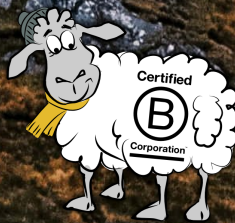




# 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



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Our amazing team go above and beyond to deliver outstanding travel experiences for every guest.





# 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

## *Tour Type*

**DRIFTWOOD - RELAXED PACE**

## *Tour Direction*

**CLOCKWISE**

## *Tour Vehicle*

**COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS**

## *Pickup / Dropoff Location*

**GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN**

[View Location](#)

## *Departure Day & Time*

**8.30AM MONDAY**

## *Return Day & Time*

**5:00-6:00PM THURSDAY**



*Gentle Pace, Castles,  
Culture & History*

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## **Venture Beyond The Ordinary...**

From the bustling streets of Belfast to the tranquil beauty of Donegal and Kerry, this fully guided 11 Day small group tour will leave you with magic memories of Ireland.

Delve into the ancient history of castles in Cork, wander along the enchanting Wild Atlantic Way touring route and discover the charm of Northern Ireland's Causeway Coast.

This is travel as you've never experienced before; a journey of discovery that explores a tapestry of diverse Irish experiences and spectacular landscapes.

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

# Tour Map

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



Head south to **Cork** and along the **Wild Atlantic Way**. Explore Kenmare in Kerry for 2 nights before discovering **Clare** and **Connemara** in **Galway**. Fall in love with the **northwest** in Mayo, **Sligo** and **Donegal**. Finally, travel around **Northern Ireland**.



Clockwise

# Highlights

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



- ★ Visit top Ireland destinations like the stunning **Cliffs of Moher** and the **Blarney Stone**.
- ★ **Castle hotel** stay featuring a 17th century tower and a resident ghost.
- ★ Tour magnificent coastal routes in **Northern Ireland** and the Wild Atlantic Way.
- ★ Walk in the footsteps of Finn McCool on the legendary **Giant's Causeway**.
- ★ Spend 2 days soaking up some of Ireland's most stunning natural scenery in **Connemara**
- ★ Downtime in **Kenmare** with 2 nights to catch fantastic **live Irish music** and quaint pubs.
- ★ Be amazed by a guided historic walking tour of Ireland's only walled city: **Derry/Londonderry**.
- ★ Meet **friendly Irish locals** during authentic local experiences - like a guided farm tour and **sheepdog demo**.

# Day 1: Monday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

**DRIFTWOOD**  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY

### Kiss The Blarney Stone In Cork



GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

### Overnight Stay

#### GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL



Located in a serene valley in Cork, Gougane Barra Hotel is a long-standing favourite with our guests.

### Or...

#### MACROOM CASTLE HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in the village of Macroom in Cork.

### Average Driving

**5 HOURS**

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.15am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. It's an epic way to begin our Irish 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.



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# Day 2: Tuesday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

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JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



### Historic House Tour In Cork



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to BANTRY or BALLYLICKEY, CORK

### Overnight Stay

SEAVIEW HOUSE HOTEL & SPA



Seaview House is a characterful country house located in the quiet village of Ballylickey at the heart of West Cork.

Or...

THE MARITIME HOTEL



This comfortable hotel is located between the shores of Bantry Bay and the town of Bantry in West Cork.

### Average Driving

2 HOURS

Your morning will be spent exploring the many delights of **West Cork**.

Visit **Carriganass Castle** where you'll learn the story of Donal Cam O'Sullivan who was the last Gaelic chieftain standing in the early 1600s.

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included)

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).



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# Day 3: Wednesday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



### Stone Circles & Stunning Scenic Views



BANTRY or BALLYLICKEY, CORK to KENMARE, KERRY

### Overnight Stay

KENMARE BAY HOTEL



Kenmare Bay Hotel is an award-winning hotel located on the spectacular Ring of Kerry.

Or...

BROOK LANE HOTEL



Family-owned and managed, you can be sure of a warm welcome at Brook Lane Hotel

### Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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 and has the feeling of true wilderness.

Gaze down over the scenic **Healy Pass** – Ireland's twistiest mountain road.

