



7 Day Driftwood Castles & Kingdoms Tour

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Discover the Best Castle Tours in Ireland

Experience ancient castles, quaint towns, beautiful islands, and historic kingdoms on a 7 day tour of **western and southern Ireland**.

Get ready to fall in love! You'll tour the **Ring of Kerry**, **stay in an Irish castle hotel**, cruise around the **Skellig Islands** and gaze in wonder at the 700ft **Cliffs of Moher**.

Like all **easy-paced Driftwood Tours**, this itinerary is fully guided by a highly-trained tour guide, who acts as your Irish culture expert for all 7 days.

Kings, queens, and anyone seeking the true Irish experience will adore this Ireland castle tour.



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 SATURDAY

- Get royal treatment as you overnight in an **historic Irish castle hotel**.
- Feel the magic while exploring 'The Kingdom' of **Kerry** and the world famous **Ring of Kerry** touring route
- Cross the moat into **Cahir Castle**, one of Ireland's most awesome medieval fortresses
- Take an **ocean boat trip** around the **Skellig Islands**, one of only three **World Heritage Sites** in Ireland
- Gaze out on an ethereal ocean vista at the **Cliffs of Moher**, a highlight of the **Wild Atlantic Way**
- Visit a working Irish sheep farm for a **guided farm tour** and **sheepdog demo**
- Take a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage around beautiful **Killarney National Park**
- Kiss the **Blarney Stone** and wander through the magical **Blarney Castle & Gardens**
- See the epic **Bridges of Ross** on the **Loop Head** peninsula, in wild **West Clare**.
- Enjoy 2 nights in Ireland's **gourmet paradise**; the quaint maritime town of **Kinsale**
- Experience the **genuine friendliness** of local people and memorable



Any Questions?



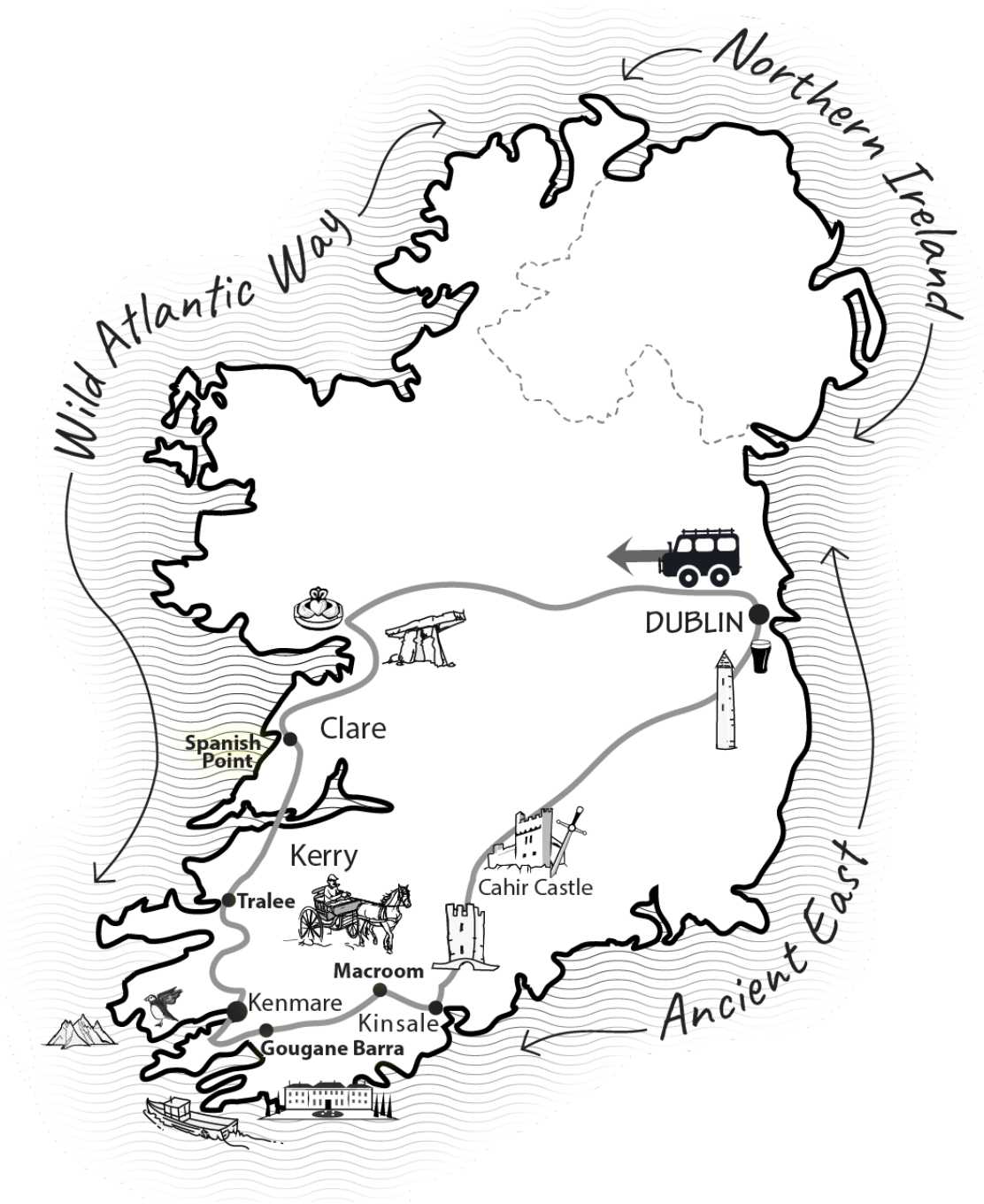
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My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



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Day 1



📍 **GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to SPANISH POINT, CLARE**

Overnight Stay
THE ARMADA HOTEL

Day of Week
SUNDAY

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

CLIFFS OF MOHER, GALWAY & THE BURREN

Meet your VagaGuide 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 to begin your journey of discovery!

