

7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Southwestern Ireland In A Week

Take a fully-guided 7 day tour of wild valleys and quaint villages

The spectacular west and southwest of Ireland awaits you on this gently-paced **Driftwood Journey of Discovery**.

Discover the rugged natural beauty of **Clare**, **Kerry** and **Cork**, the lovely **Cliffs of Moher**, as well as hideaway places you won't find in guidebooks.

Connect with people, history and culture. Stay in a **Connemara** castle hotel, visit craft studios and enjoy ample free time.



Summary

Tour Style

DRIFTWOOD - LESS ACTIVE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS

15 Seats

Pickup/Drop Off Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Departure Day

MONDAY

Return Day & Time

5.00-6.00PM SUNDAY

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 heart of **Connemara**
- Tour spectacular **Killarney National Park** in a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage
- Meet craftspeople and discover **handmade Irish crafts** in open studios
- Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a **guided Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog experience
- Visit stately homes, gardens and castles, like **Bantry House** - owned by the same family since the 1700s
- Spot seals and other wildlife as you board a boat for the scenic crossing to **Garnish Island Gardens**
- Taste the best of Ireland's **delicious food**, craft beer and smooth whiskey in lively restaurants and authentic pubs
- **TOUR DIRECTION:** This is the clockwise tour itinerary. It also runs in a **counter-clockwise direction** around Ireland.



WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL.

Any Questions?

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My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



View Tour in Opposite Direction

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Day 1



📍 **GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN to GOUGANE
BARRA or MACROOM,
CORK**

Overnight Stay

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

Day of Week

MONDAY

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

CAHIR CASTLE & BLARNEY STONE

Meet your guide 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 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 Irish castle odyssey.

Then it's time to kiss the **Blarney Stone** (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

We'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through picturesque countryside.

Day 2



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

Overnight Stay

THE MARITIME HOTEL

Day of Week

TUESDAY

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

BANTRY HOUSE & BOAT TRIP

Your morning will be spent exploring the many delights of **Bantry Bay**.

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included). Please note, Bantry House opens from April to October.

Alternatively, learn about the epic last stand of a Gaelic chieftain at 16th century **Carriganass Castle**.

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors. It has the feeling of true wilderness.

Look out for seals on a scenic boat trip to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Optional Extra). Garnish Island opens from April to October. Departures in March can instead choose a guided harbour tour by boat (Optional Extra).

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Day 3



📍 **GLENGARRIFF, CORK to DINGLE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL

Day of Week
WEDNESDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS

HORSE CARRIAGE RIDE IN KILLARNEY

Start the day with a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the **Beara Peninsula**.

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

Your visit to Killarney National Park may also 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

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!

Day 4



📍 **DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)**

Overnight Stay
DINGLE BENNERS HOTEL

Day of Week
THURSDAY

Average Driving
1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

FREE TIME TO ENJOY DINGLE

Today is yours to design. This morning, soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following relaxed activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B):

- **A.** Take a **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **B.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

Experience **Slea Head**, one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed. Look out for the **Blasket Islands** and the holy **Mount Brandon** among the patchwork fields and picture-perfect 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.

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Day 5



📍 **DINGLE, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE**

Overnight Stay
THE LAHINCH COAST HOTEL

Day of Week
FRIDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

SHEEPDOG DEMO & FARM TOUR

After another hearty Irish breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to **Dingle**.

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

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 **Clare** (Fee Included).

Cruise along the west Clare coastline with ocean vistas of the **Aran Islands**, lying offshore.

Day 6



📍 **LAHINCH, CLARE to CLIFDEN, GALWAY**

Overnight Stay
THE ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week
SATURDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

CLIFFS OF MOHER & THE BURREN

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). These majestic 700ft high sea cliffs hold the power to dazzle.

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

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

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

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

Revel in the savage beauty of **Connemara**, famed for its traditional Irish culture, misty mountains, wild moorlands and dark lakes.

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Day 7



📍 **CLIFDEN, GALWAY to
GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN**

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

TOUR CONNEMARA

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

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it amid the savage beauty of **Connemara**.

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

Explore the picturesque village of **Cong**, filming location for John Wayne's *The Quiet Man*.

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

Oct Departures:

€2,079.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €395.00

Jul to Sep Departures:

€2,310.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €435.00

Mar, Apr and Oct 2026 Departures:

€2,079.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €440.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures:

€2,310.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €480.00

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes Benz mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Live like lords and ladies with a one night stay in a castle
- Entrance into the Bantry House, Aughnanure Castle, Blarney Castle and epic Cahir Castle
- A working sheep farm experience
- Shannon ferry tickets

TOUR OPTIONS

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

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €15.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** -
€20.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

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

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