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

Learn about Irish crafts and culture during a fun stop at a traditional farmhouse in **Kerry**.

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



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# Day 4: Thursday

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### Explore The Ring Of Kerry



KENMARE, KERRY

### Overnight Stay

#### KENMARE BAY HOTEL



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Or...

#### BROOK LANE HOTEL



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### Average Driving

**2 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

Prepare yourself for a captivating journey of rugged, coastal landscapes along the **Ring of Kerry**.

Learn about **Daniel O'Connell**, 19th century statesman, at his home, Derrynane House. Alternatively, stroll to one of the most pristine beaches in Ireland, located close by.

Want to go shopping? You have some free time to explore the shops and art galleries in **Kenmare**.

Enjoy a wide range of craft beers and ales on the **Tom Crean Brewery Tour** (Optional Extra).

Immerse yourself in nature on a **boat trip** around breathtaking **Kenmare Bay** (Optional Extra).



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# Day 5: Friday

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JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY

### Overnight Stay

LAHINCH COAST HOTEL



The Lahinch Coast Hotel is a contemporary space located only a stone's throw away from a beautiful Atlantic beach.

### Average Driving

**3 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride



KENMARE, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE

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

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

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century **Muckross House & Gardens**
- A short walk to scenic **Torc Waterfall**.
- An ancient yew tree at the heart of ruined Muckross Abbey

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the Shannon - the longest river in Ireland.



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# Day 6: Saturday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

### Cliffs Of Moher & Connemara



LAHINCH, CLARE to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

#### Overnight Stay

##### CLIFDEN STATION HOUSE HOTEL



Amid the majestic beauty of Connemara, the Clifden Station House is one of Galway's finest independent hotels.

Or...

##### RENVYLE HOUSE HOTEL



Enjoy your stay at this atmospheric hotel in Connemara.

#### Average Driving

**3 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

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 unique flora.

We'll stop by the buzzy and bohemian **Galway city** for lunch.

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: Sunday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

**DRIFTWOOD**  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY

### Overnight Stay

#### CLIFDEN STATION HOUSE HOTEL



Amid the majestic beauty of Connemara, the Clifden Station House is one of Galway's finest independent hotels.

Or...

#### RENVYLE HOUSE HOTEL



Enjoy your stay at this atmospheric hotel in Connemara.

### Average Driving

**2 HOURS**

## Kylemore Abbey In Connemara



CLIFDEN, GALWAY

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

Cloud shadows race across mirror lakes. Heather and wildflowers colour the stark mountains. Today is your chance to experience this amazing region.

Start with a self-guided tour of the beautiful **Kylemore Abbey** (Fee Included). Wander the wonderful walled garden — bananas were grown here in the 1800s — or admire the enchanting neo-Gothic church.

The setting could not be more scenic for a **sheep farm tour** and sheepdog demo at Tom Nee's farm above Killary Harbour (Fee Included).

Enjoy the wild landscapes, charming villages, craft shops, pubs and cottages of **Connemara**.



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# Day 8: Monday

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### Scenic Drive In Magnificent Mayo



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to BALLINA, MAYO or ENNISCROME, SLIGO

### Overnight Stay

#### MOUNT FALCON ESTATE HOTEL



Mount Falcon Estate & Spa is always a guest favourite on our tours visiting Mayo and the northwest.

### Or...

#### OCEAN SANDS HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at the beachside Ocean Sands Hotel in Sligo.

### Average Driving

**3 HOURS**

Take a deep breath... Next is the **Doolough Valley**, one of Ireland's most scenic driving routes.

Lose a sin with every step on the holy mountain of **Croagh Patrick**. Nearby lies the ruined 16th century Murrisk Abbey and the National Famine Memorial.

Pit stop in **Westport**, a charismatic small town near Clew Bay.

Discover Ireland's rural heritage at the **Museum of Country Life**. This modern exhibition space also features attractive landscaped gardens.



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# Day 9: Tuesday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour

**DRIFTWOOD**  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



### Donegal, Sligo & Derry/Londonderry



**BALLINA, MAYO or ENNISCRONE, SLIGO to LIMAVADY, DERRY**

### Overnight Stay

**ROE PARK RESORT HOTEL**



Relax, explore and enjoy your stay on the north coast of Ireland near Derry/Londonderry.

