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Welcome to Cruise Ireland

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Members include port authorities, shipping agents, ground handlers, local authorities, retail outlets, transport companies, visitor attractions and state tourism organisations.

Cruise Ireland members can offer you and your guests a full range of port facilities, land arrangements and shore excursions.

Our aim is to ensure that your guests experience the best of our famous Irish welcome.

Stan McIlvenny, Chairman, Cruise Ireland

Introduction to Ireland

The island of Ireland is a magical place; from the haunting beauty of the pure, unspoiled landscapes and the drama of the coastline to the urban buzz of its dynamic cities.

Mix this with the magic of thousands of years' worth of culture and history, Ireland is a place that never fails to surprise. Wild and beautiful, inspiring and exciting, Ireland's energy and romance will win you over in an instant.

Add all of this to the renowned warmth and friendliness of the Irish people, a visit to this captivating and inspiring island will leave you with memories that last a lifetime.

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Belfast



This capital city is the only UK and Ireland destination which made Frommer's top 12 list of places to visit in 2009. It's undergoing a huge renaissance and is now enjoying its

rightful place on the tourism map of exciting places to go and explore.

A tour through this Victorian and Edwardian city is an ideal way to find out its history and notable former residents such as CS Lewis, Van Morrison and George Best. Whether by bus or iconic black taxi, discover Belfast's recent history through the communities and their wall murals. Nowhere in the world can claim a greater or prouder association with the Titanic, the most famous ship ever constructed. Visit the Titanic's Dock & Pump-House and explore the Titanic Quarter where a world-class visitor attraction showcasing Belfast's maritime heritage will open in 2012.

Escaping the city, the Giant's Causeway on the stunning Antrim Coast, a UNESCO world heritage site, has a unique landscape comprising 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns, which make stepping stones to the sea. Legend has it that mythological figure Finn MacCool built these to take a lady friend over from Scotland!

Head to St Patrick's Country to find out more about Ireland's patron saint or discover the splendour of National Trust properties in County Down, all within less than an hour's drive from the Port.

Cork



A cruise call to Cork provides the ultimate cruise experience – a fascinating combination of pursuits from history to archaeology, flora and fauna, golf,

beautiful gardens, shopping or simply relaxing with the friendly and hospitable locals. With most ships berthing at Ireland's only dedicated cruise terminal in Cobh passengers will disembark right beside the Cobh Heritage Centre.

Cork city will delight with its historic buildings, pedestrianised streets, charm and character. Ring the Shandon Bells in the 300 year-old tower of St Anne's Church, marvel at French Gothic spires of St Finbar's Cathedral or take a step back in history at the Cork City Gaol.

Away from the city the draw is to kiss the famous Blarney Stone high up in the castle battlements, endowing them with 'the gift of the gab'. Also in the town is the Blarney Woollen Mills with examples of old Irish crafts such as hand-weaving and hand-knitting.

Cork is also perfectly located for visiting Midleton with its whiskey distillery and Jameson Heritage Centre, Killarney with its lakes and parks, Waterford and the remote wonder of West Cork.

Derry-Londonderry



This is one of the finest examples of a fully intact walled city in the British Isles. The city is built on the River Foyle and the place is steeped in history – 1,450 years of it

– just waiting for you to discover like the 1633 Gothic St Columb's Cathedral, the Guildhall with some of the finest stained glass in the country and Tower Museum which tells the city's long, rich history.

Join a Living History tour for a lively way to learn more about the recent happenings that have shaped modern Londonderry and to view some of the political murals and street art that recall this period. For some retail therapy stop and enjoy a coffee or afternoon tea in the charming Craft Village right in the heart of the city.

Further afield, Londonderry Port is also perfectly located for the North Antrim coast with the UNESCO World Heritage Site at the Giant's Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge and the world's oldest whiskey distillery at Bushmills.

