

# Gaelic Cruise, plus Edinburgh FRINGE - 2025



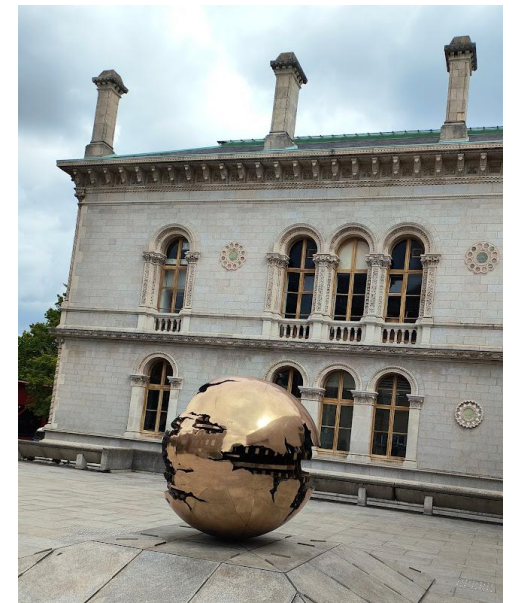




We spend a  
couple days in  
**Dublin, Ireland**  
in the elegant  
Hotel Davenport



Walking around Trinity Collage.



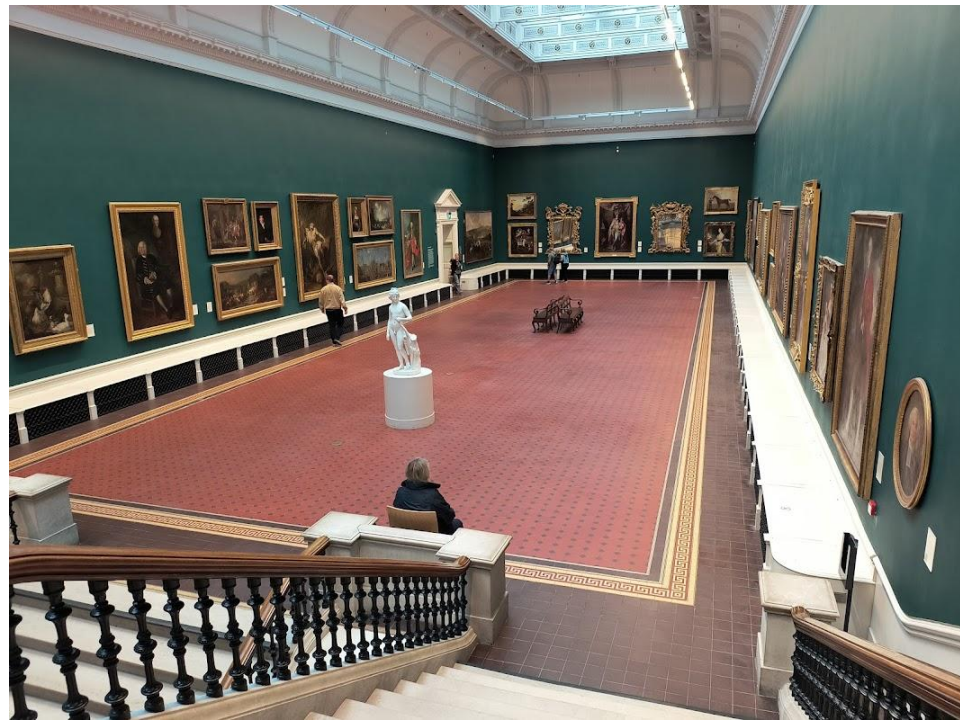




Oscar Wilde's home,  
with an amazing sculpture  
of him in the park.  
Also, in front of a pub.







