

 IRELAND'S  
ANCIENT EAST

IAE South 3 day fam (max 15 media)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Morning arrivals to Cork Airport

Visit Cobh. The town of **Cobh** in east Cork is synonymous with two tragic sea disasters over a century ago, that of The Titanic and The Lusitania. A walking tour and exhibition tells the story of these tragedies. <http://www.heritageisland.com/attractions/cobh-heritage-centre/>

Visit Midleton. The town of **Midleton** is well known for the superb quality of local food produce, farmers' food market and food stalls. On the outskirts of Midleton is the **Old Jameson Whiskey Distillery**, which we will pay a visit to [www.jamesonwhiskey.com/ie/tours/jamesonexperience](http://www.jamesonwhiskey.com/ie/tours/jamesonexperience)



Evening dinner in a local restaurant presenting the best of Irish produce.

Overnight in The **Walter Raleigh Hotel**, Youghal, County Cork. Tel: +353 24 92011. [www.walerraleighhotel.com](http://www.walerraleighhotel.com) Sir **Walter Raleigh** was a close confidant of Queen Elizabeth I in 16<sup>th</sup> century who settled in this town and introduced tobacco and the potato to Ireland.

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Take in a tour of the town of Youghal Town with the Town Crier. The town is a walled seaport town with plenty of tales of Vikings, Normans and Elizabethian period invasions.

Visit **Lismore Castle Gardens**. Spread over nearly 3 hectares, the historic gardens at Lismore Castle in County Waterford are divided into two very distinct and different halves. The Upper Garden is a complete example of the 17th-century walled garden first constructed here by Richard Boyle, the First Earl of Cork, in about 1605. [www.lismorecastlegardens.com](http://www.lismorecastlegardens.com)



Waterford is truly Ireland's 'historical' city as it is the oldest city in the country. It's 'Viking Triangle' encompasses the 10<sup>th</sup> Century Reginald's Tower, with the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Medieval Museum next door followed by the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Bishop's Palace sitting very close by. Across the road is the famous House of Waterford Crystal where you get an up close and personal tour of the expert designers and cutters. [www.discoverwaterfordcity.ie](http://www.discoverwaterfordcity.ie)

Check in at **Waterford Castle Hotel and Resort**, located on an island just outside Waterford City. It originally dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century and refurbished over time, it offers an authentic and memorable Irish castle experience. We will wine and dine the evening away.

Overnight in Waterford Castle Hotel and Resort, The Island, Waterford City. Tel: +353 51 878 203. [www.waterfordcastleresort.com](http://www.waterfordcastleresort.com)

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Departing Waterford City for **Curraghmore House**, near Portlawn, an historic home to the 9<sup>th</sup> Marquis of Waterford whose ancestors came to Ireland from Normandy in 1170. It is a stunning house surrounded by 2,400 acres of well manicured gardens and a unique 'shell house'. [www.curraghmorehouse.ie](http://www.curraghmorehouse.ie)



Visit **The Rock of Cashel**, County Tipperary. Atop a limestone outcrop, the Rock of Cashel commands a spectacular view across the verdant fields of Tipperary. Originally the Seat of the High Kings of Munster, the site was gifted to the church and grew into a powerful religious centre. [www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/en/south-east/rockofcashel/)

Departures for Cork/Dublin for flights/overnights.

