

Dublin Viking Tour

Viking Splash Tours is one of the special tours in Dublin which is a feast for adventure seekers and is a must if you are visiting Dublin. The Viking Splash tour takes you to an unforgettable journey by land and sea into the long lost era of the Viking world. The tour is made in World War II vintage vehicles which have been specially renovated for this purpose. It is a fun filled unique tour and the reconditioned World War II vintage vehicles used in the tour run both on land as well as water and are called "Ducks". Information The fully costumed and colorful captains give information about how the Vikings first came to the city 1000 years ago and how Dublin has emerged as one of the cosmopolitan European cities. The tours operate seven days a week for 1 hour 15 minutes each (70 minutes on land and 20 minutes in the Grand Canal Harbor) and there are at least 10 tours in a day. The tours are open from February to November but remains shut in December and January. The tickets are available at the ticket office located at 64-65 Patrick Street near the departure point or at the Dublin Tourism Centre on Suffolk Street or any other Dublin Tourism centre. Children below the age of three are not allowed in the water rides as there are no small size life jackets available. If you make a group booking of 15 or more you can avail of their discount facility. The tour starts at St. Patrick's Cathedral and brings you all over Dublin city centre before going down to Ringsend where you are given life jackets before plunging into Grand Canal Basin. Developments The Sea Safari who has recently taken over the tour is Dublin's best sea adventure with the opportunity to discover Ireland's rich marine life. You will be taken for a ride around Dublin Bay and the surrounding coastal areas in their specially designed RIB's (Rigid Inflatable Boats). The highlight of the tour is when the Viking Captain drives the Viking Splash Vehicle into the water of the historic Grand Canal Basin. The captains are well trained to drive and there is no need to fear. The vehicles used were previously used in World War II and could dive into beaches in 15 foot seas. They could carry up to 30 troops or 21/2 tons of cargo and sometimes they were joined together to carry fighter aircrafts safely. Some of them were mounted with machine guns and others were filled with artillery and used as firing platforms in the war. Conclusion Viking Splash Tour is a tour which is remembered and liked by all who have visited Dublin especially children. The adults also find the tour informative as it gives a brief history about the place and one can actually experience the ride in the vintage vehicles and get a historic feel about the ride. Children are enthralled with the experience and they get to wear Viking hats and scream and startle the bystanders. A lot of people found the tour guides friendly and full of interesting stories to make your trip a wonderful and memorable one.