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*in*  
IRELAND

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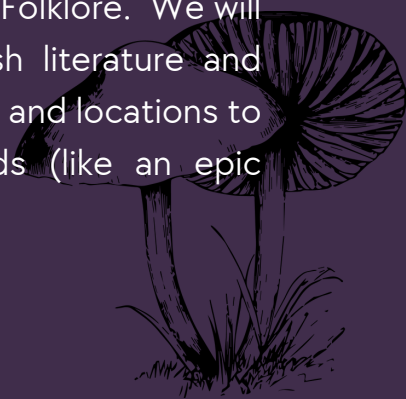
Novel Bound Events welcomes you to **Explore** your favourite fictional worlds. On this 6-night tour, we take you to one of the most beautiful places in the world - Ireland - and encourage to don a bookish lens and delve into the fantastically magical history and folklore of the country. Through themed experiences and workshops, you will pave your way as the hero of your own journey...

## What is **Novel Bounds Explore**?

Novel Bound Events was founded by me, Sophie, because I wanted, no *needed*, an outlet for my love of literature and travel! No matter how many local book clubs I joined, none of them quite scratched the itch. The itch I later realised was a desire to step into the worlds of my favourite books...to see the world as it is but also how it appears in literature. And I knew there must be more people out there to join me on the journey!

Our '**Explore**' events are intimate group tours that offer a unique opportunity to connect with fellow book enthusiasts while embarking on your own personal protagonist journey. Set against stunning backdrops, you will delve into the history, legends, and folklore of local areas. We invite you to join tailor-made workshops, activities, and book discussions designed to help you craft your own story.

All of our **Explore** tours will include our signature **themed book club** - in this case our meal, discussions and décor will be inspired by Fairy Tales & Folklore. We will also make sure you have the opportunity to hear about Irish literature and legends from **local experts**! Plus, we have **handpicked activities** and locations to give you the chance to immerse yourself in fictional worlds (like an epic blacksmith demonstration)!



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## Who is this tour for?

If you **wish** you could step into the worlds your favourite characters inhabit, then this tour is for you!

If you **love** literature and storytelling, and want to uncover your own personal hero journey, then this tour is for you!

If you **want** a truly unique travelling experience, where you explore with a "bookish" lens and like-minded people, then this tour is for you!

## Why should I join?

You get to share your love of literature in one of the most stunning and legendary places in the world, with a small group equally as passionate as you! We have worked hard to put together an itinerary that allows you to see and experience so much!

Ultimately, you will get to make amazing memories, and even better friends...what more of a hero journey could you want?

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**Destination :** Republic of Ireland

**Duration :** 6 Nights

**Dates :** Mon 27th Jan - Sun 2nd Feb 2025

**Book Theme:** Fairy Tales & Folklore



## DAY 1 - DUBLIN

- WELCOME MEAL (18:00)

Meet your fellow book-lovers and step into your fairy tale world with a **3 course feast** at The Knights Bar, Clontarf Castle.

- ACCOMMODATION

Every good fairy tale has a castle, and so does our tour! Our first two nights will be spent at the stunning **Clontarf Castle**.



## DAY 2 - DUBLIN

- WALKING TOUR

Gain a different perspective of Dublin with a **private Mythology & Folklore Walking Tour**. Browse **The Winding Stair bookshop** before a 3 course lunch overlooking River Liffey. Explore **Marsh's Library with a VIP tour** including a private viewing of rare books & manuscripts.

- THE WINDING STAIR

- MARSH'S LIBRARY

- STORYTELLING

Dinner and an oratory delight beckons at The Stag's Head! A local expert will share wonderful **tales of Irish Folklore & Fairies**.



## DAY 3 - BOYNE VALLEY

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We will venture outside of the city into the beautiful Boyne Valley, exploring **ancient sites**, including **Trim Castle** and the **Hill of Tara**.

- BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATION

Fully immerse yourself in Celtic history, with a **blacksmith demonstration** by the legendary An Gobha. For one night we will be welcomed at the quintessentially Irish **Headfort Arms Hotel**.

- ACCOMMODATION

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## DAY 4 - WICKLOW MOUNTAINS

- ARCHERY
- AXE THROWING

Deep in the Wicklow Mountains, you have the opportunity to try your hand at **archery and axe throwing** - feel epic as you find your fantasy-esque weapon of choice.

- THEMED BOOK CLUB

We then head to the beautiful **Wicklow Escape**, where we will immerse ourselves in a **fairy tale & folklore book club**! Complete with a themed meal cooked by a private chef.

