

#### **OUTLINE ITINERARY**

### A Legendary All-Island Adventure

Explore history, culture and active adventure in stunning natural scenery on a fast-paced, full circuit of the island of Ireland.

This 12-day round trip is a comprehensive Ireland and Northern Ireland tour, 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!

### Summary

Tour Style

Tour Vehicle

CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE
13 Seats

Pickup/Drop Off Location GRAND CANAL HOTEL DUBLIN

Departure Day MONDAY

Return Day & Time 5.00-6.00PM FRIDAY



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**



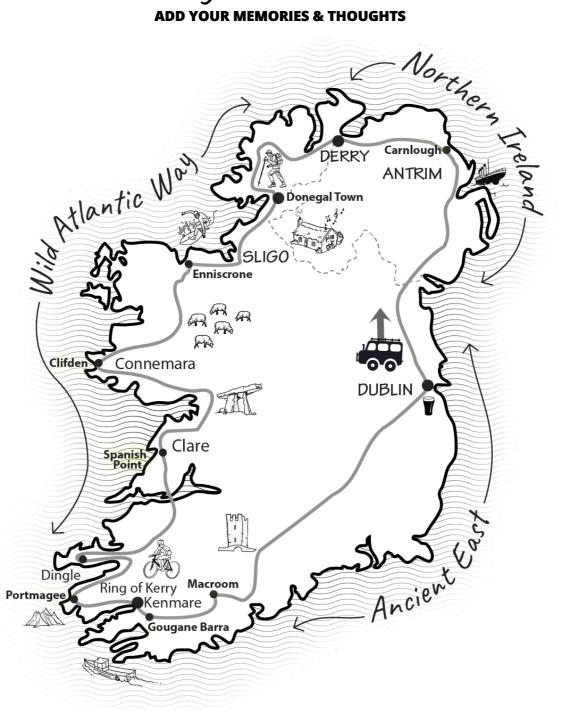
- Challenge yourself with spectacular hikes and optional **activities** like horseback-riding, biking and sea kayaking.
- Tour Northern Ireland from **Belfast**, along the epic **Causeway Coastal Route** to the historic city of **Derry/Londonderry**.
- Walk over the **Carrick-a-Rede** rope bridge, suspended 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.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA' ACTIVITIES AND EFES ARE OPTIONAL





# My Tour Notes



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#### **OUTLINE ITINERARY**

Day 1



© GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM

Overnight Stay
THE HARBOURVIEW HOTEL OR
BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving 4 Hours

#### **BELFAST TOUR & SCENIC HIKE**

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 Tou**r, 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.

Day 2



CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM to LIMAVADY, DERRY

Overnight Stay
THE ROE PARK RESORT

Day of Week

Average Driving 3 Hours

#### **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY HIKE**

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 errected by local salmon fishermen over 250 years ago.

Next up, hike the Causeway Coast Way. The finale of this steep, often muddy trail, lies at the **Giant's Causeway**.

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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Day 3



O LIMAVADY, DERRY to DONEGAL TOWN

Overnight Stay

Day of Week

Average Driving 3 Hours

#### **DERRY/LONDONDERRY & DONEGAL**

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).

Enjoy live traditional music in **Donegal town** after a great day of adventures.

Day 4



O DONEGAL TOWN to ENNISCRONE, SLIGO

Overnight Stay
THE WATERFRONT HOUSE
ENNISCEONE

Day of Week

Average Driving
4 HOURS

#### **DONEGAL HIKE OR BOAT TRIP**

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). 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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Day 5



ENNISCRONE, SLIGO to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

Overnight Stay
THE ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving 4 Hours

#### **EXPLORING CONNEMARA**

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.

Day 6



O CLIFDEN, GALWAY to SPANISH POINT, CLARE

Overnight Stay
THE ARMADA HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving 4 Hours

#### **CLIFFS OF MOHER & CASTLE TOUR**

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

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





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Day 7



SPANISH POINT, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

Day of Week

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### **SURFING & HIKING**

**Surf's up**! Take a cold water **surf lesson** (Optional Extra). Or simply absorb the serenity at one of Ireland's most gorgeous beaches.

Look out for low-flying dolphins 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**. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes. Expect rough terrain and stunning views.

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive its extraordinary 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!

Day 8



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

Overnight Stay
DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving
1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### **FREE TIME IN DINGLE**

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.
- B. Guided rowing experience in a traditional Naomhóg boat.
- **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

Any Questions?



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### O DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

Overnight Stay
THE MOORINGS PORTMAGE

Day of Week

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### **BIKE TRAILS IN KILLARNEY**

It's a swift morning start for a guided **cycling tour** of Killarney National Park (Optional Extra). 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.

### Day 10



### PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

Overnight Stay
THE COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE

Day of Week WEDNESDAY

Average Driving 2 Hours

#### **SKELLIG MICHAEL BOAT TRIP & HIKE**

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





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Day 11



KENMARE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA, CORK or MACROOM, CORK

Overnight Stay
THE GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL OR
THE CASTLE HOTEL MACROOM

Day of Week THURSDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### **BEARA PENINSULA WILDERNESS**

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).

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!

Day 12



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

Day of Week

Average Driving
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### **BLARNEY STONE & ROCK OF CASHEL**

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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#### **TOUR PRICING**

Oct Departures: €3,186.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €620.00

Jul to Sep Departures: €3,540.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €670.00

Apr and Oct 2026 Departures: €3,186.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €690.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures: €3,540.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €740.00

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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.

#### 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

#### **TOUR OPTIONS**

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

Black Cab Tour\*\* - £20.00

Titanic Experience - £24.95

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Slieve League Boat Trip\*\* - €25.00

Surf Lesson in Spanish Point\*\* -

Relaxing Seaweed Bath - €25.00

€35.00

Horseback Riding in Dingle\*\* -

\* 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 occassionally increase prices at short noice. 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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