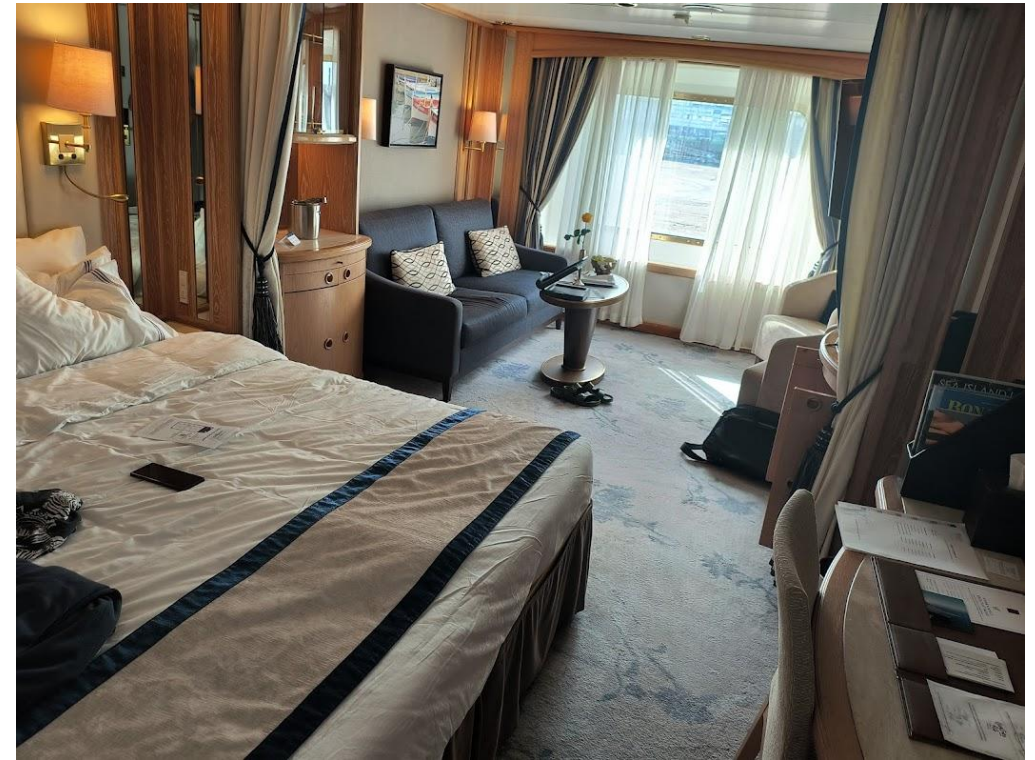
# A visit to the National Gallery of Ireland







We embark on  
**Windstar's**  
**"Star Legend"**.  
It's not a large  
ship, but the  
accommodations  
are very nice, with  
a huge cabin. The  
food is excellent.







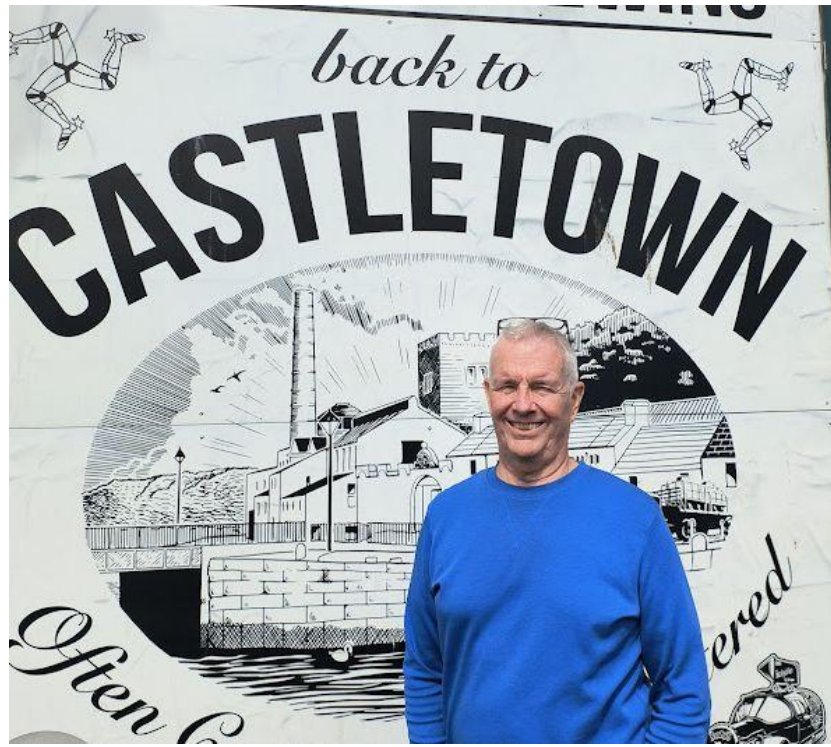
We dock at  
**Douglas, on the Isle of Man.**  
Our tour includes the Castle Rushen.



