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## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

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Early every morning it is intended to organise a Pre-Conference jog around the historic sites of Dublin. Those who are interested please mail us in advance so as we can organise the event.

### **Afternoon:**

Registration and a welcome drink with hosts Cooney Carey who will offer every assistance and advice to ensure stay is enjoyable. Our staff will be on hand to help you at any time the need arises.

Guidance (and discount vouchers) will be provided if you would like to shop at any time.

### **Evening:**

Per dinner drinks, Wilde Restaurant, Westbury Hotel followed by Dinner. Anyone wishing to stroll later around the city centre can be accompanied by one of our staff members.



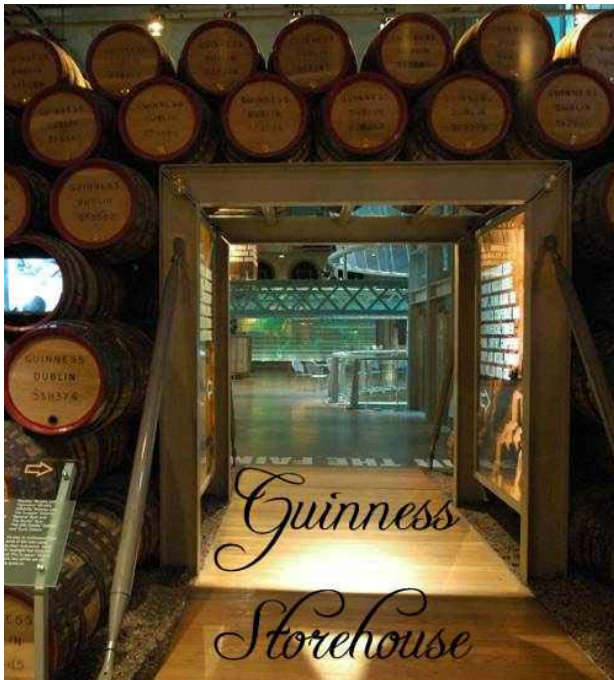
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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

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**Day time:**

Non delegates – day trip to the Wicklow Mountains (Scenic Glendalough and Powerscourt) with Irish traditional shopping (Avoca & Woollen Mills). Glendalough has long been an area renowned for its natural beauty and history and it is one of the most visited places in Ireland – You will also experiment with Irish Cooking

**Evening:**

**Guinness Storehouse:** (Arrive 19:30) This is an unique opportunity to visit the internationally renowned factory. You will make your way up through three floors of the Guinness Experience, an interactive look at the process of making this world famous Stout, first produced at this location in 1759. Dinner will be served to a particular Irish accompaniment, after which guests will visit the Guinness Gravity Bar, the highpoint in more ways than one! In the Gravity Bar guests can taste the best pint of Guinness that can be produced... and enjoy an uninterrupted view of the entire city sweeping from the bay to the mountains. You may like to participate in the breweries competition to pull the best pint and receive your certificate as proof (far rarer than an accountancy degree). Night ends with possibly an open top bus tour of the Ghostly Sites of Dublin.

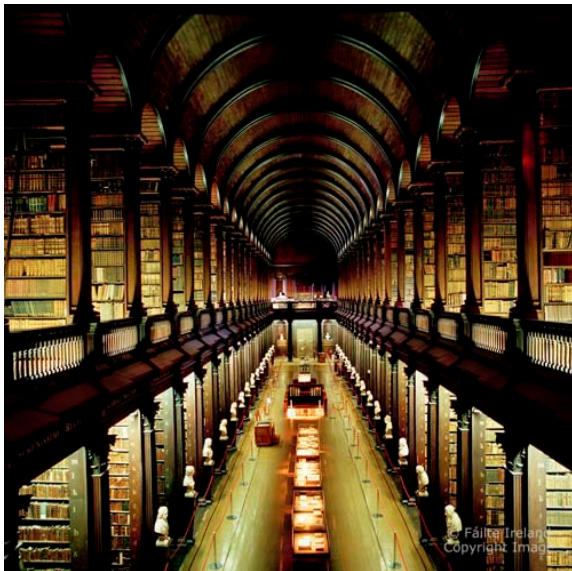
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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

