



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 fascinating history of its biggest cities: Belfast and Derry.

**Chunky 4x4
Tour Vehicles**



Tour Highlights



- ★ Hike the Northern Ireland coastline to the **Giant's Causeway**, with sea stacks, chalk cliffs and hidden coves along the way.
- ★ Amazing adventure activities such as sea kayaking off remote **Donegal** and trail biking along the **Western Greenway**.
- ★ Leave your mark on the peace wall in Belfast, as part of a local-led, guided historical tour of **Northern Ireland's** capital city.
- ★ Take a boat trip in the shadow of **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.
- ★ Conquer the summit of **Slieve Gullion** to discover a passage tomb and hear ancient myths retold.
- ★ Savour the rich wit and contested histories of **Derry/Londonderry**, Ireland's only walled city, on a guided walking tour.
- ★ Taste the real Ireland with overnights in quality independent hotels, located in **remote locations** and quaint villages.
- ★ Explore parts of Ireland even Irish people rarely visit! **Northwestern Mayo** and the Inishowen peninsula are truly off the beaten track.
- ★ Authentic cultural experiences like craft studio visits to meet artisans and stops at clifftop castle ruins.

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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.

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 Dee (dee@vagabond.ie) or Michael (michael@vagabond.ie).

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Guided Belfast Tour & Scenic Hike

DAY 1 - GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin on Sunday at 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. Soak up the views and hear ethereal folk myths retold.

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 - £21.50 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.

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Northern Ireland Coastal Adventure Tour

DAY 2 - CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM to DERRY/LONDONDERRY

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

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 Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Science tells us that the [Giant's Causeway](#) was formed millions of years ago when volcanic magma cooled into 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns. Irish folklore, on the other hand, says Finn McCool and his giant-fighting ways are to blame!

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit Bushmills, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a tasting (Tour Option - £10 per person).

We'll grab a photo stop at the iconic clifftop stronghold of [Dunluce Castle](#) before passing through historic gates to enter the city of Derry/Londonderry.

Your accommodation and dining tonight is at [Bishop's Gate Hotel](#) Derry/Londonderry

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Historic Walking Tour of Derry & Donegal

DAY 3 - DERRY/LONDONDERRY to DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL

Start the day with a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only intact walled city, [Derry/Londonderry](#).

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](#).

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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Surfing, National Park & Crafts in Donegal

DAY 4 - DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL to ARDARA, DONEGAL

Today is yours to design. Flexible activities abound in [Donegal](#); 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 - €50 per person)
- Enjoy a guided tour of [Doe Castle](#) on the shores of Sheephaven Bay
- Scenic drive and hike to the stunning cliffs at 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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Cliffs, Boat Trip & Beach Horseback-Riding

DAY 5 - ARDARA, DONEGAL to BALLINA, MAYO

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 - €25 per person). You'll be on a small 12 person capacity boat.

Stop by Donegal town, with the option for a guided tour of 15th century [Donegal Castle](#).

A flexible afternoon beckons in one of Ireland's most scenic regions. Hike the hill of [Knocknarea](#) to Queen Maeve's mythical cairn (Duration: 2 hours).

Alternatively, encounter the inspiration for the magical poetry of W.B. Yeats at Glencar Waterfall in Leitrim.

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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Sea Stacks, Bike Trails, Irish Music & Pubs

DAY 6 - BALLINA, MAYO to WESTPORT, MAYO

Ease yourself into your penultimate 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 [Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park](#), a haven of serenity.

Crown your day, [biking](#), e-biking or hiking on the dedicated off-road trails of the Western Greenway (Tour Option - €25 per person/€50 e-bike). Stunning views of Clew Bay are in store along this converted railway line.

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 sampling the atmosphere in this colourful little town's rich array of authentic Irish pubs.

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A Holy Hike & An Iron Age Road

DAY 7 - WESTPORT, MAYO to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

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 150 BC, 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 and top quality, locally-owned 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.

All relevant taxes

Guaranteed departure and price from the moment you pay your deposit

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Tour Options*

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

Black Cab Tour of Belfast - £15

Titanic Experience Belfast - £21.50

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10

Dunluce Castle - £5.65

Bike Hire on Western Greenway -
€25/€50 for e-bike

Boat Trip to Slieve League - €25

Sea Kayaking Donegal - €50

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