



# 12 Day Driftwood Wild Coasts & Clover Tour

## OUTLINE ITINERARY

### An Unforgettable 12 Day Irish Tour

Embark on our most immersive **Irish guided tour** yet, a truly exceptional 12 day experience.

This **small-group** tour of **southern Ireland** features four separate two-night stays, allowing for deeper exploration and cultural immersion.

Enjoy less daily driving and more quality time to delve into authentic Irish culture. Our Irish tour includes enchanting two-night stays in vibrant towns such as **Westport, Lahinch, Kinsale**, as well as the stunning **Parknasilla Resort** overlooking Kenmare Bay.

Take a boat trip to the breathtaking **Aran Islands**. Delight in an **Irish whiskey tasting** at Ireland's first eco-distillery. Enjoy an authentic **sheepdog demonstration** and soak up the atmosphere with free time in **Galway city**.



## 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

**MONDAY**

### Return Day & Time

**5.00-6.00PM FRIDAY**

- Take a boat trip to **Inisheer**, one of the **Aran Islands**, and explore by horse-drawn carriage.
- Stroll, listen, laugh and learn with guided walking tour options in **Westport, Kinsale** and **Kilkenny**.
- Ramble along the gorgeous **Copper Coast** in **Waterford** as well as stops in **Dungarvan** and the **Comeragh Mountains**.
- Guided visit to an **Irish harp maker's studio** in **Galway**, to learn about traditional music and instrument-making.
- Go deep underground at the **Aillwee Caves Experience** in **Clare**, or soar with a guided falconry experience.
- Be amazed by the elegance of the formal gardens at **Mount Congreve** and **Powerscourt**.
- Explore the lakes of **Killarney** by boat or see the highlights of the nearby **National Park** on foot.
- Soak up the serenity at out of the ordinary destinations like **Lough Mask**, a beautiful lake in **Mayo**.
- Delve into the Irish history at 16th century **Clonony Castle**



Any Questions?

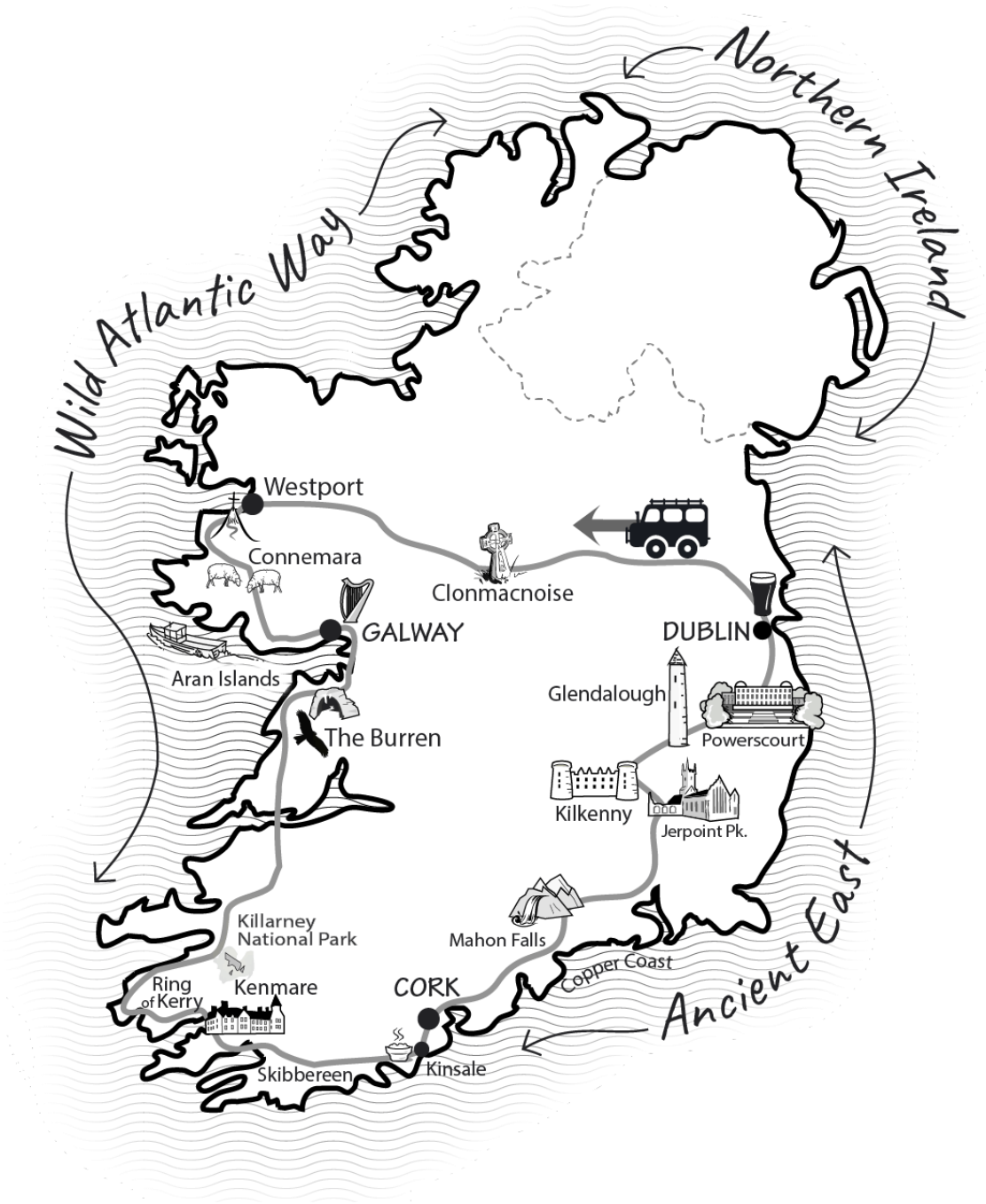
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# My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