- PRIVATE CHEF



## DAY 5 - WINDRUSH FARM

- ART IN THE WILD

Unleash your creative side at a mythology and folklore themed '**Art in the Wild**' **workshop** at Windrush Farm. Connect with nature, gather materials and inspiration to create something truly unique, including your own journal - the perfect tool to tell your own story! Plus, enjoy a walk on the **nature reserve**, followed by marshmallows by the fire!

- NATURE WALK

- ACCOMMODATION

For our final two nights, we will stay at the cinematic **Mount Julie Estate**.



## DAY 6 - COUNTY TIPPERARY & KILKENNY

- KNOCKGRAFFON FAIRY FORT

We will spend the morning taking in more of Ireland's legends, both at **Knockgraffon Fairy Fort** and the **Rock of Cashel**.

- THE ROCK OF CASHEL

Throughout the afternoon and evening we will experience the '**St. Brigid, Spring Awakening**' Music and Arts Festival, for a dynamic celebration of nature's resurgence.

- ST BRIGID'S MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL



## DAY 7 - RETURN HOME VIA DUBLIN

- FAREWELL

Following a hearty farewell breakfast, we will head back to Dublin (and reality!).

We are so confident you will have forged lifelong friends, and made some of the most beautiful memories. All while sharing your passion for literature ... with either a newfound, or growth in, love for fairy tales and folklore in particular!

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## Inclusions

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### Premier Accommodation

2 Nights at Clontarf Castle Hotel\* - Shared Twin Rooms  
1 Night at Headfort Arms Hotel\* - Shared Twin Rooms  
1 Night at The Wicklow Escape\* - Shared Twin Rooms  
2 Nights at Mount Juliet Estate\* - Shared Twin Rooms

### Food & Culinary Experiences

All Breakfasts  
3 Course Welcome Meal (To Be Pre-Ordered; Drinks Not Included)\*  
3 Course Lunch at The Winding Stair (To Be Pre-Ordered; Drinks Not Included)\*  
Lunch in Boyne Valley (Drinks Not Included)  
Private Chef Themed Dinner at The Wicklow Escape\* (Drinks Included)  
Dinner in Kilkenny (Drinks Not Included)  
Lunch Near Rock of Cashel (Drinks Not Included)  
*All other meals not mentioned are not included in the package.*

### Transport

Transfers to/from Dublin airport or major train stations in the city. Please advise us of your arrival time at least 7 days before the tour starts.  
Private, luxury mini-bus for the duration of the tour.  
*Flights are not included, however, we can advise on the most appropriate timings.*

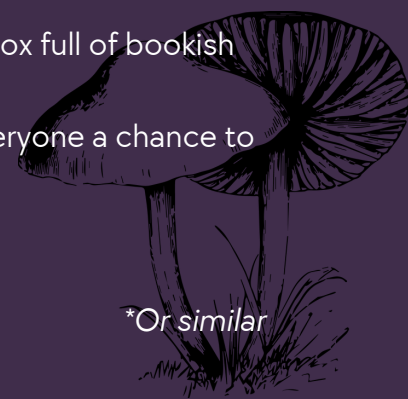
### Activities

All activities mentioned in the itinerary are included in the price.\*

### Other

Welcome Box & Books - ahead of our tour you will be gifted a beautiful box full of bookish wonders and some books to inspire you!  
Community - we will set up WhatsApp and/or Discord groups to give everyone a chance to meet each other ahead our bookish journey.

And there may be more gifts and surprises along the way...



*\*Or similar*

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## Payment

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**Total Tour Cost:** GBP 3,500.00

**Non-Refundable Deposit:** GBP 500.00

**Full Payment Due:** 31 December 2025 17:00 GMT

**Payment Plan 1:** Pay in full at the time of booking.

**Payment Plan 2:** Split the total cost across three consecutive payments with PayPal. You can sign up to this no later than four months before departure - 30 September 2024 17:00 GMT. The first payment will include the non-refundable GBP 500.00 deposit.

**Payment Plan 3:** Pay the GBP 500.00 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. The remaining amount can be paid any time before the 31 December 2025 17:00 GMT.

The cost above is based on twin sharing rooms. If you would like to enquire about a single room supplement for any/all of the nights of the tour, please contact

[info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk).

Further details can be found on our T&C's pages. If you have any additional questions regarding please reach out to [info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk).



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## FAQs

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### **Who can book tickets for this tour?**

We welcome anyone over the age of 18 to join us! Solo travellers, pairs/couples, smaller groups, parents & (adult) children...any combination is welcome. Just flag to us at the time of booking who you would like to share your room with.

### **How many people will be on this tour?**

This is a small group tour, with no more than 12 travellers including the host(s).

