



LAW & CULTURE IN IRELAND

MAY 7-13, 2025
4 OR 6 NIGHT
PROGRAM OPTIONS



By Invitation of The Kentucky Bar Association
Register online at www.cle-abroad.com/trip/kybar

INCLUDED

4 Star Hotel
Accommodations (if
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 Kentucky 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)**, 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.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

See the Registration page to save \$150

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IRELAND AT A GLANCE



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JOURNEY TO IRELAND

THE KENTUCKY BAR

Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations.

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

Day 1

Wednesday 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.*

Hotel Accommodations selected at registration.

11:00 am (Optional meetup for Early Arrivals)

Meet in the Hotel lobby and depart for the **National Gallery of Ireland** and/or **National Museum of Ireland** known for its remarkable collection including well-preserved bog bodies.

Afternoon

Meet in your hotel lobby and depart on foot for **Christ Church Cathedral**, crossing the River Liffey and walking through the Temple Bar area. *Please wear comfortable walking shoes!*

Christ Church private tour and reception. Originally a Viking Church, this architectural masterpiece has been welcoming pilgrims and visitors for almost 1,000 years. In our private tour, we explore its depths to find the crypt, Dublin city's oldest working structure. Hidden treasures of this tour at Christ Church include seeing Strongbow's final resting place and a rare copy of the Magna Carta.

5:00pm

Orientation Walking Tour of Central Dublin.

6:30pm

Welcome Dinner at [The Winding Stair](#).

Day 2

Thursday May 8th

Breakfast served daily at our group hotels.

Morning

Meet in your hotel lobby to depart for the EPIC Museum.

Law, State & Society Lecture and Kentucky links with EPIC Museum Curator Dr. Catherine Healy.

This meeting will take place at the EPIC Museum's Liffey Corner room (ground level).

12:00pm – 12:45pm

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

From EPIC we travel crosstown to the **Liberties neighborhood**.

1:00pm

Lunch and Lecture upstairs at [Harkin's Bar](#).

A Century of Irish Censorship: The Prohibitions, the Battles, the Legacy

Presentation by **Jana Fischerova**. This discussion considers the past censorship of publications in Ireland and its impact on Irish literary and reading culture, up to the present.

CHEESE TASTING, HISTORY & THE IRISH FOOD MOVEMENT

Before leaving Harkin's Bar, we enjoy a tasting and exploration of Irish Cheese and Dairy. Not constrained by tradition and nourished by premium quality produce, Irish food artisans and culinary pioneers have taken advantage of the new found wealth and created a vibrant and innovative food scene. Today we explore cheese led by Jim Dempsey, who was part of this nascent revolution in the 1990's and he will introduce the cheeses, their makers and back stories and tell the history of Irish food. From Brehon Law prescriptive serving rules to anarchic raw milk cheese makers – welcome, this is Irish food.

3:45pm

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE EXPERIENCE

Visit the **Guinness Storehouse & Museum** with time to explore the innovative exhibits and interactive demonstrations of making beer. Its a stout lover's paradise! *A pint of Guinness, beer or soft drink included with entry.*

Day 3 Friday May 9th

Morning

Today we visit Dublin's Legal Quarter and some of Ireland's most prestigious legal institutions. *Smart casual dress is suggested.*

Group visit to the Law Society of Ireland

The Society of Attorneys and Solicitors of Ireland was established in 1830 and re-formed in May 1841 when the Honorable Benchers of the King's Inns granted the Society rooms in the Four Courts. In 1852, Queen Victoria granted a Royal Charter which incorporated the Society, followed by a further Supplemental Charter in 1888, which allowed for the nomination to Council of members representing the four Provinces and also changed the name of the Society to the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. During the second half of the nineteenth century, the Society gained its independence from the King's Inns with the transfer of education and disciplinary functions to the Society.

Tour, Tasting and Light Lunch at [Teeling Whiskey Distillery](#). Over lunch we are addressed by founder Jack Teeling for a discussion on Irish Whiskey Regulation and Protecting Brand Rights.

Afternoon

THE BAR OF IRELAND: The Irish Legal System

During our visit to the Bar of Ireland, we will be given an overview of the Bar, access to the legal profession in Ireland and regulation of Law practice. We also visit the Four Courts.

Evening

Drinks/canapes reception at **The Sheds** with the Bar of Ireland leadership before returning to our hotels.

Dinner on your own.

Optional evening entertainment, cultural calendars pending.



Day 4 Saturday May 10th

Morning

Today is reserved for free time with optional activities **pre-selected by participants**: (1) Seaside visit to Howth, (2) Visit to Glendalough National Park, or (3) Free time.

