



Saddle Up & Slow Down in Ireland

April 15-22, 2026 | A Slow Luxury Journey for Just 8 Guests | Land Only

Saddle Up & Slow Down in Ireland is a one-week, slow-luxury hosted journey along the Northern Irish North Coast. It was created by Margaret of For The Good Times Travel and Hazel of Crindle Bespoke Experiences — two friends with two very different perspectives. Hazel is the Northern Ireland native who knows every lane, tide, tradition, and story of this landscape. Margaret is the storyteller who fell for this coastline in a way she could not shake. Together, they have designed something you will not find in a standard itinerary.

Why This Trip Is Different

Most itineraries follow a template. This one does not. This is a fully custom journey shaped through months of collaboration between Margaret and Hazel. It brings together experiences rarely offered in the same week: quiet equestrian time, heritage visits, artisan workshops, coastal wellness, private access moments, and the feeling of being welcomed into Northern Ireland, not simply passing through it.

A Glimpse of What You Will Experience

- Up-close equestrian moments at Crindle Bespoke Experiences
- A private morning at the dramatic Mussenden Temple
- Touring along the breathtaking Antrim Coast
- A heritage walk through Derry with a specialist local guide
- Artisan time at Hanna Hats with a bespoke cap made just for you
- A fireside lunch during a working sheepdog demonstration
- A seaside Hot Box sauna overlooking the Atlantic
- A sunset beach gathering with horses, a bonfire, and storytelling



Your Home Base

You will spend the entire week at Bishop's Gate Hotel, an elegant historic boutique property within Derry's ancient city walls.

What Is Included

- 7 nights at Bishop's Gate Hotel with breakfast daily
- 4 hosted lunches (Crindle, Sheepdog Experience, Sunday lunch, and one additional curated meal)
- 3 hosted dinners (welcome dinner, private three-course dinner, and fish and chips by the bonfire)
- All scheduled activities and experiences in the detailed itinerary
- Private luxury transportation and driver throughout
- Airport transfers from Belfast or Derry; Dublin when available (a small additional fee may apply)

Flights and travel insurance are not included, but For The Good Times Travel can arrange both. Custom pre- or post-trip experiences across Ireland are also available.

Inaugural Pricing – Land Only

- 6,230 EUR per person, based on double occupancy (approximately 7,200 USD at today's exchange rate)

Pricing is billed in euros. USD amounts vary due to the exchange rate.

Group Size and How to Inquire

This journey is limited to just eight guests. Because of the private nature of the experiences we have curated, all eight spaces must be filled for the trip to operate, and we expect them to go quickly. Full booking details, full itinerary, deposit information, and formal terms and conditions will be provided when you request your spot. Email: MargaretCritz@ForTheGoodTimesTravel.com