### **What if I'm a solo traveller?**

Our Explore events are perfect for solo travellers! We have designed the tour for all (solo travellers, pairs or small groups) in mind, ensuring that you can participate in all activities and feel comfortable doing so. At our core, we are all about making new friendships and sharing passions, so we will help foster meaningful conversations and fun experiences among the group. For accommodation arrangements, you will be paired with another solo traveller for the duration of the tour.

There is no single supplement for any solo travellers.

### **Who leads this tour?**

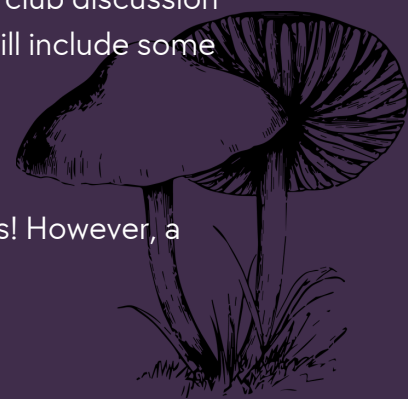
Sophie, our founder, will be the lead host on this tour! She will be joined by a fellow literature-lover from Novel Bound Events and our driver, who is our local expert! Specialist guides will also lead portions of the tour, so you will be getting authentic and enthusiastic expertise specific to the area we are in or theme we are focusing on.

### **What does the "theme" of a tour mean?**

The theme of any Explore tour is essentially the inspiration for the locations we visit, the activities and workshops we take part in, and the book we base our book club discussion around. Once you're signed up, you will receive a Welcome Pack which will include some book suggestions to help build up the excitement!

### **What is the theme for this tour?**

In Ireland it only makes sense to focus on folklore, legends, and fairy tales! However, a general love of literature is at the core of every tour.





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### **What book has been selected for the book club during the tour?**

No book has been selected yet! We make a decision as a group a few weeks prior to the tour.

### **Do we get to meet each other before the tour starts?**

Yes...sort of! We will host a WhatsApp chat for group members, and a live-video call before we had off on our adventure! Here you can ask questions, share packing tips, and even begin discussing your favourite books in the lead up to the tour.

### **Do I need to read or prepare anything for this trip?**

You don't "need" to read anything! We will send some recommendations your way, based on the tour's theme, but it's not "homework" and there is no prior knowledge or experience required. We would advise you to start reading the book club book before you arrive, so that we can have some discussions at our book club meal!

### **Do I need travel insurance?**

Yes. You, as the traveller, are responsible for this. Please independently purchase travel insurance to cover any trip cancellation or delay, and medical treatment. Please read our T&C's for further information.

### **Are you insured?**

Yes, we hold public liability insurance in the UK and Ireland.

### **Are tickets refundable?**

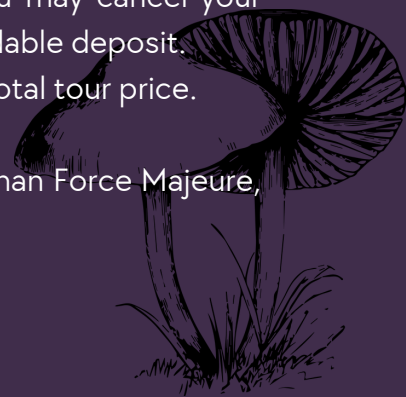
All deposits are non refundable.

**Cancellation by Customer:** More than 90 days before departure: You may cancel your booking and receive a refund of any payments made, less the non-refundable deposit.

89 to 29 days before departure: You will receive a refund of 50% of the total tour price.

Less than 28 days before departure: No refunds will be issued.

**Cancellation by Company:** If we cancel the Tour for any reason other than Force Majeure, you will receive a full refund of all payments made.



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### **Is there a payment plan available?**

Yes, please see our payment page for full details.

### **I have a ticket but can longer attend. What are my options?**

Please contact as soon as you are aware you may not be able to attend. Depending on how far away the departure date is, you may be entitled to a partial refund. Please see our T&C's for further details. We understand things happen, so will do our best to help. Unfortunately, you cannot resell your ticket or transfer it to another tour.

### **What do I do if I have additional requirements?**

Please contact us prior to paying the deposit to discuss your requirements at [info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk).

### **Can I book a single room?**

Potentially, yes! Please contact us at [info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk) prior to paying the deposit to discuss. We can provide you with details on which properties we are able to book a single room for, and what the additional cost would be. We will then send you an updated payment plan including this.

### **What should I bring on the tour?**

Recommendations on clothes and essentials will be provided in your Welcome Pack the deposit has been paid. Please do not bring any prop weapons or sharp objects with you.

### **Can I bring a professional camera?**

Of course! However, you are responsible for insuring this and keeping it safe! Please also be mindful that not everyone on the tour may wish to be in photos.

