. Only 20 minutes from Kilkenny, 90 minutes from Dublin and 30 minutes from Waterford. The 32 bedroom Manor House pays tribute to 18th Century craftsmanship while the Estate, steeped in history, dates back to the 15th Century. Each room has been tastefully restored with new furnishings, silk curtains, 100% pure wool carpets and rich interiors honouring its fascinating history and includes the latest technology and amenities. A five minutes' walk from the Manor House, is Hunter's Yard hotel, a 93 bedroom chic country retreat offering laid back luxury with a twist. Every room is fully equipped with all modern amenities and designed to encapsulate laid-back luxury - a welcoming haven of tranquillity where guests can escape and unwind. The colour scheme draws from the surrounding environment with a soft ground floor palette and the second floor colours are deeper. Tweeds, herringbone and cable knit details in the fabrics reflect the hunting, shooting and fishing, which are the heart of the Estate. Mount Juliet Estate offers two dining options. The Michelin Star and 3 AA Rosettes contemporary fine dining restaurant The Lady Helen in the Manor House, and The Hound in Hunter's Yard, awarded 2 AA Rosettes and a Michelin Plate, offers an informal dining experience. Afternoon Tea is served in the beautiful surroundings of the Manor House

with view of the River Nore and Ballylinch Stud. As part of a stay at Mount Juliet Estate guests are encouraged to take a tour of the Estate. The tour will take guests around the 500 acre Estate and includes a visit to Ballylinch Stud, the Mount Juliet Estate Equestrian Centre, the 18th Century walled gardens, a tour of the Manor House and a visit to one of the three lakes and the River Nore. The Estate offers a variety of leisure activities onsite. The Mount Juliet Equestrian Centre offers trails on the Estate. Salmon and trout fishing are available on the River Nore which runs through the Estate. Experience the ancient sport of falconry, where guests have a chance to handle falcons, letting them fly from a gloved hand and returning to feed and archery. Mount Juliet Estate is a golfers' paradise with the signature Jack Nicklaus 18-hole golf course. For those seeking golf tuition, The Paul McGinley Golf Academy at Mount Juliet Estate is an advanced golf training facility which includes the Trackman golf swing analysis software, a number of driving bays, ideal for those wishing to enhance their game during a stay at Mount Juliet Estate. Those who prefer to remain indoors can enjoy the health club and relaxing spa treatment suites in the nearby Hunter's Yard. The Health Club features a 15 metre heated swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gym.

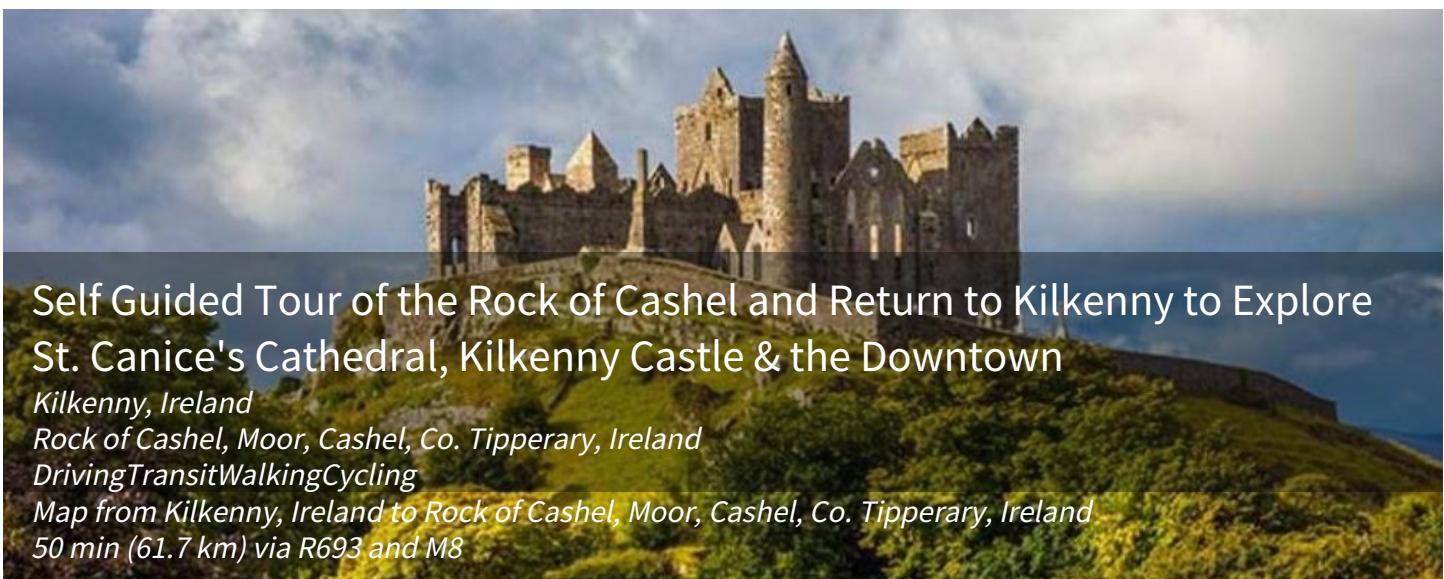
Day 9



Enjoy a Day of Leisure at Mount Juliet Estate or Plan a Day Trip to Waterford

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Day 10



Self Guided Tour of the Rock of Cashel and Return to Kilkenny to Explore St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny Castle & the Downtown

Kilkenny, Ireland

Rock of Cashel, Moor, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland

DrivingTransitWalkingCycling

Map from Kilkenny, Ireland to Rock of Cashel, Moor, Cashel, Co. Tipperary, Ireland

50 min (61.7 km) via R693 and M8

Day 11



Drive from Kilkenny to Dublin International Airport (1 hr 30 minutes)

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[Link to Driving Direction from Mount Juliet Estate to Dublin International Airport.](#)



Rental Car Return

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Flight Home

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