

LAW & CULTURE IN IRELAND

MAY 7-13, 2024
4 OR 6 NIGHT
PROGRAM OPTIONS



Open to Members and Guests of the Tennessee Bar Association

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INCLUDED

Premium or Standard Hotel Accommodations (as selected)

Daily ground transportation

Select group meals at top restaurants (including tips)

Full-time tour leader, local guides and specialists

Lecture series with local experts and influencers (open to non-attorney guests)

Admission to all museums / attractions in program

Travel Tips and Assistance

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Ireland

Airport transfers (except for those on the Belfast extension)

Suggested tips for drivers and local guide(s)

Additional meals not provided in itinerary

Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses (e.g., mini bar, room services, laundry fees)

Trip cancellation insurance



YOU'RE INVITED!

The **Tennessee Bar Association** invites you to join our exclusive **Journey to Ireland**. We engage with **local experts, academics, officials and change makers** who offer in-depth commentary on the EU and UK legal-political systems, economics, environmental justice, history and religion.

Ireland is a country that boasts stunning natural landscapes, rich cultural heritage, and friendly locals. We stay 4 nights in the charming **Dublin**, explore ancient castles, visit landmarks, museums and notable legal institutions, and sample delicious local cuisine and beverages. The vibrant culture of Ireland is reflected in the music, dance and literary legacy that continues to influence global culture.

Add two nights in **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of **Northern Ireland (UK)** and one of **Nashville's Sister Cities**, engaging with local ambassadors and guides offering context to the region's unique political history, Good Friday Agreement, and the ongoing reconciliation efforts and peace process.

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IRELAND AT A GLANCE



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JOURNEY TO IRELAND

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Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations.

Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and special requests are encouraged.

Day 1 Tuesday May 7th

Individuals arrive **Dublin International Airport (DUB)** throughout the day and travel independently to the hotel. *Door-to-Door Airport Transfers can be arranged for a fee upon request.*

Premium & Standard Hotel Accommodations selected at registration.

Early Arrivals

Possible early afternoon / optional activities suitable for self-guided or guided tours include the **National Gallery of Ireland** and/or **National Museum of Ireland** known for its remarkable collection including well-preserved bog bodies.

2:30pm

Meet in the hotel lobby bar for a Welcome / Meet & Greet before departing for our visit to the **Jameson Distillery** or **Teelings Small Batch Whiskey Distillery** for tastings and signature cocktails with a storyteller. En route we see **Dublin Castle** and **St. Patrick's Cathedral**.

Evening

Welcome Dinner at the Winding Staircase.

UNRAVELING THE KNOT: NAVIGATING THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT ON IRELAND

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union has raised a number of legal questions, particularly concerning trade and immigration. Over dinner, we discuss the effects of Brexit in Ireland, what it meant to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, and the Transition Protocols and issues of EU membership.

Optional after-dinner walking orientation of the nearby nightlife including bars and live music - cultural calendars pending or return to the hotel.

Day 2 Wednesday May 8th

Breakfast served daily at our group hotels.

Morning

INTRODUCTION TO THE IRISH LEGAL SYSTEM

We are joined by representatives of the **Honorable Society of King's Inns** – the "Inn of Court" for the **Bar of Ireland**, who share the story of the foundation of the King's Inns, as well as the specificities behind Ireland's Legal Higher Education. Established in 1541, King's Inns is Ireland's oldest school of law and one of Ireland's significant historical environments and located in **Dublin's Legal Quarter**.

In 1541 Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries and granted a lease to the Honorable Society of Kings Inns for the use of Blackfriars Monastery – now the location of the **Four Courts**. Today the area encompassing Blackhall Place on the west, the Kings Inns on the east, North King Street on the north and the Quays on the south still contains a large number of well-known buildings and locations associated with the law. The area is also home to a number of legal-related bodies including the Bar Council, the Law Society, and many law firms.

Lunch at the King's Inn.

Afternoon

Visit of the **EPIC: The Irish Emigration Museum** that highlights the historical legacy between the US and Ireland. This museum is an immersive experience that touches the hearts and minds of all its visitors.

GUINNESS TOUR/TASTING

From the EPIC, we continue for a guided visit to the **Guinness Storehouse & Museum** followed by a **private tasting** and time to explore this innovative exhibit.

Return to the hotel.

