

# 2017 Travel Classics Writers Contest Best Story on Ireland

**Prize: Luxury Vacation for Two**

**Contest Deadline is November 1, 2017**

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*Tourism Ireland and our partners are delighted to offer a fabulous prize for the Travel Classics Ireland contest. The prize includes two economy return flights from the US to Ireland, car rental and an opportunity to stay at some of the stunning properties below and experience the very best that Ireland has to offer.*



#### **Shelbourne Hotel**

Luxury knows no bounds at The Shelbourne Dublin, A Renaissance Hotel. Housed in a 200-year-old historic building in the heart of the city, we set the stage for an exceptional visit to Dublin.

#### **Ireland's Blue Book**

Ireland's Blue Book is a romantic collection of Irish Country House Hotels, Manor Houses, Castles and Restaurants. Located throughout the island of Ireland these charming and stylish hideaways are the perfect choice for your holiday vacation in Ireland.

#### **Ballynahinch Castle**

Ballynahinch Castle Hotel is one of the finest luxury castle hotels in Ireland. Set in a private 450 acre estate of woodland, rivers and walks in the heart of Connemara Co. Galway.

#### **House of Waterford Crystal**

In front of your eyes, you will see red-hot molten crystal take shape, in a miracle of light, heat and skill. Our craftsmen are meticulous and you can watch as they transform glowing balls of molten crystal into elegant shapes with skills that have made two hundred years of perfection clearly visible in every piece.

#### **Good Food Ireland**

Your guarantee for the best authentic Irish food experience from over 600 Places to Stay, Eat, Cook and Shop around the island of Ireland.

#### **Smithwick's Experience Kilkenny**

That pint of Smithwick's didn't come easy. This is a beer forged in adversity, after all. It arrived in your glass by way of a darkened medieval abbey, a reprehensible royal, heinous laws, two world wars, two fat turkeys and... well, we could go on.

#### **Kilashee**

From the Victorian grandeur of the Original House, to the acres of splendid gardens and gloriously wild woodland and trails, there are so many hidden places to explore. A truly enchanted setting, with a wonderfully rich history, that's just waiting to be discovered.

#### **Mount Juliet**

Mount Juliet was a family home until 1989 and remains one of Ireland's finest country houses, as well as being Co. Kilkenny's most acclaimed country Estate.

#### **Lyrath Estate**

Set in 170 acres of mature parkland, complete with picturesque lakes and Lady Charlotte's historic gardens, Lyrath Estate Hotel Kilkenny is the definitive country resort hotel.

#### **Monart Destination Spa**

Monart is recognised as one of the world's leading spa destinations. We are dedicated to ensuring you relax, rejuvenate and renew in this stunning and unique environment.

#### **Guinness Storehouse**

Located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery, the Guinness Storehouse® is Ireland's most popular tourist attraction. It's the home of the Black Stuff, the heart of Dublin and an unforgettable start to your Irish adventure.

#### **Adams and Butler**

Allow our team of highly experienced travel designers will guide you from beginning to end as you embark on a tailor-made journey of distinction, enjoying truly exclusive and authentic cultural experiences

#### **Adare Manor**

Architects are being flown in. Craftsmen are being sought out. Designers are being challenged. Wood is being lovingly turned. Stone is being carefully treated. Technology is being subtly integrated. Luxury is being enhanced. Facilities are being transformed. Limits are being pushed and experiences are being enriched. The excitement is growing as home-comings are being readied. Adare Manor is being reborn.

#### **Kilkenny**

Kilkenny City and County is the top heritage and cultural destination in Ireland with an abundance of activities and events throughout the year to tempt you to visit.

#### **Kildare Village**

For a great day out, nestled within landscaped grounds and presented in an authentic village environment, Kildare Village is the perfect luxury shopping destination

#### **Citywest Hotel**

It's the perfect place for a relaxing city break. And, with Ireland's largest choice of conference space, with capacity for up to 4,100 delegates, it's also the perfect place for your conference.

#### **Faillte Ireland**

Come visit Dublin, Ireland's Ancient East or our stunning Wild Atlantic Way.

#### **Tourism Northern Ireland**

We're the country that built the Titanic, has the world-famous Giant's Causeway and world-class golf. So what are you waiting for?