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### Day 1



**GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to WESTPORT, MAYO**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE GRACE HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**MONDAY**

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

### MEDIEVAL MONASTERY & WHISKEY TASTING

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!

Dive deep into Irish history with a guided tour of **Clonony Castle** (Fee Included). Built by the MacCoughlan clan in the early 16th century, this is Ireland's only Tudor tower house.

Enjoy lunch overlooking the **River Shannon**. This is the longest river in both Ireland and Britain.

Taste smooth, triple-distilled Irish whiskey at **Ahascragh Eco-Distillery** (Fee Included). The renovated mill setting is powered by solar, hydro and wind.

### Day 2



**WESTPORT, MAYO**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE GRACE HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**TUESDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**30 MINUTES**

### FREE TIME TO EXPLORE WESTPORT

Relax in Westport town or take a short drive to the foothills of the mountain of **Croagh Patrick**, a popular pilgrimage route. Nearby lies the ruined 16th century Murrisk Abbey and the National Famine Memorial.

Hear fascinating stories and get insider tips on the best local food on a **guided walking tour of Westport** (Optional Extra - Cash Only).

This afternoon, enjoy free time in Westport. Explore the craft shops, lively cafes and tempting restaurants. Spend some time enjoying the spectacular **Westport Estate**, just a stone's throw away.

Whatever you do don't miss the opportunity to catch authentic traditional Irish music in Westport's famous pubs this evening.

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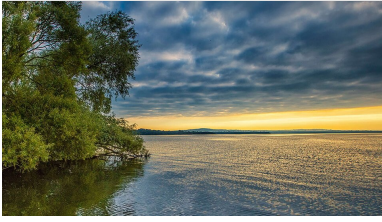
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### Day 3



📍 **WESTPORT, MAYO to CONNEMARA, GALWAY**

Overnight Stay  
**CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL**

Day of Week  
**WEDNESDAY**

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

### WOODS, LAKES & GALWAY CITY

Take a scenic drive along the banks of **Lough Mask**; a scenic and largely untouched corner of **Mayo**.

Stroll through **Tourmakeady Woods** and walk approximately 1 mile (1.6km) to the picturesque waterfall.

Continue your day of lakeside scenic drives at **Lough Nafooney**. This is an important site in Irish mythology, said to be home to the Water Horse.

Watch dog and shepherd working in perfect unison at a **sheepdog demo** in **Connemara** (Fee included).

Next is **Galway**. Enjoy free time to soak up the atmosphere of this bohemian town. Buskers and street performers make regular appearances along Shop Street and Quay Street.

### Day 4



📍 **CONNEMARA, GALWAY to LAHINCH, CLARE**

Overnight Stay  
**THE LAHINCH COAST HOTEL**

Day of Week  
**THURSDAY**

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

### HARP STUDIO, CAVES, FALCONRY

Learn about the ancient art of harp making on a guided visit to the studio of traditional Irish harpist and musical woodworker, Brian Callan, located in rural county **Galway** (Fee Included).\*

The **Aillwee Burren Experience** (Fee Included) lies at the heart of **The Burren** region in north **Clare**. While here, take an interactive birds of prey experience and a guided tour of the spectacular limestone caves. The path through the caves is paved, 0.5 miles (800m) in length and features a descent of 26 steps.

