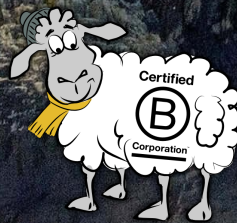




12 Day Vagabond Giant Irish Adventure



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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 2025, ranking 13th 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.
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- ★ **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.





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Tour Type

VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.20AM MONDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM FRIDAY



Get Active with Hikes,
Bikes & Kayaks

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Legendary Adventure Tours In Ireland

Explore history, culture and fun activities with stunning natural scenery on a fast-paced, Ireland adventure tour.

This 12-day adventure tour of Ireland explores both Ireland and Northern Ireland with highlights including **The Cliffs of Moher**, **Connemara**, the **Wild Atlantic Way** and the **Causeway Coast**.

Journey to deserted beaches and horse-ride up scenic mountains. Take a deep breath and get ready - this is the ultimate Irish adventure tour!

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

12 Day Vagabond Giant Irish Adventure



From **Dublin**, you'll head for Northern Ireland. Then it's the northwest; **Donegal** and Mayo before exploring **Connemara**. Follow the **Wild Atlantic Way** down the west coast through **Galway** and **Clare**. Savour two nights in **Dingle** (Kerry) followed by **Cork**.



This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction.

Highlights

12 Day Vagabond Giant Irish Adventure



- ★ Challenge yourself with spectacular hikes and optional **activities** like horseback-riding, biking and sea kayaking.
- ★ Tour Northern Ireland from **Belfast**, along the epic **Causeway Coastal Route** to the historic city of **Derry/Londonderry**.
- ★ Walk over the **Carrick-a-Rede** rope bridge, suspended 100ft above the North Atlantic.
- ★ Venture along the **Wild Atlantic Way** to hideaway destinations and world famous sights.
- ★ Board a boat to land on the **Skellig Islands**, meet puffins and climb 600 steps to an epic **World Heritage site**.
- ★ Explore Irish history at amazing castles, ghostly ruins and prehistoric **archaeological wonders**.
- ★ Encounter friendly locals in charismatic small towns like **Kenmare, Clifden** and **Dingle**.
- ★ See wild and natural wonders of four different National Parks; **Connemara**, Glenveagh, **Killarney** and The Burren.
- ★ Authentic guided tour of an **Irish sheep farm**; talk to farmers, feed lambs and watch a fun sheepdog demo.
- ★ Understand why Ireland is world-renowned for **superb food**, drink and hospitality.

Day 1: Monday

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Belfast Tour & Scenic Hike



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM

Overnight Stay

HARBOURVIEW HOTEL



Escape to this historic hotel in the seaside village of Carnlough in Northern Ireland.

Or...

BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL



Ballygally Castle Hotel features a 400 year old tower house which is home to a friendly ghost. Spooky!

Average Driving

**4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin** on Monday at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am. Board your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle and hit the road!

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required).

Climb **Slieve Gullion** mountain (573 m / 1,880 ft) to one of Ireland's highest passage tombs. Enjoy great views and mysterious folk myths.

Zoom to **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland, to choose from the following activities:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C)

- **A.** A highly recommended **Black Cab Tour** (Cash Only), explaining the history of the Troubles era.
- **B.** Or a self-guided visit to the **Titanic Centre**.
- **C.** Alternatively, explore Belfast at your own pace.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 2: Tuesday

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Giant's Causeway Hike



CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM to LIMAVADY, DERRY

Overnight Stay

SHIPQUAY HOTEL



Overlooking the famous Guildhall, the Shipquay Hotel lies at the heart of Derry/Londonderry in Northern Ireland.

Average Driving

**3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)**

Cameras at the ready! You'll wake up on one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, Antrim's **Causeway Coastal Route**.

First stop, is the **Carrick-a-Rede** rope bridge. Walk across the suspended bridge 100ft above the North Atlantic, first erected by local salmon fishermen over 250 years ago.

Next up, enjoy a hike on the Causeway Coast Way. The finale of this steep, often muddy trail, lies at the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included).

