



# 6 Day Great Southern Ireland Tour

## OUTLINE ITINERARY

### Southern Ireland Is Calling!

Knights and castles, mountains and coastlines; you're about to fall in love with **eastern and southern Ireland!**

Fully refreshed for 2024, this easy-paced 6 day small group tour itinerary departs Dublin and visits **Tipperary, Cork, Cobh, Kinsale, Kilkenny, Waterford and Wicklow.**

Our expert tour guides will inspire you at eye-opening destinations like **Blarney Castle, Cahir Castle** and the **Jameson Irish Whiskey Distillery.**

This 6 day fully escorted tour runs from April through October in 2024. There's no best month to visit, anytime is good; so take a moment, breathe the fresh air and savour all the beauty!



### Summary

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

#### Tour Style

**DRIFTWOOD - LESS ACTIVE**

#### Tour Vehicle

**COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS**

15 Seats

#### Pickup/Drop Off Location

**GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN**

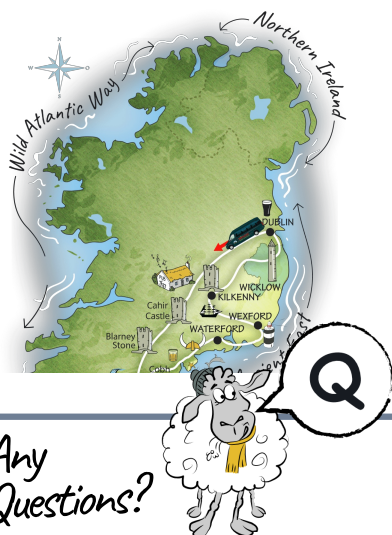
#### Departure Day

**SUNDAY**

#### Return Day & Time

**5.00-6.00PM FRIDAY**

- 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).
- Take an **Irish whiskey tasting tour** at the historic Jameson Distillery near Cork.
- Tour secluded coves and ancient relics along the criminally underrated **Copper Coast.**
- Kiss the **Blarney Stone** and wander through the magical **Blarney Castle & Gardens.**
- Follow in the footsteps of **Viking raiders** and **Norman knights**, who invaded and settled Ireland's southeast.



WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

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### Day 1



📍 **GRAND CANAL HOTEL,  
DUBLIN to KINSALE,  
CORK**

*Overnight Stay*  
**ACTONS HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**SUNDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**4 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### BLARNEY STONE & CAHIR CASTLE

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 7.50am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

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 begin our southern Irish odyssey.

Now it's time to kiss the world famous **Blarney Stone** or explore the lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

Seafood fans rejoice! The gorgeous harbour town of **Kinsale** boasts vibrant restaurants, atmospheric pubs and abundant craft shops.

### Day 2



📍 **KINSALE, CORK to  
BALLYCOTTON, CORK**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE BAYVIEW HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**MONDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**3 HOURS**

### COBH & IRISH WHISKEY TOUR

This morning, choose between free time exploring the colourful streets of **Kinsale** or a scenic coastal drive to the Old Head of Kinsale.

We'll drop into **Cobh** next. This maritime town — pronounced *cove* — lies on an island in Cork Harbour. Visit the Queenstown Experience to learn about Irish emigration and Cobh's role in the final voyage of the Titanic (Optional Extra).

Then it's **Kindred Spirits**, a poignant sculpture that commemorates Native American aid for 19th century Irish famine victims.

Spirits of a different kind are on the menu at the **Jameson Distillery in Middleton** (Fee Included). Enjoy a guided tour at the home of Irish whiskey — including an all-important whiskey tasting!

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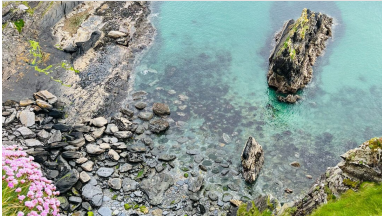
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### Day 3



**BALLYCOTTON, CORK to WATERFORD CITY**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE TOWER HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**TUESDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**3 HOURS**

### THE COPPER COAST

We'll start Day 3 with a scenic drive through the **Comeragh Mountains**, including a short walk to **Mahon Falls**.

