



7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour

Enjoy the perfect south & west coast of Ireland tour through the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way.



Discover the rugged beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way, the world famous Cliffs of Moher, and the Beara Peninsula.

Explore as much of Ireland as possible in just one week. Connect with the history of ancient Ireland by staying in a real Connemara castle hotel.

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Tour Highlights



- ★ Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous Cliffs of Moher
- ★ Visit **Blarney Castle** and kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab
- ★ Overnight in an atmospheric castle hotel in the beautiful **Connemara** region
- ★ Meet craftspeople and **discover handmade Irish crafts** in open studios
- ★ Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a real **Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog/sheep-herding experience
- ★ Visit **stately homes, gardens and castles**, like Bantry House - owned by the same family since the 18th century
- ★ 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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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.

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



PLEASE NOTE: This tour also runs in a clockwise direction

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Day 1 - Dublin to Connemara

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!

Explore the historic ruins of 15th century Ross Errilly Friary or the picturesque village of Cong, filming location for the John Wayne's The Quiet Man.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it amid the savage beauty of Connemara. Today is your chance to experience this amazing region.

The setting could not be more scenic for a sheepdog demo at Tom Nee's sheep farm above Killary Harbour.

There's a quick photo stop at Kylemore Abbey – one of Ireland's most scenic historic buildings.

Feel like royalty with an atmospheric dining experience and overnight stay at [Abbeyglen Castle Hotel](#), deep in Connemara.

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Day 2 - Connemara to Clare

ANCIENT ENCHANTMENT

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

We're aiming for Galway. The City of the Tribes is bohemian, buzzy and the 2020 European Capital of Culture.

Spot black-hulled, red-sailed Hooker boats and picturesque Dunguaire Castle in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Next is the bewitching beauty of the Burren region, with its limestone lunar landscape, and uniquely rich flora.

Marvel at the Poulnabrone Dolmen, one of Ireland's great archaeological treasures. It's older than the pyramids!

Your accommodation tonight is the [Wild Atlantic Lodge in beautiful Ballyvaughan](#).

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Day 3 - Clare to Dingle

CASTLES, CLIFFS AND KINGDOMS

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous Cliffs of Moher. These majestic 700ft high sea cliffs have the power to dazzle. We still love it, every time.

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.

We move onward, to Tralee. The largest town in Kerry is home of the Rose of Tralee festival and a beautiful rose garden.

Visit a working Irish sheep farm for a live sheepdog demo and a guided tour of a renovated old-style cottage. Dependent on earlier tour stops.

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!

Enjoy traditional Irish warmth and comfort at [Emlagh House Country House tonight and tomorrow](#).

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Day 4 - Dingle

RELAX IN DINGLE

This morning is yours to design. Relax and soak up Dingle's charms, with the option for some quality down time.

Enjoy one or more of the following activities:

- Taste authentic locally-distilled whiskey and gin on a tour of Dingle Distillery (Tour Option - €15 per person)
- Meet Fungie the Dolphin, Dingle's most famous resident, on a boat trip (Tour Option - €15-20 per person)
- Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity (Tour Option - Ask your VagaGuide for cost)

Experience one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed on Slea Head, Europe's westernmost point.

Look out for the Blasket Islands and the holy Mount Brandon as well as picture perfect patchwork fields and 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.

Your accommodation is once again at [Emlagh House Country House](#).

The average driving time today is 1 hour 30 minutes.

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Day 5 - Dingle to West Cork

JAUNTS AND JAPES

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

Pay a visit to the stunning Killarney National Park. Take a horse drawn 'jaunting car' ride around this magnificent parkland (Tour Option - €15 per person).

Your experience in Killarney National Park may include:

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

We'll cross into the rebel county of Cork over the scenic Cahahone mountain pass.

Your accommodation tonight is at the centrally located [Glengarriff Park Hotel](#).

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Day 6 - West Cork

A PLACE APART

Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams on the remote Beara peninsula.

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around ancient stone circles. Luckily, the Beara has a plethora to choose from. Astrology? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Board a boat to Garnish Island. Explore the wonders of Italian-style formal gardens (Tour Option - €16 per person). On your boat trip, look out for cheeky seals around the harbour area of Glengarriff.

Visit stately Bantry House, one of the few grand Irish homes still in private hands; owned by the same family since the 18th century.

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

Accommodation tonight is at the scenic [Gougane Barra Hotel](#) or the [West Cork Hotel in Skibbereen](#).

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Day 7 - West Cork to Dublin

THE PARTING GLASS

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

We'll trace the valley of the River Lee, passing stone bridges and postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to kiss the famous Blarney Stone. Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of Blarney Castle.

Take a self-guided tour of the Rock of Cashel. Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. It's an epic way to conclude our 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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Tour Price: EURO €1,793.97 (per person sharing)

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: €315.27

What's Included?

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

Services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide

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

6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts

1 night in a castle hotel

Most daily activities and visits (see Tour Options below)

Entrance fee to Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle & Gardens and the Rock of Cashel

Guided tour of Aughnanure Castle

Working Sheep Farm experience and Sheepdog Demo

Shannon Ferry tickets

All relevant taxes

Guaranteed departure and price from the moment you pay your deposit

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Tour Options*

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

Boat Trip Dingle - €15-20

Boat Trip Garnish Island - €16

Golf in Dingle - variable cost

Horse Drawn Carriage Ride in
Killarney National Park - €15

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