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# Journeys of Distinction through Upper Ireland.

Privileged access to Private Places & People  
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Perfecting the Fine Art of Travel



Elegant with a level of discovery rarely found elsewhere in the world, Adams & Butler with over 20 years' experience offers luxury at all levels across Northern Ireland and lead the field with privileged access to both the aristocracy and the most exclusive private castles, stately homes & gardens. Our historic and charming hotels, exclusive-use properties, best of the best driver guides and specialist guides, handpicked for your itineraries, provide personalised, creative, and original trips perfectly organised and enjoyed by couples, multi-generational families and special interest groups.

## Outstanding Natural Beauty

Upper Ireland showcases its own unique natural beauty with some of the least populated areas of the Emerald Isle alongside culturally rich cities like Derry-Londonderry, Belfast, and towns such as Enniskillen and Armagh.

With a plethora of activities for all interests from our Downton Abbey style experience In Residence with the Earl of Erne, to Game of Thrones filming locations and discovering the roots of your own family tree to following the footsteps of literary giants, and for those seeking something on the wilder side you can learn bushcraft skills from survival experts.

Don't miss the tranquil Fermanagh Lakelands with its myriad of activities and Cuilcagh Boardwalk, known locally as the Stairway to

Heaven, the breath-taking North Antrim Coast home to the Giants Causeway, Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge, Whitepark Bay and the Gobbins Cliff Path, Sea Safaris stretching as far as Scottish Isles, and the romantic fabled Mountains of Mourne sweeping down to the sea.

## Gardens, Follies & Stately Houses

Must-sees are Glenarm Castle home to the Earl of Antrim, the wonderful gardens at Mount Stewart, Florence Court, Castle Coole and Castle Ward but also Mussenden Temple and the Historic Royal Palace – Hillsborough Castle, official residence of the Royal Family in Ireland.

## Exclusive-Use Properties in Upper Ireland

There are many fine outstanding houses and castles to rent such as Crom Castle, Colebrooke Park, Glenarm Castle, Montalto Estate, Ballywalter Park, Dundarave Estate, and smaller ones such as Ashbrooke House and Killeavy Castle. These are just a sample of wonderful havens and hideaways that you can enjoy. Everyone a hidden gem around which we can design an itinerary perfectly suited to your exact needs.

## Privileged access to the Aristocracy

For the most discerning traveller Adams & Butler offer a truly exclusive experience staying with the 7th Earl of Erne and Baron of Fermanagh, John Crichton, at the

family's ancestral seat Crom Castle for two to three days. Among other excursions during your stay, The Earl may take you to tea with his cousins who have a particularly beautiful garden nearby or arrange a private visit to Castle Coole, including a tour of this exceptional Georgian House by the current Earl of Belmore. A trip to the market town of Enniskillen to visit Blake's Bar, one of the oldest pubs in Ireland, is also a guest favourite.

Other visits include a hosted stay or lunch at Ballywalter Park with Lord & Lady Dunleath, who have an amazing Victorian garden and cuisine to match and an outstanding cellar, or a visit to Grey Abbey where you can dine with Bill and Daphne Montgomery and hear about their illustrious connections to the White House, the American War of Independence, and who lent their family name to the naming of the capital of Alabama.

The Hon. Christopher Brooke, owner of Ashbrooke, and his brother Alan, Lord Brookeborough of Colebrooke and Knight of Garter to the Queen, belong to a family with a very strong military history and are also enthralling hosts for our clients.

## Country Pursuits

If you're game, you can indulge in a little hunting and fishing at Baronscourt Estate with Lord Jamie Hamilton, son of the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn. As well as having one of the largest herds of pure Sika deer in Ireland, there is fantastic salmon fishing on the River Mourne and pike fishing on the Estate's lakes. Colebrooke Park, seat of Lord Brookeborough, is also a fine shooting estate.