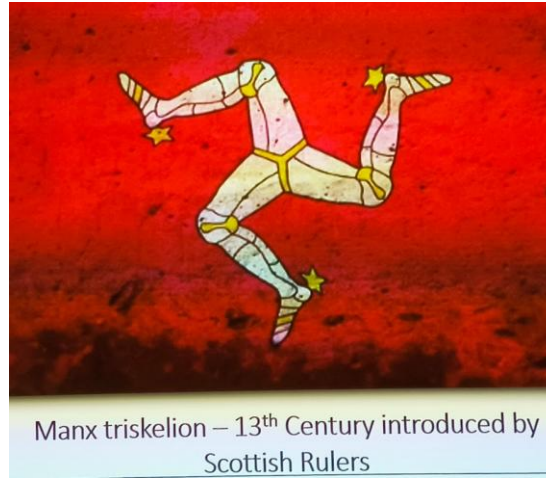
Each room has replicas of how the rooms were used in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.







From Castletown, we board a real steam train, taking us back to Douglas.



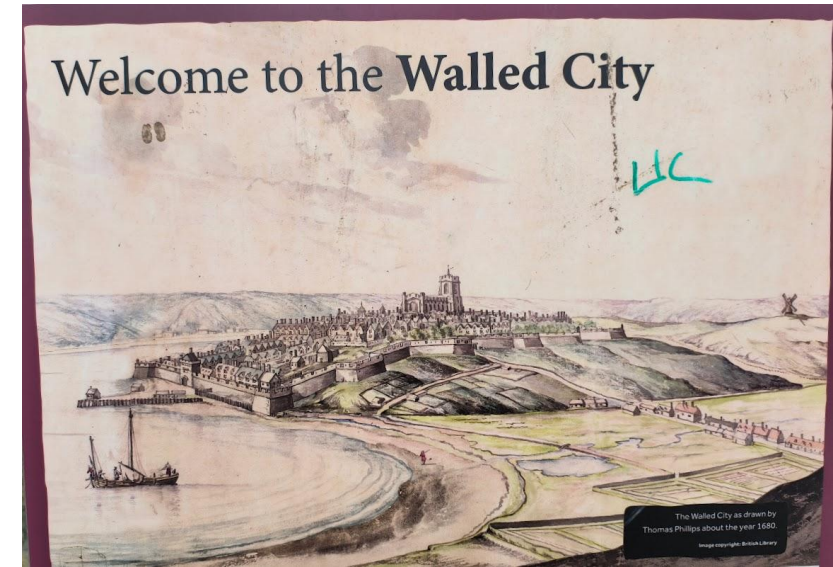
This is the “3 legged” flag of Isle of Man.