Dinner and evening entertainment on your own. Some may choose to see the Grammy award-winning Riverdance experience. This legendary Irish & International Dance troupe performs nightly at the Gaeity Theatre. Please speak with the concierge about tickets for this and other live performances.



Day 3 Thursday May 9th

Morning

Depart for our visit to **Trinity College Dublin** for a student-guided tour of the campus and to see the **Book of Kells** and the **Long Room**, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and one of the world's most beautiful libraries.

Breaking the Code: Legal Challenges in Ireland's Thriving Tech Sector

Ireland has become a hub for technology companies, particularly in Dublin, where many multinational tech companies including Google, Microsoft and Apple have their European headquarters. Issues such as data protection, privacy rights, intellectual property, and cybersecurity. In May 2018, the **General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** came into effect, and it has had a significant impact on businesses operating in Ireland as Dublin. We meet with members of the **Trinity Research and Innovation Department** to discuss legal and financial and other regulatory issues facing technology companies and startups in Ireland.

Lunch at **Pigs Ear** overlooking the Trinity College Campus **Cricket Pitch**.

Afternoon

Afternoon Wandering Tour in a Dublin Neighborhood - *independent or with a guide.*

Options include:

Pearse Lyons Whiskey Distillery Tour. Discover over 800 years of history in the making at Dublin's only independently, family owned working distillery. Fully guided tour, award winning tasting under the roof of an 18th century church.

Tour the **Dublin Art & Antiques Quarter** on **Francis Street** has a variety of antique shops, eclectic boutiques, galleries and restaurants. Paris has the Left Bank and London has Portobello Road, and Dublin city has its very own Antiques Quarter. In October 2003, Francis Street's well-established and reputable traders joined forces to form Dublin's first and foremost Antique Quarter.

Located near the antiques quarter is **Dublinia**, a living history of viking and medieval culture in Dublin.

4:00 PM

Return to the hotel.

Dinner on your own. Optional evening entertainment, cultural calendars pending.

Day 4 Friday May 10th

Today you may "Choose your own adventure"(1) Seaside visit to Howth, (2) Visit to Croke Park National Stadium, or (3) Free time for Golf, Shopping or Leisure.

TRACK 1: Harbor Hopping and Seaside Life in Howth

With its picturesque harbor, pretty beaches and wildflower-covered sea cliffs, **Howth** feels like the kind of village you'd find on a far-flung stretch of the west coast rather than a 30-minute drive from the city center. From the moment you arrive and walk along the waterfront, spotting the resident seals poking their heads up between the docked boats, you'll see why it's the go to spot for Dubliners looking for a weekend breath of fresh air.

We see **Howth Castle** and the adjoining estate, the home of the Gaisford -St Lawrence family since 1177.

Lunch on your own and free time for shopping or visits to local museums before returning to Dublin.

TRACK 2: Behind the Scenes Tour of Irish Sport

On this track, we tour **Croke Park & National Stadium**. This park has been at the heart of Irish sporting life for over 100 years. With a capacity of 82,300, this magnificent stadium is actually the third largest in Europe. Its size is only part of its greatness as you'll discover on this eye-opening tour from quirky insights into why Croke Park's grass is always greener to learning about defining moments in Irish history.

On this track we also see the **Museum of Gaelic Sports** for deeper insight into Gaelic football, hurling, handball and camogie through interactive exhibits.

TRACK 3: Free time for Golf, Shopping or Leisure

Enjoy your last day in Dublin with a round of golf, shopping, or a pub crawl. Activities subject to individual cost. Suitable recommendations can be provided.

7:00 PM

Dublin Farewell Dinner.

Optional after dinner drinks and Irish music at **Doheny & Nesbitt**, a renowned traditional music pub packed with nightly live sessions.

Day 5 Saturday May 11th

Departure Day for some.

9:00 AM

Hotel Check Out. Depart for Belfast.

En route we learn about **The Trials and The Troubles: Civil Rights Activism & the IRA**. Also called **Northern Ireland conflict**, “The Troubles” was a violent sectarian conflict that lasted from about 1968 to 1998 in Northern Ireland between the overwhelmingly Protestant unionists (loyalists), who desired the province to remain part of the United Kingdom, and the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic nationalists (republicans), who wanted Northern Ireland to become part of the republic of Ireland.

