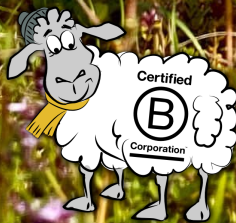




7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



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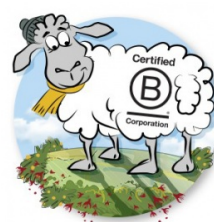


Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 22 years of experience are distilled into every itinerary.
- ★ **TOTALLY LOCAL:** Family-owned with local Irish tour guides and staff plus independent hotels.
- ★ **WORLD'S BEST:** We proudly won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 1,800+ 5-Star reviews across **TRIPADVISOR** and **TRUSTPILOT**.
- ★ **AWESOME TOUR GUIDES:** Meet our highly-trained, passionate and well-supported **VagaGuide team**.
- ★ **FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING:** Avail of a free 7 day seat hold, flat-rate deposit and convenient notice period.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on maintaining our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... That's why we're a **B CORP!**

*The Secret is
in Our Team!*

Our amazing team go above and beyond to deliver outstanding travel experiences for every guest.



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Tour Type

DRIFTWOOD - RELAXED PACE

Tour Direction

CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.10AM MONDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY



*Gentle Pace, Castles,
Culture & History*

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Southwestern Ireland In A Week

Take a fully-guided 7 day tour of wild valleys and quaint villages

The spectacular west and southwest of Ireland awaits you on this gently-paced Driftwood Journey of Discovery.

Discover the rugged natural beauty of Clare, Kerry and Cork, the lovely Cliffs of Moher, as well as hideaway places you won't find in guidebooks.

Connect with people, history and culture. Stay in a Connemara castle hotel, visit craft studios and enjoy ample free time.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

THIS IS THE CLOCKWISE ITINERARY: **[VIEW COUNTER-CLOCKWISE ITINERARY HERE](#)**

Tour Map

7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



From Dublin, head south to Cork via Tipperary. See the Bantry Bay and Beara Peninsula areas. Then head into Kerry with stops in Kenmare and Dingle. Visit the Cliffs of Moher in Clare before visiting Connemara in Galway.



This tour travels in a clockwise direction.

View Tour in Opposite Direction

Highlights

7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous **Cliffs of Moher**



Visit **Blarney Castle** and kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab



Overnight in an atmospheric castle hotel in the heart of **Connemara**



Tour spectacular **Killarney National Park** in a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage



Meet craftspeople and discover **handmade Irish crafts** in open studios



Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a **guided Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog experience



Visit stately homes, gardens and castles, like **Bantry House** - owned by the same family since the 1700s



Spot seals and other wildlife as you board a boat for the scenic crossing to **Garnish Island Gardens**



Taste the best of Ireland's **delicious food**, craft beer and smooth whiskey in lively restaurants and authentic pubs



TOUR DIRECTION: This is the clockwise tour itinerary. It also runs in a counter-clockwise direction around Ireland.

Day 1: Monday

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Blarney Stone & Rock Of Cashel



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

Overnight Stay

GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL



Located in a serene valley in Cork, Gougane Barra Hotel is a long-standing favourite with our guests.

Or...

MACROOM CASTLE HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in the village of Macroom in Cork.

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at 8.10am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. It's an epic way to begin our Irish odyssey.

Then it's time to kiss the **Blarney Stone** (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

We'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through picturesque countryside.



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Day 2: Tuesday

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Overnight Stay

ECCLES HOTEL



The Eccles Hotel is located on Bantry Bay and boasts over 250 years of history.

Average Driving

3 HOURS

Bantry House & Boat Trip



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GLENGARRIFF, CORK

Your morning will be spent exploring the many delights of **Bantry Bay**.

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included). Please note, Bantry House opens from April to October.

Alternatively, learn about the epic last stand of a Gaelic chieftain at 16th century **Carriganass Castle**.

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors. It has the feeling of true wilderness.

Look out for seals on a scenic boat trip to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Optional Extra). Garnish Island opens from April to October.

Departures in March can instead choose a guided harbour tour by boat (Optional Extra).



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Day 3: Wednesday

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Overnight Stay

DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL



Expect a fabulous mix of tradition and contemporary facilities at Dingle Benners Hotel - the best of both worlds!

Average Driving

3 HOURS

Horse Carriage Ride In Killarney



GLENGARRIFF, CORK to DINGLE, KERRY

Start the day with a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the **Beara Peninsula**.

Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride** around **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extra).

Your visit to Killarney National Park may also include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century Muckross House and Gardens
- A short walk to scenic Torc Waterfall
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive the extraordinary deeds of its one time landlord, Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean.

Dingle awaits... Revel in a wealth of dinner and entertainment options in this bustling little town. There's a pub for every 40 residents!



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Day 4: Thursday

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Overnight Stay

DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL



Expect a fabulous mix of tradition and contemporary facilities at Dingle Benners Hotel - the best of both worlds!

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Free Time In Dingle



DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)

Today is yours to design. This morning, soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following relaxed activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** Take a **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **B.** Savour a guided **craft tour** of the Dingle Crystal studio.
- **C.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

Experience **Slea Head**, one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed. Look out for the **Blasket Islands** and the holy **Mount Brandon** among the patchwork fields and picture-perfect cottages.

Whatever you do in **Dingle**, don't miss an Irish traditional music session or a stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries and craft studios.



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BOOK TOUR



Day 5: Friday

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Overnight Stay

LAHINCH COAST HOTEL



The Lahinch Coast Hotel is a contemporary space located only a stone's throw away from a beautiful Atlantic beach.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Cliffs Of Moher & Farm Tour



DINGLE, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE

After another hearty Irish breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to **Dingle**.

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live **sheepdog demo** and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included). On some departures, this activity may happen on Day 7.

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in **Clare** (Fee Included).

Cruise along the west Clare coastline with uninterrupted ocean vistas and the **Aran Islands** lying only 8km (5 miles) offshore.



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Day 6: Saturday

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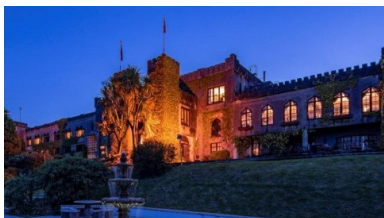
Connemara Castle Tour



LAHINCH, CLARE to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

Overnight Stay

**ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL
CONNEMARA**



The romantic Abbeygleng Castle Hotel is steeped in charm and located near Clifden in Connemara.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). These majestic 700ft high sea cliffs hold the power to dazzle.

Next is the bewitching beauty of **The Burren**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

We're aiming for **Galway** next. The City of the Tribes is bohemian and buzzy.

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included).

Revel in the savage beauty of **Connemara**, famed for its traditional Irish culture, misty mountains, wild moorlands and dark lakes.



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Day 7: Sunday

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Tour Connemara & Kylemore Abbey



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Before we say goodbye — slán in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Northern Ireland's highlights.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it amid the savage beauty of **Connemara**.

There's a quick photo stop at **Kylemore Abbey** – one of Ireland's most scenic historic buildings.

Take a **guided farm tour** and watch a **sheepdog demo** at Tom Nee's farm (Fee Included). The setting above **Killary Harbour** could not be more scenic. Please note, this activity occurs on Day 5 for some departures.

Explore the historic ruins of 15th century **Ross Errilly Friary** or the picturesque village of Cong, filming location for John Wayne's *The Quiet Man*.

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new friends.



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Options

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There's no need to book optional extras in advance of your tour (with the exception of the Skellig Islands Landing on the 12 Day Tour). Your VagaGuide will discuss options with you on tour and book accordingly. If there is something that you want to do or see, let us know. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

DAILY ITINERARY OPTIONS PRICING

Activities marked **OPTIONAL EXTRA** on the day-by-day descriptions carry an additional cost, but are optional.

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €19.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** - €20.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €10.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

* All details of prices and suppliers contained in this itinerary are correct at the time of publication. Our tour prices will not change as the season progresses. However, our suppliers occasionally increase prices at short notice. We will do our utmost to update you of major price changes as they occur.

** Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes Benz mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Live like lords and ladies with a one night stay in a castle
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle and Gardens
- Entrance into the epic Rock of Cashel
- A working sheep farm experience
- Entrance into Bantry House situated on the Wild Atlantic Way
- Entrance into Aghnanure Castle
- Shannon ferry tickets

PLEASE NOTE

Please be aware that there may be unscheduled alterations to the listed accommodation. Rest assured that any alternate hotels will match or be superior to the standard of our listed accommodation.

NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

TOUR PRICING

Mar, Apr and Oct Departures:
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Single Room Supplement: €395.00

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