*\*On some departures Brian may not be available in which case an alternative activity will be offered.*

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### Day 5



**LAHINCH, CLARE**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE LAHINCH COAST HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**FRIDAY**

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

### CLIFFS OF MOHER & ARAN ISLANDS

It's decision time again! Today has flexible options. You can also choose to enjoy some downtime in Lahinch.

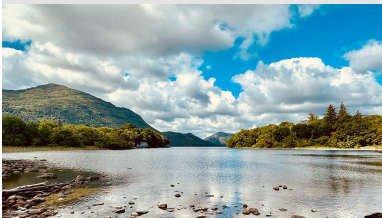
#### Optional Extras (Choose A or B):

**A.** Take a 15-minute boat trip from **Doolin** to **Inisheer**, one of the famous **Aran Islands** (Optional Extra). Once landed, embark on a tour of the island by horse-drawn carriage. See dry stone walls, shipwrecks and other amazing island sights. Enjoy unique views of the Cliffs Of Moher on a return boat cruise.

**B.** Embark on a scenic drive through spectacular north Clare, where the limestone landscape meets the Atlantic Ocean in the mind-blowing Burren National Park.

Finish the day at the majestic 700ft high **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included).

### Day 6



**LAHINCH, CLARE to  
PARKNASILLA, KERRY**

*Overnight Stay*  
**PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA**

*Day of Week*  
**SATURDAY**

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

### THE LAKES OF KILLARNEY

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **Shannon**.

In **Killarney National Park**, choose from the following options — don't worry, there's no wrong answer!

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

**A.** See the famous **Killarney lakes by boat**, with stunning mountain vistas in all directions (Optional Extra).

**B.** Alternatively, enjoy free time to explore the National Park on foot. Your visit may include sightings of rare red deer, oak forests or an ancient yew tree growing at the heart of ruined **Muckross Abbey**.

Finish the day in style with a scenic drive through **Moll's Gap** and — if the weather is clement — views of Ireland's highest mountain range.

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### Day 7



#### **PARKNASILLA, KERRY**

*Overnight Stay*  
**PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA**

*Day of Week*  
**SUNDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**1 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

#### **FREE TIME ON RING OF KERRY**

Today, choose to kick back and relax at **Parknasilla Resort** or partake in an array of easy-paced activities around the hotel.

In the morning, you have the option to take a drive along the world famous **Ring of Kerry** to see **Derrynane House** — ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell — and one of Ireland's most beautiful beaches.

Alternatively, if you don't feel like moving far, there are lots of things to do on the gorgeous **Parknasilla Resort**. Ask at reception for the latest menu of options.

Golfers will enjoy Parknasilla's scenic **9-hole golf course** (Optional Extra).

If you feel like exploring, the **walking trails** around the 500 acre grounds offer stunning ocean views.

Don't forget your swim gear! There's also a spa, a swimming pool and an outdoor infinity pool to be savoured at **Parknasilla**.

### Day 8



#### **PARKNASILLA, KERRY to KINSALE, CORK**

*Overnight Stay*  
**ACTONS HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**MONDAY**

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

#### **EXPLORING WEST CORK**

Passports please! Cross the heavily-guarded frontier between **Cork** and **Kerry** as we drive over the **Caha Mountains**.

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**.

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### Day 9



**KINSALE, CORK**

*Overnight Stay*  
**ACTONS HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**TUESDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**1 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### FREE TIME IN KINSALE

Today offers another chance to recharge your Vaga-batteries or go and explore. Choose from the following options.

#### Optional Extras - Morning (Choose A or B):

**A.** Take a scenic drive out to the **Old Head of Kinsale**. Visit Ringfinnan Garden of Remembrance; a memorial to the heroes of 9/11.

