



6 Day Driftwood Northern Island Tour

Step onboard for the Northern Ireland tour of a lifetime, packed full of unforgettable sights and activities.



Journey from the Giant's Causeway to the history and culture of Northern Ireland's biggest cities: Belfast and Derry.

Meet expert Irish craftsmen and friendly local people. Visit the Titanic Experience. Enjoy a night in a charming Irish castle hotel. Overnight in boutique guesthouses.

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Tour Highlights



- ★ Experience the historic cities and spectacular natural scenery of **Northern Ireland** and the rugged northwest region
- ★ Encounter **authentic culture** and **local experiences** in off the beaten track destinations
- ★ Visit the geological wonder that is the **Giant's Causeway**, Northern Ireland's **UNESCO World Heritage site**.
- ★ Board a boat for a cruise under **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.
- ★ Look back in time at **cliff top castles**, atmospheric ruins and ancient monuments.
- ★ Discover the **world's largest Titanic visitor experience** and the **Game of Thrones walking trail** in **Belfast**, capital of Northern Ireland.
- ★ Traverse mountain passes and pristine beaches in **Donegal**, one of Ireland's most beautiful but undiscovered counties.
- ★ Relive an epic siege on a historic walking tour of Ireland's only walled city; **Derry/Londonderry**.
- ★ **Meet master craftspeople** and other skilled artisans in craft shops and working studios.
- ★ Sample the best Ireland has to offer in **live traditional music**, delicious food, craft beer and Irish whiskey.
- ★ Overnight in **boutique guesthouses** and locally-owned hotels in stunning locations.

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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.

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.

Our Sales and Reservation team can advise you further on any aspect of the tour. Email Ciara directly at ciara@vagabond.ie

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Day 1 - Dublin to Mayo

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

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!

We'll leave the city, going thousands of years back in time...

Unearth the Iron Age trackway, or *togher*, at Corlea. Constructed circa 150BC, this is the largest prehistoric roadway in Europe, hinting at a sophisticated pre-Christian society.

Discover Ireland's rich rural heritage at the Museum of Country Life's modern exhibition space and Victorian landscaped gardens.

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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Day 2 - Mayo to Donegal

ARISE AND GO NOW!

Honour Irish poet and Nobel Laureate, W.B. Yeats, at his final resting place in Sligo.

Stop into Donegal town, with the option for a guided tour of 15th century Donegal Castle.

At Slieve League, take a guided boat trip under dramatic 600m/2000ft sea cliffs (Tour Option - €20 per person). You'll be on a small, 12 person capacity boat. Sea legs are required.

Look out for hardy hill sheep and epic views as we journey up and over the Donegal mountains.

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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Day 3 - Donegal to Derry

NORTHWARD, EVER NORTHWARD!

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.

Panoramic 360° vistas await you at the beautifully preserved Celtic stone ringfort at Grianán of Aileach.

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

We'll pass through historic city gates to enter Derry/Londonderry.

Take a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only fortified city (Tour Option - £4 per person).

Your accommodation and dining tonight is at the Georgian-era [Beech Hill Country House Hotel](#).

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Day 4 - Derry to Antrim

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GIANTS

We hope you're thirsty! Visit Bushmills, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world (Tour Option - £7 per person), followed by a quick photo stop at the iconic clifftop stronghold of Dunluce Castle.

Experience the Giant's Causeway, Northern Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool as you step onto 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns.

Game of Thrones fan alert! Look out for Theon Greyjoy stepping ashore at tiny Ballintoy harbour.

Brave Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge, suspended over the ocean and reached via a steep descent. Enjoy views to Rathlin Island and, on a clear day, Scotland (Tour Option - £9 per person).

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

Your accommodation tonight is the [17th century castle tower and hotel at Ballygally](#), situated directly on the beautiful Antrim coast.

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Day 5 - Antrim to Down

FROM THE ROADSIDE TO THE FIRESIDE

We'll roll into 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 - £18.50 per person)
- Free time to explore Belfast's shopping and cultural attractions.

Discover the historical burial place of Saint Patrick at Down Cathedral, overlooking the ancient and historic town of Downpatrick.

Accommodation tonight is at the luxurious [Slieve Donard Resort and Spa in Newcastle](#). Crown your Irish adventure with delicious dining, a dramatic coastal location and mountainous scenery.

The average driving time today is 2 hours.

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Day 6 - Down to Dublin

THE PARTING GLASS

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

Take a morning stroll on the beautiful dunes at Murlough National Nature Reserve. Keep an eye out for seals, butterflies and flashes of colourful wildflowers.

Step back in time to imagine rival Norman lords battling over 12th century Dundrum Castle.

Of course you're taking the scenic route back to Dublin, passing the rolling granite peaks of the Mourne Mountains.

Cross the border into the Republic of Ireland and the euro currency zone (€).

Revel at the medieval tower, monastic ruins and Celtic high crosses of Monasterboice. It's an epic way to conclude our northern 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 friends.

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

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Tour Price: EURO €1,552.17 (per person sharing)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: €222.27

What's Included?

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

Services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide

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

5 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts

1 night in a castle hotel

Most daily activities and visits (see Tour Options below)
Entrance fee to Giant's Causeway, and Doe Castle/Donegal Castle.

Guided tour of Donegal Castle/Aughnanure Castle

Guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry

All relevant taxes

Guaranteed departure and price from the moment you pay your deposit

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

Slieve League Boat Trip - €20

Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge - £9

Walking Tour of Derry - £4

Titanic Experience Belfast - £18.50

Dunluce Castle - £5.50

Black Cab Tour of Belfast - £15

Bushmills Distillery Tour - £9

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