



MEJDI TOURS

- Tour:** Northern Ireland in Dual Narrative
- Dates:** June 25 - July 1, 2022
- Included:** 6 nights' accommodation at the following hotels or similar (double occupancy): The Merchant Hotel Belfast, Bishop's Gate Hotel Derry
1 local unionist & 1 local nationalist guide for 5 days
7 days of private transportation, including arrival and departure airport transfers
Meals listed in the itinerary: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
US-based customer service representatives
- Not included:** International airfare
Travel insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement - \$1,150
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section
- Pricing:** 14+ Paying Participants - \$3,850 Per Person
12-13 Paying Participants - \$4,050 Per Person
10-11 Paying Participants - \$4,335 Per Person



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Itinerary:

Day 1: Saturday, June 25, 2022 - Arrival in Belfast (no guide)

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner this evening.

Accommodation: The Merchant Hotel, Belfast (Dinner included)

Day 2: Sunday, June 26, 2022 - Belfast

Start the day by with a contextual conversation setting the scene for the next few days.

Explore the seeds of the conflict and the role of religion and politics in a divided space.

Then, visit the innovative and engaging Titanic Belfast Museum, an exploration of emigration, and the shipyards and maritime industry that shaped this historic city.

Continue to Belfast Castle, for a scenic city view and discussion with a historian over lunch.

As you move about the castle, learn about the Plantation of Ulster and dive deeper into the history of the conflict.

Accommodation: The Merchant Hotel, Belfast (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)

Day 3: Monday, June 27, 2022 - Belfast

This morning, hear competing political narratives of Ireland's national history from two former combatants, one from the Republican side and the other from the Loyalist side.

Explore the Crumlin Road Gaol, a notorious prison rich in history and intrigue. Over lunch at a traditional Irish pub, enjoy a debrief with your guides on what you have explored thus far.

This afternoon, check out the University Quarter of the city, the Botanical Gardens, and Queens University. Transfer to East Belfast and explore the boyhood haunts of C.S. Lewis, including his church, home, school and C.S. Lewis Square. Then, visit the Skainos Project, a \$30 million post-conflict community regeneration initiative. Tour this shared space urban village featuring economic, religious, environmental, and social justice enterprises and learn how its inhabitants are sharing space peacefully in a contested neighborhood. Over dinner, meet with two journalists to discuss current affairs in Northern Ireland.

Accommodation: The Merchant Hotel, Belfast (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)

Day 4: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 - Belfast

Today, tour the Loyalist monuments and colorful political murals of Shankill Road. Take a walk down the Peace Wall, an ever-changing message board of political slogans and graffiti and a litmus test for current sentiments in the surrounding neighborhoods. Explore the pain caused by the conflict, hear stories of loss, and learn about the painful yet hopeful rebuilding of lives on both sides of the conflict. After lunch, meet with a local organization that has been working toward Catholic-Protestant reconciliation and learn how the group is reshaping the narrative of the conflict for the younger generation. Take time for reflection at the Art of the Troubles gallery in the Ulster Museum. This evening, unwind at a local pub in town, share a pint with new friends, and tap your foot to some live Irish music.

Accommodation: The Merchant Hotel, Belfast (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)



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Day 5: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 - Dunluce Castle & Giant's Causeway

Visit city hall in Belfast and learn about the current political structure today from two city councillors from different traditions. Then, take a trip up the Antrim Plateau, past the Glens to the northern coast of Ireland. Start with Dunluce Castle, one of the most impressive in Northern Ireland. For lunch, stop at Bushmills distillery, the world's oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world. Afterwards, enjoy brisk coastal breezes at the swaying Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and visit Giant's Causeway, whose hexagonal volcanic formations have earned it's distinction as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There, hear charming tales of the Celtic giant for whom the site was named. Over dinner, learn about Northern Ireland's economy and the efforts for joint ventures with Catholics and Protestants in the city of Derry.

Accommodation: Bishop's Gate Hotel Derry (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)

Day 6: Thursday, June 30, 2022 - Derry

In Derry, learn about the harrowing events of the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday. See the Free Derry Corner, and walk through the People's Gallery, a series of political murals dedicated to the victims of the Troubles and local civil rights efforts. Meet with families of victims of the Troubles and hear their stories. Walk the ramparts of Derry's walls, constructed during the Plantation of Ulster to defend the English and Scottish settlements. This afternoon, explore the Unionist narrative in a city that defines itself primarily as Catholic and Nationalist. Finish the afternoon with a discussion on conflict resolution, the role of memory, the power of language, and the complexity of Brexit.

Accommodation: Bishop's Gate Hotel Derry (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner included)

Day 7: Friday, July 1, 2022 - Departure from Belfast (no guide)

Transfer to the airport (1.5 hours) in Belfast for your flight home today. *(Breakfast included)*