



10 NIGHT TEXTILE & CRAFTING TOUR OF IRELAND 2026

TOUR DATE:

25 AUGUST - 04 SEPTEMBER 2026

Important Note: Attractions, Workshops and Demonstrations May Change According to Availability and Ferry Scheduling

DAY 1, 25 AUGUST 2026 – WELCOME TO IRELAND!

- Arrive at Dublin airport (prior to 9.00am) for a private transfer to your hotel.
- Meet with your experienced Irish tour guide/ manager for a brief introduction to your tour activities and welcome brunch!
- Embark on a panoramic Dublin city tour.
- Visit the [National Museum of Ireland – Decorative Arts & History](#).
- This evening, enjoy a talk with [Vawn Corrigan](#), Author of Irish Aran, History, Tradition and Fashion, followed by welcome dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Camden Court Hotel, Dublin – Welcome brunch and Dinner included

DAY 2, 26 AUGUST 2026 – ECO PRINTING, FORAGING & NEEDLE FELTING EXPERIENCE

- Enjoy breakfast at hotel.
- Travel to nearby [Windrush Farm](#), a haven of natural beauty and tranquillity for a full day textile & crafting experience.

Start with Foraging & Folklore guided tour through the breathtaking 11-acre nature reserve. Discover the magic of woodland and bogland while learning about the nature-focused farming practises. Using your freshly foraged leaves and flowers, explore two eco-printing unique techniques: colour and pigments, as you try hapazome, the Japanese art of leaf and flower dyeing onto fabric, by making your own ecoprinted shopper bag, and then discover the beautiful textures and patterns of nature, as you try hand-printing with homemade willow charcoal tempera paint, crafted from willow grown on the farm. You will experiment, play, and create your own set of botanical prints to take home, each one a one-of-a-kind piece of wild art.
- After lunch, meet friendly fibre flock of Zwartbles sheep, where you will get a chance to hand feed & cuddle the sheep. See how wool is processed from lamb-to-loom for felting. Then snug in the cosy craft studio, with grazing sheep right outside the window, and learn the art of 3D needle felting.
- Return to your hotel where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight 4 Star Camden Court Hotel, Dublin – Breakfast and Lunch included

DAY 3, 27 AUGUST 2026 – SPINNING & TAPESTRY WORKSHOP AND MOURNE TEXTILES

- After breakfast, check out, board your coach and venture to Northern Ireland.
- On the way, meet Boyne Valley tapestry weaver and artist, *Áine Dunne* who will host a Spinning and Tapestry Workshop where we are introduced to hand spinning sheep's wool by using a drop spindle. Have a go at weaving a sample piece on a four-sided tapestry frame loom!
- Next to *Mourne Textiles*, a third-generation weaving company that has a mission to restore vintage flax processing and spinning equipment to create a sustainable circular supply chain from hemp to linen for all of Ireland.
- Finish the day with whiskey tasting experience and dinner at your luxurious castle hotel.

Overnight 4 Star Killeavy Castle Estate, Newry – Breakfast and Dinner included

DAY 4, 28 AUGUST 2026 – MOURNE ALPACAS AND IRISH LINEN CENTRE

- After breakfast, check out of your hotel and journey to the Antrim coast.
- On the way, visit *Mourne Alpacas*, a family-managed herd of Alpaca and pedigree angora goats. High quality fleeces are produced and their motto at the farm is “we breed for heat, not for meat”. Enjoy some time with the alpacas, take photos and feel free to ask questions about the fleece. Enjoy a cup of tea and browse through the quality alpaca yarns and some blend yarns on sale at the farm.
- After lunch, visit the *Irish Linen Centre* at the Lisburn Museum. Discover the history of linen production in the province of Ulster, before taking part in a heritage-dyeing workshop, discovering the natural products used to colour yarn in days of old!
- Arrive to your hotel in time for dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Dunadry Hotel & Gardens, Antrim – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 5, 29 AUGUST 2026 – LIZ CHRISTY DEMONSTRATION AND WELLBROOK BEETLING MILL

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Meet [Liz Christy](#) at her Swallow studio and see how she creates exquisite handwoven scarves, shawls, and textiles. Inspired by the colours and textures of nature, as well as the works of Irish artists like Evie Hone and Paul Henry, her pieces are renowned for their rich, painterly quality.
- After lunch, visit [Wellbrook Beetling Mill](#), 18th century water-powered mill used for beetling and finishing Irish linen
- Return to your hotel where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight 4 Star Dunadry Hotel & Gardens, Antrim – Breakfast and Lunch included