We're aiming for **Galway** first. The City of the Tribes is bohemian and buzzy.

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

Next is the bewitching beauty of **The Burren**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700 ft (215m) high sea cliffs.

Day 2



📍 **SPANISH POINT, CLARE to TRALEE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
THE BALLYSEED CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week
MONDAY

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

WEST CLARE & CASTLE HOTEL

Tour spectacular **Loop Head**. This peninsula tapers to a sharp point in the Atlantic, this scenic drive features dramatic geographical features and picturesque seaside villages.

Take a walk across the epic **Bridges of Ross** — a stunning sea arch in wildest **West Clare**.

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

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a **sheepdog demo** and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included).

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Day 3



**TRALEE, KERRY to
KENMARE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
THE COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE

Day of Week
TUESDAY

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

SKELLIG ISLAND BOAT TRIP

Today is your chance to experience Ireland's island treasures; the **Skelligs**.

Take a **guided boat trip** around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extra). This cruise lasts 2 hour 30 minutes.

This is an ocean crossing. Departures are seasonal (mid-May to mid-September). The 12 person capacity boats are small. The cabin conditions are rough and wet; sea legs are required. Your departure is weather dependent and, as such, occasionally subject to late cancellation.

Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Visit the **Skellig Experience** to learn all about Ireland's unique island treasures (Optional Extra).

Further along the **Ring of Kerry**, visit Derrynane, historic home to Daniel O'Connell (Optional Extra). Ramble to the golden sands of **Derrynane beach**.

Catch authentic traditional Irish music and outstanding local food tonight in lively **Kenmare**.

Day 4



**KENMARE, KERRY to
GOUGANE BARRA or
MACROOM, CORK**

Overnight Stay
**THE GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL OR
THE CASTLE HOTEL MACROOM**

Day of Week
WEDNESDAY

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

HORSE CARRIAGE RIDE IN NATIONAL PARK

Admire the beautiful **Lakes of Killarney**. Be like Queen Victoria's ladies-in-waiting and grab a selfie at the **Ladies' View** scenic lookout.

Take a horse-drawn carriage ride around **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extra - Cash Only).

Your visit to **Killarney National Park** may also include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- A short walk to scenic **Torc Waterfall**
- Idyllic lake and mountain views

Passports please! Cross the frontier between counties **Cork** and **Kerry** as we drive through the scenic **Shehy mountains**.

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Day 5



📍 **GOUGANE BARRA or
MACROOM, CORK to
KINSALE, CORK**

Overnight Stay
ACTONS HOTEL

Day of Week
THURSDAY

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

HISTORY & WILDLIFE

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included). Please note, Bantry House is sometimes closed for private events.

Learn about West Cork Famine history as well as local wildlife and nature at the **Skibbereen Heritage Centre** (Fee Included).

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Afterwards, visit the riverside medieval ruins of **Timoleague Franciscan Friary**.

Seafood fans rejoice! It's back to the coast we go, to explore the picture perfect town of **Kinsale**.

Choose from a menu of vibrant restaurants, atmospheric pubs and seaside trails in the unofficial **gourmet capital of Ireland**.

Day 6



📍 **KINSALE, CORK**

Overnight Stay
ACTONS HOTEL

Day of Week
FRIDAY

FREE TIME IN KINSALE

Today is your chance to recharge. Relax with quality downtime. Explore Kinsale's winding streets, shopping and cultural activities.

If heritage buildings and events of the past are your thing, join a **walking history tour** of Kinsale (Optional Extra).

Another option is to take a boat cruise around beautiful **Kinsale Harbour** (Optional Extra).**

Soak up local flavour on a **fully guided walking food tour** of **Kinsale** (Optional Extra - Cash Only). Visit four different local restaurants in Kinsale with exclusive tastings. Moderately active. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.

Whatever shenanigans you get up to in **Kinsale**, don't miss a traditional music session, performed live in local pubs.

***Operates seasonally from April to September*

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Day 7



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

Day of Week
SATURDAY

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

BLARNEY STONE & CAHIR CASTLE

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

It's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the lush, landscaped gardens of Blarney Castle (Fee Included).

En route to Dublin, we'll stop for a guided tour of monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included). Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to end our Irish castle 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 PRICING

Mar 2027 Departures:
€2,165.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €470.00

May to Sep Departures:
€2,545.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €480.00

May to Sep 2027 Departures:
€2,545.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €520.00

Apr and Oct Departures:
€2,295.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €440.00

Apr and Oct 2027 Departures:
€2,295.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €470.00

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
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation including one night at Ballyseede Castle Hotel
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Entrance into Blarney Castle & Gardens, Bantry House, Skibbereen Heritage Centre and Cahir Castle
- A guided farm tour and sheepdog demo
- Shannon ferry tickets

TOUR OPTIONS

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

Skellig Islands Cruise - €70.00

Skellig Experience - €5.00

Derrynane House - €5.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** - €20.00

Walking Food Tour of Kinsale - €90.00

Kinsale Walking History Tour** - €12.00

Kinsale Harbour Cruise - €18.00

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

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