The next port was  
**Portrush, Scotland.**  
Not much to see there,  
so we took a train to  
**Derry-Londonderry.**





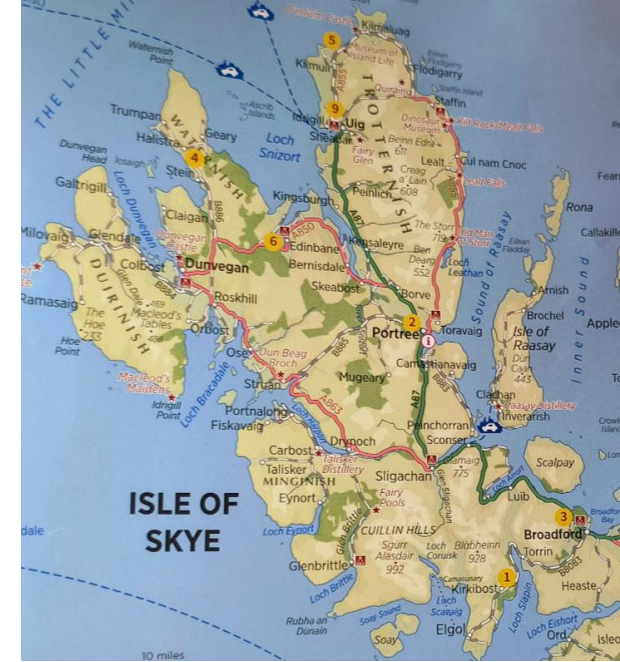


Next stop  
**Tobermory, on the  
Isle of Mull.**  
We tender in, walk the  
length of the colorful  
town, and go back to  
the ship.





Next Portree, on the  
Isle of Skye. We took  
a long, scenic bus ride  
around the island.







**Kirkwall, on the  
Isles of Orkney,**  
the northernmost isles  
in Scotland.  
It's a beautiful city  
with much history.





Because of an impending storm,  
we must skip Invergordon and go  
directly to Edinburgh.  
Unfortunately, we also must  
dock in a port much further from  
Edinburgh than planned.  
But it gives us an extra day at  
**FRINGE!**

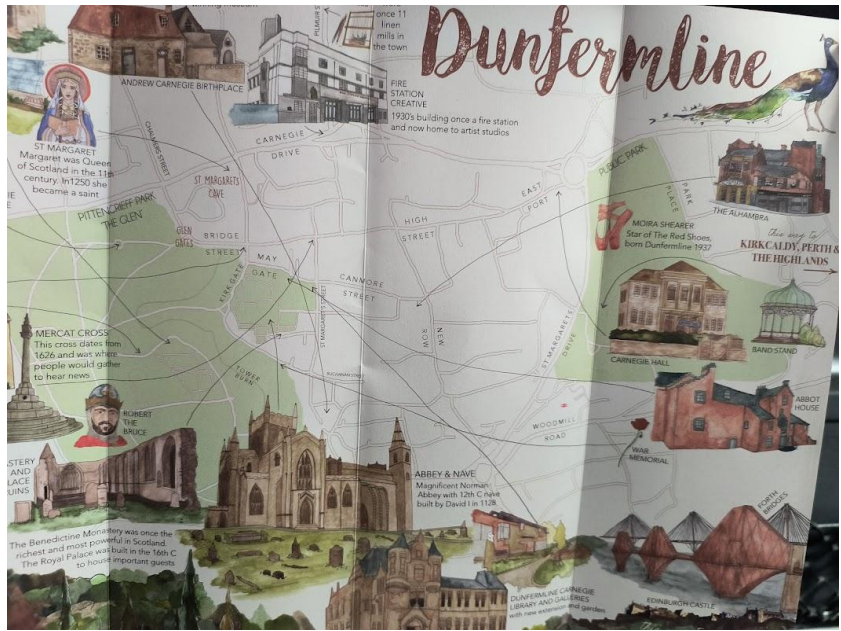


A powerful one-woman play.  
One of the two shows we were  
able to see on short notice.

In the port there are huge windmill  
parts waiting to be installed.







Sadly, the next day we were hit with the enormous windstorm, so the train to Edinburgh was cancelled.

Instead, we took a bus to the town of **Dunfermline**, and walked around it in the cold, windy day.

