

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Your Once In A Lifetime Ireland Tour

All aboard for a fantastic 15 day, Ireland guided tour. Circle the entire island, including **Northern Ireland's coastline** and the best of the spectacular **Wild Atlantic Way**, from **Donegal** to **Cork**.

Get to know Irish people and culture on our longest Ireland tour itinerary ever. Enjoy a gentle tour pace and 2 night stays in the charming rural towns of **Dingle** and **Westport**.

Tour Ireland by meandering along the stunning Causeway Coast followed by the rugged beauty of Mayo, Galway, Clare, the famous Cliffs of Moher and the natural wonderlands of Connemara, Kerry and The Burren.

Summary

Tour Style
DRIFTWOOD - LESS ACTIVE

Tour Vehicle
COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS
15 Seats

Pickup/Drop Off Cocation GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Departure Day

Return Day & Time 5.00-6.00pm sunday

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



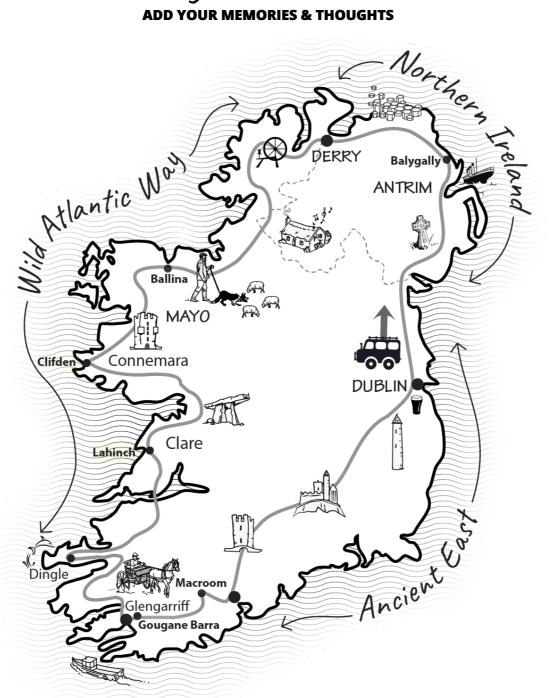
- Savour quality time with 4 double night stays in **Donegal**, **Westport**,
 Dingle and **Parknasilla** soaking up live music and eating delicous local food.
- Enjoy a castle hotel stay in the heart of **Connemara**, complete with a champagne reception.
- Marvel at the stunning **Giant's Causeway** a truly unique UNESCO Heritage Site.
- Tick the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Blarney Castle** and **Killarney National Park** off your Ireland bucket list.
- Meet friendly locals and feed baby lambs during a guided sheep farm tour and sheepdog demonstration.
- Explore the breathtaking but little visited coastal beauty of Northern Ireland.
- Patrol the 400 year old city walls of Derry/Londonderry, Ireland's only walled city — and home to the Derry Girls.
- Reach out and touch ancient ruins, ringforts and dolmens that connect you Ireland's incredible heritage and ancient past.
- Select from flexible activity options, such as a boat trip to Garnish Island and whiskey tasting at Bushmills Distillery.
- Experience the very best of Ireland with a hand-picked mix of must-see sights and off the beaten track highlights.





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My Tour Notes



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Day 1



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM

Overnight Stay
THE HARBOURVIEW HOTEL

Day of Week sunday

Average Driving 3 Hours 30 MINUTES

BELFAST TOUR & CELTIC CROSSES

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.10am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Crane your neck to view the finest — and tallest — **Celtic high crosses** in Ireland, at **Monasterboice**.

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required).

We'll roll into **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** Take a highly recommended **Black Cab Tour** (Cash Only), 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 DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Overnight Stay
THE BISHOP'S GATE HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

THE CAUSEWAY COAST & BUSHMILLS

Cameras at the ready! You're about to experience one of the most spectacular coastal drives; Northern Ireland's Causeway Coastal Route.

