



# Educational Tours

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN IRELAND AND THE UK / 2016 SAMPLE TOUR SCHEDULE

### Day 1: Overnight flight to Belfast

Depart North America on an overnight flight to Belfast.

### Day 2: Arrive in Belfast

Upon arrival at the airport the group should be prepared to wait up to 2 hours for consolidated groups to arrive. Transfer by bus and journey to Ireland's northernmost point to view the amazing Giant's Causeway. This fascinating geological phenomenon comprises thousands of 55-million-year-old hexagonal basalt columns that form a honeycomb pathway into the sea. Explore rock formations including the Wishing Chair, the Punchbowl, and the Giant's Granny. The group will have a self-guided visit (1hr15mins), including a film at the welcome center. It is a rather steep 10 to 15 minute walk each way to the Causeway, (there is a minibus service, the Causeway "Coaster" for an additional fee). The group will also stop in Derry to have a guided sightseeing there before returning to Belfast for dinner at the hotel.

### Day 3: Guided Walk of Belfast | Titanic Museum

- Morning: The group will meet a local guide who will lead them throughout Belfast on a guided walking tour focused on The Troubles. The tour examines the stories of the people involved, their place in the conflict and the effect these attacks and incidents had on the city and its people. It also shows how far the city has come since the ceasefires and Peace Process.
- Afternoon: Visit the Titanic Museum and explore this interactive museum (1hr).
- Evening: Dinner will be at the hotel.

### Day 4: Dublin | Guided Sightseeing of Dublin

- Morning: Depart the hotel and transfer south into Ireland (2hrs). Meet the guide for bus tour of Dublin (2hrs30mins). During the bus tour the group will see some of the main Georgian squares, O'Connell Street, and St. Stephen's Green. The group will exit bus for a guided visit inside St. Patrick's Cathedral (40mins) then continue on the bus tour which will end at Trinity College for a self-guided visit to the Book of Kells in the Library.
- Afternoon: Free time in Dublin
- Evening: Enjoy a traditional Irish meal while experiencing live Irish traditional music at a local restaurant.

### Day 5: Guided Walk of Dublin's Revolution | Gaelic Games

- Morning: The group will be led by a local guide throughout Dublin while learning about Dublin's revolutionary past (90min).
- Afternoon: Experience the unique, rugged and fiercely engaging traditional sports of Gaelic football and hurling for a half day in Dublin. After a quick lesson behind the history of the games, travelers will be out on the field wielding hurleys, hitting sliotars and soloing footballs in the group.
- Evening: Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

### Day 6: Fly to London | London Eye

- Morning: Transfer by bus to the airport for the flight to London (1.5hr flight). Transfer from the airport to the hotel to store luggage.
- Afternoon: Transfer by public transportation to the city center for a walking tour led by the Tour Director and a visit to the British Library. Also see London from a new perspective on the London Eye, a 40-story, 32-capsule observation wheel that offers spectacular views of the city (30mins).

- Evening: Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 7: Reconciliation Center | Guided Sightseeing| Speaker's Corner**

- Morning: Participate in a workshop at St. Ethelburga's Centre for Peace and Reconciliation. St. Ethelburga's Church is one of the oldest buildings in the City; it was originally built in the 15th century. It was one of the few City churches to escape the Fire of London and survive the Second World War unscathed. However, it was almost completely destroyed by an IRA bomb in 1993. Ten years later it was rebuilt as a center for reconciliation and peace, transforming this act of terror into a symbol of hope. Transfer by public transportation to the Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park. The group will learn about the history of Speaker's Corner from a local guide who will encourage the group to spend a couple of minutes each on the 'soap box' and speak about any issue they believe is important. (90min).
- Afternoon: Pick up the local guide for the sightseeing tour of London. The tour will include driving by the major sights in the city. There will be a photo stop at St. Paul's Cathedral and the tour will end at the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace (seasonal) (4hrs).
- Evening: Dinner will be at a local restaurant.

#### **Day 8: Day train to The Hague**

- Morning: Travel by Eurostar train to Lille (1hr15mins). Groups will arrive at the train station approximately one hour before departure. Luggage space is limited on trains; please pack lightly and have passport available for check-in. Upon arrival at Lille the group will transfer by bus to The Hague (2hrs45mins).
- Afternoon and Evening: The Hague Summit Welcome Dinner.

#### **Day 9 and 10: Global Student Leaders Summit at The Hague**

- Two day leadership conference involving keynote speakers, panel experts and a design thinking challenge. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on each of these days. A detailed schedule will be provided upon arrival at the conference.

#### **Day 11: Humanity House | Peace Walk**

- Morning: Visit the Humanity House (1hr).
- Afternoon: Peace Walk with a local guide (2hrs).
- Evening: Dinner will be at a local restaurant. Return to hotel by bus.

#### **Day 12: Flight home**

Transfer to the Amsterdam airport for flight home.

## **Tipping**

Tour Director: 11 days \* \$6/day = \$66/traveler

Bus Driver: 11 days \* \$3/day = \$33/traveler

Local Guides: 6 guides \* \$2/guide = \$12/traveler

Total per traveler = \$111

*\*DISCLAIMER: The above is an example of how this tour may run. All times and durations are subject to change, and the order of activities may be switched or substituted as needed based on availability.*