### Average Driving

**4 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

Arise and go now, your ninth day exploring Ireland awaits...

Be sure to recite a few verses from WB Yeats, as you admire the spectacular county the Nobel Prize-winner called home; **Sligo**.

Craft-lovers can indulge in some wonderful Donegal tweed shops in **Donegal town**. History buffs have the option to take a self-guided tour of **Donegal Castle**, a restored 15th century Norman tower house built by Red Hugh O'Donnell (Optional Extra).

Panoramic 360° vistas await you at the beautifully preserved **Celtic stone ringfort** at **Grianán of Aileach**.

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required). We'll pass through historic city gates to enter **Derry/Londonderry**.

Complete the day with a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only fortified city, **Derry/Londonderry** (Fee Included).



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# Day 10: Wednesday

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



### Giant's Causeway & Castle Stay

#### Overnight Stay

BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL



Ballygally Castle Hotel features a 400 year old tower house which is home to a friendly ghost. Spooky!

#### Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



LIMAVADY, DERRY to BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM

Cameras at the ready! You're about to experience one of the most spectacular coastal drives; Northern Ireland's **Causeway Coastal Route**.

40,000 hexagonal basalt columns make up the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included).

Choose to walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool on a steep 1km (1.6 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow the accessible path to a viewing point. Shuttle bus available (Optional Extra).

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit **Bushmills**, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a tasting (Optional Extra), followed by a stop at clifftop **Dunluce Castle** (Fee Included).

**Game of Thrones** fan alert! Look out for Theon Greyjoy stepping ashore at tiny Ballintoy harbour.



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# Day 11: Thursday

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### Guided History Tour Of Belfast



BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Average Driving  
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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

First, we'll roll into **Belfast**, the vibrant capital city of Northern Ireland.

#### Optional Extras (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** A highly recommended **Black Cab Tour**, explaining the history of the Troubles era.
- **B.** Or a self-guided visit to the **Titanic Centre**.
- **C.** Alternatively, explore Belfast at your own pace.

Are you king or queen of the castle? Take a guided tour of **Hillsborough Castle & Gardens** to find out (Fee Included). On some dates, the British Royal Family will be in residence and your tour will visit an alternative attraction.

Cross the border back into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

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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# Options

## 11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



No two Vagabond or Driftwood tours are the same. Group preferences may alter the order or composition of this itinerary, which is a suggested outline rather than a rigid schedule. Orange/Red weather advisories ( eg Coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to cancellations at short notice. We will always attempt to find suitable alternative activities where safe to do so.

There's no need to book optional extras in advance of your tour (with the exception of the **Skellig Islands Landing** on the 12 Day Tour). Your VagaGuide will discuss options with you on tour and book accordingly. If there is something that you want to do or see, let us know. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

### DAILY ITINERARY OPTIONS PRICING

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

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €19.00

Kenmare Bay Boat Trip - €30.00

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Giant's Causeway Shuttle Bus\*\* - £1/€1.20

Titanic Experience - £24.95

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride\*\* - €20.00

Tom Crean Brewery Tour Kenmare - €20.00

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00

Black Cab Tour\*\* - £20.00

\* 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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# Pricing

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### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 11 full days on tour
- 10 nights' accommodation
- 10 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- A 1 night castle stay
- A sheepdog demo & Irish sheep farm experience
- Guided tour of Bantry House and Hillsborough Castle
- Guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- Entrance into Kylemore Abbey, Dunluce Castle, the Giant's Causeway, Blarney Castle & Gardens and the Rock of Cashel
- Shannon ferry tickets

### PLEASE NOTE

Please be aware that there may be unscheduled alterations to the listed accommodation. Rest assured that any alternate hotels will match or be superior to the standard of our listed accommodation.

NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

### TOUR PRICING

Apr and Oct Departures:  
**€3,033.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €590.00

May to Sep Departures:  
**€3,370.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €605.00

Mar, Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:  
**€3,033.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €590.00

Oct 2025 Departures:  
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