## The Cities of Belfast & Derry-Londonderry

A fascinating way to explore Northern Ireland's recent troubled history, is through a private Black Taxi Tour of Belfast which takes in the Peace Wall and political murals. The city is also home to some architectural delights such as Stormont Buildings and City Hall, a rich maritime heritage, award winning visitor attractions such as Titanic Belfast and the interactive science centre W5, plus a variety of warm and inviting watering holes like the Crown Liquor Saloon, famous for its perfectly preserved 18th Century décor.

Unsurprisingly, as one of Ireland's oldest cities, there's lots of history to absorb in Derry-Londonderry including the Siege, the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday. Make sure to explore the magnificent 17th Century city walls, Bogside murals and Tower Museum.

But the attractions aren't all historical, Derry-Londonderry is also well known for the burgeoning live music scene, which you can enjoy in a number of the city's lively pubs.

## Golf's Paradise

Despite its relatively small size, Northern Ireland is home to a surprising number of great golf courses, including some of the world's best links like Royal Portrush which hosted the British Open in 2019, and Royal County Down. Other notable courses include Ireland's oldest golf club Royal Belfast, Castlerock, Portstewart, Galgorm and Holywood, where 4-time major winner Rory McIlroy learned to play.



### Wellness & Soft Adventure

With so many parks and estates, amazing, rugged coastlines and waterways, there is plenty of places to ramble and pursuits to enjoy.

Activities like horse-riding, water sports, yoga, biking and hiking are widespread and you can even unwind and centre your chi with a little forest-bathing and lake-dipping at Finn Lough. Or if a little pampering is more your style, why not try the thermal spa village at Galgorm Resort or the Spa at Culloden Estate which is cancer accredited.

### Archaology & Mythology & History

Between the archaeological sites and monuments, stone circles and maritime remains, there's evidence of human activity dating back over 9,000 years. If you're interested in learning about the region's rich and varied human history, our guides draw on expert knowledge to bring the past to life, from the first signs of man in the Palaeolithic era to the struggle for Irish Independence just over a century ago.

Other places of historical interest include the Ulster American Folk Park, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and Dunluce Castle, which is literally crumbling into the sea.

The Ulster Museum and Dark Sky Observatory in Omagh are also wonderful places to lose yourself for a few hours.

### Literary Heritage

Northern Ireland's contribution to world literature is astounding; ponder the Mourne Mountains which inspired CS Lewis to create Narnia, in Belfast stand where the distinct outline of Cave Hill moved satirist Jonathan Swift to create the sleeping giant in Gulliver's Travels, or at the Seamus Heaney Homeplace, an arts and literary centre, immerse yourself in the Nobel Prize winner's world through stories, photographs and the voice of the poet reading his own words.

Not forgetting the Brontë Homeland Interpretative Centre, the Samuel Beckett Festival in Fermanagh, and the Verbal Arts Centre and Writers Square in Belfast.

### A Taste of Ulster

With stories to match the fabulous flavours, our guided, artisanal food tours are the perfect recipe for food and drink lovers who like to be entertained as much as they enjoy treating their tastebuds. Our foodie guides will take you through County Down and sample local fare as varied as single estate whiskey, artisan bread and everything in between. We can even take you on a private bike tour of the top restaurants in Derry-Londonderry, which is one way to burn off the calories.

### Jewish Northern Ireland

Visitors are often amazed by Belfast's rich Jewish history, dating back to the 1860s and 1870s. Instrumental to the growth of the linen industry, a few went on to become notable citizens including Sir Otto Jaffe who was the city's first Jewish Lord Mayor over 100 years before the first Catholic one.

The city's Jewish population also excelled overseas, becoming President of Israel, Chief Rabbi and a Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as one of the founders of the

Haagen Dazs ice cream brand. Their names included Jaffe, Loewenthal, Boas, Betzold and Portheim.

### Genealogy

For many, tracing their family lineage is an important and emotional reason for visiting Northern Ireland. If you're interested in tracing yours, we offer a bespoke Trace Your Ancestor service using a team of expert local genealogists. As well as revealing who your ancestors were and what they did, the team can also help locate where they lived, identifying your ancestral home whether it be a ruined cottage in a field or a castle on a grand estate. The service also includes driver guides, who will leave no stone unturned so you can see your ancestral home for yourself... Even if it means driving down overgrown tracks, negotiating fields of sheep or murmurs of Starlings!

