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How strange to be thought a tourist, in another part of my island. From the Doll on the Ball to Tone Henge, I crossed a border, unrecognised by many. Six counties that were parted with, like a corner snapped off a centenary chocolate bar. Socialist ideals of one hundred years ago consumed by a Celtic tiger.

I took an excursion, donned a horned helmet pretending to be a Viking invader; I went from land to sea; along the Grand Canal I liked my friends at Facebook HQ. And in this digital world of selfies and hashtags, Google responded with an anniversary tour: a street view of then and now, who and how.

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