



8 Day Driftwood Wild Atlantic Way Tour 2025

OUTLINE ITINERARY

Southwest Ireland Here We Come!

Get set for 8 days of incredible Irish castles, culture, islands and villages. This 8 day off the beaten track itinerary is a fully-guided Driftwood Journey of Discovery, departing Dublin.

Highlights include the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Connemara**, **Kerry**, **Cork** and **Clare**. Expect serene landscapes, such as the remote **Beara Peninsula**, mixed with cultural highlights, like **Blarney Castle**. In between, you'll encounter friendly locals, surprisingly delicious food and incredible natural landscapes.

Summary

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 SUNDAY



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS



- Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous **Cliffs of Moher** and the **Ring of Kerry**.
- 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

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

Any
Questions?



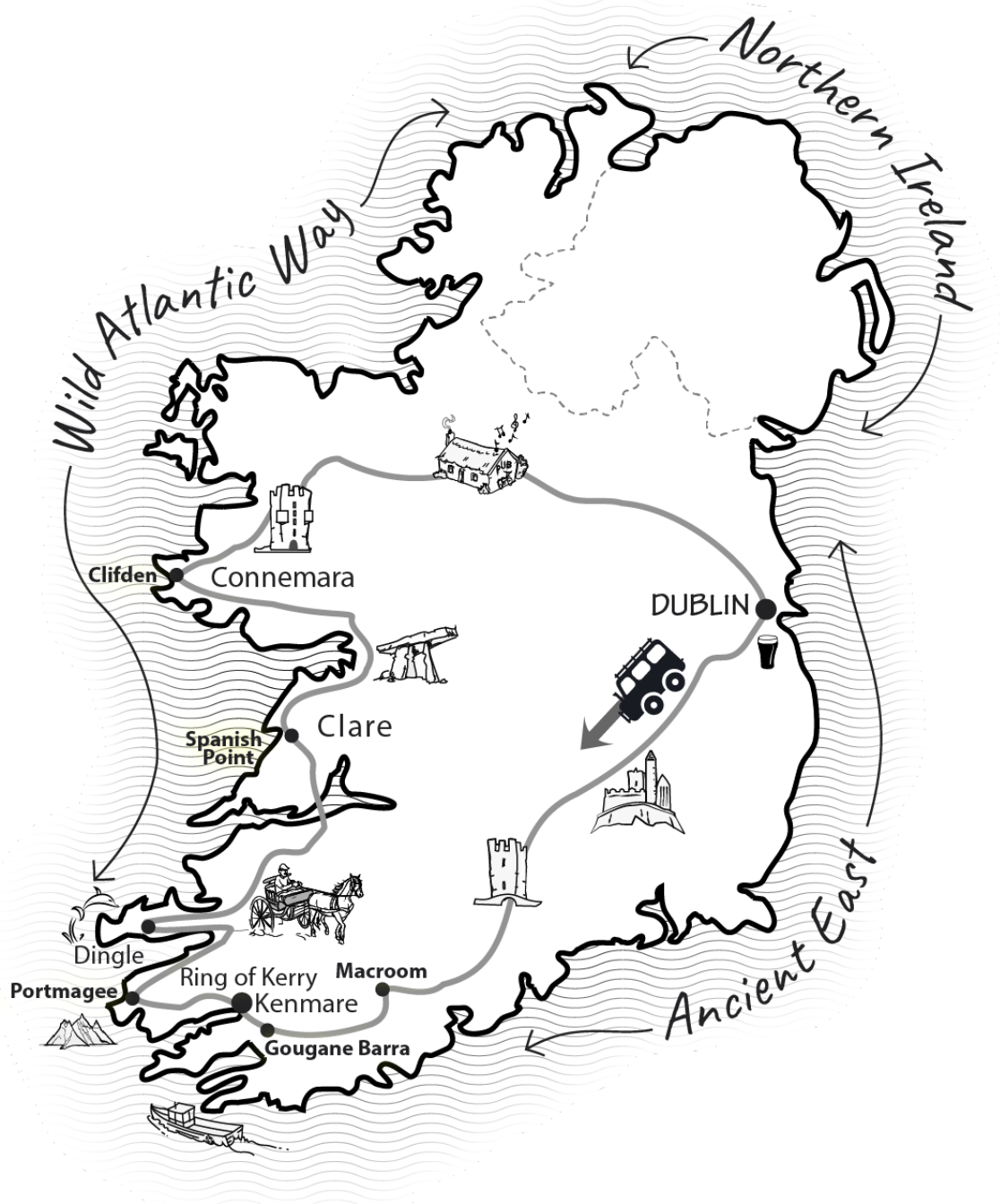
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My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



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Day 1



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

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

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 8.20am. 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 kick off our Irish castle odyssey.

Then it's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Castle** to gain the gift o' the gab. Afterwards, explore the lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

Then we'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through postcard-pretty countryside.

Day 2



📍 **GOUGANE BARRA, CORK
to KENMARE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
THE COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE

Day of Week
MONDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

HOUSE TOUR, BOAT TRIP & ISLAND GARDEN

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

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

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).

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote **Beara Peninsula**. Of the peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors and a feeling of true wilderness.

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

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Day 3



📍 **KENMARE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
THE MOORINGS PORTMAGEE

Day of Week
TUESDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS

HORSE CARRIAGE RIDE IN KILLARNEY

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

This afternoon is your chance to experience the **Ring of Kerry** on the Iveragh peninsula.

Visit **Derrynane House**, historic home to Daniel O'Connell (Optional Extra). Afterwards, ramble to the nearby golden sands of Derrynane beach or hunt for fairies in local woodland.

Please be aware that your hotel in Portmagee on Day 3 does not have an elevator.

Day 4



📍 **PORTMAGEE, KERRY to DINGLE, KERRY**

Overnight Stay
DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

Day of Week
WEDNESDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

SKELLIG ISLANDS 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).

Dingle awaits... Revel in a wealth of dinner and entertainment options in this bustling little town. There's a pub for every 40 residents!

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Day 5



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

Overnight Stay
DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL

Day of Week
THURSDAY

Average Driving
1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

FREE TIME TO ENJOY DINGLE

Today is yours to design. 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.

Day 6



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

Overnight Stay
THE ARMADA HOTEL

Day of Week
FRIDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

FARM TOUR & SHEEPDOG DEMO

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).

Drive the west Clare coastline with uninterrupted ocean vistas and the **Aran Islands** lying only 8km (5 miles) offshore.

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Day 7



📍 **SPANISH POINT, CLARE
to CLIFDEN,
CONNEMARA**

Overnight Stay
THE ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week
SATURDAY

Average Driving
4 HOURS

CASTLE STAY & CLIFFS OF MOHER

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

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).

Day 8



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

Day of Week
SUNDAY

Average Driving
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

CONNEMARA & BACK TO DUBLIN

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

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

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:

€2,196.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €420.00

Jul to Sep Departures:

€2,440.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €455.00

Apr and Oct 2026 Departures:

€2,196.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €470.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures:

€2,440.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €505.00

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
- 8 full days on tour
- 7 nights' accommodation
- 7 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- A 1 night castle stay at majestic Abbeyglenn Castle Hotel
- Entrance into Blarney Castle and Gardens and the epic Cahir Castle
- A working sheep farm experience
- Shannon ferry tickets

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TOUR OPTIONS

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

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| Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00 | Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** - €20.00 |
| Derrynane House - €5.00 | Skellig Islands Cruise - €70.00 |
| Skellig Experience - €5.00 | Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €15.00 |
| Golf in Dingle - Variable | |

* 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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