



## *7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour*

Explore western and southern Ireland in one week with a fully-guided tour of wild valleys and quaint villages along the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way .



Discover the rugged natural beauty of Clare, Kerry and Cork, the ridiculously picturesque Cliffs of Moher, as well as hideaway destinations like the Beara Peninsula.

Connect with people, history and culture, enjoy a Connemara castle hotel stay, craft studio visits and ample time for free exploration in one of the world's most enigmatic and endearing places.



**Comfy Mercedes  
Tour Vehicles**

# Tour Highlights



- ★ Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous Cliffs of Moher
- ★ Visit **Blarney Castle** and kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab
- ★ Overnight in an atmospheric castle hotel in the beautiful **Connemara** region
- ★ Meet craftspeople and **discover handmade Irish crafts** in open studios
- ★ Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a real **Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog/sheep-herding experience
- ★ Visit **stately homes, gardens and castles**, like Bantry House - owned by the same family since the 18th century
- ★ Tour spectacular **Killarney National Park** in a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage
- ★ Spot seals and other wildlife as you board a boat for the short ocean crossing to **Garnish Island**
- ★ Taste the best of Ireland's food and drink offering in lively restaurants and **authentic pubs**
- ★ Encounter **friendly Irish locals**, natural scenery and Irish culture at every step.

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## Sample Itinerary

We are proud that no two Driftwood tours are the same. Your own preferences, your guide 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.

Select any [green link](#) to find out more about the topic or destination.

Our friendly Sales and Reservation team can advise you further on any aspect of the tour. Email Emma ([emma@vagabond.ie](mailto:emma@vagabond.ie)) or John ([johnboy@vagabond.ie](mailto:johnboy@vagabond.ie)).



PLEASE NOTE: This tour also runs in a clockwise direction

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## Tour Connemara & Kylemore Abbey

DAY 1 - GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin, at 8.10am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Explore the historic ruins of 15th century Ross Errilly Friary or the picturesque village of [Cong](#), filming location for John Wayne's The Quiet Man.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it amid the savage beauty of [Connemara](#). Today is your chance to experience this amazing region.

The setting could not be more scenic for a [farm tour and sheepdog demo](#) at Tom Nee's farm above Killary Harbour. Don't worry if we don't get time today; you will enjoy a sheep farm tour on Day 3 instead.

There's a quick photo stop at [Kylemore Abbey](#) – one of Ireland's most romantic historic buildings.

Get the royal treatment with an atmospheric dining experience and overnight stay at [Abbeyglen Castle Hotel](#), deep in Connemara.

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# Castle Tour & Burren National Park

Day 2 - CLIFDEN, GALWAY to BALLYVAUGHAN, CLARE

Start your second day with a guided tour of [Aughnanure Castle](#), 16th century ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan and pirate queen, Grace O'Malley.

We're aiming for [Galway](#) next. The City of the Tribes nestles on the Atlantic Ocean and makes for an atmospheric and buzzy urban experience. Expect live music performances on the streets, diverse shops and tasty food options.

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

Next is the bewitching beauty of [the Burren region](#), with its 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!

Your accommodation tonight is the [Wild Atlantic Lodge](#) in beautiful Ballyvaughan.

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## Cliffs of Moher & Sheep Farm Tour

DAY 3 - BALLYVAUGHAN, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous [Cliffs of Moher](#). These majestic 700ft high sea cliffs hold the power to dazzle all comers.

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.

We move onward, to Tralee. The largest town in Kerry is home of the Rose of Tralee festival and a beautiful rose garden.

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live sheepdog demo and a [guided farm tour](#) (if we haven't visited earlier in the tour).

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!

Enjoy traditional Irish warmth and comfort at [Emlagh Country House](#) tonight and tomorrow.

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## Scenic Coastal Drive & Boat Trip in Dingle

DAY 4 - DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)

Today is yours to design. Relax and soak up [Dingle's charms](#), with the option for some quality downtime.

Enjoy one or more of the following activities:

- Taste authentic locally-distilled whiskey and gin on a tour of Dingle Distillery (Tour Option - €15 per person)
- Explore spectacular Dingle Bay on a boat trip (Tour Option - €15-20 per person)
- Take a tour of a working craft studio at [Dingle Crystal](#).
- Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity (Tour Option - Ask your VagaGuide for cost)

Experience one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed on [Slea Head](#), Europe's westernmost point.

Look out for the [Blasket Islands](#) and the holy Mount Brandon as well as picture perfect patchwork fields and cottages.

Whatever you do in Dingle, don't miss an Irish traditional music session or a stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries and craft studios.

Your accommodation is once again at [Emlagh House Country House](#).

The average driving time today is 1 hour 30 minutes.

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# Horse Carriage Ride Through National Park

DAY 5 - DINGLE, KERRY to GLENGARRIFF, CORK

Start the day with a scenic drive along the coast of the Dingle Peninsula, with a photo stop and perhaps a stroll along the beach at Inch Strand.

Pay a visit to the stunning [Killarney National Park](#). Take a horse-drawn carriage ride around this magnificent parkland (Tour Option - €15 per person).

Your experience in Killarney National Park may 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 lakeside and mountain views

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

Your accommodation tonight is at the centrally located [Glengarriff Park Hotel](#).

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## *Historic House & Garden Tour By Boat*

DAY 6 - GLENGARRIFF, CORK to GOUGANE BARRA or SKIBBEREEN, CORK

Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams as we explore further on the remote [Beara Peninsula](#).

Board a boat for the short and scenic trip to [Garnish Island](#). Explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Tour Option - €16 per person). On your boat ride, look out for cheeky seals around the harbour area of Glengarriff.

Cross the Caha Mountains with a scenic drive across the [Healy Pass](#), Ireland's bendiest road.

Visit stately Bantry House, one of the few grand Irish homes still in private hands; owned by the same family since the 18th century.

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

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

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## *Kiss The Blarney Stone & Rock of Cashel*

DAY 7 - GOUGANE BARRA or SKIBBEREEN, CORK to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

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 – hygienically – kiss the famous Blarney Stone to gain the gift o' the gab. Afterwards, explore the 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 your Irish 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 travel buddies!

The average driving time today is 4 hours and 30 minutes.

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*Tour Price: EURO €1,795 (May-Sept inclusive, per person sharing)*

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT (SS): €315**

**MARCH, APRIL & OCTOBER PRICE: €1615.50 | MAR, APR, OCT SS: €283.50**

## What's Included?

7 full days journey of discovery in a slick Mercedes Drifter tour vehicle

Entrance fee to Blarney Castle & Gardens including guided 'kissing' the Blarney Stone

Services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide

Entrance fee and self-guided tour of the Rock of Cashel

6 nights accommodation in 3/4 star hotels and top quality, locally-owned guesthouses

Guided tour of Aughnanure Castle

6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts

Guided Sheep Farm Tour and Sheepdog Demo

1 night in a castle hotel

Shannon Ferry tickets

Most daily activities and visits (see Tour Options below)

All relevant taxes

Entrance fee to Cliffs of Moher

Guaranteed departure and price from the moment you pay your deposit

Entrance fee and self-guided tour of Bantry House

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## Tour Options\*

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

Boat Trip Dingle - €15-20

Boat Trip Garnish Island - €16

Golf in Dingle - variable cost

Horse Drawn Carriage Ride in Killarney National Park - €15

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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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