

A SPIRITED ADVENTURE in IRELAND with KEVIN BRAUCH

October 18-24, 2009

7 Day Tasting Tour of Ireland

Day 1 - Sunday

Arrival Belfast

Arrive Belfast slightly tired but incredibly excited and make your way to your luxurious 5-star hotel in the heart of the city. At 2 pm we'll gather for welcome cocktails with your host Kevin Brauch. Kevin will officially welcome us to Ireland and give his personal impressions of his time spent here and then we're off on a unique city tour of this fascinating Northern Ireland city. We will dine at one of Belfast's most trendy restaurants and then Kevin will host you for a night cap (or two) at one of Belfast and the world's most famous pubs: The Crown Liquor Saloon prior to returning to your luxury hotel. Overnight at the 5* Fitzwilliam Hotel.



Day 2 – Monday

Belfast - Giant's Causeway - Bushmills

Today we depart for The Giant's Causeway. As seen in Kevin's series, *The Thirsty Traveler*, this area of about 40,000 interlocking basalt columns is the result of an ancient volcanic eruption. It was declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco in 1986 and a National Nature Reserve in 1987. The Giant's Causeway is conveniently located only 3 km north from the town of Bushmills which is our next stop. We will enjoy a delicious lunch at the famous Bushmills Inn. The whiskey distilling process is quite complex, but with our host, Kevin, you will learn all the secrets and taste what makes a good whiskey great. You will enjoy a tour and a tutored whiskey tasting at one of the world's most renowned whiskey distilleries that just turned 400 years old in 2008. Overnight at the Fitzwilliam Hotel in Belfast.



Day 3 – Tuesday**Belfast - Enniskillen**

Today we travel to the county of Fermanagh to experience decadence at its finest at the new 5* Lough Erne Golf Resort & Spa. You will have free time to enjoy a leisurely lunch at the resort or indulge in a spa treatment. Options for the afternoon include relaxing at the resort or a trip lakeside to see some of the local sights which will include a stop at Belleek pottery as well as the ancient stone heads on Boa Island. Happy Hour in the Blaney Bar followed by dinner – a sumptuous affair as we'll be dining at one of the area's top-rated restaurants. Nice!

**Day 4 – Wednesday****Fermanagh**

After a delicious breakfast, we will divide the group in two so that each group will have an intimate opportunity to participate in a cooking class and lunch at the renowned Belle Isle Cookery School. While one group cooks, the other group can enjoy the exciting Nick Faldo championship golf course or the luxurious Thai spa facilities at the resort. Evening will be at leisure; perhaps some drinks and great stories of the day in the comfort of the hotel bar.

**Day 5 – Thursday****Enniskillen - Dublin**

Today we leave the peaceful Enniskillen countryside and are travelling to Ireland's capital, Dublin. We will stop for lunch on route (likely a gastro-pub Kevin personally recommends). Dublin is located near the mid-point of Ireland's east coast at the mouth of the River Liffey and at the centre of the Dublin region. Upon our arrival in Dublin we will check into the luxurious 5* Fitzwilliam Hotel, located in the heart of the city. This afternoon we will visit the Guinness Storehouse for a private VIP tour. Then we're off for a private tour and tasting at Jameson Distillery (pinch me!) Here we will enjoy a relaxing and entertaining group dinner.



Day 6 – Friday**Dublin**

Today we will enjoy a pub walking tour of the world famous Temple Bar District. See why Dublin is world famous for their variety of pubs and the hospitality that is received within their doors. Perhaps a cocktail at U2's Clarence Hotel? Next we will enjoy an intimate cookery class in the chef's own home. We will wind up our magical week in Ireland with a farewell dinner, hosted by our own Kevin Brauch.

**Day 7 - Saturday****Dublin - Departure**

Departure day. Here's an old Irish blessing to send you safely on your way.

An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$4495.00 (based on double occupancy)

INCLUSIONS:

- 5* luxury accommodations for 6 nights (Fitzwilliam Belfast, Lough Erne Golf Resort & Spa, Fitzwilliam Dublin)
- Full Irish breakfasts daily, welcome reception, 3 lunches, 4 dinners (with wines)
- Fully escorted touring in deluxe coach
- Sightseeing and admissions as per itinerary
- Private VIP visits to Bushmills, Guinness and Jameson
- Tutored tastings at Bushmills and Jameson
- Two cooking classes
- Escorted pub tour
- Porterage of one bag per person
- All taxes & gratuities relative to program inclusions

NOT INCLUDED:

- Wine, beer, beverages not included in group meals
- All items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Airport transfers
- Airfare



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