

#### NEDLEY EXPERIENCES

# Ireland's Ancient East

4 DAY/3 NIGHT ITINERARY





Ireland's Ancient East showcases Ireland's living culture and ancient heritage and brings it to life through stories that create unique visitor experiences, unite stakeholders and support vibrant communities.

Our goal is to make Ireland's Ancient East the most personally engaging cultural destination in Europe by harnessing the authentic character of the real Ireland, its living culture, lush landscapes and hidden history, opening it up for everyone.

When we achieve this, we support sustained economic growth and community wellbeing whilst valuing our heritage, history and environment.















#### Platinum Services, Dublin Airport

- Chauffeur meet and greet off aircraft
- Fast-track through priority Immigration
- Private suite and refreshments
- Shower facilities
- Porter assistance for luggage retrieval
- Optional for overseas visitors









#### Medley Fleet Street, Dublin 2

Heart of Dublin's City Centre and one of the city's most historic districts.

9am	Meet at Medley. Heart of Dublin's City Centre and one of the city's most historic districts.
9.30pm	Morning Coffee with an assortment of treats
10.30pm	Depart for Lambay Island



















## Lambay Island

Lambay Island, often simply Lambay, lies in the Irish Sea off the coast of north County Dublin in Ireland. The island, the largest off the east coast of Ireland, is four kilometres offshore from the headland at Portrane and is the easternmost point of the province of Leinster.

11am	Arrive at Lambay (transfer by powerboat to the island)
2pm	Lunch & whiskey tasting in the Lutyens garden
3.30pm	Trip around Dublin Bay, including Howth (fresh oysters & refreshments served on board the powerboat)
5pm	Dropped off at the Sean O'Casey Bridge in the City Centre
5.30pm	Arrive at The Fitzwilliam Hotel
8pm	Bloomsday themed dinner in Glovers Alley



















# Day 2 – Wicklow





## Glendalough, County Wicklow

8am	Breakfast in hotel
9am	Depart for Glendalough in Co. Wicklow
10am	Guided tours of the glassy lakes, woorland valleys, and silent lakes
2pm	Lunch on the grounds of Trinity Church - 12th century Monk-themed menu using local produce (turnips, salad, dark bread, porridges, fish, cheese curds, beer, ale, mead)
3pm	Gin tasting with Glendalough Wild Botanical Gin
4pm	Depart for Russborough House















## Russborough House, County Wicklow

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5pm	Tour of the house bought by Sir Alfred and Lady Beit in 1952 as a place to hang their magnificent art collection
7pm	Depart for an overnight stay at the 5 star Druids Glen Hotel & Golf resort
8pm	Dinner in Hugo's restaurant









# Day 3 - Laois





#### Rock of Dunamase, County Laois

Rock of Dunamase, originally an early Christian hill fort, once plundered by Vikings. A gift to Norman Lord Strongbow in 1172 upon his marriage to Aoife, daughter of the King of Leinster.

8am	Breakfast in hotel
9am	Depart for Laois
11am	Arrive at the Rock of Dunamase Refreshments served
1.30pm	Depart for Ballintubbert









#### Ballintubbert Gardens & House, County Laois

Guests will have an overnight stay in this very historic house. Dating back to 1780, Ballintubbert was the birthplace of poet laureate C. Day-Lewis. This historic house with breath-taking gardens.

2pm	Lunch in the orchard using local produce and meeting local suppliers including a craft beer brewery
3am	Various activities, including archery masterclass, filmmaking masterclass, yoga
6pm	Enchanted Dinner in The Tabernacle



















# Day 4 - Laois & Kildare



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#### Shackleton Museum, Athy, County Kildare

Museum dedicated to Sir Ernest Shackleton. Born in 1874, he was one of Ireland's greatest explorers and principal figures of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration.

2am	Breakfast
10am	Trvel to Shackleton Museum in Athy
12 noon	Depart for the Icon Museum









#### Museum of Style Icons, County Kildare

Fashion collections and artifacts of the greatest style icons of modern times (Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, Princess Grace, Princess Diana, the Beatles, etc.)

1pm	Lunch curated by Andrew Rudd, served by staff in 1950's themed uniforms
2pm	Trvel to the museum
5pm	Transfer to Dublin Airport/Medley Fleet Street







## **4-Day Ancient East Food Experience**

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#### Dublin

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- Pickup from Dublin Airport with Platinum Services
- Medley Fleet Street
- Lambay Island



#### Wicklow

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- Glendalough
- Russborough House

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#### Laois

- Rock of Dunamase
- Ballintubbert
  Gardens & House



#### Laois & Kildare

- Shackleton Museum
- Museum of Style Icons
- Transfer to Dublin Airport









# Extra option: Wells House, Gorey

Explore 450 acres of enchanting woodlands & gardens, including fairy & gruffalo walks, animal farm, playground, Mogue's walk & much more. Stop off at the craft courtyard for a spot of shopping and to take in the quirky vibes.

Spend a day with the elegant backdrop of the 17th century Victorian House and a history dating back to the days of Cromwell and the famine. Stroll the formal gardens and arboretum or take in a spot of clay target shooting for both new and experienced shooters. For visitors who wish to try this sport we can supply a complete package to include; guns, cartridges, and mandatory safety equipment.

Experience the luxury of **Afternoon Tea** in the elegant setting of Wells House overlooking the stunning terrace gardens. Take time and indulge in finger sandwiches, fresh home-baked scones, luscious cream cakes, and delectable treats served on vintage china while enjoying old-world hospitality. This will be followed in the evening with **Dinner** in The Formal Dining Room and an overnight stay in the cottages.











## Extra option: **Druids Glen Hotel** & Golf resort

At the five-star Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort, nature and luxury meet to create a memorable escape. Nestled in 360 acres of countryside between the Wicklow Mountains and the Irish Sea, yet only thirty minutes from Dublin, Druids Glen provides a sanctuary from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort offers 145 spacious guestrooms and suites, eight conference and event spaces, dining options to include Hugo's Restaurant, which holds 2 AA rosettes, the Garden Rooms and Bar, with 1 AA rosette, the Sycamore Lounge along with a Spa, Health Club and two championship golf courses, Druids Glen and Druids Heath.

Experience the heritage of Woodstock House on the resort, a wonderful 1700's period house steeped in history. The house offers a range of meeting and dining spaces including the rooftop terrace with panoramic views over Druids Glen Golf Course and the Irish Sea.









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