### **What is included in this tour?**

Please see our inclusions page.

### **How do I pre-order the food required on the itinerary?**

Your Welcome Pack will include the menus for any pre-orders required, plus the deadline for doing so!



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### **What's not included in the tour price?**

Train or airfare to/from Dublin.

Lunches/dinners not listed on the inclusions page.

Entrance fees to any attractions not listed on the itinerary.

Gratuities.

### **What flights or trains should I book to Dublin?**

Once your deposit is paid you will receive a Welcome Pack with recommendations on flight trains/times. However, if your place of departure, for instance, isn't listed, please do reach out to [info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk) and we will provide guidance.

### **How will we travel between locations?**

A private luxury mini bus!

### **Can I order tickets for someone else? Can I make a group booking?**

Yes, please just select the quantity on the dropdown when booking. Please note deposits are per person. You will also need to complete the required details for each traveller.

### **What does 'or similar' mean in reference to activities and accommodation on the inclusions page?**

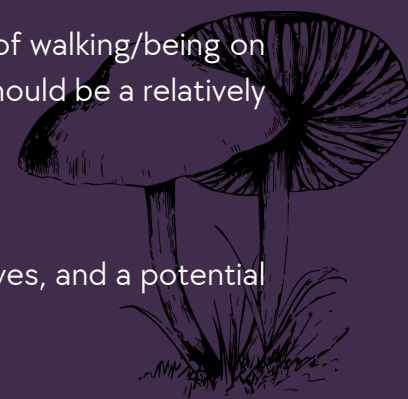
If our supplier no longer has availability or is no longer running that event, we will do our best to secure the most similar alternative possible. However, if a drastic change or cancellation is required, we will be in touch with you to either offer a refund or discuss alternate options.

### **What is the activity/fitness level required for this tour?**

Level 2. You will need to be relatively fit as some days will involve a lot of walking/being on our feet! However, we're avoiding any strenuous hikes or inclines, so it should be a relatively relaxed break.

### **What if I do not wish to participate in one of the activities?**

Please reach out to us as soon as possible and we can discuss alternatives, and a potential refund for that portion of the tour.



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## T&C's

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### Terms and Conditions for Payments

#### 1. Introduction

These Terms and Conditions ("Terms") govern the payment policies for the small group tours ("Tour") provided by Novel Bound Events Ltd ("Company," "we," "us," "our"). By booking a Tour with us, you ("Customer," "you," "your") agree to be bound by these Terms.

#### 2. Booking and Payment

**2.1 Deposit:** To secure a place on the Tour, a non-refundable deposit of GBP 500.00 is required at the time of booking.

**2.2 Final Payment:** The remaining balance must be paid in full no later than 28 days before the departure date of the Tour.

**2.3 Late Bookings:** For bookings made within 28 days of the departure date, full payment is required at the time of booking.

**2.4 Payment Methods:** We accept payments via debit card, credit card and PayPal, etc.. All payments must be made in GBP.

#### 3. Cancellations and Refunds

**3.1 Cancellation by Customer:** More than 90 days before departure: You may cancel your booking and receive a refund of any payments made, less the non-refundable deposit.

89 to 29 days before departure: You will receive a refund of 50% of the total tour price.

Less than 28 days before departure: No refunds will be issued.

**3.2 Cancellation by Company:** If we cancel the Tour for any reason other than Force Majeure, you will receive a full refund of all payments made.

**3.3 Force Majeure:** In the event of cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g., natural disasters, pandemics, political instability), we will offer a full refund or reschedule the Tour at no additional cost.

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#### 4. Changes to the Tour

**4.1 Customer-Initiated Changes:** Any changes to the booking requested by you may incur additional fees and are subject to availability.

**4.2 Company-Initiated Changes:** We reserve the right to make minor changes to the itinerary, accommodation, or other aspects of the Tour if necessary. In the event of significant changes, you will be notified promptly and given the option to accept the changes or receive a refund.

#### 5. Travel Insurance

**5.1 Requirement:** Comprehensive travel insurance is required for all participants. The insurance must cover personal injury, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, and all other expenses that might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay, or inconvenience.

#### 6. Liability

**6.1 Limitation of Liability:** Our liability is limited to the total price paid for the Tour. We are not responsible for any indirect or consequential losses.

**6.2 Third-Party Services:** We are not liable for any injury, loss, or damage caused by third-party service providers.

#### 7. Governing Law

These Terms are governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the United Kingdom. Any disputes arising out of or in connection with these Terms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the United Kingdom.

#### 8. Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns about these Terms, please contact us at:

[info@novelboundevents.co.uk](mailto:info@novelboundevents.co.uk)