Discover secret coves and geological wonders on the **Copper Coast**. It's one of Ireland's least visited but most rewarding coastal routes.

Arrive this evening in **Waterford**, for the first of two nights exploring Ireland's oldest city.

Orient yourself with the historic centre of Waterford on a guided walking tour. The walking tour can be included as part of the Waterford Freedom Pass (Optional Extra).

### Day 4



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

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE TOWER HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**WEDNESDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**2 HOURS**

### LIGHTHOUSE TOUR & WATERFORD CITY

The morning, walk in awe around the ruins and walled garden at 13th century **Tintern Abbey** (Fee Included).

Take a guided tour of **Hook Lighthouse** (Fee Included). This is the world's oldest continually-operating lighthouse; a beacon was first lit here 850 years ago.

This afternoon is yours to design in Waterford city.

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C)

- **A.** Tour the **House of Waterford Crystal**, the world's largest Waterford Crystal collection (Optional Extra).
- **B.** Watch Norsemen come to life at the **King of the Vikings VR Experience** (Optional Extra).
- **C.** Gain access to four amazing attractions with the **Waterford Freedom Pass** (Optional Extra). Includes Medieval Museum, Bishop's Palace Museum, the Irish Silver Museum and the Museum of Time.

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### Day 5



**WATERFORD to KILKENNY**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE PEMBROKE HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**THURSDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**1 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### KILKENNY CASTLE & JERPOINT PARK

In the historic town of **New Ross**, step aboard an atmospheric replica 1840s emigrant vessel - the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** (Fee Included).

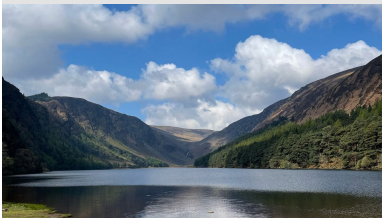
Do you believe in Santa Claus? See the grave of the real Saint Nicholas on a guided tour of medieval **Jerpoint Park** (Fee Included).

This afternoon, explore Kilkenny's cobbled streets with ample free time to wander. Alternatively, choose from the following options:

#### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (CHOOSE A, B or C)

- **A.** Look out for the ghost of Strongbow on a self-guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Optional Extra)
- **B.** Go 300 years back in time on a guided tour and ale tasting at the **Smithwick's Brewery** (Optional Extra)
- **C.** Discover Ireland's medieval capital on foot, mixing facts and fun, on a **Shenanigans Walking Tour** (Optional Extra)

### Day 6



**KILKENNY to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN**

*Day of Week*  
**FRIDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**3 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### KILKENNY & WICKLOW MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

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

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

Next, drop into the hillside village of **Hollywood**. Enjoy a **sheepdog demo** at a nearby Irish sheep farm (Fee Included).

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

Our final stop is **Glendalough**. This 6th century monastic city is located in a steep mountain valley. It's a fitting end to our southern Ireland odyssey!

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in Dublin between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new friends.

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### TOUR PRICING

Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:  
€1,728.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €285.00

May to Sep 2025 Departures:  
€1,920.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €305.00

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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 essential attractions
- Guided Tours of Jameson Whiskey Distillery, Hook Lighthouse, Jerpoint Park and the Dunbrody Famine Ship
- Wicklow Sheepdog Demo & Sheep Farm Experience
- Entrance into Tintern Abbey, Cahir Castle and Blarney Castle & Gardens

### TOUR OPTIONS

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

Queenstown Experience - €12.00

Waterford Freedom Pass - €20.00

Waterford Crystal Tour - €17.00

King of the Vikings VR - €10.00

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Shenanigans Kilkenny Walking Tour  
- €22.40

Smithwick's Brewery Tour - €18.00

\* 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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