DAY 6, 30 AUGUST 2026 – MALLON LINEN AND GLENSHANE COUNTRY FARM

- Breakfast and check out.
- Join Flax Processing class at [Mallon Linen](#). Here, you will learn about the fascinating journey through the traditional craft of transforming flax into fine linen.
- Journey along beautiful surroundings of the Maghera countryside to [Glenshane Country Farm](#). Be prepared to be amazed at the skill and commitment of talented working dogs as you try a few tricks of shepherding for yourself. Enjoy incredible views right across the landscape while James McCloy, a 4th generation gentleman shepherd, talks fondly about his farming family and life before James shears a sheep using traditional methods. If you are lucky, you will get to cuddle a baby lamb! Continue with Fleece to Fashion in a fabulous Country Barn. Feel the warmth and smell the turf fire as you follow the journey of a fleece from washing, dyeing with natural colours and create yarn using a spinning wheel.
- Continue through the green hills and past the glistening waters to your hotel located in the beautiful area of the Lakelands of Fermanagh. Dinner is served at your hotel.

Overnight 4 Star Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen – Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included



DAY 7, 31 AUGUST 2026 – DONEGAL YARNS, SLEIVE LEAGUE CLIFFS AND STUDIO DONEGAL

- After breakfast, travel towards Donegal on Ireland's northwest coast.
- Visit *Donegal Yarns* home of Donegal Tweed. We will tour the mill and learn about the vertical production system.
- Continue to *Sieve League Cliffs*, the highest accessible cliffs in Europe offering stunning views out over Donegal Bay.
- Visit *Studio Donegal* and see the handweavers at work, using the finest Donegal yarns.
- Return to your hotel to relax for the evening and enjoy hotel facilities.

Overnight 4 Star Manor House Country Hotel, Enniskillen – Breakfast included

DAY 8, 01 SEPTEMBER 2026 - CRAFTS OF IRELAND

- Breakfast and check out.
- Journey to the southwest of Ireland, stopping en-route at the *Crafts of Ireland* studio. Here, owner Sandra Coote keeps the rich craft heritage of Ireland alive. Enjoy a homemade Afternoon Tea and take part in a hands-on yarn spinning workshop.
- Arrive at your hotel and enjoy some free time before dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, County Kildare - Breakfast, Afternoon Tea and Dinner included

DAY 9, 02 SEPTEMBER 2026 – NATURAL DYEING WORKSHOP AND AVOCABANDWEAVERS

- Breakfast at hotel. Today explore the beautiful area of Wicklow, known as "gardens of Ireland".
- Join *Malú Colorín* of Talú Earth for natural dyeing workshop. Learn about chemistry, regenerative crafting and how natural colour works, all while having colourful fun! You will also learn the theory of how to prepare one of two kinds of fibres for best dye uptake (everyone on the tour have to choose one type of fibres): Cellulose or plant-based fibres (linen, cotton, hemp, etc.) or Protein or animal-based fibres (wool, silk, alpaca, etc.)
- After lunch, enjoy the tour of *Avoca Handweavers*, soak up the atmosphere and see the care and attention that goes into each piece made at the mill since 1723.
- Return to your hotel where the remainder of the evening is at your leisure.

Overnight 4 Star Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, County Kildare – Breakfast and Lunch included

DAY 10, 03 SEPTEMBER 2026 – CUSHENDALE MILLS, NICHOLAS MOSSE POTTERY, KILKENNY AND FAREWELL DINNER

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Visit Ireland's oldest woollen mill, *Cushendale Woollen Mills*, which creates lifelong yarns and textiles rich in craftsmanship and sustainability. A six-generation family business, today, it is one of only two remaining vertical mills in Ireland.
- Next to *Nicholas Mosse Pottery*, an institution established in the mid-70's by Nick Mosse himself after training with talented potters in England and Japan. Enjoy a factory tour, which demonstrates how each piece of pottery is made by hand, and crafted with the greatest care for detail.
- Spend some leisure time discovering the charm of medieval Kilkenny before heading back to your hotel to share a farewell dinner.