### The Ulster Scots Connection with the US Presidency

From John Adams and JFK to Barak Obama and Joe Biden, no fewer than 21 US Presidents have traced their ancestry back to

Ireland. Indeed, even the original White House architect was an Irish immigrant, whose design was based on Ireland's current parliament building, Leinster House.

For those interested in the intertwined history of the two countries, we can take you on a fascinating journey following in the footsteps of these illustrious men. Among the many points of interest, our tour includes visits to Tipperary which has links to both Ronald Reagan and Barack Obama, the JFK homestead in New Ross Co. Wexford, as well as Donegal and Down which have strong Ulster Scots connections to early US presidents Polk, Grant and Jackson.

### Film Locations

One of the latest and most popular reasons for visiting Northern Ireland these days, is down to the success of the TV show Game of Thrones, much of which was filmed in the province. Our film locations tour will transport you to Riverrun, the Stormlands, and even the Dothraki Grasslands as well as letting you enjoy the Winterfell experience at Castle Ward. It also

includes the Journey of the Doors where you'll see 10 intricately carved wooden doors scattered in restaurants and pubs, each telling a story from season six of the award winning series. The epic film Titanic was based on the ship which was built in Belfast and sailed from the Harland & Wolff shipyard marked by the tall yellow cranes known locally as Samson & Goliath.

The reminiscent Titanic Belfast & Drawing Rooms in Titanic Hotel bring you back to a bygone era. Explore film sites of the extremely popular, comedy series 'Derry Girls' which takes a wry look at the Troubles through the eyes of fun-loving teenagers.



## The West

### DAY 1

Private transfer to Derry, home of the popular series Derry Girls, where once checked-in and freshened up, you'll meet your walking guide to explore the origins of one of the longest inhabited places in Ireland. Unsurprisingly, there's lots of history to absorb here, from its magnificent 17th Century city walls and the Siege of Derry, to the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday. Be sure to explore the Bogside murals, along with taking in the burgeoning live music scene in the city's lively pubs.

**Overnight:** [Bishop's Gate Hotel or Beech Hill Country House.](#)

### DAY 2

Sample the very best of the local food and drink on a private gastronomic tour of Derry City, tasting over 25 different local specialities, from craft beers and charcuterie to local cheeses and patisserie. You'll also get to meet the passionate craftspeople behind these fabulous flavours, who will explain the history behind many of the traditional foods in this corner of Northern Ireland.

"The cuisine of a country holds the capacity to chronicle its history, unearth its culture and solidify its people".

**Overnight:** [Bishop's Gate Hotel or Beech Hill Country House.](#)

### DAY 3

In the morning travel to County Tyrone possibly visiting Seamus Heaney Homeplace.

First thing, we travel to County Tyrone for our astronomy meets archaeology experience, making our way to the Sperrins, an ancient mountain range which Irish people have been calling home for millennia. There with your specialist Davagh Forest guide, you will explore the area's rich archaeological heritage - ancient field systems, standing stones, stone circles, and burial tombs – which offer a tantalising glimpse into the culture, creativity and religious beliefs of Ireland's original hunter-gatherers and the bronze age settlers who lived and worked in the Broughderg River Valley over 10,000 years ago.

In the evening, explore the night sky with a local astronomer, who fascinatingly links the local landscape and archaeology to the heavens above. The lack of light pollution at Davagh Forest means it's one of only 78 locations in the world with official international dark sky accreditation, making it one of the finest places on the planet to observe the stars.

**Overnight:** [Sperrinview Luxury](#)

[Glamping or Corick House Hotel.](#)

### DAY 4

Tour to County Fermanagh, an area of Northern Ireland known for the pristine waterways of Lough Erne and its beautiful rolling countryside. Begin by exploring Enniskillen, Ireland's only island town, whose landmark castle straddles upper and lower Lough Erne. Next take a private water taxi to explore the Lough's biodiverse ecosystem and one of the 150 islands dotted across it - Devinish Island. There you will explore the 6th Century monastery and ruins of notable churches, a fascinating slice of history which some guests have also found to be a spiritually moving experience. Finish with a specialist distillery tour, tasting locally produced farm-to-bottle organic spirits.