Experience the Giant's Causeway (Fee Included). Science tells us this World Heritage Site formed millions of years ago when magma cooled into 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns. But folklore says Finn McCool and his giant-fighting ways are to blame!

We'll end the day with a photo stop at clifftop **Dunluce Castle**.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 3: Wednesday

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Derry/Londonderry & Donegal



LIMAVADY, DERRY to DONEGAL TOWN

Overnight Stay

NESBITT ARMS HOTEL

Or...

ABBAY HOTEL DONEGAL



You'll love your stay at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in Donegal town.

Average Driving

**3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

Start the day with a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only fortified city, **Derry/Londonderry** (Fee Included).

Cross the border back into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

Panoramic 360° vistas await you at the beautifully preserved Celtic stone ringfort at **Grianán of Aileach**.

Watch for wild deer and eagles on a lakeside hike in **Glenveagh National Park**. Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of Glenveagh Castle (Optional Extra).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 4: Thursday

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Donegal Hike Or Boat Trip



DONEGAL TOWN to ENNISCRONE, SLIGO

Overnight Stay

WATERFRONT HOUSE HOTEL



Relax in comfort to the soothing sounds of the Atlantic Ocean at Waterfront House in Sligo.

Average Driving

**4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)**

Enjoy a relaxing morning in Donegal town **or** explore the towering sea cliffs of **Slieve League**.

At Slieve League, your VagaGuide will offer these options:

- Get close to the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe, on a **hike** over steep and rugged terrain.
- Take a guided **boat trip** under the cliffs (Optional Extra - Cash Only). You'll be on a small, 12-person boat. Sea legs required.

After lunch, admire the skills of farmer and faithful friend at work during an exciting **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included).

Relish a restorative session of seaweed spa therapy in **Enniscrone** (Optional Extra).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 5: Friday

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Exploring Connemara



ENNISCRONE, SLIGO to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

Overnight Stay

ABBEYGLLEN CASTLE HOTEL
CONNEMARA



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

Average Driving

4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

Explore **Westport**, with its vibrant streets and grand setting on **Clew Bay**.

Lose a sin with every step on the holy mountain of **Croagh Patrick**. Nearby lies the ruined 16th century Murrisk Abbey and the National Famine Memorial.

Take a deep breath... Next is the **Doolough Valley**, one of Ireland's most scenic routes.

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

Hike in the **Connemara National Park** area. Boardwalk on lower slopes leads to steep, loose and uneven terrain. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Saturday

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Cliffs Of Moher & Castle Tour

Overnight Stay

WILD ATLANTIC LODGE

Average Driving

3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to BALLYVAUGHAN, CLARE

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

We're steering for **Galway** next. The City of the Tribes nestles on the Atlantic Ocean.

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** on the shores of Galway Bay.

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 7: Sunday

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Surfing & Hiking



BALLYVAUGHAN, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Average Driving

**4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

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

Next, take a cold water **surf lesson** (Optional Extra - Cash Only). This activity is weather dependent. Or simply absorb the serenity at one of Ireland's most gorgeous beaches.

Breathe in the crisp coastal air as we ferry across the **Shannon** — Ireland's broadest, longest river — to arrive in 'The Kingdom' of Kerry (Fee Included).

Climb the steep, glaciated valley of **Annascaul**, home to Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes. Expect rough terrain and stunning views.

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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BOOK TOUR

Day 8: Monday

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Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Free Time In Dingle



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

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

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.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B, C, D, E or F):

- **A.** Go **horseback-riding** up a mountain (Cash Only).
- **B.** Guided **rowing experience** in a traditional Naomhóg boat (Cash Only).
- **C.** Take a gentle **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **D.** Guided **sea kayaking** on Dingle Bay.
- **E.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

This evening, don't miss a traditional **Irish music session** in one of Dingle's many pubs.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 9: Tuesday

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Bike Trails In Killarney



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

THE MOORINGS HOTEL



Located harbourside in the picturesque village of Portmagee, the Moorings Guesthouse is the perfect base for exploring the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving

**3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

It's a swift morning start for a guided **cycling tour** of Killarney National Park (Optional Extra - Cash Only). Expect a mix of paved road and forest trails. Duration 2 hours approx. Cycling ability is required.

