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### **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II makes historic first visit to Ireland**

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II arrived in Ireland yesterday starting a historic four-day State visit to the Republic of Ireland. It will be the first visit in 100 years by a reigning British monarch.

The star tourism attractions for Queen Elizabeth II on her state visit to Ireland will undoubtedly be the Irish National Stud in County Kildare, Trinity College Library, and the Guinness Storehouse in Dublin, Ireland's number one tourist attraction.

Her Majesty will also visit the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary before continuing her visit to Cork's English Market, which dates back to 1788.

The Queen and her husband will see a vast and diverse range of unique tastes and flavours at the Market– everything from handmade Irish sausages, rich farmhouse cheeses, just picked organic vegetables and fresh Atlantic seafood, complemented by exotic foods from all over the world. The market's traders are planning to present Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip with a hamper of Cork's finest produce.

For further information on her itinerary and connections between the Royal Family and Ireland click here: <http://www.discoverireland.com/dk/campaigns/royal-visit-2011/>



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh pictured viewing a facsimile of the Book of Kells with the Provost of Trinity College Dublin Dr. John Hegarty, Librarian Robin Adams, and Chancellor of the University Dr. Mary Robinson at Trinity College



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh pictured receiving a pint of Guinness from Fergal Murray at the Guinness Storehouse

**Images from the Queen's visit are available to third parties from Tourism Ireland!**

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**Notes to the Editor:**

- Tourism Ireland is the organisation responsible for promoting the island of Ireland overseas as a leading holiday destination. The Nordic Headquarters is located in Copenhagen.
- Tourism Ireland's website is [www.discoverireland.com](http://www.discoverireland.com); there are 42 different websites, providing information in 20 different languages covering every continent. Approximately 6.6 million overseas visitors came to the island of Ireland in 2010. 157,000 visitors came visited from the Nordic region.
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