



8 Day Driftwood Wild Atlantic Way Tour 2026

OUTLINE ITINERARY

The Ultimate Wild Atlantic Way Tour from Dublin

Get set for 8 days of incredible Irish castles, culture, islands and villages on this **Wild Atlantic Way** tour. This 8 day off the beaten track itinerary is a fully-guided Driftwood Journey of Discovery which explores the scenic Wild Atlantic Way, departing from **Dublin**.

Highlights include historic **Kilkenny**, the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Connemara**, **Kerry** and **Clare**. Expect serene landscapes, such as beautiful **Killarney National Park**, mixed with cultural experiences, like whiskey tasting at the **Jameson Distillery** in **Cork**. You'll encounter friendly locals, surprisingly delicious food and incredible natural landscapes.



Summary

Tour Style

DRIFTWOOD - LESS ACTIVE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS
15 Seats

Pickup/Drop Off Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Departure Day

SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5.00-6.00PM SUNDAY

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous **Cliffs of Moher** and the **Ring of Kerry**.
- Spend a night in an atmospheric castle hotel in the Kingdom of **Kerry**
- Take an Irish whiskey tasting tour at the historic **Jameson Distillery** in Cork
- Visit medieval **Kilkenny**, explore the cobblestone streets or tour **Kilkenny Castle**
- Soak up stunning mountain scenery as you meander through **Waterford**.
- Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a real **Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog/sheep-herding experience
- Visit **stately homes, gardens and castles**, such as Kilkenny Castle - seat of the Butler family for almost 600 years
- 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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My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



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Day 1



**GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN to GARRYVOE,
CORK**

Overnight Stay
THE GARRYVOE HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
**4 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

KILKENNY & MIDLETON DISTILLERY

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.00am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Our first stop is historic **Kilkenny**. The elegant Marble City was Ireland's medieval capital. Take a self-guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Optional Extra), or spend your time exploring the cobbled streets.

Take a scenic drive through county **Waterford** with stunning views of the **Comeragh Mountains** before stopping off for lunch. Be sure to try a Blaa, Waterford's famously soft, white and floury bread roll.

Follow the coast to the **Jameson Distillery** in Midleton (Fee Included). Enjoy a guided tour at the home of Irish whiskey — including an all-important whiskey tasting!

Day 2



**GARRYVOE, CORK to
PARKNASILLA, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA

Day of Week
MONDAY

Average Driving
**3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

BOAT TRIP & ISLAND GARDEN

Start your morning with a visit to **Béal na Bláth** where Michael Collins was assassinated during the Irish Civil War.

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).

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we traverse the remote **Beara Peninsula**. Take a spin over the **Caha Pass** one of the most dramatic and scenic mountain roads on the Beara Peninsula.

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

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Day 3



📍 RING OF KERRY

Overnight Stay
PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA

Day of Week
TUESDAY

Average Driving
1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

EXPLORE THE RING OF KERRY

Today, choose to kick back and relax at **Parknasilla Resort** or partake in an array of easy-paced activities around the hotel.

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 4



📍 PARKNASILLA, KERRY to TRALEE, KERRY

Overnight Stay
THE BALLYSEED CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week
WEDNESDAY

Average Driving
**2 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

THE LAKES OF KILLARNEY

Start the day in **Killarney National Park** and choose from the following options — don't worry, there's no wrong answer!

Optional Extras (Choose A or B):

A. See the famous **Killarney lakes by boat**, with stunning mountain vistas in all directions (Optional Extra).

B. Alternatively, enjoy free time to explore the National Park on foot. Your visit may include sightings of rare red deer, oak forests or an ancient yew tree growing at the heart of ruined **Muckross Abbey**.

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

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Day 5



📍 **TRALEE, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE**

Overnight Stay
THE LAHINCH COAST HOTEL

Day of Week
THURSDAY

Average Driving
**4 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

DINGLE & SLEA HEAD

Start the day with a scenic coastal drive on the Dingle Peninsula.

Next, we will 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.

In the afternoon, soak up the charms of **Dingle**. Stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries, boutique shops and craft studios.

Breathe in the crisp coastal air as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **River Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in Clare (Fee Included).

Day 6



📍 **LAHINCH, CLARE**

Overnight Stay
THE LAHINCH COAST HOTEL

Day of Week
FRIDAY

Average Driving
**3 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS

It's decision time again! Today has flexible options. You can also choose to enjoy some downtime in Lahinch.

Optional Extras (Choose A or B):

A. Take a 15-minute boat trip from **Doolin** to **Inisheer**, one of the famous **Aran Islands** (Optional Extra). Once landed, embark on a tour of the island by horse-drawn carriage. See dry stone walls, shipwrecks and other amazing island sights. Enjoy unique views of the Cliffs Of Moher on a return boat cruise.

B. Embark on a scenic drive through spectacular north Clare, where the limestone landscape meets the Atlantic Ocean in the mind-blowing Burren National Park.

Finish the day at the majestic 700ft high **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included).

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Day 7



LAHINCH, CLARE to CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA

Overnight Stay

THE CLIFDEN STATION HOUSE HOTEL

Day of Week

SATURDAY

Average Driving

**3 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

TOUR CONNEMARA

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

Next, explore the picturesque village of **Cong**, filming location for John Wayne's *The Quiet Man*.

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

There's a quick photo stop at **Kylemore Abbey** – one of Ireland's most scenic historic buildings before arriving in the lively town of Clifden.

Day 8



CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Day of Week

SUNDAY

Average Driving

**4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES
BETWEEN STOPS)**

CASTLE TOUR & GALWAY CITY

Before we say goodbye — *slán* in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

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.

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 friends.

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TOUR PRICING

Apr and Oct Departures:
€2,425.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €470.00

May to Sep Departures:
€2,690.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €505.00

May to Sep 2027 Departures:
€2,690.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €555.00

Apr and Oct 2027 Departures:
€2,425.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €500.00

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 8 full days on tour
- 7 nights' accommodation
- 7 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- A castle stay at majestic Ballyseede Castle Hotel
- Guided tour and whiskey tasting at the Jameson Distillery
- A working sheep farm experience
- Shannon ferry tickets

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TOUR OPTIONS

Activities marked **OPTIONAL EXTRA** on the day-by-day descriptions carry an additional cost, but are optional.

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00

Derrynane House - €5.00

Golf at Parkansilla - Variable

Killarney Lakes Boat Trip - €15.00

Aran Islands Visit - €50.00

* All details of prices and suppliers contained in this itinerary are correct at the time of publication. Our tour prices will not change as the season progresses. However, our suppliers occasionally increase prices at short notice. We will do our utmost to update you of major price changes as they occur.

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

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