

6 Day Driftwood Ancient Ireland Tour

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Tour Eastern & Southern Ireland

Vie with valiant knights and viking raiders as you tour historic southern and **eastern Ireland** for 6 fun-filled days.

Stroll in charming gardens, clamber on castle ruins and revel in spectacular scenery, from mountain wildernesses to medieval cities and cliff-strewn coastlines.

Visit **Cork, Kilkenny, Waterford** and **Wexford**. Highlights include a sheepdog demo in the **Wicklow Mountains** and a whiskey tasting at the **Jameson Distillery**.

As a **Driftwood Journey of Discovery**, this 6 day southern Ireland tour will suit foodies, history buffs and anyone who loves cultural vacation packages with an easy pace.



Summary

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Tour Style

DRIFTWOOD - LESS ACTIVE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS
15 Seats

Pickup/Drop Off Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Return Day & Time

5.00-6.00PM SUNDAY



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- Explore historic cities, like **Kilkenny** and **Waterford**; both with elegant medieval buildings.
- Soak up **stunning scenery** in the **Wicklow Mountains National Park**, Ireland's largest upland wilderness area.
- Encounter jaw-dropping landscapes at **Glendalough**, a 6th century monastic site in a glaciated valley.
- Experience **quaint villages**, such as **Cobh**, 'one of Europe's most beautiful small towns' (Condé Nast Traveler 2019).
- Take an **Irish whiskey tasting tour** at the historic Jameson Distillery near Cork.
- Tour secluded coves and ancient relics along the under-the-radar **Copper Coast** route in Waterford.
- Kiss the **Blarney Stone** and wander through the magical **Blarney Castle & Gardens**
- Take a **guided historic tour** at **Jerpoint Park**, a ruined 12th century Cistercian Abbey and castle.
- Follow in the footsteps of **Viking raiders** and **Norman knights**, who invaded and settled Ireland's southeast.
- Stop into **traditional Irish pubs** for live traditional music, friendly locals, craft beers and delicious food

Any Questions?



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Day 1



📍 **GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN to KILKENNY**

Overnight Stay
THE PEMBROKE HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

KILKENNY & WICKLOW MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

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!

Our very first stop is **Glendalough**. This 6th century monastic city is located in a steep mountain valley between two lakes and native oak forest.

You'll feel much further than 60 minutes from Dublin in the **Wicklow Mountains National Park**, part of Ireland's largest upland wilderness.

Next, drop into the hillside village of **Hollywood**. Enjoy a **sheepdog demo**, led and explained by a local farmer.

Travel back to the Bronze Age at **Rathgall**, one of Ireland's largest and most ancient ringforts.

The historic city of **Kilkenny** awaits this evening.

Day 2



📍 **KILKENNY to
WATERFORD**

Overnight Stay
THE TOWER HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

KILKENNY CITY & CASTLE

This morning, Explore the medieval city of **Kilkenny**, with its craft studios, cafés and cobbled streets.

History buffs will enjoy a guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Tour Option). Watch out for the ghost of Strongbow!

Do you believe in Santa Claus? See the purported grave of Saint Nicholas on a guided tour of medieval **Jerpoint Park** (Fee Included).

Board a replica 1840s emigrant vessel in **New Ross** — the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** — for a guided tour (Fee Included).

If time allows, orient yourself with Waterford city's Viking Triangle on a guided walking tour (Tour Option). This tour is part of a Viking Triangle Freedom Pass.

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Day 3



📍 **WATERFORD to HOOK PENINSULA, WEXFORD (and return)**

Overnight Stay
THE TOWER HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

LIGHTHOUSE TOUR & WATERFORD CITY

The morning, share in the story of a Norman dynasty at 13th century **Tintern Abbey** (Fee Included). Tour includes steep steps.

Don't miss a guided tour of the world's oldest operational lighthouse at **Hook Head** (Tour Option). A beacon was first lit here 850 years ago. Tour includes steep steps.

This afternoon is yours to design in Waterford city.

TOUR OPTIONS (Choose A, B or C)

- **A.** The **Viking Triangle Freedom Pass** includes access to the Medieval Museum, the Bishop's Palace Museum, the Irish Silver Museum and the Museum of Time (Tour Option).
- **B.** Watch Norsemen come to life at the **King of the Vikings VR Experience** (Tour Option).
- **C.** Tour the **House of Waterford Crystal**, the world's largest Waterford Crystal collection (Tour Option).

Day 4



📍 **WATERFORD to BALLYCOTTON, CORK**

Overnight Stay
THE BAYVIEW HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS

COPPER COAST & WHISKEY TOUR

Today we'll discover secret coves and geological wonders on the **Copper Coast**. This coastline is one of Ireland's least known but most rewarding routes.

Detour through the **Comeragh Mountains** followed by an easy hike to **Mahon Falls**.

Lunch in the picturesque coastal town of **Dungarvan**.

Whether you're a connoisseur or just whiskey-curious, you'll be revived by the guided tour of **Jameson Whiskey in Midleton** (Fee Included).

The **Kindred Spirits** sculpture commemorates Native American aid for victims of the Irish Famine.

Arrive this evening in **Ballycotton**, a quaint coastal village in Cork.

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Day 5



BALLYCOTTON, CORK to KINSALE, CORK

Overnight Stay
THE BLUE HAVEN HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

COASTAL COBH & QUAIN KINSALE

Cobh is our first port of call today; this historic maritime town played host to the Titanic back in 1912.

While visiting Cobh, you have the freedom to visit the Queenstown Experience to learn about Irish emigration (Tour Option).

Seafood fans rejoice! The gorgeous harbour town of **Kinsale** is the unofficial **gourmet capital of Ireland**.

Enjoy free time in Kinsale this afternoon browsing abundant restaurants, pubs and craft shops. Or take a scenic coastal drive to the Old Head of Kinsale.

This evening, opt for an early check-in at your hotel. Or take a guided tour of the star-shaped **Charles Fort** at the mouth of Kinsale Harbour (Tour Option).

Day 6



KINSALE, CORK to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

BLARNEY STONE & ROCK OF CASHEL

Before we say goodbye — *slán* in Irish — there's still time for you to catch some of southern Ireland's most amazing sights.

After breakfast, it's time to kiss the world famous **Blarney Stone** and explore the lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle** (Tour Option).

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here too. What an epic place to conclude your southern Irish 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.

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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
- 6 full days on tour
- 5 nights' accommodation
- 5 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Tour Options for extras)
- Entrance fee and guided tour of Jerpoint Park
- Entrance fee and guided tour of the Dunbrody Famine Ship
- A guided tour of the Jameson Distillery, the undisputed home of Irish whiskey
- Entrance into 13th century Tintern Abbey
- Guided sheepdog demo in Wicklow

TOUR OPTIONS

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

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Waterford Freedom Pass - €20.00

Hook Lighthouse Guided Tour -
€13.00

King of the Vikings VR - €10.00

Waterford Crystal Tour - €17.00

Queenstown Experience - €12.00

Charles Fort Guided Tour - €5.00

* 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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