

## About Eric

Eric is from Quin in Co. Clare and is passionate about Irish Whiskey. He has been hosting whiskey tastings for the past 5 years. He loves to hear the many stories behind the various whiskey expressions and to share them with anyone willing to listen.



## About the tasting

Expect to be introduced to the wonderful world of Irish whiskey. You'll get a glimpse into its rich history and a taste of what's to come. Learn about the different styles of Irish whiskey and stories about the brands and distilleries past and present. And of course, a taste of the drop itself!

Eric hosts private tastings wherever you are located, whether it's your residence, B&B, guesthouse or hotel. It is excellent as post-dinner entertainment or as a social event of its own.

Strictly for over 18s, prices vary, depending on numbers, but Eric is just as happy to host a couple as he is a group of 10 or 20.

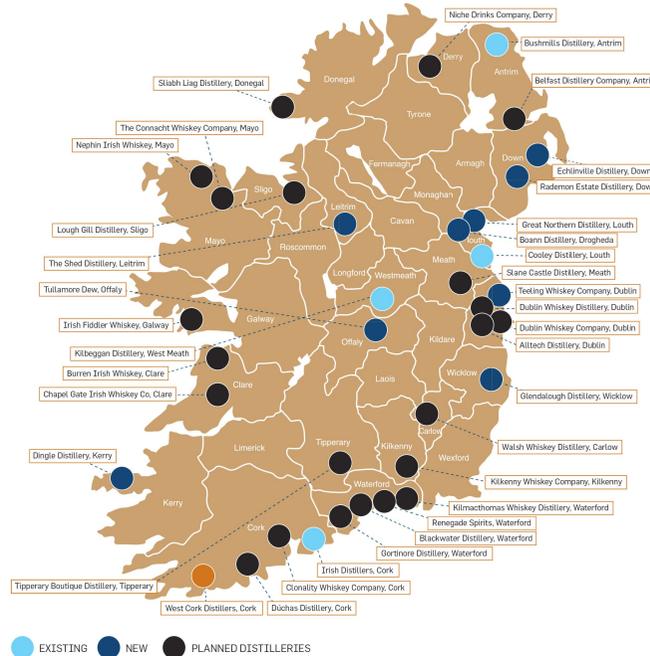
Phone Eric on 087-6993052 now to book your tasting. More details on [www.whiskeys.ie](http://www.whiskeys.ie)



## About Acrux Beverages

Acrux Beverages Ltd was incorporated in 2007 to supply boutique spirits, poitín and whiskey to pubs, clubs, hotels and restaurants around Ireland. In association with Eric Flynn, Acrux Beverages Ltd hosts regular whiskey tasting nights in Ireland.

# Map of Irish Whiskey Distilleries, existing, new and planned



● EXISTING ● NEW ● PLANNED DISTILLERIES

In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century there were 88 licensed distilleries on the island of Ireland. By the mid 1980s there were only 2. By 2013, there were 4. Since then, there has been a massive resurgence and by the end of 2014 there were 8 operating distilleries. Last count was 15, with many more planned, as can be seen from the map above, put together by the newly formed Irish Whiskey Association.

## A Taste of Irish Whiskey

with Eric Flynn 087-6993052



## Private Whiskey Tastings

Learn all about Irish whiskey – the fastest growing spirits category in the world. Once a global leader, Irish whiskey is back in the spotlight, where it belongs. Along with some industry giants, several new distilleries are entering the growing market. The future of Irish whiskey is bright.





## Poitín

Taking its name from the Irish for small pot, Irish Poitín has a long history of being potent and illicit. However, it was legalised for sale in 1997. From a whiskey perspective, this is new-make spirit fresh from the still and ready to meet with oak for a marriage made in heaven.



## Malt Blend

More common in the world of blended whiskey is the combination of grain whiskey and whiskey made from malted barley. At a time when demand outweighed supply, the introduction of the column or continuous still gave birth to the blended style of whiskey.



## Single Pot Still

Unique to Ireland and a consequence of the 1785 malt tax, Single Pot Still whiskey is some of the finest Irish whiskey you are likely to taste. A mashbill of malted and unmalted (tax-free at the time) barley, the latter brings with it a spicy, oily texture which is only sublime.



## Pot Still Blend

A blend is a combination of styles of whiskey. Usually, a large proportion of the blend is from the less flavoursome grain whiskey, with a second style of whiskey (or more) providing the flavour accent. In this case, that flavour accent is from the uniquely Irish pot still style of whiskey.



## Single Grain

Grain whiskey is made from grains other than barley. A little malt would be used to help kick-start the fermentation process, but the main mash-bill would be made up from corn, wheat, oats or rye. A different style of still is used and it's cheaper to make. While a foundation for many blends, on occasion it's good enough to stand on its own.



## Peated Single Malt

Irish peated whiskey you say? Double distillation? This whiskey is a rare treat and glimpse into our rich history to a time when peat was used abundantly in the malting process and double distillation was the norm.