

Cumberland County Historical Society Scots-Irish in Pennsylvania

Join the Cumberland County Historical Society and delve into the Scots-Irish on this tour that focuses on the Plantation of Ulster that began in 1609. Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has a rich Scots-Irish heritage. Carlisle and Cumberland County were prominent destinations for Scots-Irish immigrants during the 18th century. John Armstrong from Brookeborough, Fermanagh laid out Carlisle in 1751, and the settlement was incorporated into a borough in 1782. He is known as the “first citizen of Carlisle”.

This tour will visit all 9 counties of Ulster - comprising of 6 counties in Northern Ireland (Derry, Antrim, Down, Tyrone, Armagh, Fermanagh) and 3 counties in the Republic of Ireland (Cavan, Monaghan & Donegal). You will have access to a genealogist in Ireland, for a fee, and she will accompany your visit to PRONI (Public Records Office of Northern Ireland) in Belfast. This trip combines experiences of diverse culture, history, and stunning landscapes.

Sunday, June 9, 2025 Depart USA for Ireland

Monday, June 10, 2025 Arrive in Dublin and transfer to Belfast. En-route stop at the **Castlewelan Peace Maze**, one of the world's largest permanent hedge mazes symbolizing the path to a peaceful future for Northern Ireland. Then visit the **Irish Linen Centre and Lisburn Museum** where you'll learn about one of Ireland's oldest industries.

Tuesday, June 11, 2025 Start with the **North Down Museum** which offers rich insights into the area's local history. Next, visit **Ballycopeland Windmill**, one of the only remaining working windmills in East Down. Round off with **Mount Stewart House**, an elegant 18th-century house known for its stunning gardens.

Wednesday, June 12, 2025 Visit the historic **Crumlin Road Gaol** which gives a deep dive into prison life in 19th-century Belfast. After, journey back in time with **Titanic Belfast**, an interactive museum depicting the ill-fated ship's tragic journey. **PRONI** is up next for those interested in genealogy. Those not interested in PRONI will have free time in the Titanic area of Belfast.

Thursday, June 13, 2025 Depart Belfast for Portrush, visiting **Glenarm Castle & Gardens**, a charming estate with stunning landscapes. Next, visit **Dunluce Castle**, a medieval castle found atop a dramatic craggy cliff along the emerald coasts of Northern Ireland. and the famed **Giant's Causeway**, a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its interlocking basalt columns.

Friday, June 14, 2025 Walk the historic **Derry Walls**, then visit the **Museum of Free Derry** to learn about the city's turbulent past. Conclude the day with a visit to **St. Columb's Cathedral**, an iconic symbol of the city with deep historical roots.

Saturday, June 15, 2025 Visit **Raphoe Castle**, an impressive plantation castle. Marvel at the **Beltany Stone Circle**, a historical site home to 60+ stones erected circa 1400-800 BC. Finally, visit the **Grianan Stone Fort**, a hilltop fort offering panoramic views.

Sunday, June 16, 2025 Journey from Derry to Ardara and learn about Ireland and America's shared history at the **Ulster American Folk Park**. Then, it's onto the **Wild Atlantic Distillery** to learn about the distillery process and taste locally produced spirits.

Monday, June 17, 2025 Depart Ardara for Enniskillen, stopping en-route at the **Old Laghey Road**. Here, visit **Belleek Pottery**, one of Ireland's oldest crafts, and continue to the scenic **Monea Castle**. Monea Castle is a beautiful plantation castle that is nestled in the lush green countryside of Fermanagh.

Tuesday, June 18, 2025 Head from Enniskillen to Cavan. Witness the historic **Devenish Island** with its round towers via a boat tour, followed by visiting the monastic settlement at **Drumlane Abbey**.

Wednesday, June 19, 2025 Begin the day at **St. Peter's Tin Church** with its unique architectural style. Visit the **Carrickmacross Workhouse**, central to Ireland's great famine story. End the day at the **Brehon Brewhouse**, home to some of Ireland's finest handcrafted beers.

Thursday, June 20, 2025 Say your farewells, carrying a treasure trove of memories and experiences as you transfer back to Dublin Airport for your journey home.

Overnight accommodation as noted on itinerary, breakfast daily, xx lunch, xx dinner, driver, guide, portorage

Included in your tour:

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Mount Stewart House	Crumlin Road Gaol	Titanic Belfast
Glenarm Castle & Gardens	Dunluce Castle	Giant's Causeway
Museum of Free Derry	St. Columb's Cathedral	Raphoe Castle
Beltany Stone Circle	Wild Atlantic Distillery	Ulster American Folk Park
Belleek Pottery	Monea Castle	Drumlane Abbey
St. Peter's Tin Church	Carrickmacross Workhouse	Brehon Brewhouse

Walk thru Castlewellan Peace Maze, Visit to PRONI, Walking tour of the Derry Walls, and boat tour to Devenish Island

Not included: optional travel protection, meals not included on itinerary, personal expenses, gratuities for driver and guide