

Shyson's Irish Visit!

1. The Cliffs of Moher



The most famous and breath-taking part of Ireland's craggy west coastline is the Cliffs of Moher area, which feature some of the most breath-taking views on the entire island.

The Cliffs stretch for almost 5 miles and rise up to 702 feet over the waters of the Atlantic Ocean. The amazing view from the Cliffs includes the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, The Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains. The landscape and seascape of the Cliffs of Moher have, for centuries, welcomed a multitude of visitors; close to 1 million people per year now travel to this iconic location.

But don't get the wrong impression – just because many people flock to the site, this in no way spoils the experience of being there; it's easy to forget your surroundings and lose yourself in nature as you stand near the edge of the majestic cliffs. www.cliffsofmoher.ie/about-the-cliffs/history/visitor-centre

2. Giant's Causeway



The Giant's Causeway, a coastal area of about 40,000 basalt columns near the town of Bushmills in [County Antrim](#), is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Northern Ireland.

Folklore tells us that an Irish giant named Finn MacCool once lived in the area, and from across the sea he could see a Scottish giant, Benandonner, his rival, whom he had never met.

Finn challenged Benandonner to come to Ireland to fight. Because no boat was big enough to carry the giant, Finn built a causeway of stones in the water so that Benandonner would be able to make it across.

When Finn realized the Scottish giant was far bigger than he had expected, he fled to the hills where his wife disguised him as a baby. This move foxed Benandonner because he thought that if the child was that big, the father would be even bigger. Benandonner fled back to the Scotland, ripping up the causeway behind him, so that Finn wouldn't be able to follow him.

In truth, Giant's Causeway was created by a volcanic eruption 60 million years ago – an interesting fact, but the Finn MacCool myth is a bit more fun to believe.

No matter how it came to be, the Causeway is one of the best places to walk through in the North.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/giants-causeway

3. Guinness Storehouse



A trip to Dublin's **most popular tourist attraction** is pretty much compulsory for any self-respecting tourist in Ireland's capital. Or, at the very least, it should be.

The Guinness Storehouse tells the story of how Guinness is made and how this famous drink came to be one of Ireland's best-known exports.

It is in an awesome building: its core is in the shape of a giant pint glass, and consists of seven floors. After walking around for about 45 minutes and being constantly told how wonderful Guinness is, pretty soon the subliminal messages start to kick in. Before you know it, you find yourself craving a pint of the black, delicious stuff like your life depended on it, even if you were previously not a fan. (It is, after all, an acquired taste.)

The top floor, which has the Gravity Bar, is the most fun. There you get a complimentary pint of Guinness. You also get the most spectacular view of Dublin, which is worth the admission price alone.

www.guinness-storehouse.com

4. Titanic Centre



Titanic Belfast

- Visit the largest Titanic Visitor Experience in the World.
- Learn about the dramatic history of this famous ship.
- View the actual slipways where the Titanic was first launched!

www.titanicbelfast.com

5. The Burren



The Burren, which is formed by limestone karst plates (in other words, it's a great big rocky mass) is one of Ireland's most famous natural attractions.

The limestone terrain holds a special fascination for geologists and botanists for its Mediterranean and alpine plants. Described as a botanist's paradise, the Burren has one of the most diverse and beautiful floras in Ireland: 635 different plant species (including 22 of Ireland's 27 native orchids) have been recorded here.

www.burrennationalpark.ie

6. Johnny Foxes Pub



Situated in Glencullen on top of the Dublin Mountains, **Johnnie Fox's** is one of Ireland's oldest and most famous traditional Irish pubs - and we are also famed as the highest pub in the country. We are located approximately 25-35 minutes' drive from Dublin City Centre.

www.jfp.ie



7. Jameson Tour Dublin

Discover the Jameson Irish Whiskey story, where the last chapter is drinkable. Visit the original Bow Street distillery in Smithfield Dublin, the place we've called home ever since John Jameson first set up shop in 1780. A trip to Bow Street offers guided tours and tasting experiences that will give you a real appreciation for the Jameson story, from our heritage, to our production process which gives us our unique, iconic taste.

The Old Jameson Distillery is also home to a restaurant that serves lunch every day, a gift shop where you can purchase exclusive Jameson gifts or even bottle your own cask strength Jameson Select Reserve. With a greater appreciation of our whiskey under your belt you will be able to sample our full range at JJ's Bar, take a Master class with a whiskey tasting or just try some of our great Jameson cocktails.

<https://bookings.jamesonwhiskey.com/dublin/step1.aspx>