Afternoon

After a quick stop at the **Albert Clock aka Belfast’s Leaning Tower**, continue to the historic **Titanic Hotel** for a proper Tea.

Now restored to its former splendor, the former *Harland & Wolff* headquarters building was the creative hub for the world’s leading shipbuilders. *RMS Titanic* may have become the most notorious ship to leave this yard, but the company built over 1700 other vessels including many record breakers.

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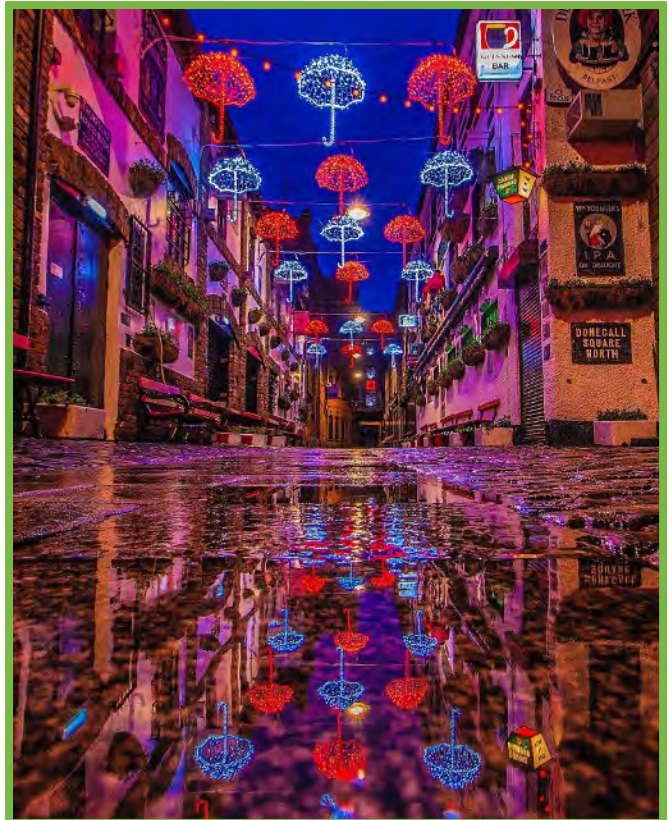
The Greening of Ireland: Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015, assessing risk factors in a changing world with **Conor Houston**, Director of Policy & Engagement for the Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP), CEO of the New Ireland Commission, Visiting Chair of Irish Studies at Loyola Marymount University Los Angeles, and co-chair of *One Young World*.

And/Or **Welcome Reception with local Ambassadors and Nashville Sister Cities partners** in Belfast.

Remainder of the afternoon is free.

Evening

Dinner on your own.



Day 6

Sunday May 12th

Complimentary breakfast and coffee is served daily at the hotel.

Morning

Black Cab Tour through the Loyalist and Republican heartlands of this once divided city. We see famous landmarks as well as the iconic murals depicting freedom fighters & revolutionaries from all over the globe and write our own messages on the Peace Walls.

We meet with leaders and survivors of *The Troubles* and visit the *Garden of Reflection*, a living organic lasting memorial.

Time permitting we visit **Pillars Of Justice: Crumlin Road Gaol** and the **Parliament Buildings Stormont**.

Afternoon

Lunch at **Holohan's Pantry** located in an old listed building oozing charm and ambience, a mixture of old style surroundings in a bright and welcoming setting. The Pantry offers a unique dining experience, based around great local produce and warm, genuine Irish hospitality.

After lunch, Choose your own Adventure between (1) the **Game of Thrones Studio Tour** or (2) **free time**.

TRACK 1: GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR

This afternoon, go behind-the-scenes of the hit HBO television series **Game of Thrones**. This tour is located at the *Linen Mill Studios* in **Banbridge**, just outside Belfast.

TRACK 2: FREE TIME

Free time for shopping, snacking and strolling in **St. George's Market** in the City Center.

Evening

Farewell Dinner & Evening Entertainment.

Day 7

Monday May 13th

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. Transfers to **Dublin International Airport (DUB)** will be arranged by CLE Abroad for those departing on this day.

Extra room nights at group hotels can be arranged upon request, subject to availability and cost.

Note 1: This is a "working" itinerary. There will be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary based on enrollment and participant surveys. All venues and meetings are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.

Note 2: This program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.

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