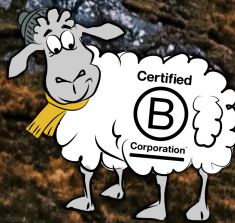




11 Day Driftwood Ring Of Ireland Tour



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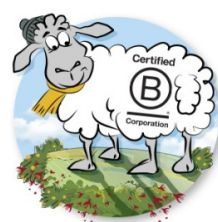


Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 23 years of experience are distilled into every itinerary.
- ★ **TOTALLY LOCAL:** Family-owned with local Irish tour guides and staff plus independent hotels.
- ★ **WORLD'S BEST:** We won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
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in Our Team!*

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



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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

8.20AM 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 **sheepdog demo**.

Day 1: Monday

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Cahir Castle & Blarney Stone



GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

Overnight Stay

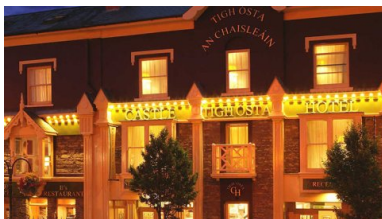
GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL



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 the scheduled departure time of 8.10am. 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.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 2: Tuesday

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Gardens & Island Boat Trip



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

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Overnight Stay

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

Stone Circles & Stunning Scenic Views



BANTRY or BALLYLICKEY, CORK to KENMARE, KERRY

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 **Caha** mountains from the majestic pass.

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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BOOK TOUR

Day 4: Thursday

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Explore The Ring Of Kerry



KENMARE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

BROOK LANE HOTEL



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

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.

This afternoon is yours to design. Enjoy free time to explore the shops and art galleries in **Kenmare** or choose between the following relaxed activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** Immerse yourself in nature on a **boat trip** around breathtaking **Kenmare Bay** (Optional Extra).
- **B.** Enjoy a wide range of craft beers and ales on the **Tom Crean Brewery Tour** (Optional Extra) **.
- **C.** Golfers will enjoy Kenmare's local parkland **golf course**. This is an all day activity (Optional Extra).

***Minimum numbers are required for the Tom Crean Brewery Tour*

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BOOK TOUR

Day 5: Friday

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Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride



KENMARE, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE

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

Start the day with spectacular vistas from Lady's View, a viewpoint fit for royalty.

Next, 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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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Saturday

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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.

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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BOOK TOUR

Day 7: Sunday

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Tour Connemara & Kylemore Abbey



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.

Average Driving

2 HOURS

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.

Watch shepherd and dog working in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included).

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 8: Monday

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Scenic Drive In Magnificent Mayo



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to BALLINA, MAYO or BOYLE, ROSCOMMON

Overnight Stay

MOUNT FALCON ESTATE HOTEL



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

Or...

KILRONAN CASTLE ESTATE & SPA



Kilronan Castle Estate & Spa offers a fairytale-like experience. Built in the 18th century, it's nestled in the West of Ireland

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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BOOK TOUR

Day 9: Tuesday

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Donegal, Sligo & Derry/Londonderry



BALLINA, MAYO or ENNISCRONE, SLIGO to LIMA VADY, 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 visit to the The Peacemakers Museum and learn all about the history of the North of Ireland (Fee Included).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 10: Wednesday

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Giant's Causeway & Castle Stay



LIMAVADY, DERRY to BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM

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

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 1.6km (1 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow the accessible path to a viewing point. Shuttle bus available (Optional Extra).

This afternoon, visit **Bushmills**, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a tasting (Optional Extra). Alternatively, embark on a self-guided tour of clifftop **Dunluce Castle** (Optional Extra).

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



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BOOK TOUR

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 hugs all round for your new friends.



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Options

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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 - €20.00

Kenmare Bay Boat Trip - €30.00

Golf in Kenmare - Variable

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00

Black Cab Tour** - £20.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride** - €20.00

Tom Crean Brewery Tour Kenmare - €20.00

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

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

Titanic Experience - £24.95

* 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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- 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
- 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 Cahir Castle
- 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

Oct Departures:

€3,186.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €590.00

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