



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Hertfordshire

# A Weekend in Dublin



It's been quite a while since our last social weekend away, so it feels like time to organize another... to Dublin, one of our closest European neighbours. In conjunction with Bow Tie Events (whose work is well-known to many), we have arranged a mini package tour to this fascinating & vibrant city. We will be staying at Buswells, one of the oldest boutique hotels in Dublin (established in 1882), which retains many Georgian features while offering modern standards of comfort and is within 10 minutes walk of all the major museums & art galleries.

The weekend to reserve in your diary is

**Friday 27 March – Sunday 29 March**

We shall be departing from **Stansted Airport** around 10am and returning around 9pm on Sunday evening. To add to the fun, we've organized some events to whet your thirst & appetite! On the Friday afternoon there will be a guided tour of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Situated just two minutes from the hotel, this is the headquarters building of the entirety of Irish Masonry and has permanent Temples dedicated to the major Orders, many of which are rather different from those we are used to but, nonetheless, sublimely fascinating. The tour, on which all are welcome, takes around 2 hours. Later that evening, we shall enjoy the social life for which Dublin is world-renowned...



But don't hit it too hard! After a full Irish breakfast on Saturday morning, there's an optional trip to the Guinness Storehouse (admission €18), a magnificent visitors' centre set over five floors, topped by the world famous Gravity Bar with its 360° views of the city and the opportunity to purchase unique Guinness merchandise available nowhere else.

On Saturday evening we shall enjoy a semi-formal dinner in the hotel. Please note that this is not a black tie function and smart casual dress will be the order of the day.

Sunday commences with yet another full Irish breakfast (we didn't say this was a trip for slimmers), before we check-out of the hotel where our baggage will remain until about 4pm when we return to Dublin Airport for the trip home. The exact times are subject to confirmation but there will be ample time to take the hop-on hop-off bus tour around the sights of Dublin or satisfy your need for some retail therapy in nearby Grafton Street.

Due to the airlines' booking procedure, we have to commit to (and pay for) our flights rather sooner than any of us would like. It will therefore be necessary to pay a £150 (non-refundable) deposit, per person, no later than the end of October. While it may be possible to accept later bookings, the price of the flight cannot be assured and will, almost certainly, increase as time passes. The balance, of £146 per person, must be paid by 30 January 2015.

A booking form is attached on which you should provide the details requested. Please remember, we are dealing with flights and the burden of essential security which accompanies that mode of transport.

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