



“Irish is an Attitude” in Dublin, Ohio! (3 Day Sample Itinerary)

Cead Mile Failte! ‘A hundred thousand welcomes’ to Dublin—where Irish is an attitude! We offer a unique Irish experience that will leave your groups talking (with a brogue). Let the Dublin CVB help you customize an “Irish Experience” itinerary that your group will never forget! Call Mary Szymkowiak at 1-800-245-8387 (MaryS@IrishisanAttitude.com).

DAY 1:

Morning. Top ‘o the morning to you! Start your visit in Dublin with a **4-Leaf Clover Irish Scavenger Hunt** in Historic Dublin. Discover cultural tidbits about both Dublins (Ohio and Ireland) while wandering the quaint shops of the historic district. Search for the answers to your “Irish inquiries” while learning about Irish seed cakes, visiting an Irish imports shop to learn about Celtic collectibles, and tasting Irish tea and “shamrock snacks.” The winner of the game earns an Irish Goodie Basket!

Lunch. No visit to Dublin is complete without a visit to **Biddie’s Coach House**—a charming family-owned restaurant located in a circa 1813 building in the heart of Historic Dublin. This delightful tea room offers freshly made fare served in a pleasant, country inn-style setting with specialties served on fine china and linens. Continuing our European theme—guests can enjoy a lunch or traditional “High Tea” including soup, fresh fruit, desserts, freshly baked scones with jam and Devonshire cream and lots of steaming hot tea.

Afternoon. Irish dance 101. What’s a reel? What’s the significance of the patterns on the brightly colored costumes worn by Irish dancers? How did Irish step dancing evolve into the celebrated “Riverdance” style recognized today? Meet a professional Irish dance instructor and learn the answers to these questions—as well as a few traditional steps. One hour classes can be instructional or demonstration/education only—depending on mobility of the audience. Classes taught at one of the foremost Irish dance schools in North America!

Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Continue your “world class” education with a visit to one of the best zoos in the nation! Discover Asia Quest or wander through the Kangaroo yard and nocturnal animal building in the Australia exhibit. Get up-close-and-personal with manatees at Manatee Coast—one of only three facilities outside of Florida to house and rehabilitate the endangered creatures.

Irish Toasts & Spirits. Did you know the term “honeymoon” has an Irish origin? Visit *Tutto Vino Wine Bistro*. Sample an ancient sweet Irish wine, listen to some great Irish legends and learn some Irish Toasts perfect for any occasion!

Dinner. Enjoy traditional American fare served with an Irish flair at **Mary Kelley’s**—one of Dublin’s signature restaurants (and local favorites). Nestled into the warm and cozy setting, your guests can picture themselves in a friendly Irish pub in County Galway.

Evening. Travel east (just 15 minutes) to experience shopping at the upscale **Easton Town Center** or **Polaris Fashion Place**—both Midwest shopping Meccas!

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DAY 2:

Morning. Your Irish adventure continues with a trip to downtown Columbus to discover a world of green at the fabulous **Franklin Park Conservatory**. Explore the unique botanical collections and Dale Chihuly sculptures in a friendly and historic setting which preserves tradition and provides a refuge for the soul. Ask about the “hands-on” classes.

Lunch. Savor a homemade lunch served near a roaring fire in a log cabin setting at the beautiful, historic **Morgan House**. Specialties include quiche of the day, Morgan House soup and freshly made pies. After lunch, shop three floors of gifts, antiques, gourmet foods, furniture and more.

Afternoon. No cultural study of all things Irish would be complete without learning about the **Penny Whistle** or **Fiddle** and what makes them unique. Meet an Irish fiddler or treat your group to a “hands-on” tin whistle class! All that talk of “Penny Whistles” will help you work up an appetite for **Graeter’s Ice Cream!** Tour the factory and learn the secret “French Pot” method that makes this “Oprah’s favorite!” (Keepin’ with the green...sample the Chocolate Mint!)

Driving tour of Dublin. Discover little known secrets about our emerald city while relaxing on the coach during this step-on driving tour. How did Dublin get its name? What is the “Field of Corn?” Who was “Leatherlips?” We’ll offer some rich history, funny tales and even a ghost story!

Dinner. Enjoy your supper among friends at **Digger & Finch**. This fun Scots/Irish Grille was named after the two rough and rowdy Scotsmen that once resided on this spot along the scenic Scioto River. Dine on traditional favorites like Scottish Beef on Weck or “Bangers and Mashed” ... or just enjoy a great hamburger!

Evening. An Evening in Ireland. Stay in a Dublin hotel and the Dublin CVB will work with you to bring your group a unique evening of Irish entertainment that they’ll never forget! They’ll be tappin’ their toes along with the Irish musicians, practicing a “reel” with Irish dancers and rollin’ on the floor at the tales told by the Irish Storyteller.

DAY 3:

Morning/Lunch. After breakfast, set off for a tour the famous **Rothschild Berry Farm**. According to culinary legend, if you dream of raspberries, romance is on its way. Yet when Bob and Sara Rothschild fled city living for a country life, they had no idea these thimble-sized beauties would capture their own hearts and lands. Today the award-winning product line includes preserves, mustards, dips, salsas, sauces, dressings, vinegars, oils, and sweet toppings, all of which are produced from the 51,000 square foot Central Ohio facility. Experience the world-renowned and award-winning gourmet foods (like the **Emerald Isle Horseradish!**) Then, enjoy a delicious gourmet lunch on the premises!

Afternoon. Continue the European theme of your itinerary with a tour of an actual castle or two! Discover the Piatt Castles—**Mac-A-Cheek** and **Mac-O-Chee**, built by two brothers. The private, family-owned museum interprets over 200 years of history of the Ohio land and Ohio people. Head for home with a new Irish Attitude! ☺

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