**48 hours in Dublin**

***A city by the sea fringed with coastal gems, from castles and cliffs to beaches and tasty seafood restaurants. Explore some of Dublin’s coastal villages - Once you’ve experience the bay it’s time to head back to the city***

**Day 1**

**Morning**

**Clash Gaelic Games**, meet the O’Driscoll brothers who are passionate about our native games. You won't merely watch, but you’ll experience the games first hand, as you are taken through the skills and then challenged to practise what you have learned in a match. Prepare to laugh at yourself and with your group as you test yourself with some of the toughest (and not so tough!) skills of the games! <http://www.clash.ie/>

Step back in time with a guided tour of the historic **Malahide Castle**, dating back to 1175. Set on 250 acres of parkland, this magnificent castle was home to the Talbot family for over 800 years. Learn the family’s fascinating and colourful stories and admire beautiful period furniture together with an extensive collection of Irish portrait paintings, mainly from the National Gallery. [www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie](http://www.malahidecastleandgardens.ie)

**Afternoon**

**Lunch:** Beshoff’s The Market, 17-18 W Pier, Howth, (01) 839 7555 <http://www.beshoffs.ie/>

After lunch, set off on a gentle exploration of this charming fishing village. Nobody knows Howth better than Shane, of **Shane’s Howth Hikes**. Walk through time in the footsteps of an astonishing history enjoying breath-taking views was you go. [www.shaneshowthhikes.com](http://www.shaneshowthhikes.com)

Take a deep breath as you approach the views and Georgian grandeur of **Newbridge House and Farm**. Your guide will bring you through three centuries of Irish History, from the opulence of a Georgian House, to a Victorian family home, through to rural life in the 20th Century and the world of an Irish Country House today. Enter the Farm via the new Visitors Centre leading onto the 18th century Cobbled Courtyard and visit our Shetland and Connemara ponies, pigs and piglets, goats and baby chicks. [www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com](http://www.newbridgehouseandfarm.com)

**Dinner:** Drury Buildings, 52-55 Drury St, (01) 960 2095 <http://drurybuildings.com/about/>

**Day 2**

**Morning**

**14 Henrietta Street** Built as a townhouse for the elite of Dublin in 1770, 14 Henrietta Street was split into tenements in the 1880s as the need for working class housing in Dublin grew, with some 100 people living there by 1911. It remained a tenement house until the last families left in the last 1970s. This is a fascinating guided tour where you can immerse yourself in the unparalleled stories related to this house <http://www.tenementmuseum.ie/>

**The Museum of Literature Ireland** - **MoLI** – is Dublin’s newest cultural institution and visitor attraction. Named after James Joyce’s most famous female character, Molly Bloom, the museum combines modern interactive exhibitions and incredible rare literary collections, set in one of Dublin’s most spectacular historic houses on St. Stephen’s Green. [www.moli.ie](http://www.moli.ie)

**Lunch**: While you visit the museum, take an opportunity to have lunch at it’s beautiful café overlooking one of Dublin’s hidden gems, **Ivy Gardens** – On a fine day, you can settle in the shade of its leafy courtyard.

**Afternoon:**

**Lazy Bike Tours** - Take part in a bike tour with a difference – electric bike tour of Dublin the main sights in city centre. <http://lazybiketours.com/>

**Jameson Distillery** for a masterclass in the art of making whiskey cocktails where you’ll try your hand at three different cocktails - shaken and stirred! [www.jamesonwhiskey.com](http://www.jamesonwhiskey.com)

**Dinner: L Mulligan’s Grocers** Gastro – local seasonal food offering with craft beer or cider pairings for starter/main course and whiskey pairing for dessert!

<http://lmulligangrocer1.weebly.com/>