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Tailor Made Northern Ireland: Belfast

4 days - Private Journey

Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests. Discover the emerging destination of Belfast, where yesterday and today blend into a rich cultural experience that takes you from the historic dockside that launched 'Titanic' to Ireland's oldest distillery, and journey through scenic countryside to take in the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway.

Itinerary

DAY 1 BELFAST, IRELAND

Arrive in Belfast, where you are met and privately transferred to your magnificent hotel just outside the city center. Built in 1876 as the official residence of the bishop of Down, Dromore and Connor, today the Culloden Estate & Spa is one of the premier five-star hotels in Belfast, standing amid 12 acres of immaculate gardens and woodland.

Culloden Estate & Spa



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DAY 2 BELFAST | THE SHIP OF DREAMS

Set out on a privately guided tour of Belfast, beginning at the Renaissance-style City Hall, affectionately called "The Wedding Cake" due to its tiered architecture. Admire the rich Italian marble of the entrance hall, and sit on the mayor's throne as you learn about the building's history. Continue to St. Anne's Cathedral, known for its imposing neo-Romanesque façade. See the impressive mosaics, as well as artifacts that include St. Anne's Book of Common Prayer, written on cigarette papers in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp. Pass by Queen's University en route to the notorious Crumlin Road Gaol, where you tour this former prison that has hosted a number of historic inmates, from murderers to suffragettes to loyalist and Republican political figures. Discover its dark history and experience for yourself what life was like inside for those imprisoned during the Victorian era. Then, explore Belfast's famous Titanic Quarter, named after the famous ship that was built at the city dockyards. Visit the iconic, purpose-built Titanic Belfast, where the ship's story is brought to life in an interactive, nine-gallery exhibition with special effects, full-scale reconstructions and an undersea exploration center.

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DAY 3 BELFAST | LAVA & LEGEND

Venture outside the city to the Giant's Causeway — a UNESCO World Heritage Site — where you take a private tour with a specialist guide. View this unique geological formation, which consists of hexagonal basaltic columns formed from cooled volcanic lava flow, noting where they disappear into the sea. Legend has it the Giant's Causeway was built by a giant wishing to cross the stormy waters to Scotland. Continue to the Old Bushmills Distillery, Ireland's oldest licensed distillery. Learn how its famous spirits are made using Irish barley and water from St. Columb's Rill, a tributary of the River Bush, and enjoy a complimentary sample of your choosing. Return to Belfast and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

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DAY 4 DEPART BELFAST

After breakfast, privately transfer to the airport and board your departing flight.