



## *7 Day Vagabond Magnetic North Adventure Tour*

Head north to explore Northern Ireland and the northwest on our most immersive adventure tour yet!



Spend 7 days on an unforgettable adventure vacation in Ireland, hiking, horse-riding and sea kayaking your way along the rugged northern coastline.

Combine Northern Ireland's wild outdoors at the Giant's Causeway and the beaches of Donegal, with the warmth of its biggest cities: Belfast and Derry.

**Chunky 4x4  
Tour Vehicles**



# Tour Highlights



- ★ Hike the breathtaking **Antrim coastline** - its chalk cliffs and hidden coves are as impressive as Italy's Amalfi Coast!
- ★ Amazing adventure activities like **horse-riding on a Sligo beach** and biking along Clew Bay on the **Western Greenway**.
- ★ Paddle your way under sea stacks on a guided sea kayaking session off the Inishown peninsula in remote **Donegal**.
- ★ Take a guided history tour of **Belfast**, the vibrant capital city of Northern Ireland.
- ★ Stand in awe at the unforgettable **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.
- ★ Hike up **Slieve Gullion** mountain to an ancient passage tomb, enjoying the stunning vista in all directions.
- ★ Savour the rich wit and contested histories of **Derry/Londonderry**, Ireland's only walled city, on a guided walking tour.

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## Sample Itinerary

We are proud that no two Vagabond tours are the same. Your own preferences - and the famous Irish weather - mean that the following itinerary should be understood as a framework only. Accommodation options are fixed. We then base each tour around the list of daily stops below.

Your guide will discuss options with you throughout your tour and plan accordingly. If there is something that you particularly want to do or see on your tour, mention it to your guide. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

Activities marked 'Tour Option' carry an additional extra cost, but are optional. Check the Tour Options table on the final page for exact costs.

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

Our Sales and Reservation team can advise you further on any aspect of the tour. Email Gillian directly at [gillian@vagabond.ie](mailto:gillian@vagabond.ie)

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## Day 1 - Dublin to Antrim

*YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS*

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin at 8.20am. Board your 4x4 VagaTron 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.

Choose from these Belfast activity options:

- A highly recommended Black Cab Tour, explaining the history of the Troubles era (Tour Option - £15 per person)
- A self-guided visit to the Titanic Centre, the world's largest Titanic visitor experience (Tour Option - £18.50 per person)
- Free time to explore Belfast's shopping and cultural attractions.

Your accommodation and dining for the evening is at the [Londonderry Arms](#). This quaint former coaching inn once played host to none other than Winston Churchill himself.

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## Day 2 - Antrim to Derry

### CAUSEWAY ROAD TRIPPIN'

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

Brave Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge, suspended over the ocean and reached via a steep descent. Enjoy views to Rathlin Island and, on a clear day, Scotland (Tour Option - £9 per person).

Game of Thrones fan alert! Look out for Theon Greyjoy stepping ashore at tiny Ballintoy harbour.

Next up is the challenging and scenic Dunseverick coastal hike. This steep, often muddy trail, culminates in your arrival at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Giant's Causeway. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.

We hope you're thirsty! Visit Bushmills, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world (Tour Option - £7 per person), followed by a quick photo stop at the iconic clifftop stronghold of Dunluce Castle.

Your accommodation and dining tonight is at the Georgian-era [Beech Hill Country House Hotel](#).

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## Day 3 - Derry to Donegal

*NORTHWARD, EVER NORTHWARD!*

We'll pass through historic city gates to enter Derry/Londonderry.

Take a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only fortified city.

Cross the border 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.

Inishowen is Ireland's most northerly peninsula. Jump in a sea kayak and paddle your way around its rugged coastline, exploring caves, cliffs and deserted beaches (Tour Option - £50 per person). 3 hour duration.

Expect a turf fire and a warm welcome at this evening's accommodation, the locally-owned [Arnold's Hotel of Dunfanaghy](#).

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## Day 4 - Donegal

### FORTRESS OF THE FOREIGNERS

Today is yours to design. Flexible activities abound in one of Ireland's most remote and beautiful regions.