TRACK 1: Coastal Walk and Seaside Life in Howth (approx 10am - 3pm)

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO: The first 90 minutes is a hike over very rough terrain. There are sets of steep steps and nearby cliffs on the itinerary. This tour requires a good level of fitness.

Alongside a private guide, we take public transportation from Dublin to Howth. We begin with a descent along the cliffs, leading to a quaint harbor town that provides a serene escape from Dublin's hustle. Our guide highlights Howth's Viking Legacy and significance in modern times. 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.

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

TRACK 2: Visit Glendalough National Park /Monastic City in Wicklow

Day trip to Ireland's Ancient East by visiting Glendalough, home to one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland. This settlement was founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. It became Ireland's great ecclesiastical school of learning until the Normans destroyed the monastery in 1214 A.D.

TRACK 3: Free time

Enjoy your last day in Dublin at leisure.

Evening

Meet in the hotel lobby to depart for our **Book of Kells Experience**, Ireland's greatest cultural treasure and one of the world's most beautiful libraries. *6:45pm entry (final entry of the day).*

Dublin Farewell Dinner at [The Bank on College Green](#).

Day 5 Sunday May 11th

Morning / Departure Day for some.

Hotel Check Out. Depart by coach for Belfast. Morning activities were **pre-selected by participants: (1) Game of Thrones Studio Tour, or (2) Early Arrival to Belfast/Free time.**

Our first stop is **Banbridge**, for those visiting the Game of Thrones Studio Tour.

TRACK 1: GAME OF THRONES STUDIO TOUR

We 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: Early arrival into Belfast

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.

Titanic Hotel Belfast

The Titanic Quarter, 8 Queens Rd, Belfast BT3 9DT, United Kingdom

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Afternoon Tea 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 Los Angeles, and co-chair of One Young World.

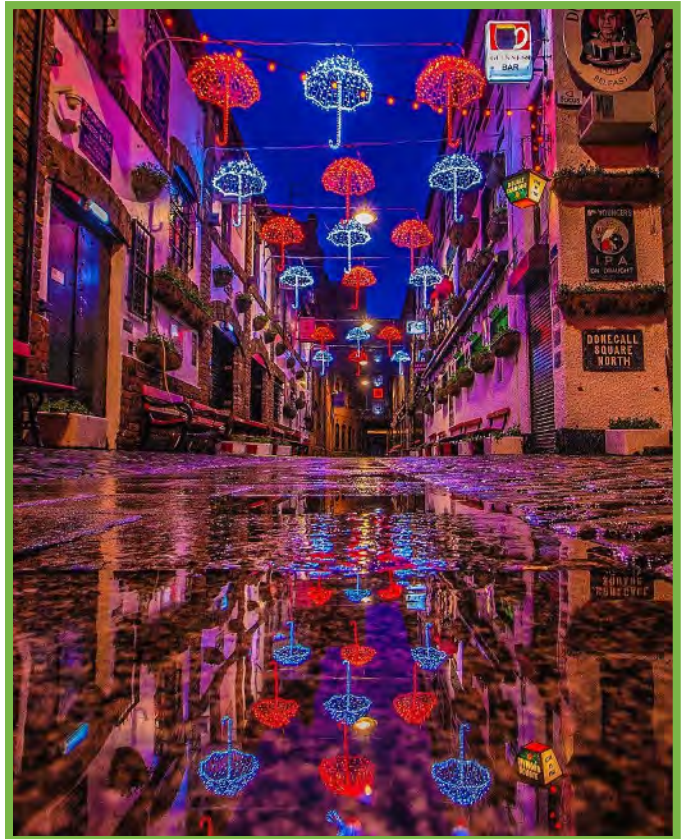
UNRAVELING THE KNOT: NAVIGATING THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT ON IRELAND

The withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union has raised a number of legal questions, particularly concerning trade and immigration. Over tea, 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.

We visit the award-winning shining tribute, the **Titanic Belfast Museum** that is encrusted with thousands of aluminum shards causing it to shimmer in the sunlight. From this vantage point, we also see the iconic *Samson & Goliath*, two enormous gantry cranes symbolizing the grit that built this world-class industrial center.

Evening

Dinner on your own.



Day 6

Monday 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.

Time permitting we see **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.

Free time for shopping or exploring Belfast.

Evening

Farewell Dinner at **OX Restaurant**.

Day 7

Tuesday May 13th

Optional morning activities depending on departure time. Transfers to **Dublin**

International Airport (DUB) can be arranged by CLE Abroad for those departing on this day or coordinate your own car service with the hotel.

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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