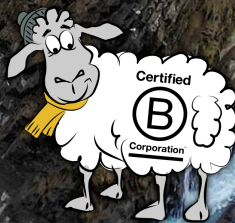




12 Day Vagabond Due South Adventure Tour



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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 2025, ranking 13th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 2,900+ 5-Star reviews from **TRIPADVISOR** & **TRUSTPILOT**.
- ★ **AWESOME TOUR GUIDES:** Meet our highly-trained, passionate and well-supported **VagaGuide team**.
- ★ **FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING:** Avail of a FREE 7 day seat hold and our fair flat-rate deposit.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... We're a **B CORP!**

The Secret is in Our Team!

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



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Tour Type

VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction

CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.20AM MONDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM FRIDAY



Get Active with Hikes,
Bikes & Kayaks

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The Ultimate Southwest Of Ireland Adventure

Dive into the spectacular **southwest of Ireland**, immersing yourself in wild landscapes and hidden coastlines.

With **four 2 night stays**, take the time to soak up the history, culture, sights and boundless energy of the southwest.

Venture from **Wicklow** to **Kilkenny** before arriving in **Cork**. Travel on the **Wild Atlantic Way** as you explore **Kerry, Clare** and **Galway**, taking in **Killarney National Park**, the **Aran Islands** and **The Cliffs of Moher**.

Canoe and kayak along the coast, hike breathtaking mountain trails and get off the beaten track on this epic 12 day Irish adventure odyssey.

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

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Departing **Dublin**, you'll hike in the **Wicklow Mountains** before venturing to **Kilkenny**. Travel to **Cork**, to explore in-depth. Follow the **Wild Atlantic Way** along the **Ring Of Kerry** and up the west coast to **Clare** and **Galway** returning to Dublin via **Athlone** and **Lough Ree**.



This tour travels in a clockwise direction.

Highlights

12 Day Vagabond Due South Adventure Tour



- ★ Enjoy 4 two-night stays as you explore the stunning **southwest of Ireland**, including 4 nights in **Cork**.
- ★ Challenge yourself with spectacular hikes and optional **activities** like canoeing, biking, surfing and sea kayaking.
- ★ Take a boat trip to **Inish Mor**, one of the **Aran Islands**, and explore by 4x4 vehicle.
- ★ Visit Ireland's **most southwesterly point** for spectacular coastal views and visit one of Ireland's oldest castles.
- ★ Venture along the **Wild Atlantic Way** to hideaway destinations and world famous sights.
- ★ Embark on an epic canoeing trip down the **River Barrow** and kayak the coastline of **West Cork**.
- ★ Explore Irish history at amazing castles, ghostly ruins and prehistoric **archaeological wonders**.
- ★ Encounter friendly locals in charismatic small towns like **Kilkenny, Schull** and **Lahinch**.
- ★ See wild and natural wonders of three different National Parks; **Wicklow, Killarney** and The **Burren**.
- ★ Authentic guided tour of an **Irish sheep farm**; talk to farmers, feed lambs and watch a fun sheepdog demo.

Day 1: Monday

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Wicklow Mountains & Sheepdog Demo



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to KILKENNY

Overnight Stay

PEMBROKE HOTEL KILKENNY



Get comfortable at the Pembroke in Kilkenny after an exciting day of touring Ireland's southeast.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Meet your guide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am.

Board your 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle and hit the road!

Before long, you will be far from civilisation hiking in the **Wicklow Mountains National Park**. In stunning **Glendalough**, a 6th century monastic city, round tower and two mountain lakes lie amidst an ancient native forest.

After lunch, watch shepherd and dog working in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** at a working sheep farm (Fee Included).

Next up is the **Shackleton Experience** (Fee Included). Learn all about the extraordinary life of this legendary Irish polar explorer, before making your way to Kilkenny, Ireland's medieval capital.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 2: Tuesday

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River Canoe Trip & Kilkenny City



Overnight Stay

PEMBROKE HOTEL KILKENNY



Get comfortable at the Pembroke in Kilkenny after an exciting day of touring Ireland's southeast.

Average Driving

2 HOURS

This morning is yours to design.

Embark on a guided canoeing trip down the weirs and locks of the **Barrow**, one of Ireland's most scenic waterways (Optional Extra).

Alternatively, keen hikers can opt to explore the picturesque local countryside on foot. Several hiking routes are available.

This afternoon, explore Kilkenny's cobbled streets with ample free time. Alternatively, choose from the following options:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (CHOOSE A, B or C)

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 3: Wednesday

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Coastal Cycle & Scenic Hike



KIKENNY to GARRYVOE, CORK

Overnight Stay

GARRYVOE HOTEL



Enjoy the calmness of being by the sea at the Garryvoe Hotel where coastal charm meets luxury.

