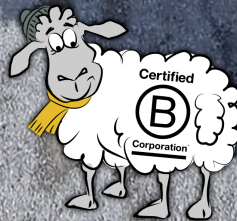




# 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



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- ★ **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**.
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- ★ **FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING:** Avail of a FREE 7 day seat hold and our fair flat-rate deposit.
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Our amazing team go above and beyond to deliver outstanding travel experiences for every guest.





# 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms

## *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*

**8.00AM SUNDAY**

## *Return Day & Time*

**5:00-6:00PM SATURDAY**



*Gentle Pace, Castles,  
Culture & History*

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## Welcome To Our 7 Day Castles & Kingdoms Tour!

Experience ancient castles, quaint towns, beautiful islands and historic kingdoms on a 7 day tour of **western and southern Ireland**.

Get ready to fall in love! You'll tour the **Ring of Kerry**, stay in an Irish castle hotel, cruise around the **Skellig Islands** and gaze in wonder at the 700ft **Cliffs of Moher**.

Fully guided by a local Irish culture expert, this 7 day castle tour of Ireland is perfect for kings, queens, jesters or anyone seeking true authenticity in their Ireland vacation.

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

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



Head west from **Dublin** to **Galway** and The **Burren**. Head south from **Clare** to Kerry. Take a trip around the **Skellig Islands** and explore the **Ring of Kerry**. Visit **Killarney National Park** before crossing into **Cork**. Stay in **Kinsale** before returning to Dublin.



This tour travels around Ireland in an counter clockwise direction.

# Highlights

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



Get royal treatment as you overnight in an **historic Irish castle hotel**.



Feel the magic while exploring 'The Kingdom' of **Kerry** and the world famous **Ring of Kerry** touring route



Cross the moat into **Cahir Castle**, one of Ireland's most awesome medieval fortresses



Take an **ocean boat trip** around the **Skellig Islands**, one of only three **World Heritage Sites** in Ireland



Gaze out on an ethereal ocean vista at the **Cliffs of Moher**, a highlight of the **Wild Atlantic Way**



Visit a working Irish sheep farm for a **guided farm tour** and **sheepdog demo**



Take a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage around beautiful **Killarney National Park**



Kiss the **Blarney Stone** and wander through the magical **Blarney Castle & Gardens**



See the epic **Bridges of Ross** on the **Loop Head** peninsula, in wild **West Clare**.



Enjoy 2 nights in Ireland's **gourmet paradise**; the quaint maritime town of **Kinsale**

# Day 1: Sunday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



### Cliffs Of Moher, Galway & The Burren

#### Overnight Stay

THE ARMADA HOTEL



Located right on the Atlantic Ocean in Clare, the Armada is one of our favourite hotel stops.

#### Average Driving

5 HOURS



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to SPANISH POINT, CLARE

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.00am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle to begin your journey of discovery!

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

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

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

Marvel at the **Poulnabrone Dolmen**, one of Ireland's great archaeological treasures. It's older than the pyramids!

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700 ft (215m) high sea cliffs.



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# Day 2: Monday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



### West Clare & Castle Hotel



SPANISH POINT, CLARE to TRALEE, KERRY

### Overnight Stay

BALLYSEEDE CASTLE HOTEL



The stunning Ballyseede Castle in Kerry is one of the finest 4-star castle hotels in Ireland.

### Average Driving

4 HOURS

Tour spectacular **Loop Head**. This peninsula tapers to a sharp point in the Atlantic, this scenic drive features dramatic sea arches and picturesque seaside villages.

Cross the epic **Bridges of Ross** — a stunning sea arch in wildest **West Clare**.

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 'The Kingdom' of **Kerry** (Fee Included).

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a **sheepdog demo** and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included).



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# Day 3: Tuesday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



### Overnight Stay

COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE



Feel right at home when you stay at this family-run townhouse in Kenmare near the Ring of Kerry.

