



Itinerary for ASL Airlines/Halifax Airport

Thursday, 29th June 2017

6.30 Arrive Dublin airport on flight no 50902.

Tea/ Coffee and Scones in one of the airport hotels.

Visit to **Malahide Castle and Gardens** set on 250 acres of park land in the pretty seaside town of Malahide.

www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie

Tour of Glasnevin Cemetry. www.glasnevinmuseum.ie

Since 1828, more than 1.5 million people have been interred in Glasnevin - rich and famous, paupers and politicians, artists, warriors and heroes, all resting side by side in this renowned Victorian Garden Cemetery. The key to Glasnevin's success is the popularity of the tour guides whose enthusiasm is compelling. Brimming with banter and charm each tour guide is passionate about sharing their love of heritage and history. There is inspiration around every corner and at every grave, and with one and a half million stories buried in Glasnevin, there's no shortage of tales to tell.

Lunch in Ely chq.

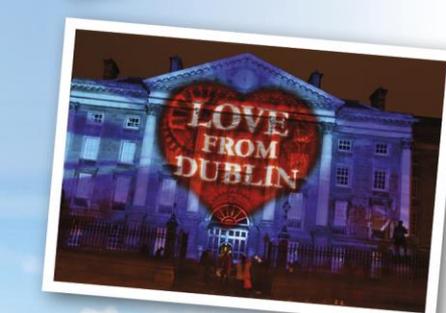
Visit to **Epic**, housed in the iconic CHQ building, an historic stone and iron warehouse, built in 1820, this state-of-the-art visitor experience tells the epic story of the Irish people's dispersal throughout the world over the ages. Visitors will be taken on a journey that starts on the island of Ireland and ends with the global presence of the Irish today. Running through this journey is the question: *what does it mean to be Irish?* www.epicirelandchq.com

Visit the **Guinness Storehouse**, Ireland's leading visitor attraction, and the home of the black stuff!

Dinner and overnight in Dublin

Friday, 30th June

8.30 Depart Dublin for Galway on the Wild Atlantic Way.
The Wild Atlantic Way stretches for 2,500km along Ireland's





western sea board, from Malin head in Donegal to Kinsale in Co. Cork, it is the longest defined coastal driving route in the World. Here the Atlantic ocean has carved a coastline with jagged cliffs, wave-capped inlets, surfing-friendly strands and deserted beaches which is guarded by Islands and lighthouses dotted along the way. www.wildatlanticway.com



11.00 Walking tour of Galway city followed by lunch.

Visit to **Brigit's Garden**. This beautiful Celtic festival themed gardens are set within 4.5 hectares of woodland and wildflower meadows in Roscahill, County Galway. Its features include a nature trail, ogham trees, children's discovery trail, living willow play area, an ancient ring fort (fairy fort), roundhouse and the largest calendar sundial in Ireland. www.brigitsgarden.ie



Visit to **Kylemore Abbey and gardens**

The dramatic landscape and iconic image of a gothic castle reflected in a Connemara lake has made Kylemore Abbey world-famous and it is now the largest tourist attraction in the west of Ireland. www.kylemoreabbey.com

Overnight in the Clifden.

Saturday, 1st July

Depart for Louisburgh

Visit to **Glen Keen Farm** to see Sheepdog herding & Wool spinning demonstration followed by tea/coffee. <http://glenkeenfarm.com/>

Visit to **Westport House**, The ultimate in old world heritage, The beauty of the house itself and its stunning interior is complimented by its natural parkland and lakeland setting. www.westporthouse.ie

Cycle the Greenway The world-class Great Western Greenway is a 42km traffic-free cycling and walking facility which primarily follows the line of the famous Westport to Achill Island Railway, which opened in 1937. www.greenway.ie

Overnight in Mulranny or Westport.

Sunday, 2nd July

Depart for North Mayo

10.30 Visit to the **Ceide Fields**, the amazing geology, archaeology, botany and wildlife of this North Mayo region is interpreted at the





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Céide Fields Visitor Centre, with the aid of an audio-visual presentation and exhibitions. www.heritageireland.ie

Travel north to Downpatrick Head to see the Dun Briste Sea Stack.

12.00 Learn how to make Irish Soda bread, with Rachels Irish Adventures in Ballina. www.rachelsirishadventures.com

14.30 Lunch in Strandhill

15.30 A guided heritage walk on pretty trails along and close to the coastline of the Wild Atlantic Way with Auriel Robinson of Seatrails www.seatrails.ie

Check into hotel in Sligo.

18.30 **Yeats Dinner** with Damien Brennan at Broc House, Aughamore Near, Carraroe, Co. Sligo. With magnificent views surrounded by Irish art and contemporary architecture, you will be served the best of Irish food by Paula Gilvarry in her private home. Her husband Damien Brennan brings you the life and poetry of William Butler Yeats. www.yeatssligoireland.com

Monday, 3rd July



09.00 Depart Sligo for Northern Ireland

11.00 Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh. Immerse yourself in the story of Irish famine and the resulting emigration at the museum that brings it to life. Experience the adventure that takes you from the thatched cottages of Ulster, on board a full-scale emigrant sailing ship, to the log cabins of North America

12.00 Lunch & then travel to Derry-Londonderry, the island of Ireland's only walled city!

14.00 Walking Tour of the historic city walls – Europe's only completely walled city. Visit the Tower Museum and Tour of the Guild Hall

Dinner and overnight in Derry

Tues 4th July





08.30 Depart Derry for Giant's Causeway via the dramatic scenery of the North Antrim Coast

09.30 Giant's Causeway and Visitor Centre



11.30 Depart Causeway following the scenic Causeway Coastal Route towards Ballycastle and Ballintoy
Stop off at one of Game of Throne's most iconic sights – the Dark Hedges. Have lunch at the Fullerton arms in Ballintoy and visit the harbour, widely used in this popular series as a back drop.

14.30 Depart North Coast for Belfast

16.00 Arrive Belfast with brief city orientation tour by coach to capture the main highlights such as Belfast City Hall, Queens University, the trendy Cathedral Quarter

17.30 Check into hotel and freshen up for dinner

19.00 Dinner in local restaurant and overnight

Wed 5th July

09.15 Depart hotel

09.30 Gallery tour of Titanic Belfast. Morning refreshments before departing at 1200 for Dublin airport

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