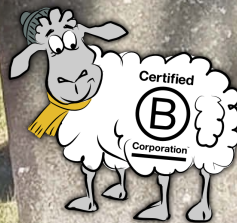




6 Day Great Southern Ireland Tour



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Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 23 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 won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 2,900+ 5-Star reviews from **TRIPADVISOR & 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 and our fair flat-rate deposit.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... 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.



6 Day Great Southern Ireland Tour

Tour Type

DRIFTWOOD - RELAXED PACE

Tour Direction

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

07:50 SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM FRIDAY



*Gentle Pace, Castles,
Culture & History*

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Southern Ireland Is Calling!

Knights and castles, mountains and coastlines; you're about to fall in love with **eastern and southern Ireland!**

Fully refreshed for 2025, this easy-paced 6 day small group tour itinerary departs Dublin and visits **Tipperary, Cork, Cobh, Kinsale, Kilkenny, Waterford** and **Wicklow**.

Our expert tour guides will inspire you at eye-opening destinations like **Blarney Castle, Cahir Castle** and the **Jameson Irish Whiskey Distillery**.

This 6 day fully escorted tour runs from April through October in 2024. There's no best month to visit, anytime is good; so take a moment, breathe the fresh air and savour all the beauty!

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

Tour Map

6 Day Great Southern Ireland Tour



Heading south from **Dublin**, you'll explore Tipperary en route to the charming coastline of **Cork**. Stay two nights in **Waterford**, Ireland's oldest city, then wander the cobbled streets of **Kilkenny**, returning to Dublin via **the Wicklow Mountains** and Glendalough.



This tour travels around Ireland in a counter clockwise direction.

Highlights

6 Day Great Southern Ireland Tour



- ★ Explore historic cities, like **Kilkenny** and **Waterford**; both with elegant medieval buildings.
- ★ Soak up **stunning scenery** in the **Wicklow Mountains National Park**, Ireland's largest upland wilderness area.
- ★ Encounter jaw-dropping landscapes at **Glendalough**, a 6th century monastic site in a glaciated valley.
- ★ Experience **quaint villages**, such as **Cobh**, 'one of Europe's most beautiful small towns' (Condé Nast Traveler).
- ★ Take an **Irish whiskey tasting tour** at the historic Jameson Distillery near Cork.
- ★ Tour secluded coves and ancient relics along the criminally underrated **Copper Coast**.
- ★ Kiss the **Blarney Stone** and wander through the magical **Blarney Castle & Gardens**.
- ★ Follow in the footsteps of **Viking raiders** and **Norman knights**, who invaded and settled Ireland's southeast.

Day 1: Sunday

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Blarney Stone & Cahir Castle



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to KINSALE, CORK

Overnight Stay

ACTONS HOTEL KINSALE



Kick off your boots! The living is easy at Actons, located on the water in Kinsale.

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 7.50am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

We'll stop at monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included) for a guided tour. Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to begin our southern Irish odyssey.

Now it's time to kiss the world famous **Blarney Stone** or explore the lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

Seafood fans rejoice! The gorgeous harbour town of **Kinsale** boasts vibrant restaurants, atmospheric pubs and abundant craft shops.



Any Questions?

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Day 2: Monday

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Cobh & Irish Whiskey Tour

Overnight Stay

BAYVIEW HOTEL



Gaze out across the Celtic Sea from your lodgings at the Bayview Hotel in Ballycotton.

Average Driving

3 HOURS



KINSALE, CORK to BALLYCOTTON, CORK

This morning, choose between free time exploring the colourful streets of **Kinsale** or a scenic coastal drive to the Old Head of Kinsale.

We'll drop into **Cobh** next. This maritime town — pronounced *cove* — lies on an island in Cork Harbour. Visit the Queenstown Experience to learn about Irish emigration and Cobh's role in the final voyage of the Titanic (Optional Extra).

Then it's **Kindred Spirits**, a poignant sculpture that commemorates Native American aid for 19th century Irish famine victims.

Spirits of a different kind are on the menu at the **Jameson Distillery** in **Midleton** (Fee Included). Enjoy a guided tour at the home of Irish whiskey — including an all-important whiskey tasting!



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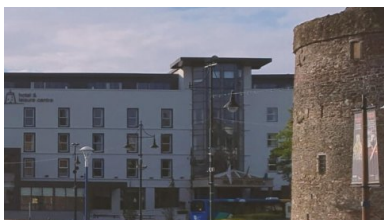
BOOK TOUR

Day 3: Tuesday

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Overnight Stay

THE TOWER HOTEL



The Tower Hotel is perfectly situated on Waterford's quayfront, directly opposite the Viking triangle.