40,000 hexagonal basalt columns make up the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included), a **World Heritage Site**.

Choose to walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool on a steep 1.6km (1 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow an accessible path to the Giant's Causeway viewing point.

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit **Bushmills**, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a tasting (Optional Extra).

Enjoy a self-guided tour at clifftop **Dunluce Castle** (Fee Included) before passing through historic gates to enter the city of **Derry/Londonderry**.





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Day 3



O DERRY/LONDONDERRY to DONEGAL TOWN

Overnight Stay
MILL PARK HOTEL

Day of Week TUESDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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 (€).

Visit **Grianán of Aileach**, a reconstructed **stone ringfort** with wonderful views that is marked on Ptolemy's 2nd century world map.

See pristine panoramas in lakeside **Glenveagh National Park**. Watch out for wild deer and eagles. Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of Glenveagh Castle (Optional Extra).

Day 4



O DONEGAL TOWN to ARDARA, DONEGAL (and return)

Overnight Stay

Day of Week

Average Driving

DONEGAL BEACHES, CASTLES & CRAFTS

Today, we'll further explore **Donegal**; one of Ireland's most remote and beautiful regions.

With verdant valleys, golden sand beaches and rolling hills as far as the eye can see, we'll start the day with a scenic drive.

Eddie Doherty's hand-loomed tweed is inspired by his native Donegal landscape. Enjoy a **handweaving demo** in this artisan craft studio.

At Slieve League, choose one of these options:

- Admire these magnificent 600m/2000ft cliffs from a viewing platform.
- Board a 12 person capacity boat for a scenic 2 hour trip under the cliffs (Optional Extra - Cash Only). Weather dependent.





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Day 5



O DONEGAL TOWN to BALLINA, MAYO

Overnight Stay
KILRONAN CASTLE ESTATE & SPA

Day of Week

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

EXPLORE DONEGAL TOWN & SLIGO

This morning, enjoy a late checkout in Donegal town with free time to browse local shops and crafts.

Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of 15th century **Donegal Castle** (Optional Extra)

Watch shepherd and dog working perfectly in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included).

After lunch, recite the magical verse of WB Yeats at Glencar Waterfall. This outstanding area of natural beauty inspired the Nobel Prize winning poet.

Day 6



BALLINA, MAYO to WESTPORT, MAYO

Overnight Stay
THE WYATT HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving

MAGNIFICENT MAYO

Magnificent Mayo awaits! Today you'll explore from Ballina to Westport.

First up is the dramatically remote **Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park**. Learn about the importance of boglands in Ireland and how they are being restored.

Time-permitting, we may explore **Achill Island**. This was a key filming location for the Oscar-nominated movie, The Banshees of Inisherin.

Conclude your magical Mayo expedition with a beautifully scenic drive along the shores of **Clew Bay**.





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Day 7



© WESTPORT, MAYO

Overnight Stay

Day of Week saturday

WESTPORT ESTATE & ICONIC IRISH PUBS

Today is your chance to recharge. Relax with some quality downtime and all of Westport's charming attractions within easy reach.

Explore the many charming shops, art galleries and restaurants of this small Mayo town. **Westport** regularly wins 'best place to live in Ireland' accolades.

Learn the history of this beautiful heritage town and get the inside scoop on the best the town has to offer on a **guided walking tour** (Optional Extra).

Step into the enchanting world of **Westport Estate** and soak up the the natural beauty of the stunning forest trails.

This evening, catch some live traditional music in **Matt Malloy's Pub**, an iconic music venue, owned by the flautist of legendary group, The Chieftains.

Day 8



WESTPORT, MAYO to CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA

Overnight Stay
THE ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving 2 HOURS

CONNEMARA & KYLEMORE ABBEY

This morning, 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 driving routes.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it this afternoon amid the savage beauty of **Connemara**.

