## **Medieval Dublin Tour**





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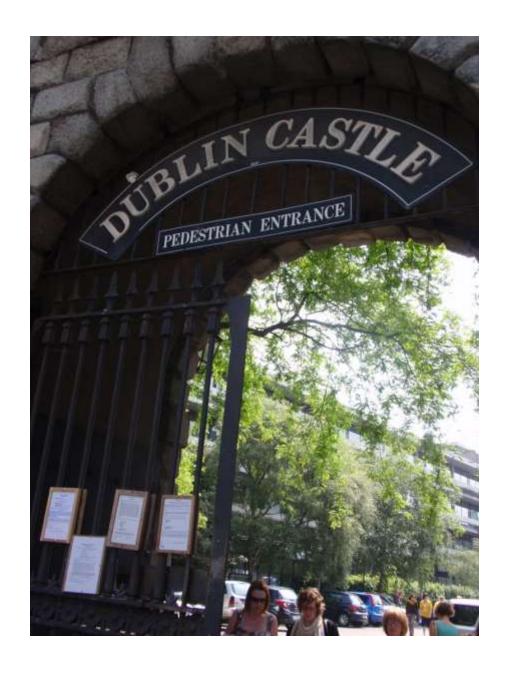
## **Tour Summary**

Set alongside Ireland's eastern coast, Dublin is just a short trip from the beautiful beach cities in County Fingal. This medieval tour explores some of the oldest buildings in the heart of Dublin. First we will stop at Trinity College, home to the book of Kells. Next, we learn how Irish women used to "save face" or "lose face" sitting by the fires of Dublin Castle. For lunch we can visit the country's oldest restaurant or stop at one of the many eateries in the famous Temple Bar area. Then we'll finish the tour with a visit to the country's medieval churches.

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Despite it's indecisive weather, Ireland has been a destination choice for years, and the city of Dublin is a hotbed for tourist attractions.



Set alongside the island's eastern coast, Dublin is just a 10-minute drive or a 20minute ride on the Dart (the city's train system) from beach cities like Malahide, Portmarnock and Howthe.



Today's tour takes you through the heart of the city, exploring Irish culture through the universities, castles and churches of Dublin.



Irish history can be traced through three main categories: literature, religion and beer. We'll explore each of these, and see

how these three factors influenced the evolution of Irish history from medieval times through the present day.



This tour will first take the viewer through the front gates of Trinity College, Ireland's oldest university, founded in 1592.



At Trinty, see the Book of Kells, the Old Library of Trinity College, and walk the same grounds as famous writers Oscar Wilde, Samuel Beckett and Jonathan Swift once did.



Next we'll visit Dublin Castle, where the traveler will be able to see the throne room, learn the origins of terms such as "loose women..."



...and hear how Irish women used to "save their face" or "lose face" while sitting by the fire in the drawing room of the castle, waiting for men to ask them to dance in the ballroom.



We'll also go underneath the castle, exploring the ancient ruins of the old powder tower, and have the chance to see the castle's secret underground entrance.



After Dublin Castle, we will swing by the city's famous Temple Bar area, to do some shopping and visit local restaurants and pubs.



We will also introduce you to Brazen Head Pub, Ireland's oldest pub, serving since 1198.



The final stops on the tour will be in the Cathedral district, where the traveler will be able to see some of the city's oldest churches - St. Audoen's Church, Christ Church Cathedral and St. Patrick's Cathedral - all in existence since medieval times.

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