### Average Driving

4 HOURS

## Skellig Island Boat Trip



TRALEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

Today is your chance to experience Ireland's island treasures; the **Skelligs**.

Take a **guided boat trip** around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extra). This cruise lasts 2 hour 30 minutes.

This is an ocean crossing. Departures are seasonal (mid-May to mid-September). The 12 person capacity boats are small. The cabin conditions are rough and wet; sea legs are required. Your departure is weather dependent and, as such, occasionally subject to late cancellation.

Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Visit the **Skellig Experience** to learn all about Ireland's unique island treasures (Optional Extra).

Further along the **Ring of Kerry**, visit Derrynane, historic home to Daniel O'Connell (Optional Extra). Ramble to the golden sands of **Derrynane beach**.

Catch authentic traditional Irish music and outstanding local food tonight in lively **Kenmare**.



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# Day 4: Wednesday

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### Horse Carriage Ride In National Park



KENMARE, KERRY 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

**2 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

Admire the beautiful **Lakes of Killarney**. Be like Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting and grab a selfie at the **Ladies View** scenic lookout.

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 lake and mountain views

Passports please! Cross the frontier between counties **Cork** and **Kerry** as we drive through the scenic **Shehy mountains**.



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# Day 5: Thursday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour

**DRIFTWOOD**  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



### Historic House Tour

### Overnight Stay

ACTONS HOTEL KINSALE



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

### Average Driving

3 HOURS



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to KINSALE, CORK

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included).

Learn about West Cork Famine history as well as local wildlife and nature at the **Skibbereen Heritage Centre** (Fee Included).

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Afterwards, visit the riverside medieval ruins of **Timoleague Franciscan Friary**.

Seafood fans rejoice! It's back to the coast we go, to explore the picture perfect town of **Kinsale**.

Choose from a menu of vibrant restaurants, atmospheric pubs and seaside trails in the unofficial **gourmet capital of Ireland**.



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# Day 6: Friday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour

  
**DRIFTWOOD**  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



### Free Time In Kinsale



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

Today is your chance to recharge. Relax with quality downtime. Explore Kinsale's winding streets, shopping and cultural activities.

If heritage buildings and events of the past are your thing, join a **walking history tour** of Kinsale (Optional Extra).

Another option is to take a boat cruise around beautiful **Kinsale Harbour** (Optional Extra).

Soak up local flavour on a **fully guided walking food tour** of **Kinsale** (Optional Extra). Visit four different local restaurants in Kinsale with exclusive tastings. Moderately active. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Whatever shenanigans you get up to in **Kinsale**, don't miss a traditional music session, performed live in local pubs.



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# Day 7: Saturday

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



### Blarney Stone & Cahir Castle



KINSALE, CORK to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Average Driving  
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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

It's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the lush, landscaped gardens of Blarney Castle (Fee Included).

En route to Dublin, we'll stop for a self-guided tour of monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included). Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to end our Irish castle 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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No two Vagabond or Driftwood tours are the same. Group preferences may alter the order or composition of this itinerary, which is a suggested outline rather than a rigid schedule. Orange/Red weather advisories (e.g. coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to activity cancellations at short notice. We will always attempt to find suitable alternative activities where safe to do so.

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.

Skellig Islands Cruise - €50.00

Skellig Experience - €5.00

Derrynane House - €5.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride\*\* - €20.00

Walking Food Tour of Kinsale - €80.00

Kinsale Walking History Tour\*\* - €8.00

Kinsale Harbour Cruise - €15.00

\* 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

## 7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour



### 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
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation including one night at Ballyseede Castle Hotel
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Entrance into Blarney Castle & Gardens, Skibbereen Heritage Centre, Bantry House and Cahir Castle
- A guided farm tour and sheepdog demo
- 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 2025 Departures:  
**€1,963.50 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €395.00

Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:  
**€2,079.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €395.00

May to Sep 2025 Departures:  
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