Take a self-guided tour of the beautiful **Kylemore Abbey** (Fee Included). Wander the wonderful walled garden — bananas were grown here in the 1800s! — or admire the enchanting neo-Gothic church.





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Day 9



O CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA TO SPANISH POINT,

Overnight Stay
THE ARMADA HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

THE BURREN & CLIFFS OF MOHER

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included).

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

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Next is the bewitching beauty of **The Burren**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700 ft (215m) high sea cliffs.

Day 10



SPANISH POINT, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Overnight Stay
DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

Day of Week TUESDAY

Average Driving

CLARE COAST & DINGLE

Drive along the **Clare** coastline with uninterrupted ocean vistas.

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 (Fee Included).

Travelling through Kerry, look left for views of the Slieve Mish mountains. Look right for a vista of scenic Tralee Bay.

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!





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Day 11



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

Overnight Stay
DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving
1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

FREE TIME TO ENJOY DINGLE

Today is yours to design. This morning, soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following relaxed activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B):

- A. Take a boat trip around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **B.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

This afternoon, you have the option to 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.

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.



O DINGLE, KERRY to SNEEM, KERRY

Overnight Stay
PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA

Day of Week

Average Driving 3 Hours

HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDE

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

Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride** around **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extra - Cash Only).

Your visit to Killarney National Park may also include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century Muckross House & Gardens
- A short walk to scenic Torc Waterfall
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views





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SNEEM, KERRY to DERRYNANE, KERRY (and return)

Overnight Stay
PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA

Day of Week friday

Average Driving 1 Hours

PARKNASILLA RESORT & DERRYNANE

In the morning, you have the option to take a drive along the world famous Ring of Kerry to see Derrynane House — ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell — and one of Ireland's most beautiful beaches.

Alternatively, if you don't feel like moving far, there are lots of things to do on the gorgeous **Parknasilla Resort**. Ask at reception for the latest menu of options.

Golfers will enjoy Parknasilla's scenic **9-hole golf course** (Optional Extra).

If you feel like exploring, the **walking trails** around the 500 acre grounds offer stunning ocean views.

Don't forget your swim gear! There's also a spa, a swimming pool and an outdoor infinity pool to be savoured at **Parknasilla**.

Day 14



SNEEM, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA, CORK

Overnight Stay
THE GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL

Day of Week

Average Driving 3 Hours

GARDENS & ISLAND BOAT TRIP IN CORK

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors and has the feeling of true wilderness.

Take a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the **Beara Peninsula**.

Look out for seals on a scenic **boat trip** to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Optional Extra).

Learn about **Irish crafts and culture** during a fun stop at a traditional farmhouse in County Kerry.

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





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Day 15



GOUGANE BARRA, CORK
 to GRAND CANAL,
 DUBLIN

Day of Week

Average Driving
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

BLARNEY STONE & CAHIR CASTLE

Before we say goodbye — $sl\acute{a}n$ in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

We'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through picturesque countryside.

Then it's time to kiss the **Blarney Stone** (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

We'll stop at monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included) for a guided tour. Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to end our Irish castle odyssey.

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell hugs all round for your new travel buddies!





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TOUR PRICING

Apr 2026 Departures: €4,495.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €810.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures: €4,995.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €850.00

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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

- A journey of discovery in a slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 15 full days on tour
- 14 nights' accommodation
- 14 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- A 1 night castle stay at majestic Abbeyglen Castle Hotel
- Guided Irish sheep farm/sheepdog experience
- Guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- Guided tour of 18th century Bantry House
- Entrance into Kylemore Abbey, Dunluce Castle, the Giant's Causeway,
 Cahir Castle and Blarney Castle & Gardens
- Shannon ferry tickets
- Most daily activities and essential attractions

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

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00 Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Slieve League Boat Trip** - €25.00 Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Westport Walking Tour** - €12.00 Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €15.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** -

Golf in Dingle - Variable €20.00

Derrynane House - €5.00 Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00

^{**} Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.



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