

IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND

Join us in exploring Ireland and Northern Ireland. Experience culture, history, and the current political realities of a “post-conflict” society, while learning valuable lessons from local peacemakers working to transform a society coming out of conflict.

This is not a tourist trip, it is an experiential learning journey. Together we’ll dive deep into the history and ongoing legacy of the “the Troubles”— the decades-long conflict which tore entire communities and the island apart— and hear from a variety of perspectives on what repair and restoration can look like today. Beyond powerful meetings, incredible vistas, and rich cultural experiences, you will gain invaluable lessons on how to contribute to the transformation of conflict the world over.



ON THIS TRIP YOU WILL:



Learn the long history of the island, including its different peoples and communities.



Study the peacemaking tools of the past and present and put them to work for peacemaking in our various contexts.



Engage the incredible peacemakers and community leaders on the ground pushing for peace and reconciliation.

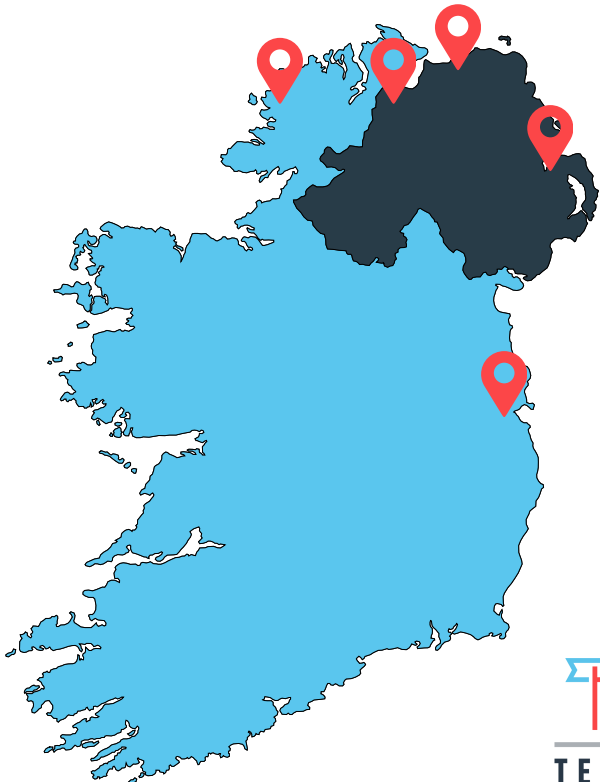


Witness first-hand accounts of the history of Northern Ireland, including ‘the Troubles’, the Good Friday Agreement, and more.



VISIT SITES ACROSS:

- Dublin
- Belfast
- Derry
- Corrymeela
- Giants Causeway
- And more



Why does Telos offer peacemaking trips to Ireland/Northern Ireland?

As peacemakers working within contexts of seemingly intractable conflict, we know the power of imagination in expanding our horizons of what is possible. The conflict—and ongoing post-conflict transformation—in Northern Ireland provides a new lens, fresh perspectives, and unique creative tools we can bring to peacework in our own contexts. We have found that through learning from and with local community organizers, activists, and religious leaders in Ireland/Northern Ireland, we have been able to spark each other's imaginations, and expand each other's ideas of what peace can look like.

Why should I choose to travel with Telos?

Our trips to Ireland/Northern Ireland are unique. While we certainly visit some of Ireland's incredible sites of natural beauty and partake in the island's thriving cultural scene, our trips are geared towards peacemaking. We will visit locations "off-the-beaten-path," hear unique perspectives on known sites, and most importantly, meet directly with the people and communities who are immersed in the work of conflict transformation.

What perspectives will I be able to hear from?

As a multi-narrative trip experience, we will hear from as many stakeholders and perspectives as we can. We will meet with members of both the Catholic-Nationalist-Republican and the Protestant-Unionist-Loyalist communities. Our itinerary includes meetings with former combatants and paramilitary members, priests and pastors, human rights activists and practitioners of restorative justice. Throughout the trip, we will have excellent guides and experts in their field provide historical and contemporary context, as well as our own Telos staff to guide and facilitate shared processing and learning.



What places will we be able to visit?

Our standard itinerary starts in Dublin, with overviews of Ireland's long history, a tour of the historic center, a visit to a distillery or brewery, and more. We will then travel across the border to Derry, where the civil rights movement was launched and the site of Bloody Sunday. We will visit the Free Derry museum, tour the historic city walls, and meet with the people who lived through it all. Then we will travel to Belfast for the remainder of our time on the island. In Belfast we will dive deep into Northern Ireland's conflict and meet with leaders and actors from different communities and perspectives. Through it all, we will also visit natural sites such as UNESCO-listed Giants Causeway or the coastlines of County Donegal, and sites of pilgrimage such as Corrymeela.

What's included in the cost of the trip?

The cost of the trip covers everything within the itinerary: all lodging, meals, museum/site admission, Telos facilitation, and guest speaker honorariums. The only expense not included is airfare to and from the trip location. If you have questions about what's included or the best way to book airfare to and from our trip locations, you can reach out to Eli Phillip at eli.phillip@telosgroup.org.

Can I join as a solo traveler or is this trip only for community groups?

Our trips are for everyone! We have a number of trips available for solo travelers or small groups, in addition to specialized trips for specific communities. To see a full list of upcoming open sign-up trips, or to request more information about organizing a trip for your community, visit telosgroup.org/travel.





READY TO EXPERIENCE IT FOR YOURSELF?



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Access our archive of resources on Ireland/Northern Ireland to prepare for the trip



Contact Eli Philip at eli.philip@telosgroup.org with any questions