Average Driving

3 HOURS

The Copper Coast



BALLYCOTTON, CORK to WATERFORD CITY

We'll start Day 3 with a scenic drive through the **Comeragh Mountains**, including a short walk to **Mahon Falls**.

Discover secret coves and geological wonders on the **Copper Coast**. It's one of Ireland's least visited but most rewarding coastal routes.

Arrive this evening in **Waterford**, for the first of two nights exploring Ireland's oldest city.

Orient yourself with the historic centre of Waterford on a guided walking tour. The walking tour can be included as part of the Waterford Freedom Pass (Optional Extra).



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Day 4: Wednesday

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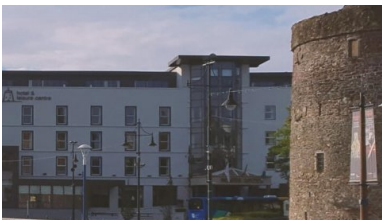
**DRIFTWOOD**
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



Lighthouse Tour & Waterford City

Overnight Stay

THE TOWER HOTEL



The Tower Hotel is perfectly situated on Waterford's quayfront, directly opposite the Viking triangle.

Average Driving

2 HOURS



WATERFORD to HOOK PENINSULA, WEXFORD (and return)

The morning, walk in awe around the ruins and walled garden at 13th century **Tintern Abbey** (Fee Included).

Take a guided tour of **Hook Lighthouse** (Fee Included). This is the world's oldest continually-operating lighthouse; a beacon was first lit here 850 years ago.

This afternoon is yours to design in Waterford city.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C)

- **A.** Tour the **House of Waterford Crystal**, the world's largest Waterford Crystal collection (Optional Extra).
- **B.** Watch Norsemen come to life at the **King of the Vikings VR Experience** (Optional Extra).
- **C.** Gain access to four amazing attractions with the **Waterford Freedom Pass** (Optional Extra). Includes Medieval Museum, Bishop's Palace Museum, the Irish Silver Museum and the Museum of Time.



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Day 5: Thursday

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Kilkenny Castle & Famine Ship



WATERFORD to KILKENNY

Overnight Stay

PEMBROKE HOTEL KILKENNY



Get comfortable at the Pembroke in Kilkenny after an exciting day of touring Ireland's southeast.

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

In the historic town of **New Ross**, step aboard an atmospheric replica 1840s emigrant vessel - the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** (Fee Included).

This afternoon, explore Kilkenny's cobbled streets with ample free time to wander.

Alternatively, choose from the following options:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (CHOOSE A, B or C)

- **A.** Look out for the ghost of Strongbow on a self-guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Optional Extra)
- **B.** Go 300 years back in time on a guided tour and ale tasting at the **Smithwick's Brewery** (Optional Extra)
- **C.** Discover Ireland's medieval capital on foot, mixing facts and fun, on a **Shenanigans Walking Tour** (Optional Extra)



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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Friday

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Kilkenny & Wicklow Mountains



KILKENNY to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Before we say goodbye — slán in Irish — there's still time for you to catch some of southern Ireland's most amazing sights.

Travel back to the Bronze Age at **Rathgall**, one of Ireland's largest and most ancient ringforts.

Next, drop into the hillside village of **Hollywood**. Enjoy a **sheepdog demo** at a nearby Irish sheep farm (Fee Included).

You'll feel much further than 60 minutes from Dublin in the **Wicklow Mountains National Park**, part of Ireland's largest upland wilderness.

Our final stop is **Glendalough**. This 6th century monastic city is located in a steep mountain valley. It's a fitting end to our southern Ireland odyssey!

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.

Queenstown Experience - €12.00

Waterford Freedom Pass - €20.00

Waterford Crystal Tour - €17.00

King of the Vikings VR - €10.00

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Shenanigans Kilkenny Walking Tour - €22.40

Smithwick's Brewery Tour - €18.00

* 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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Pricing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 6 full days on tour
- 5 nights' accommodation
- 5 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Guided Tours of Jameson Whiskey Distillery, Hook Lighthouse, Jervis Point Park and the Dunbrody Famine Ship
- Wicklow Sheepdog Demo & Sheep Farm Experience
- Entrance into Tintern Abbey, Cahir Castle and Blarney Castle & Gardens

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

Apr and Oct Departures:
€1,728.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €285.00

May to Sep Departures:
€1,920.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €305.00

Apr and Oct 2026 Departures:
€1,728.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €320.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures:
€1,920.00 Per Person Sharing
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