**Overnight:** [Lough Erne Resort, Ashbrooke House or Crom Castle.](#)

### DAY 5

Enjoy a private, hand-crafting experience at Ireland's oldest pottery – Belleek - learning the techniques used to create their magnificent pieces, before having a go yourself. As a memento of your visit here, your piece will then not only be fired, but also shipped home for you. In the afternoon, we head to Crom Castle, meeting Lord and Lady Erne who will take you



## The East

on a private visit of their beautiful home and gardens, before enjoying an exclusive dinner hosted by this noble couple.

**Overnight:** [Lough Erne Resort, Ashbrooke House or Crom Castle.](#)

### DAY 6

Departure.

### DAY 1

Meet your chauffeur and enjoy a private transfer to your Belfast Hotel. Although divided into several cultural quarters, this thriving city is defined by the welcoming nature and charisma of its people. Learn about the history and recent 'troubles' of Northern Ireland with a private Black Taxi Tour, which take in the Belfast Peace Wall and political wall murals. Then meet your walking guide, to learn the fascinating and little-known Jewish history of Belfast. Be sure to explore some of the city's amazing architectural delights such as Stormont Parliament Buildings, Queen's University and City Hall as well as Hillsborough Castle, the official residence of the Royal Family in Northern Ireland, where private guided tours are available. In the evening, you're free to relax and enjoy a drink in one of the city's celebrated pubs, like the famous Crown Bar.

**Overnight:** [The Merchant Hotel or Culloden Estate and Spa.](#)

### DAY 2

Tour of the Ards Peninsula, exploring the historic ruins of Grey Abbey as well as the neo-classical Mount Stewart House with its celebrated gardens and demesne. Here you'll have the option to lunch with Bill and Daphne Montgomery on this luxurious estate, hearing about their illustrious connections to the White House, the American War of Independence and the Alabaman Capital or visit Lord and Lady Dunleath in Ballywalter House, where you can partake in an exclusive Victorian cookery experience, hosted by Lady Dunleath herself. If you'd prefer, we can organise both experiences for you, so you don't have to choose between them.

**Overnight:** [The Merchant Hotel or Culloden Estate and Spa.](#)

### DAY 3

Tour the breath-taking Causeway Coastal Route, taking in its striking sea views. Visit Glenarm Castle the ancestral home of the Earls of Antrim, where you will enjoy a private hawk experience and castle tour. Make a stop at Torr Head which offers spectacular views over the Mull of Kintyre, before experiencing

the beauty of The Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge. In the evening, sit back with a glass of Bushmills Whiskey in hand, taking in the beautiful scenery while the sun sets.

**Overnight:** [Bushmills Inn or Galgorm Spa & Golf Resort.](#)

### DAY 4

View the stunning Causeway Coast from the water with a private Sea Safari, while observing the area's wonderful marine life. If you wish, you have the option to go further afield and explore Rathlin Island, Donegal or even the Scottish Islands of Islay and Jura. While in the area, be sure to visit the Downhill Demesne, once home to the famously eccentric Earl Bishop. There you can take in the rugged headland views, ruined 18th-century mansion and Mussenden Temple, a beautiful folly, spectacularly perched on a cliff edge overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

**Overnight:** [Bushmills Inn or Galgorm Spa & Golf Resort.](#)

### DAY 5

Departure.

## What others say about us:

“A villa specialist with the right sensibility”

Condé Nast

“Extremely knowledgeable about all things Irish”

New York Times

“Siobhan Byrne Learat’s team manages a private portfolio of castles and houses owned by the aristocracy and has a knack for arranging excursions based on themes such as gardens and antiques”

Travel + Leisure

“Experience luxury as only kings, queens, and the super wealthy do”

Beverly Cohn, Entertainment Editor

“Perfect representatives of the fantasy humour culture and hospitality of Ireland”

HRH Prince Michael of Greece



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