

19th Annual European Tourist Guides Meeting & FEG AGM, Dublin 2017 21st -26th November 2017

We are looking forward to giving you a 'Cead Mile Failte' (one hundred thousand welcomes) to Dublin and ensuring that you take away many happy memories of your visit with us.

MAIN PROGRAMME

Payment deadline: 30th July 2017

Tuesday 21st November

Arrivals of the main programme participants.

You will be met at the airport by our 'meet and greet' team. They will provide you with a return ticket for an airport link bus that will transport you to the four star **Camden Court Hotel**, Camden Street, Dublin.

Arrivals of Ireland Pre-Meeting Tour participants at the Camden Court hotel.

Afternoon

14:30 - 15:30 Short orientation tour of the local area for early arrivals.

16:00 - 17:30 FEG Networking Time. Facilities will be provided at the hotel for the FEG networking session, open to all participants to join us for discussion on the topic: «**Sharing Best Practice on Self-Regulation by Tourist Guide Associations**».

Evening

18:15 Depart for welcome reception in **Christ Church Cathedral** for the FEG 19th European Tourist Guide Meeting **Opening Ceremony**.

The cathedral was built in the 12th century and we will be accessing the impressive crypt for the welcome reception. Transport will be provided to and from the event.



Wednesday 22nd November

Morning

Today you will enjoy a bus tour of the city covering the main areas of Dublin of historical interest. During the tour you will visit **St Patrick's Cathedral** built in the 13th century and named after Ireland's national saint. St Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. The tour will also include a visit to the 18th century **Kilmainham Gaol**, where the leaders of the 1916 Rebellion were executed.

A stop for lunch in a traditional Irish pub will be included.

Afternoon

15.00-19.00 FEG optional seminar «Cultural Awareness for Tourist Guides» will be held this afternoon at the Camden Court hotel.
For more info on registrations & payment, please see at the FEG Meeting webpage on FEG Optional Seminars or relevant brochure

Evening is free for your to explore the city and maybe visit Temple Bar, the popular Dublin night-spot.

Thursday 23rd November

Full-day tour

A visit of the magnificent **Boyne Valley** is planned for today.

You will be collected by luxury coach and transported either to the **Newgrange** or to the **Loughcrew** ancient burial chambers which are aligned with Spring Equinox, were built almost 6,000 years ago and still standing. It includes a visit to the **Newgrange Visitor Center** for all participants to the exhibition, the audiovisual projection and the mock-up visit. Participants will be separated for the entry to one of the two passage tombs mentioned above, where you experience the effect of the rising Winter solstice sun illuminating the passage as far as the central chamber.



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Attention: Newgrange tomb is a UNESCO World Heritage site and entrance is restricted. Access to the

site will be limited to the first 140 delegates who register for the main programme.

Alternatively, a drive and visit of the **Loughcrew** tomb is planned for the rest of the participants.

You will also visit the magnificent 9th century Celtic **Stone Cross in Monasterboice** and - if times permits, Tara - the site of the crowning of the High Kings of Ireland.

Lunch is included during the tour.

Evening

Reception offered for participants in Dublin Castle, the centre of British power in Ireland for almost 800 years.

Transport will be provided to and from the venue.

Friday 24th November

Morning

Heading south today in a luxury coach to **Co Wicklow**, known as the Garden of Ireland, you will be visiting beautiful **Glendalough valley** to be guided through the ruins of a monastery founded in the 6th century by St Kevin.

You will also visit the magnificent 18th century house and gardens at **Powerscourt**, listed as 3rd in the National Geographic list of Top 10 gardens of the world.



Afternoon

14:30 - 18:30 FEG optional seminar «Sustainable Tourism & Tourist Guides» will be held this afternoon at the Camden Court hotel.
For more info on registrations & payment, please see at the FEG Meeting webpage on FEG Optional Seminars or relevant brochure

Evening

This evening you will be transported into the **Dublin mountains** for a traditional Irish night of music, dancing and song in the **Merry Ploughboy pub**. Of course you will also be treated to traditional Irish food and drink before the show. Always a great night.



Saturday 25th November

9.00-17.00 FEG Annual General Meeting - Full Day for FEG appointed Delegates only

All other Meeting Participants:

Morning

For this day you will have to make a choice, when you register online:

Would you like to visit:

- a) the famous **Guinness Storehouse** or
- b) the **Malahide Castle** and the beautiful fishing village of **Howth**?

Whichever you choose you are sure to have an enjoyable morning followed by lunch by the coast.

Afternoon

The afternoon is free for you to explore the city, perhaps to visit some of our museums or galleries, which have free entry.

Evening

You will be transported to the magnificent **Trinity College Dublin**, founded by Queen Elizabeth I in 1592.

An exclusive visit to the **Book of Kells** is planned, before you attend a pre-dinner drinks reception in the spectacular **Long Room of the Trinity College Library** with its barrel vaulted ceiling and 200,000 books.

The **FEG Gala Dinner** will be hosted in the 18th century **Trinity College Dining Hall**.

This will be a very special night, one that you will not forget.



After dinner a shuttle bus service will be available to transport you back to the Camden hotel.

Sunday 26th November

9.00-12.30 FEG Annual General Meeting - Half Day for FEG appointed Delegates only

All other Meeting Participants:

If you still have time this morning you can avail of the walking tour to visit some of the beautiful **Georgian squares of Dublin**.

12:45 **Farewell buffet lunch** will be available in the Camden hotel dining room, before you depart with many happy memories and new-found friends.

A **packed lunch** will be provided for participants for the Post-Meeting tour.

13:45 Departures of participants for the Post-Meeting tour of **Northern Ireland**.

Please see the programme on the FEG Meeting webpage on Post-Tour

Alternatively, after one extra overnight in Camden Court hotel, Dublin qualified tourist guides will have the chance to register for:

Monday 27th November

9.00-17.00 FEG optional full day course «T-GUIDE - Guiding people with Learning Difficulties» will be held this day at the Carmelite Community Centre, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin.

For more info on registrations & payment, please see at the FEG Meeting webpage on FEG Optional Seminars or relevant brochure

Important notice:

For specific terms on the main programme, as well as on pre-meeting and post-meeting tours, please see the Registration Form before you book and pay.

Registrations must be confirmed by the host organisers to each participant before booking their flights, due to limited places in some of the venues.

Bookings will be strictly done in first come first served basis with online registration or by email to our ATGI hosts.