

TOURING THE RESEARCH TRAIL IN DUBLIN

National Archives of Ireland, National Library of Ireland, General Register Office, Land Valuation Office, Registry of Deeds, Church of Ireland Representative Church Body Library, ...

You will arrive in Dublin on Wednesday 29 February 2012 and settle into Buswell's Hotel. On Thursday 1 March 2012 we start the research trail in Dublin. Each day of the eight day trip will focus on a different repository in the Dublin area. You will have professionals familiar with the area available to help you navigate the repositories. The researcher is free to follow their own research trail in Dublin. Sunday 4 March 2012 is a free day to explore Dublin and checkout is Thursday 8 March 2012.

Prior to the trip you will submit your research goals and a written description of the research you have done to date. These will be assessed to assist you in creating your research plans for the trip. Everyone must have a research plan in place before they leave for Dublin.

This trip is for the experienced researcher who has completed all their research in North America and is ready to visit Ireland to continue their research. You must know at minimum the county of origin but the townland or parish is more helpful.

If you decide to do some touring before meeting the group in Dublin you might consider a stop in London England. The last weekend of February (24, 25, 26) 2012 is the "Who Do You Think You Are? Live"

family history show in London. This is the largest family history show in the world. Over 13,000 people attend the three day event every year. While in London you may decide to visit the National Archives in Kew, the Society of Genealogists or other local repository.

The temperatures and weather at this time of year are more spring like than in North America. The average daily temperature in Dublin is 9C (48F) and the spring flowers are usually starting to bloom.



The easiest way to get around Dublin City is to walk. Some repositories may require a bus ride but most are within walking distance. Ireland is a country surrounded by water so rain is inevitable. Please bring appropriate rain wear and shoes that are comfortable for walking.

You will arrange your own transportation between the airport and hotel. There is a bus at the airport that will drop you at Trinity College and the hotel is a short walk along Kildare Street. The cost of the bus is €7.00 one way. You can take the same bus back to the airport.



Buswell's Hotel on Molesworth Street in Dublin is the resident hotel for the group. You are central to most repositories in

the city as well as restaurants and tourist areas. The hotel costs include breakfast, VAT (Value Added Tax) and service charge.

Companions who are not doing research are welcome to join us. The fees for companions are noted below.

You will be responsible for your own airfare, ground transportation and medical/travel insurance. You must present proof of medical insurance prior to the final payment.

Please let the group advisor know if there are any physical, visual or hearing impediments prior to the trip.

There will be a couple of online chats with the group to make sure everyone is ready for the trip. Individual online chats will also be done to help each participant with their research plans.

The trip includes:

- Seven nights' hotel accommodation
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Research plan preparation
- Onsite research assistance
- Daily consultations in Dublin

Ruth Blair is a professional genealogist, author and lecturer. She has been researching Irish records for over 30 years and lectures on Irish genealogy. She has done research in Ireland and is familiar with the local repositories.



She is an instructor at the National Institute for Genealogical Studies and hosts the Ireland chats for the Institute. Ruth wrote "Planning a Genealogical Research Trip to Ireland: The Research Trail in Dublin" and has attended the Irish Genealogical Congress in Ireland. She is a first generation Canadian and still has close family connections in Ireland.

Important Dates to Remember

At time of registration – Initial \$500 deposit due

15 November 2011 – ½ remaining balance due

19 December 2011 – final balance due

Cancellation prior to 19 December 2011 all payments that exceed \$500 will be refunded. After 19 December 2011 but before 10 January 2012 all payments will be refunded that exceed half of the cost. On or after 10 January 2012, no money will be refunded. A minimum of 7 people are needed for the trip or the trip will be cancelled and all money will be refunded.

*Single Occupancy \$2278.00**

*Double Occupancy \$1878.00**

*Non Researcher Double Occupancy \$625.00**

*Non Researcher Single Occupancy \$1200.00**

**Prices subject to change due to exchange rates*