










Study Trip for Media and Public Opinion-forming people

Experience Ireland by Public Transport

Tuesday, 30th September – Sunday, 5th October 2008

Programme

TU, 30.9.	07.02 – 11.34 h	Zürich – Basel (08.02) – Paris Est by TGV Lyria Breakfast on board	
	11.40 h	Transfer on foot to Paris Nord	
	12.15 h	Eurostar Check-in and Passport control	
	12.43 – 14.34 h	Paris Nord – London St. Pancras by Eurostar 9031, Lunch on board	
		Visiting the new St. Pancras Station	
	15.15 h	Presentation of Eurostar	
		Taxi Transfer to London Transport Museum Guided Tour through the new London Transport Museum in Covent Garden	
	16.00 h	Transfer to Hotel	
		Evening Meal and Overnight in London Co-Sponsor : Railtour Suisse Imperial Hotel London 61-66 Russell Square Bloomsbury, London WC1B 5BA Tel. + 44 20 78373655	
WE, 1.10.		Individual Breakfast	
	09.00 – 13.03 h	Euston – Holyhead, (2 nd) Breakfast on board	
	14.10 – 17.25 h	Holyhead – Dublin Port by Irish Ferries «Ulysses» (largest passenger ferry in the world)	
	17.45 – 18.45 h	Transfer Dublin Ferry Port to Hotel by Dublin Bus	
		Overnight in Dublin Best Western Hotel Academy Plaza Findlater Place Dublin 1 Tel. +353/1-878 06 66	




TH, 2.10.

Individual Breakfast

- 09.30 – 10.15 h **Public Transport in Dublin:** by Michael Reidey
- Project Underground Interconnector 
- 10.15 – 10.45 h **Transport 21 in Ireland:** by Dick Fearn, CEO Irish Rail
Presentation about the planned spending of 6 bio € to improve efficiency of public transport in Ireland by Irish Rail (Iarnród Éireann)
- 10.55 – 11.15 h LUAS Tramway Transfer to Heuston Station
- 11.25 – 12.24 h Dublin Heuston – Portlaoise by Irish Rail 
- 13.00 – 15.00 h Visit of the new Laoise TrainCare Depot:
by John O'Brien and Ann Breslin 
- 15.19 – 17.15 h Portlaoise – Galway by Irish Rail 
- 18.00 – 19.00 h City Tour of Galway
- 19.30 h Evening Meal and Overnight in Galway
Best Western Hotel Flannery's
Dublin Road
Galway
Tel. +353/91 755 111 



FR, 3.10.

Individual Breakfast

- 08.30 – 09.30 h Bus Transfer to Western Rail Corridor by Paul Nash Travel
- 09.30 – 11.30 h **Visit of the Western Rail Corridor:** by Richard Patten
Resumption of rail traffic by the end of 2008
- 11.30 – 12.00 h Bus Transfer to Gort by Paul Nash Travel
- 12.00 – 13.00 h **Visit of Gort Station:** by Richard Patten
- 13.00 – 14.15 h Lunch in Gort
- 14.15 – 15.00 h Bus Transfer to Shannonbridge by Paul Nash Travel
- 15.15 – 16.15 h **Riding the Peat Bog Train** in Shannonbridge 
- 16.15 – 17.30 h Bus Transfer to Tullamore by Paul Nash Travel
- 17.45 – 19.10 h Typical Irish Apéritif and Evening Meal in the Days Hotel, Tullamore
- 19.15 h Walk to Tullamore Railroad Station
- 19.39 – 20.54 h Tullamore – Dublin Heuston by Irish Rail 
- 21.00 h LUAS Tramway Transfer to Hotel
- Overnight in Dublin
Best Western Hotel Sheldon Park
Kylemore Road
Ballyfermot, Dublin 12
Tel +353/1-460 10 55 

SA, 4.10.

Individual Breakfast

- 08.15 – 08.45 h LUAS Tramway Transfer to Abbey Road Station
- 08.45 – 09.00 h Walk across O'Connell Bridge to Trinity College
- 09.00 – 10.30 h **Visit of Trinity College and Book of Kells.**  Presentation by Prof. Joseph O'Gorman
- 10.30 – 10.50 h Walk to Dublin Connolly Station
- 11.00 – 13.15 h Dublin Connolly – Belfast Central by InterCity, Snacks on board
- 13.25 – 13.38 h Belfast Central – Cultra by NI Railways
- 13.45 – 16.00 h **Visit of the Ulster Transport Museum**  by Ken M'Kannon, Tour Guide
- 16.15 – 16.29 h Cultra – Belfast Central by NI Railways
- 18.10 – 20.15 h Belfast Central – Dublin Connolly by InterCity, Snacks on board

and

- 19.00 Evening Meal and Overnight in Belfast for Kurt, Edwin and Hansjürg

Best Western Hotel Wellington
21 Upper Malone Road
Belfast, Northern Ireland
 +44/28 9038 5050



- 21.00 h

Overnight in Dublin
Best Western Hotel Sheldon Park
Kylemore Road
Ballyfermot, Dublin 12
 Tel +353/1-460 10 55

**SU, 5.10.**

Individual breakfast and transfer to airport

- 12.00 – 15.10 h Flight Dublin – Geneva by Aer Lingus EI 684
- 12.15 – 15.25 h Flight Dublin – Zürich by Aer Lingus EI 344

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- Irish Rail 
- Irish Tourist Board for Galway City Tour
- Peat Bog Train 
- Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre 
- Trinity College and Book of Kells  TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN
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- Ulster Transport Museum 
national museums
northern ireland
- Belfast City Sightseeing 

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