Your guide can organise one of the following activities:

- Surf Dunfanaghy beach, right in front of your hotel (Tour Option - €35/45 per person)
- Enjoy a guided tour of Doe Castle on the shores of Sheephaven Bay
- Scenic drive and hike to the stunning cliffs of Horn Head

The pristine wilderness of Glenveagh National Park is next. Keep an eye out for wild deer and eagles as you explore enchanted woodlands, lakes and glaciated valleys.

This evening's accommodation is at the family-owned [Nesbitt Arms in Ardara](#).

Your stay in Ardara is a great opportunity to sample live Irish music. Talented musicians regularly perform in venues around this small town.

Also highly recommended is a visit to Eddie Doherty's weaving studio. Friendly and informative, Eddie is one of Ireland's few remaining handweavers.

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## Day 5 - Donegal to Mayo

### SEA CLIFFS AND STEEP HIKES

Look out for hardy hill sheep and epic views as we journey up and over the Donegal mountains.

At the towering sea cliffs of Slieve League, your guide will offer these options:

- Get up close and personal with some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe, on a 1 hour 30 minute hike over steep and rugged terrain.
- Take a guided boat trip under these dramatic 600m/2000ft cliffs (Tour Option - €20 per person). You'll be on a small 12 person capacity boat.

Stop into Donegal town, with the option for a guided tour of 15th century Donegal Castle.

A flexible afternoon offers these options:

- Go horse-riding along a beach (Tour Option - €28 per person).
- Hike Knocknarea to Queen Maeve's cairn. Duration: 2 hours.

Accommodation tonight is at the stunning [Mount Falcon Estate](#). Enjoy delicious food, a romantic woodland setting and a wealth of history.

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## Day 6 - Mayo

MAGICAL, MYSTICAL MAYO

Ease yourself into the day at the magnificent Rosserk Friary, a ruined Franciscan monastic site on the Atlantic shoreline.

Explore the dramatic cliffs and sea stacks of northwestern Mayo, one of Ireland's most remote and windswept corners. Downpatrick Head feels like the edge of the world!

Experience the vast, unspoilt wilderness of Ballycroy National Park, a haven of serenity.

Crown your day on the Western Greenway. Hike or bike this converted railway line for stunning views of Clew Bay (Tour Option - €30 per person) .

Your accommodation tonight is at the [centrally-located Wyatt Hotel in Westport](#).

There's a distinct probability of live music and good food this evening in Westport. Don't miss this colourful town's rich array of authentic Irish pubs.

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## Day 7 - Mayo to Dublin

### THE PARTING GLASS

Before we wave goodbye, there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

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.

Turning for Dublin, we'll be faced with a choice:

- Discover Ireland's rich rural heritage at the Museum of Country Life's modern exhibition space and Victorian landscaped gardens.
- Or unearth the Iron Age trackway, or *togher*, at Corlea. Constructed circa 150BC, this is the largest prehistoric roadway in Europe, hinting at a sophisticated pre-Christian society.

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 friends.

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*Tour Price: EURO €1,695 (May-Sept inclusive, per person sharing)*

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (SS): €235**

**MARCH, APRIL & OCTOBER PRICE: €1525.50 | MAR, APR, OCT SS: €211.50**

## **What's Included?**

7 full days off the beaten track adventure in a VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle

Services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide

6 nights accommodation in 3/4 star hotels and boutique guesthouses

6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts

Most daily activities and visits (see Tour Options below)

Guided Walking Tour of Derry/Londonderry

Entrance fee to Giant's Causeway

Entrance fee to Donegal Castle/Doe Castle.

Bike Hire on Western Greenway

All relevant taxes

Guaranteed departure and price from the moment you pay your deposit

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CHOOSE FROM THESE OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES. YOUR GUIDE WILL DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH YOU THROUGHOUT YOUR TOUR AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Black Cab Tour of Belfast - £15

Dunluce Castle - £5.50

Titanic Experience Belfast - £18.50

Boat Trip to Slieve League - €20

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge - £9

Horse-Riding Sligo - €28

Bushmills Distillery Tour - £9

Sea Kayaking Donegal - €50

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*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THERE MAY BE AN ALTERATION TO THE LISTED ACCOMMODATION, BUT ANY ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE OF THE SAME STANDARD OR BETTER THAN THE REST OF THE TOUR.*

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