

# NORTHERN IRELAND

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# START YOUR ADVENTURE.

## WHY CHOOSE AESU?

### ABOUT US

When deciding on a team you can trust to send you on the most magical, informative and fun travel experience, you need not look any further than AESU. We are an Educational Travel Service company founded in 1977. Our headquarters is located in Baltimore, MD with satellite and partner offices around the globe.

With over 40 years of experience we can safely say we know how to combine the wonders of history, the excitement of culture and of course, the adventure of experiencing the world. The balance of learning and fun provides a well-rounded experience, unforgettable memories, and new friendships to last a lifetime. It's time to stop dreaming about travel and start delving into it head first. When travelling with AESU, you get the most out of your journey, from trying local delicacies, to venturing into ancient territories, to living every moment of your time in each city to its absolute fullest. We want you to not only make an investment in the quality of your trip, but in the quality of every memory made along the way.

What are you waiting for? Just go!

### OUR EXPERTISE

TRIPS FOR 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS

COLLEGE STUDENT AND YOUNG  
PROFESSIONAL TRIPS

GRADUATION TOURS

YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT TRAVEL

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO  
DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL  
SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

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### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link:

<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

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## 7 DAYS

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### PLACES VISITED:

Dublin - Derry - Belfast

### ABOUT THE TRIP:

The stunning Giant's Causeway, trendy cities and a turbulent history are just some of the reasons to visit Northern Ireland. Game of Thrones® lovers come to explore the real-world Westeros. Find the lush Riverlands that lie side-by-side with the Iron Islands and the Dothraki Sea. Experience life at Winterfell during a visit to Castle Ward and follow the stories of the Seven Kingdoms in Game of Thrones® territory. Whether you are a fan of the show or a fan of the scenery, you will return home with unforgettable memories of a magical journey.



### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 7-day land package includes:

5 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better,  
2-share rooms with private bath/shower  
\* 5 continental breakfasts \* 1 lunch \* 3 specialty dinners: Irish pub welcome dinner in Dublin, Medieval banquet at 'Winterfell', Farewell dinner of traditional Irish fare in Belfast \* Cushendun Red Caves \* Carnlough Fishing Village \* Ballintoy Harbor \* Giant's Causeway, UNESCO World Heritage Site \* Carrick-Rede rope bridge admission \* Larrybane Quarry \* Tollymore Forest Park \* Audley's Castle \* Inch Abbey

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation and dinner \* Dublin city  
\* Cushendun Red Caves\* Carnlough Fishing Village \* Ballintoy Harbor \* Carrick-Rede Ropebridge \* Larrybane Quarry \* Tollymore Forest Park \* Audley's Castle \* Inch Abbey  
\* Giant's Causeway, UNESCO World Heritage Site \* City of Derry/Londonderry \* Belfast city  
...and much more!



# NORTHERN IRELAND

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 - FLIGHT TO IRELAND

Embark on your overnight journey to Dublin, capital city of the Republic of Ireland.

Meals: In-flight

### DAY 2 - LAND TOUR START DAY: DUBLIN

Upon your arrival in Dublin, transfer to your hotel in the city and enjoy some time to relax and explore on your own. Perhaps visit Dublin Castle, built in the 13th century, or explore the Guinness Storehouse and Brewer's Dining Hall for a taste of Guinness straight from the source. Tonight, join your tour director and fellow young alumni at a welcome orientation and dinner of local specialties.

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare, Welcome orientation and dinner

### DAY 3 - DUBLIN - DERRY

This morning we start our journey into Northern Ireland. Our destination is Derry/Londonderry, the country's second largest city, well known for its Jazz Festival and famous Carnival. Guided by a local historian, explore the famous Bogside Murals - striking artworks that have become central to the neighborhood's identity, and discover the site of the Bloody Sunday Massacre. Walk along the medieval Derry Walls, then admire Guildhall, a neo-gothic style building, containing stunning examples of stained glass windows. Tonight consider a walk along Waterloo Street, just outside the city walls, and find some of Derry's most traditional and popular pubs known for their live music.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Walking tour of Derry/Londonderry guided by a local historian, Derry medieval city walls, Guildhall

### DAY 4 - DERRY - BELFAST

Our journey to Belfast takes us to a number of amazing places around 'Westeros.' Game of Thrones® fans will recognize Cushendun as the cave where Melisandre gave birth to the shadow assassin; Carnlough as the Braavosi canal Arya fell into during her combat; and Ballintoy Harbor as Pyke Harbor, where Theon Greyjoy returns. Although not a filming location, the Giant's Causeway, which is the only UNESCO World Heritage Site in Northern Ireland, needs no introduction. It was created 60 million years ago and is renowned for its polygonal columns of layered basalt. It is also steeped in myth and legend. It is said that the rocks were carved by a giant called Finn McCool. You may also find yourself thinking of Balon Greyjoy if you are bold enough to cross the 65 ft suspended Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge at almost 100 ft above sea level, the bridge was originally built by salmon fishermen 2,350 years ago. Your reward for crossing will be fantastic views of Rathlin Island, Scotland and the Causeway Coast. Time permitting; we stop in Cairn Castle and Shillanavogy Valley beneath the Slemish Mountains which brings back memories of Khal Drogo riding to meet his new bride, Daenerys Targaryen.