**B.** Join a **walking history tour** of Kinsale (Optional Extra - Cash Only). Afterwards, relax and explore the town.

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

**A.** Visit **Charles Fort**, a star-shaped bastion fortress at the head of Kinsale Harbour (Optional Extra).

**B.** See Kinsale from the water on a **boat cruise** around the harbour (Optional Extra).

**C.** Guided tour and tasting at **Kinsale Mead Company** (Optional Extra)

### Day 10



**KINSALE, CORK to FAITHLEGG, WATERFORD**

*Overnight Stay*  
**FAITHLEGG HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**WEDNESDAY**

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

### COPPER COAST & THE COMERAGHS

Kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain 'the gift of the gab' or simply wander the gorgeous gardens around **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

The historic harbour town of **Dungarvan** is perfectly situated between the mountains and the sea. You're heading there for lunch.

Take a scenic drive through the **Comeragh Mountains**, featuring an optional short walk to see **Mahon Falls**.

The **Copper Coast** is perhaps Ireland's best kept secret. Explore this 12-mile stretch of dramatic rocky bays and sandy beaches.

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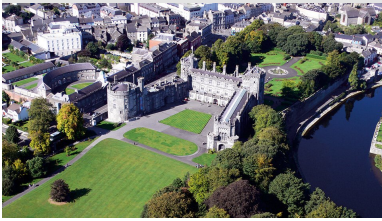
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### Day 11



📍 **FAITHLEGG,  
WATERFORD to  
KILKENNY CITY**

*Overnight Stay*  
**THE PEMBROKE HOTEL OR  
KILKENNY RIVER COURT HOTEL**

*Day of Week*  
**THURSDAY**

*Average Driving*  
**1 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

### GARDEN VISIT & KILKENNY

Do you have a green thumb? Flower and tree lovers will be in heaven with a guided tour at **Mount Congreve Gardens**, one of the largest private plant collections in the world (Fee Included).

Next up is a stop at medieval **Jerpoint Abbey** (Fee Included), marvel at the intricate stone sculptures and imagine life in the 12th century.

This afternoon, wander the streets of **Kilkenny** with ample free time set aside. If they take your fancy, choose from the following options:

#### OPTIONAL EXTRAS (CHOOSE A, B or C)

- **A.** Look out for the ghost of Strongbow on a self-guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Optional Extra)
- **B.** Go 300 years back in time on a guided tour and ale tasting at the **Smithwick's Brewery** (Optional Extra)
- **C.** Discover Ireland's medieval capital on foot, mixing facts and fun, on a **Shenanigans Walking Tour** (Optional Extra)

### Day 12



📍 **KILKENNY CITY to  
GRAND CANAL HOTEL,  
DUBLIN**

*Day of Week*  
**FRIDAY**

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

### GLENDALOUGH & POWERSCOURT

Explore what is arguably the most beautiful glaciated valley in Ireland; **Glendalough**.

Between this 6th century monastic city and its two mountain lakes lies an ancient native forest, of the type that used to cover Ireland.

Take a stroll through the forest, arriving at a well-preserved medieval monastic site and it's famous round tower.

After lunch, make your way to the magical world of **Powerscourt Estate** to stand in awe of Ireland's highest waterfall (Fee Included).

Explore 47 acres of magnificently **landscaped gardens**, sweeping terraces and charming lakes (Optional Extra).

Alternatively, take a tour of **Powerscourt Distillery** to learn about the art of whiskey distilling and maturation. Finish your tour with a tasting (Optional Extra).

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### TOUR PRICING

Apr and Oct Departures:  
€3,870.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €690.00

May to Sep Departures:  
€4,290.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €760.00

May to Sep 2027 Departures:  
€4,290.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €820.00

Apr and Oct 2027 Departures:  
€3,870.00 Per Person Sharing  
Single Room Supplement: €740.00

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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
- 12 full days on tour
- 11 nights' accommodation
- 4 two night hotel stays
- 11 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- A sheepdog demo & Irish sheep farm experience
- A guided tour of Clonony Castle
- Tour & Whiskey Tasting at Ahascaragh Distillery
- Guided visit to traditional harp-making studio
- Entrance into the Skibbereen Heritage Centre, Blarney Castle & Gardens, Mount Congreve Gardens and Powerscourt Waterfall
- Guided tour of the Aillwee Caves and Birds Of Prey Experience
- Guided tour of Jerpoint Abbey
- Shannon ferry tickets

### TOUR OPTIONS

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

Westport Walking Tour** - €18.00	Aran Islands Visit - €50.00
Killarney Lakes Boat Trip - €15.00	Derrynane House - €5.00
Golf at Parkansilla - Variable	Kinsale Walking History Tour** - €12.00
Charles Fort Guided Tour - €5.00	Kinsale Harbour Cruise - €18.00

\* 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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