

**VILLAGE AT RIVER'S EDGE**  
**GRAND TOUR OF IRELAND PRE-STAY ITINERARY**  
**SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 2, 2018**

**Day 1: Friday, 28 Sept.<sup>th</sup> ~ Boston - Dublin**

Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our overnight flight to Dublin with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight

**Day 2: Saturday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Dublin - Belfast**

Upon arrival you will meet with your driver & guide and depart for Belfast. Upon arrival in Belfast, enjoy a panoramic tour of Northern Ireland's capital. Belfast is an important port and industrial city as well as the site of a modern university. We'll see the City Hall - a large Renaissance building dating from the beginning of the 20th century, and remnants from "The Troubles" including a tour of the Falls and Shankill road areas. We'll also visit "Titanic Belfast," which recreates the story of the world's most famous ship in a new iconic, six floor building at the historic site of the ship's construction. The self-guided journey begins on entering the building's giant atrium. As you journey through the nine large galleries of the interactive exhibition, highlights will include breath taking views to the slip-ways where the Titanic was launched. Transfer to our 5-star estate outside Belfast, for check-in. Dinner and overnight at the estate. (Dinner)

**Your accommodations from 9/29 to 10/01**

**Culloden Estate & Spa**

Bangor Road

Belfast, BT 18 OEX, CO.

Antrim Northern Ireland.

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[www.hastingshotels.com/culloden-estate-and-spa](http://www.hastingshotels.com/culloden-estate-and-spa))

**Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer, heated pool, and indoor pool**

**Day 3: Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Dunluce Castle - Ballymen - Giants Causeway**

After breakfast we'll visit Dunluce Castle, where the roofless ruins are breath-taking with the white chalk cliffs of Portrush close by. It was the former home of the clans McQuillan and MacDonnell. Have some time at leisure in Ballymena before the drive along the Antrim Coast to the Giant's Causeway. The new Visitor's Center explores the major themes of mythology, geology, landscape, ecology, culture and social history based on the UNESCO World Heritage site that consists of 40,000 basalt polygonal columns formed 60 million years ago after a volcanic eruption. Returning to Belfast and overnight at your hotel in Belfast. (Breakfast and Dinner)

**Day 4 Monday, Oct. 01<sup>st</sup> ~ Belfast - Loughcrew Cairns - Dublin**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will visit the Brehon Brewhouse en-route to Dublin. This small brewery is housed on a farm amongst the rolling drumlins of County Monaghan, just a few miles from the birthplace of Patrick Kavanagh, the inspiration for Brewhouse's India Pale Ale - Stony Grey IPA. Next visit Loughcrew Cairns. Loughcrew Cairns is the best kept secret

in archaeological Ireland. In a landscape of inspiring beauty and intriguing history, the cairns at Loughcrew form the largest complex of passage graves in Ireland: megalithic structures originally built about 4000 BC as burial chambers. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

**Your accommodations from 10/01 to 10/02**

**Sanymount Hotel**

**3 Herbert Road, Lansdowne Road**

**Dublin 4, Co., Dublin**

**Ireland**

**00 353 161 42000**

[www.sandymounthote.ie](http://www.sandymounthote.ie)

**Amenities Include: Free Wi-Fi, hairdryer**

**Day 5 Tuesday, Oct. 02<sup>nd</sup> ~ Dublin - Limerick**

After breakfast and hotel check-out, you will meet up with the rest of your group and take a panoramic tour of the capital.

**PLEASE CONTINUE WITH THE MAIN ITINERARY**

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