



## 8 Day Vagabond Wild Irish Rover Tour

This National Geographic award-winning tour of Ireland is packed full of Irish history, culture, and bracing adventure activities.



The Wild Irish Rover Tour takes the word 'wild' seriously, taking guests off the beaten path, showing you the real, wild Ireland you can't find in the guidebooks.

You will stay in an authentic Irish castle, hike in a National Park, visit ancient Celtic forts, kiss the Blarney Stone, and take a boat trip around the Skellig Islands.

**Chunky 4x4  
Tour Vehicles**



# Tour Highlights



- ★ Connemara to Clare; Kerry to West Cork, this tour visits highlights of the southern half of the **Wild Atlantic Way**.
- ★ The choice is yours! Adventure abound, including horse-riding, sea kayaking, trail biking and even coldwater surfing.
- ★ Experience bucket-list attractions like the **Cliffs of Moher**, the **Rock of Cashel** and the **Blarney Stone**.
- ★ Be amazed at the depth and breadth of **Irish history**. Visit ancient stone circles, castle ruins and Celtic ring forts.
- ★ Take a guided boat trip around the otherworldly **Skellig Islands** to experience firsthand their seabird colonies and monastic story.
- ★ Discover **off the beaten track destinations**, like Annascaul, a remote glaciated valley on the Dingle peninsula.
- ★ Hike and bike in **National Parks** including **Connemara**, **Killarney** and the **Burren**.
- ★ Catch traditional Irish music performances in lively and authentic towns like **Dingle** and **Kenmare**.

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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.

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)



PLEASE NOTE: This tour also runs in a clockwise direction

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CLOCKWISE ITINERARY**

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## Day 1 - Dublin to Connemara

*YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS*

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin at 8.30am. Board your 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle and hit the road!

Kickstart your Irish odyssey in style with a guided castle tour at Athlone/Athenry.

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

The setting could not be more scenic for a sheepdog demo at Tom Nee's sheep farm above Killary Harbour.

Hike Diamond Hill (442 m / 1,450 ft) for epic views of Connemara National Park. Boardwalk on lower slopes leads to steep, loose and uneven terrain towards summit. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Feel like royalty with an atmospheric dining experience and overnight stay at [Abbeyglen Castle Hotel](#), deep in Connemara.

The average driving time today is 5 hours.

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## Day 2 - Connemara to Clare

### THE HEART OF THE WEST

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

Spot black-hulled, red-sailed Hooker boats and picturesque Dunguaire Castle in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Hike through the bewitching beauty of the Burren region, with its limestone lunar landscape, ancient dolmens and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous Cliffs of Moher. These majestic 700ft high sea cliffs have the power to dazzle. We still love it, every time.

Accommodation tonight is at [family-owned Spanish Point House](#). It's a short ramble across the road for dinner at the Armada's Pearl Restaurant.

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## Day 3 - Clare to Dingle

### THROUGH THE GATES OF THE KINGDOM

Award-winning sausages. Locally-smoked salmon. We think Spanish Point House serves Ireland's finest breakfast.

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.

Visit a working Irish sheep farm for a live sheepdog demo and a guided tour of a renovated old-style cottage. Dependent on earlier tour stops.

Surf's up! Take a surf lesson (Tour Option - €40 per person). Or simply absorb the serenity at one of Ireland's most gorgeous beaches.

Another option is to climb the steep, glaciated valley of Annascaul. Prepare for a hike of 1 hour 30 minutes duration, including rough terrain and stunning views.

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the South Pole Inn. Relive the extraordinary deeds of its one time 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!

Your accommodation tonight and tomorrow will be at either the [Dingle Skellig Hotel](#) or [Dingle Bay Hotel](#).

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## Day 4 - Dingle

MAX ADVENTURE, MINIMUM DRIVING

Experience one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed on Sleah Head, Europe's westernmost point.

The afternoon is yours to design. Relax and soak up Dingle's charms, with the option for some quality down time.

