

# 2017 Quest For The Throne

7 Days / 6 Nights

Sept. 3-9, 2017 departure \$2,269.00 per person/dbl

Oct. 1-7, 2017 departure \$1,948.00 per person/dbl

Airfare additional



*Are you a Game of Thrones fan? Experience the Seven Kingdoms for yourself and visit the remarkable locations where Game of Thrones was filmed. Journey along Ireland's dramatic northern coastline where the mountains meet the sea. These breathtaking landscapes have sparked stories of fairies and giants, and of kings with magical powers throughout the ages. Come see for yourself why Northern Ireland was chosen for filming television's most popular fantasy series.*

## Day 1: Dublin Arrival

Start in County Meath and visit the impressive Trim Castle, founded in 1173 by the Norman, Hugh de Lacy, and where a scene from Braveheart was filmed. The castle is one of the largest and best preserved in Ireland. Check into your hotel and enjoy a welcome drink and dinner with your fellow travelers. Your evening includes a visit from Trim Living History to view and see a demonstration of Medieval weapons and armor.

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## Day 2: Binevenagh Mountain, Downhill Strand & Mussenden Temple

Leave Trim and start exploring Westeros from the television series as you pass the beautifully remote Binevenagh Mountain and visit the early Christian settlement of Monasterboice. Drive to Downhill Strand, known in the series as Dragonstone. Continue exploring the dramatic coastline and visit Mussenden Temple, built in 1785, this building is now one of the most photographed in Ireland.

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**Day 3: Dunluce Castle & Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge**

Drive to visit the picturesque ruins of Dunluce Castle, which is perched atop basalt rock jutting out over the sea. The castle was filmed in the popular television series as the House of Greyjoy on the Iron Islands. Continue your journey to the unique and legendary Giant's Causeway, made of hexagonal columns formed 60 million years ago. End your day exploring the Seven Kingdoms with a visit to the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge.

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**Day 4: Dark Hedges, Cairncastle & Shillanavogy Valley**

Leave your hotel this morning and continue your journey as you drive north along the Nine Glens of Antrim, for lovely views of mountains, valleys and coastline. Pass the Dark Hedges in County Antrim, where Arya Stark made her escape down Kingsroad in season two. Explore the Cushendun Caves where Melisandre gave birth to the shadow creature. Continue your travels to stop and view Cairncastle, an open area of many hills and beauty and used to film scenes from season one, four and five. Visit Shillanavogy Valley which sits under the Slemish Mountain and enjoy a close up look at the area filmed as the Dothraki grasslands.

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**Day 5: Belfast Sightseeing & Shane's Castle**

Embark on a sightseeing tour around Belfast, including the University area, and visit Crumlin Road Gaol to learn about the jail's 150 year history. Travel along the shores of Lough Neagh to Shane's Castle, built in the 1300's on the edge of the lake. The lough and castle were used in seasons one and five. The caverns underneath are used for filming the crypts in Winterfell. Return to Belfast for dinner with your group in the hotel restaurant tonight.

**(B, D)**

**Day 6: Tollymore Forest Park & Castle Ward**

Drive along the scenic Strangford Lough – an area with close ties to St. Patrick. It was transformed into the Narrow Sea for the television series. Visit the haunting ruins of Inch Abbey, and explore Tollymore Forest Park in County Down. Spend some time at Castle Ward, a 14th century castle complex transformed into Winterfell, home of the Starks, for filming of the series. Enjoy admission to the movie set, dress up in authentic outfits, and pose for countless photo opportunities. Drive to your hotel in Newcastle for an overnight stay.

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**Day 7: Depart Dublin for Home**

Your tour ends after breakfast.

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*B: Breakfast; D: Dinner*

Pre- and post-tour nights in Dublin available at additional cost.

**Highlights:**

- Sightseeing by luxury coach
- Professional driver/guide
- 6 nights in hotels listed
- Full breakfast daily (B) except on day 1
- 6 dinners (D)
- Welcome get-together drink
- Step into the show and experience the Bran Package with your group. Enjoy admission to the movie set- where filming took place. Become one of the Stark Family as you dress up in authentic Game of Thrones outfits and get special instruction from 'Jon Snow' on archery.
- Tour the House of Greyjoy (Dunluce Castle)
- Visit the Iron Islands (Ballintoy Harbor)
- See the Dothraki grasslands (Shillanavogy Valley)
- Tour Castle Ward (Audley's Castle) dating to the 14th century, used repeatedly as backdrop for the series. The castle of the Wards was used as Winterfell and Audley's Wood is where Brienne of Tarth and Jamie Lannister trekked together toward King's Landing
- Tour of Dublin with a local guide
- Audio headsets and group photo
- Deluxe carry-on backpack, ticket wallet, luggage tags & strap
- All local taxes, hotel service charges & portorage for one suitcase per person
- Free Wi-Fi on coaches and in hotel lobbies

**Hotels:**

Superior & First Class

- Dublin: Trim Castle Hotel or Dunboyne Castle Hotel (1 night)
- Portrush: Atlantic Hotel (2 nights)
- Belfast: Europa Hotel (2 nights)
- Newcastle: Slieve Donard Resort & Spa (1 night)

**Features:**

Trim Castle, Binevenagh Mountain, Monasterboice, Downhill Strand, Mussenden, Temple, Dunluce Castle, Giant's Causeway, Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge, Dark Hedges, Cushendun Caves, Shillanavogy Valley, Shane's Castle, Tollymore Forest Park

Tour operated by CIE Tours.

A valid passport is required for this trip. Passports must be valid at least 6 months beyond the end date of the trip.