Overnight 4 Star Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, County Kildare – Breakfast and Farewell dinner & drink included

DAY 11, 04 SEPTEMBER 2026 – FAREWELL IRELAND!

After breakfast, transfer to Dublin Airport for a timely check-in and to avail of some last minute shopping!

TEXTILE AND CRAFTING ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TOUR

- Introductory Talk with Vawn Corrigan
- Eco-printing, Foraging & Needle Felting Workshop at Windrush Farm
- Aine Dunne Spinning & Tapestry Workshop
- Crafts of Ireland Experience with Sandra
- Flax Processing Experience at Mallon Linen
- Liz Christy Weaving Demonstration
- Talú Earth Natural Dyeing Workshop



INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR

- Private transfers on arrival and departure
- Experienced tour guide/manager throughout
- 24/7 helpline straight to members of the Knitting Tours team
- Luxury coach with experienced driver
- All hotels listed in the itinerary with en suite bath/step in shower or walk in shower
- Porterage from hotel reception to your room and back
- Breakfast Daily
- Welcome Brunch and Welcome Dinner
- 5 x Hotel dinners and Farewell dinner & drink
- 5 x Lunches
- Afternoon Tea at Crafts of Ireland
- Whiskey Tasting Experience
- Glenshane Country Farm Experience
- Visits to Mourne Textiles, Irish Linen Centre at the Lisburn Museum, Wellbrook Beetling Mill, Donegal Yarns, Avoca Handweavers and Cushendale Mills
- All activities, workshops and attractions listed in the itinerary
- All materials for the workshops (you just bring your favourite needles!)
- Knitting tours gift bag including tote bag, notebook and pen, lanyard, luggage tag and rain poncho

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED

- Travel to and from Ireland
- Gratuities/Tips
- Room Service
- Additional beverages and alcoholic drinks
- Personal items such as phone calls, additional meals, snacks or drinks not included in the itinerary
- Yarn, patterns and materials not included in the itinerary

PRICES

Euro **€5,750.00** per person sharing in a Twin/ Double room

Euro **€1,244.00** additional supplement if a Single room is required

All pricing is in EURO - passengers may choose to be charged in EURO or their own local currency.

If you have friends or family that want to join you but do not want to attend crafting classes, we offer a special discount of Euro 200!

PRE TOUR ARRANGEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

24 August 2026 x 1 Night Bed & Breakfast at Camden Court Hotel, Dublin (*subject to availability*)

Euro 170.00 per person per night sharing in a Twin/ Double room

Euro 320.00 per night if Single occupancy room is required

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS & CANCELLATION INFORMATION

A deposit of 20% of the total tour price is required to hold your booking. The balance of the tour is due 60 days before arrival and can be made in instalment payments on request.

Cancellation Penalties:

- Cancellation 61 days or more prior to itinerary start date – Full deposit is forfeit.
- Cancellation 60 days to 31 days prior to itinerary start date – 50% of total paid is forfeit
- Cancellation 30 days or less prior to itinerary start date – 100% of total paid is forfeit

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We urge you to purchase cancellation insurance & supplemental medical coverage (which covers pre-existing conditions). This is a smart way to safeguard against life's surprises.

It is important to note that a certain amount of walking is encouraged on our tours. All tour members must be able to mount steps into the coach and walk unaided at a reasonable pace from coach to hotel and coach to

visitor attractions/events on possibly uneven ground. Passengers must be able to handle their own luggage. Coach driver's and guides that are employed by The Irish Tourism Group cannot provide individualized help for walking, getting on and off motor coaches, ferries or other personal needs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Baggage

When portage of baggage is included in a programme, it is based upon a maximum of 1 piece of standard airline baggage per person. Passengers bringing baggage in excess of this amount may incur a surcharge. For the sake of passenger comfort, it is recommended that passengers limit baggage to 1 suitcase per person plus 1 carry on.

Items Not Included

Our tours do not include items of a personal nature such as laundry, room service, telephone charges or other hotel extras. All passengers are responsible for settling any such costs incurred before checking out of each hotel.

Gratuities

Gratuities are not included to the coach driver and tour guide, as well as, hotels, attractions or any catering venues. These are at the participant's discretion.

Safety

It is the responsibility of each individual client to ensure that they do not behave in such a way as to cause offence or danger to themselves or others, or which risks damage to property. Each client shall be responsible for any injury or damage caused by their failure to behave in a safe and proper manner.