

# PRINCETON JOURNEYS

## Poets & Peacekeepers: Dublin and Belfast with Paul Muldoon

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**June 19 – 25, 2025**

(Register Online by: March 19)

Explore the intertwined cultural and political histories of Ireland and Northern Ireland with Pulitzer Prize-winning Irish poet Paul Muldoon. Delve into the literary heritage of renowned poets and explore the complex past of both nations including a dual-narrative tour of Belfast. Prepare for an enlightening and inspiring experience in the company of a wide variety of local people.

### TOUR INFORMATION

**PRICING:** \$4,990\* per person (double occupancy) / + \$1125 single supplement

#### INCLUDED:

- 6 nights' accommodation in 4\* hotels
- 6 Breakfasts (B), 5 Lunches (L), 3 Dinners (D)
- Water, sparkling water, coffee, & tea at all meals + wine & beer at dinner
- Local MEJDI-trained guides
- Expert lectures and private screening of the film - *Paul Muldoon: Laoithe is Lirici*
- Private transportation via motorcoach
- Individual airport transfers
- Tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
- Escorted site-seeing, transportation and entrance fees for all included visits

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare
- Airport transfers outside of the tour dates
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages other than what is included
- **Travel Insurance - RECOMMENDED**

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### TOUR ITINERARY

#### June 19: Dublin Arrival

Depart home on an overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner.

*Overnight: The Morrison Hotel, Dublin (D)*

#### June 20: Dublin: Poets

Set out on a literary walking tour, visiting sites that have inspired and been immortalized by some of the greatest writers in history: Merrion Square, Trinity College, Yeats Exhibition at the National Library. Stop for lunch at Davy Byrnes Pub as featured in James Joyce's "Ulysses." Explore the James Joyce Centre for an immersive dive into the life and works of the literary icon, and discover Ireland's rich storytelling tradition at The Museum of Literature Ireland.

*Overnight: The Morrison Hotel, Dublin (B, L)*

**Registration & Information @ <https://www.explority.com/t/4s8jpk1d9t>**



## TOUR ITINERARY, Cont.

### June 21: Dublin: Peacekeepers

Learn about the birth of modern Ireland and unpack the complex political events of the 1916 Easter Rising on this morning's tour. Sites include the Dublin Castle, a symbol of British rule in Ireland for centuries, the General Post Office (GPO) which served as headquarters for the Irish Volunteers and Irish Citizen Army, and the Four Courts which was occupied by the Irish Volunteers in 1916 making it one of the key strongholds of the insurrection. After lunch, visit Kilmainham Gaol Museum for a profound glimpse into Ireland's struggle for independence. The day ends at the EPIC Emigration Museum, exploring the global impact of the Irish diaspora, their contributions to culture, science, and politics, and the enduring connections between Ireland and its people worldwide.

*Overnight: The Morrison Hotel, Dublin (B, L)*



### June 22: Dublin to Belfast: Poets

Before departing Dublin, visit Glasnevin Cemetery, the final resting place of several prominent literary figures. Next, travel via motor coach to Belfast. En route, stop at the oldest public library in Ireland. Established in 1771 by Archbishop Richard Robinson, the Armagh Robinson Library represents a pivotal moment in the history of Irish intellectual life. Once in Belfast, check into the Europa Hotel, your home for the next three nights. This evening, enjoy a private screening of *Paul Muldoon: Laoithe is Lirici* at the Queen's Film Theater.

*Overnight: The Europa Hotel, Belfast (B, L, D)*

### June 23: Belfast: Peacekeepers

Embark on a full day dual-narrative tour of Belfast with two guides: one, a Catholic and former member of the IRA and another, a Protestant and the founder of the peacekeeping organization, Rethinking Conflict. Visit Falls Road, the Peace Wall, and Shankill Road to learn about their historical, cultural, and political significance. Walk through Crumlin Road Gaol to discover stories of Northern Ireland's tumultuous past. The day ends with an opportunity for reflection at the Ulster Museum's "Art of the Troubles" gallery.

### June 24: Belfast: Poets

Explore C.S. Lewis Square and its striking sculptures inspired by the author's beloved characters. An optional visit to the Titanic Museum is available this afternoon. Gather this evening for a festive farewell dinner.

*Overnight: The Europa Hotel (B, D)*

### June 25: Departure or Optional Extension

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

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