Biking not your thing? You're free to roam this magnificent parkland. Highlights of **Killarney National Park** for both bikers and hikers may include:

- Idyllic lakes, waterfalls and mountain views
- Native flora and fauna such as red deer and oak forest

If it's a clear night, look up... Kerry is an **International Dark Sky Reserve**. The night sky here offers crystal clear views of the Milky Way.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 10: Wednesday

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Skellig Michael Boat Trip & Hike



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

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

**2 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

Experience Ireland's island treasures; **the Skelligs**.

Option 1: Boat trip and hike to the 1400 year old monastic site on **Skellig Michael** (Optional Extra). 5 hours duration. Depart early. Jump from boat to shore, then climb 600+ rough-cut, stone steps to the summit. High levels of fitness required. **Please inform us of your intention to land on Skellig Michael pre-tour, to avoid disappointment.**

Option 2: Boat trip around both Skellig Islands (Optional Extra). Expect seabirds and amazing stories. Duration: 2 hour 30 minutes.

Both boat trips cross open ocean. They are highly weather dependent and subject to cancellation. Departures run mid-May to mid-September only. Boats are small and conditions can be rough and wet; sea legs required.

Option 3: Hike to the historic signal tower on Bray Head for amazing sea views. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes.

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 11: Thursday

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Beara Peninsula Wilderness



KENMARE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA, CORK 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

**3 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN
STOPS)**

You're about to feel true wilderness. Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams on the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Take a spin over the **Healy Pass**, a dramatically scenic mountain road on the Beara Peninsula, and Ireland's twistiest road.

Get out on the water to explore the nooks and crannies of the coast and spot marine life on an epic sea safari tour (Optional Extra - Cash Only).

Alternatively, enjoy a scenic coastal hike around Bullig Bay with views of Bere Island and visit the ruins of Dunboy Castle.

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 12: Friday

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Blarney Stone & Rock Of Cashel



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

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

We'll first trace the valley of the **River Lee** downstream, crossing stone bridges and passing through postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab (Fee Included). You also have the option explore the lush, landscaped gardens around **Blarney Castle**.

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. We think it's a fittingly epic place to draw your Irish odyssey to a close.

You'll disembark your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell hugs all round for your new travel compadres.



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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.

Black Cab Tour** - £20.00

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Relaxing Seaweed Bath - €25.00

Horseback Riding in Dingle** - €70.00

Sea Kayaking Dingle - €60.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

Skellig Michael Landing - €139.00

Castletownbere Sea Safari** - €60.00

Titanic Experience - £26.95

Slieve League Boat Trip** - €25.00

Surf Lesson in Spanish Point** - €35.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €15.00

Traditional Rowing** - €35.00

Guided Bike Tour in Killarney** - €40.00

Skellig Islands Cruise - €70.00

* 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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Please note, this tour has stops in both the Republic of Ireland (EU) and Northern Ireland (UK). You will require both Euro (€) and Sterling (£) cash.

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Pricing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- An off the beaten track adventure in 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 12 full days on tour
- 11 nights' accommodation
- 11 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Optional Extras)
- Live like lords and ladies with a one night stay in a castle
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle and Gardens
- A sheep farm tour and sheepdog demo experience
- Entrance into the epic Rock of Cashel
- Entrance to Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge
- Entrance into the world famous Giant's Causeway
- Entrance into Aughnanure Castle/Donegal Castle
- A guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- 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 2027 Departures:
€3,310.75 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €710.00

May to Sep Departures:
€3,895.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €740.00

May to Sep 2027 Departures:
€3,895.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €790.00

Apr and Oct 2027 Departures:
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Single Room Supplement: €710.00

Apr and Oct Departures:
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Single Room Supplement: €690.00



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