Dublin



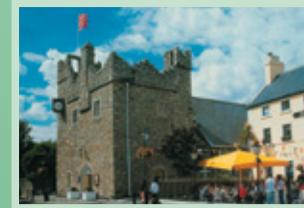
One of Europe's oldest cities, Dublin has few rivals when it comes to atmosphere, visitor attractions, activities and shopping. Steeped in history

whilst buzzing with youthful energy, the capital is at the very heart of Irish culture. Throughout the city and its surrounds there is an abundance to discover and explore, all of which will enthral and enchant; history, castles, art and literature, cathedrals, shopping, music and Georgian architecture. Let the friendly locals point you in the direction of the Guinness Storehouse, the Old

Jameson Distillery, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, St Patrick's Cathedral, the National Museums and Gallery, the Dublin Writers Museum or a local pub.

Outside of the city is as rich in its offering with fabulous coastlines and seaside towns, Malahide Castle, the stunning setting and manicured gardens of Powerscourt, monastic settlements at Glendalough, the finest Japanese gardens in Europe and the National Stud in the land of the horse.

Dun Laoghaire



The town of Dun Laoghaire on Ireland's East Coast, is within walking distance of this harbour. A modern, vibrant town it offers fine restaurants, friendly bars and

a range of shopping. Within the Harbour, there is an excellent rapid rail transport system which connects the harbour with the nearby city of Dublin. Dun Laoghaire and its surrounding villages of Sandycove and Dalkey have lots to offer visitors - monastic settlements, ancient churches, monuments and the Martello Tower at Sandycove which houses a museum dedicated to James Joyce.

North Down



North Down is diverse with its winning mix of picturesque coastline, beautiful countryside, bustling towns, and quaint villages. This area

is awash with Viking history and Christian heritage. It is the starting point of a dedicated trail to St Patrick allowing visitors to discover more about Christianity in Europe from as far back as the Dark Ages.

With 16 miles of stunning coastline and numerous green spaces, forests, farmlands, town and country parks it is the ideal place to relax with beautiful vistas.

The perfect gateway to rural Northern Ireland is found through Bangor. Step into County Down and discover the Mountains of Mourne that inspired CS Lewis' magical world of Narnia, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland at Armagh with its two Cathedrals or the fabulous architecture and design of the National Trust's Mount Stewart, Castle Ward and Rowallane Gardens.

Shannon Foynes



On Ireland's Atlantic coast, the Shannon Region is awash with spectacular nature; the Cliffs of Moher tower 214-meters above the waves and range for

8-kilometers and are best seen from O'Brien's Tower. The unique Burren's lunar type landscape with its iconic Poul Nabrone Dolmen; The Viking city of Limerick with its 12th Century King John's Castle and the majestic River Shannon; Adare, with its Manor, reputed to be Ireland's prettiest village with its thatched cottages; The Port of Foynes where visitors disembark is the location where the transatlantic flying boats once landed and where Irish Coffee is reputed to have been invented.

The area's visitor attractions bring the visitor into the magic and mystery of the Prehistoric, Celtic, Viking, Anglo-Norman and Native Irish Ancestries; castles at Bunratty, Knappogue, Dunguaire, Craggaunowen, as well as Ireland's prehistoric and early Christian visitor centre at the Lough Gur archaeological site telling the pre-Celtic story.

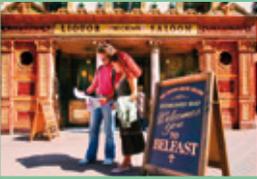
Waterford



Ireland's oldest city holds many secrets to its real essence. It's a historic city on the River Suir and is one of Ireland's oldest tourist destinations. First visited by the Vikings in 852 AD, it

bears their footprints and those of the Celts and Normans that followed.

Everyone will have heard of Waterford Crystal. It decks the banqueting tables and gracious reception rooms of palaces, presidents and embassies the world over. Well you too can appreciate such riches with a visit to the new visitor centre. Take the fascinating tour and see how generations of design experience goes into the intricate pieces that are as individual as the people who make them.



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