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We arrive in Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland in the late afternoon.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#)

Game of Thrones® filming locations: [Cushendun](#), [Carnlough](#), [Ballintoy Harbor](#), [Giant's Causeway admission](#), [Carrick-Rede Ropebridge admission](#)

### DAY 5 - BELFAST

Today we explore the magnificent red woods of Tollymore Forest Park with centuries-old stone structures. Home of the forbidding White Walkers, the park is known to Game of Thrones® fans as the Haunted Forest in Westeros. Visit Inch Abbey, a beautiful Cistercian Abbey founded in 1180, known as the place where the War of the Five Kings began. Continue to 'Winterfell' Old Castle Ward and start off at the 'Archery Range Film Set' standing in the Winterfell Castle courtyard. We'll meet the Winterfell's Master-at-Arms, dress up in character costumes from the show, tour the movie set, stand exactly where Jon Snow or Robb & Bran Stark stood and enjoy the thrill of firing live arrows at White Walkers. Discover additional filming locations around Winterfell by bike including King Robert's Arrival to Winterfell, Bran's fall from Winterfell Castle, Walder Frey's 'The Twins,' Ned's Picnic, Baelor Battlefield, Tree Branch where Brienne confronts the Stark men, Robb's Camp, Lannister Camp, Whispering Wood and the Red Wedding. If these real life locations don't have you ready to re-watch all the episodes, just wait until you meet the dire wolves from the series. The production team used Northern Inuit dogs as these are the closest domestic breed to a real wolf. To round off our day, we are invited to a banquet in true Winterfell fashion. Take your place at the banqueting table with dimly lit candles, smoke billowing from the open fire places and traditional music playing. This will be one of the most memorable dining experiences you'll ever have.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Dinner](#)

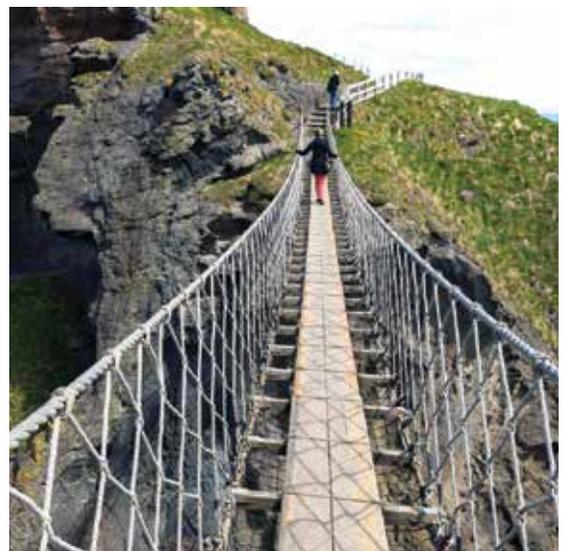
Inclusions: [Game of Thrones® filming locations: Tollymore Forest Park, Inch Abbey, Castle Ward, Archery, Biking, Costumes \(Game of Thrones® characters\), Banquet in true Winterfell fashion](#)

### DAY 6 - BELFAST

The recent anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, which was built in Belfast's dockyards, along with the vibrant atmosphere in the city, has turned Belfast into a hip place to visit. Despite an ever-growing range of places to eat, drink and be entertained, the city has kept its small town feel which makes getting around easy. Why not enjoy an optional 'Black Cab Tour' of greater Belfast's historical sites? Let your experienced driver take you on a journey back in time to explore the many places of interest. The political murals of the Falls and the Shankill tell their own graphic story of what has been called "The Troubles" in Ireland's recent history. See the infamous Peace line, a wall built to keep Nationalists and Loyalists apart and, in the process, divided the communities. After a farewell dinner tonight, enjoy the glittering waterfront lined with modern art, a fantastic and fast-expanding foodie scene, and music-filled pubs..

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Dinner](#)

Inclusions [Belfast city exploration](#), [Farewell dinner of traditional Irish fare](#)  
Optional activity: [Black Cab Tour](#)



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### DAY 7 - TRAVEL HOME

Travel home today with plans for your next young alumni adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

Inclusions Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare

Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director and driver with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$4-5 per day for the tour director, \$2-3 per day for the driver.) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.



# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

## HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$495 will apply.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

Standing and walking for extended periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, absence of elevators, climbing aboard buses or trains with high steps.) Appropriate for: Travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in moderate activities.

Please Note:

Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

## TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



**“TAILORING A TRIP AROUND A SHOW WITH FILMING LOCATIONS INCLUDED ADDED AN ENTIRE NEW LEVEL OF EXCITEMENT AND APPRECIATION.”**

- past traveler

# BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

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**EXCLUSIONS:** These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$4-5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 35% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 50%. Cancellation within 15 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

**AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE:** All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, AESU's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at [www.aesu.com](http://www.aesu.com).