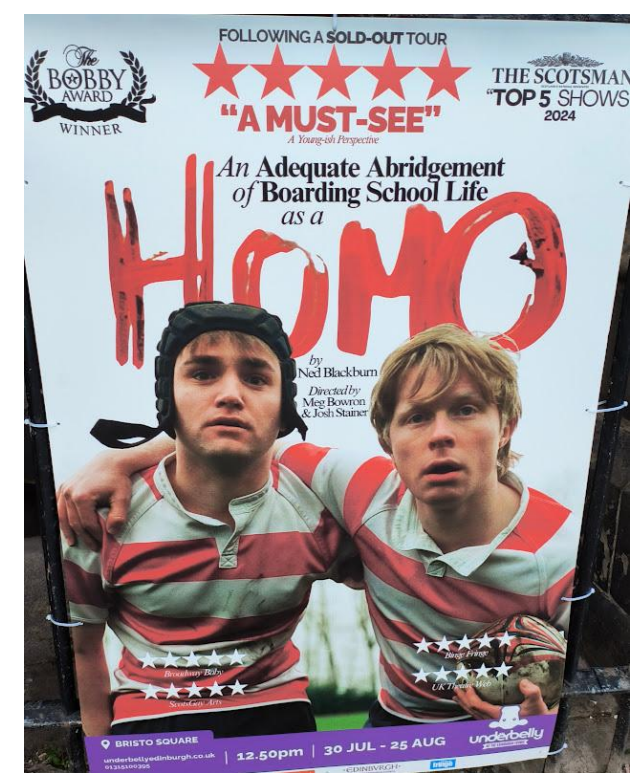




We got a 7:00 taxi to our hotel and spent the rest of the day at **FRINGE** shows.



“Hold Your Butts” a funny spoof of Jurassic Park



Our friends from the cruise, **Mary and John Nantz**, enjoyed the Fringe. We coincidentally met in line for “Bury the Hatchet”.



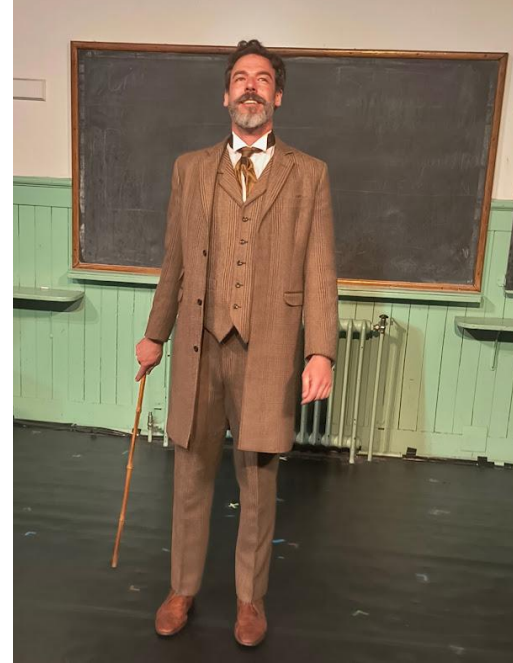
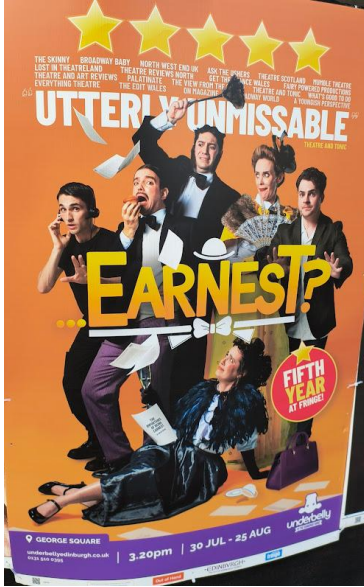
3 terrific performers tell the story of Lizzie Borden.





A final day of  
**FRINGE** and  
our trip is over.

A highlight of  
the trip:  
I got to play  
**Lady Bracknell**  
in this hilarious  
production.



2 excellent one-man plays



A boy's catholic high school did an excellent  
production of "Peter and the Star Catcher".