Your guide can organise one of the following optional activities:

- Horse ride on a beach or up a mountain (Tour Option - €45 per person)
- Flip out with local celebrity dolphin, Fungie, on a boat trip (Tour Option - €15-20 per person)
- Guided sea kayaking on Dingle Bay (Tour Option - €50 per person)
- Guided rowing experience in a traditional Naomhóg boat (Tour Option - €25 per person)
- Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity (Tour Option - Ask your VagaGuide for cost).

Your accommodation is once again at either the [Dingle Skellig Hotel](#) or [Dingle Bay Hotel](#).

The average driving time today is 1 hour 30 minutes.

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## Day 5 - Dingle to Portmagee

### TRACKS, TRAILS AND A NATIONAL PARK

It's a swift morning start for a guided cycling tour of Killarney National Park (Tour Option - €30 per person). Expect a mix of paved road and forest trails. Duration 3 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:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century Muckross House and Gardens
- A short hike to scenic Torc Waterfall
- A centuries-old yew tree at the centre of a ruined abbey
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

Your well-earned rest and dining tonight is in the comfort of [The Moorings Guesthouse in Portmagee](#).

If it's a clear night, look up! Kerry's night sky is a certified International Dark Sky Reserve and offers crystal clear views of the Milky Way.

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## Day 6 - Portmagee to Kenmare

### ISLAND ADVENTURES

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

Option 1: Take a guided boat trip around both Skellig Islands to experience seabirds and amazing history (Tour Option - €40 per person). 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.

Option 2: Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Hike to the historic signal tower on Bray Head for amazing views of the islands (1 hour 30 minutes). The trail combines well-worn farm track and open hillside.

The afternoon brings you more choice. Witness 385 million year old tetrapod tracks on Valentia Island; or visit the historic National Monument and golden beach at Derrynane; we might even force you to taste some chocolate!

We'll hit lively Kenmare this evening. Your accommodation is at the [Coachmans Townhouse](#) in the centre of town.

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## Day 7 - Kenmare to West Cork

*STRICTLY BACKROADS!*

Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams on the remote Beara peninsula.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwestern corner, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors and has the feeling of true wilderness. The Beara is truly off the beaten track.

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!

Cross the Cahra Mountains with a scenic drive across the Healy Pass, Ireland's bendiest road.

There's one more drive today, a coastal ride that snakes along Bantry Bay before cutting inland.

Accommodation tonight is at the scenic [Gougane Barra Hotel](#) or the [West Cork Hotel in Skibbereen](#).

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## Day 8 - West Cork to Dublin

### THE PARTING GLASS

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

We'll trace the valley of the River Lee, passing stone bridges and postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of Blarney Castle.

Take a self-guided tour of the Rock of Cashel. Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. It's an epic way to conclude our Irish odyssey.

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 €1995 (May-Sept inclusive, per person sharing)*

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (SS): €335**

**MARCH, APRIL & OCTOBER PRICE: €1795.50 | MAR, APR, OCT SS: €301.50**

## **What's Included?**

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

Entrance fee to Blarney Castle &  
Gardens

Services of a highly-trained and  
professional VagaGuide tour guide

Entrance fee to Rock of Cashel

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

Entrance fee to Athlone  
Castle/Athenry Castle

7 delicious and filling hot Irish  
breakfasts

Working Sheep Farm experience  
and Sheepdog Demo

1 night in a castle hotel

Shannon Ferry tickets

Most daily activities and visits  
(see Tour Options below)

Guaranteed departure and price  
from the moment you pay your  
deposit

Entrance fee to Cliffs of Moher

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

Surf Lesson in Castlegregory - €40

Guided Rowing in Dingle - €25

Guided Horse Riding in Dingle -  
€45

Golf in Dingle - variable cost

Boat Trip in Dingle - €15-20

Guided Bike Tour in Killarney  
National Park - €30

Guided Sea Kayaking in Dingle -  
€50

Skellig Islands Cruise - €40

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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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