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**Day Time:**

Non delegates Day trip to the Boyne Valley, Newgrange and the Hill of Tara. Newgrange is one of the most famous prehistoric sites in the world. It is over 5,000 years old and predates the Pyramids and Stonehenge. Newgrange was built in such a way that at dawn on the shortest day of the year, the winter solstice, a narrow beam of sunlight illuminates the floor of the chamber at the end of the long passageway. The Boyne Valley battle site and the ancient residence of the Kings of Ireland at the Hill of Tara represent two of the most important historical sites in Ireland.

**Evening:**

**Long Room Trinity College** (Arrive 19:30) Cooney Carey sponsored event - guests to join us for pre dinner drinks and canapés. This is an opportunity to view in private the world famous Book of Kells – the books are a translation of the four new testament gospels written by Celtic monks in circa 800 AD. We will then visit the Long Room Library, the Library's history dates back to 1592 and it is the largest library in Ireland. Today it has five million printed volumes with extensive collections of journals, manuscripts, maps and music reflecting over 400 years of academic development

**Choice of Restaurants** (From 21:00) A selection of restaurants, all within walking distance, is suggested below. Late night entertainment if required will be arranged in the clubs and pubs of Dublin – or perhaps a visit to a very old pub in the Dublin Mountains with traditional entertainment. (This activity is not covered by your Conference Fee)

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**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October**

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**Entertainment:**

Cooney Carey staff will be available to meet with delegates and ascertain what events they are interested in. (Cost of same not included in Conference Fee).

**Evening:**

**Gala Ball - Dining Hall, Trinity College:** There are few places as synonymous with Ireland as the world famous Trinity College. A short stroll from the hotel, you will cross the cobbles of the main square and be led to the pre-reception area where you will be greeted by a traditional harpist. Dinner will be served in the Great Dining Hall, overlooked by the impressive artwork and architecture of this unique room. (**Formal dress code**).

It is possible to hire formal gents dress ware for the Gala Ball should it be required.



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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

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**Golfers:**

Golf Tournament at the world renowned K Club – The Palmer Course (Ryder Cup)  
Tee time 12:50 to 13:30 - €120/player – includes tea/coffee and bacon butty before game. Transport (bus) will cost circa €20 per person. Prizes supplied by Cooney Carey. Please book early – places are limited.

(This activity is not covered by your Conference Fee)

**Non Golfers:**

Cooney Carey staff will meet with delegates and ascertain what events they are interested in. We have organised the availability of a tour of old Dublin (cost may be included in package pending budget availability).



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## Restaurant Suggestions

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All located within walking distance from the hotel:

### **Fine Dining – (circa €100/€150 per person inc wine)**

Patrick Guilbaud : French organic <http://www.restaurantpatrickguilbaud.ie/>

Shanahans Steak House : Formal steakhouse <http://www.shanahans.ie/>

Cellar Restaurant : European [http://www.merrionhotel.com/br\\_the\\_cellar\\_restaurant.php](http://www.merrionhotel.com/br_the_cellar_restaurant.php)

One Pico Restaurant : Irish Organic, <http://www.onepico.com/>

### **Semi Fine Dining – (circa €50/€80 per person inc wine)**

Town Bar & Grill : European cuisine, <http://www.townbarandgrill.com/home/>

Hugos - French, Irish, <http://www.hugos.ie/>

Diep Le Shaker - Thai Cuisine, <http://www.diep.net/>

Marco Pierre White - Steak house, <http://www.marcopierrewwhite.ie/>

### **Casual Dining – (circa €50 per person inc wine)**

Captain America - Cookhouse & Bar, <http://www.captainamericas.com/>

TGI Friday's - Cookhouse & Bar, <http://www.fridays.ie/pages/menu.php>

Saba - Asian cuisine, <http://www.sabadublin.com/>

Oliver St John Geogarty - Irish Bar Food, <http://www.gogartys.ie/pub/>