Average Driving

3 HOURS

Start your day discovering secret coves and geological wonders on the **Copper Coast**. It's one of Ireland's least visited but most rewarding coastal routes.

Next, hop on a bike and explore the **Waterford Greenway** (Optional Extra). Travel through time and nature on this offroad cycle trail along Ireland's southern coastline.

If you don't fancy the Greenway, the alternative activity is exploring the nearby **Comeragh Mountains**. Hike to the base of **Mahon Falls**, a scenic 80m (262ft) high waterfall.

This afternoon, we'll hike a cliff trail along the stunning coastline in **Ardmore**. The starting point is a medieval monastic site and round tower; reputed to be where Christianity began in Ireland.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 4: Thursday

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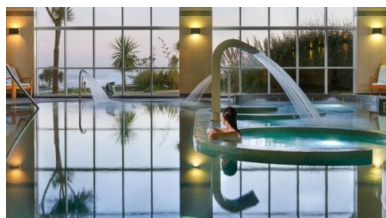
Blarney Castle & Surfing



GARRYVOE, CORK to INCHYDONEY, CORK

Overnight Stay

INCHYDONEY ISLAND LODGE & SPA



Take in the coastal views and explore the sandy beaches at Inchydoney Island Lodge & Spa

Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Start your day — hygienically — kissing the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the lush, landscaped gardens of Blarney Castle (Fee Included).

Next up, pass through the Lee Valley in central **Cork** and stretch your legs on a scenic hike with rewarding views.

After lunch, visit **Béal na Bláth** where Michael Collins was assassinated during the Irish War of Independence.

Finish the day at **Inchydoney Beach** where you can explore one of Ireland's most beautiful stretches of sand. Alternatively, try your hand at surfing with the local surf school (Optional Extra).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 5: Friday

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Overnight Stay

THE SCHULL HARBOUR HOTEL



The Schull Harbour Hotel is the ideal spot to relax and recharge after a day filled with exploration.

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

Kayak In West Cork



INCHYDONEY, CORK to SCHULL, CORK

Begin your morning visiting **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Next up, get out on the water and embark on an epic guided **kayaking trip** (Optional Extra) in stunning West Cork. Alternatively, hit the trails with your VagaGuide on a locals-only hike.

After lunch, learn about West Cork Famine history as well as local wildlife and nature at the **Skibbereen Heritage Centre** (Fee Included).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Saturday

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Spectacular Coastal Hike



SCHULL, CORK

Overnight Stay

THE SCHULL HARBOUR HOTEL



The Schull Harbour Hotel is the ideal spot to relax and recharge after a day filled with exploration.

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

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Prepare to be blown away on a jaw-dropping **coastal hike** to one of Ireland's oldest castles in the extreme southwest of the country.

Cross the iconic arched footbridge from the mainland to Cloghane island to visit **Mizen Head** Signal Station Lighthouse (Fee Included) for spectacular views.

Traversing through the far reaches of **West Cork**, feel the sand between your toes at some of the country's most beautiful and remote beaches.

Get off the beaten track to see ancient sites as you make the return journey to **Schull**.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 7: Sunday

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Irish Culture & History

Overnight Stay

PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA



Explore the hotel gardens and enjoy coastal views from the Parknasilla Resort & Spa.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



SCHULL, CORK to PARKNASILLA, KERRY

Start your day hiking through the dramatic scenery on the remote **Sheep's Head Peninsula** on the West Cork coastline.

Post-hike, drop into **Bantry** for lunch and explore the maritime history of this bustling town.

Drive over the scenic **Caha pass**, enjoying jaw-dropping views of the majestic mountains as you cross from County Cork to County Kerry.

Next up, learn about Irish crafts and culture during a fun stop at a traditional farmhouse in **Kerry** (Fee Included).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 8: Monday

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Overnight Stay

PARKNASILLA RESORT & SPA



Explore the hotel gardens and enjoy coastal views from the Parknasilla Resort & Spa.

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Free Time On Ring Of Kerry



PARKNASILLA, 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** (Optional Extra) — 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**.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 9: Tuesday

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Killarney National Park



PARKNASILLA, 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

It's a swift morning start to reach the trails for a hike with your VagaGuide in the uplands of **Killarney National Park**.

Catch your breath at the base of spectacular **Torc Waterfall** and stand in awe of the water crashing down the rock face.

Next, take a ferry across the mouth of the **River Shannon** (Fee Included) - the longest river in Ireland.

Drive along the **Clare** coastline this afternoon, with uninterrupted ocean vistas before you arrive in the seaside town of Lahinch.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 10: Wednesday

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4x4 On The Aran Islands



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

2 HOURS

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 30-minute boat trip from **Doolin** to **Inish Mor**, one of the famous **Aran Islands** (Optional Extra). Once landed, embark on a 4x4 tour of the island with local guides. See dry stone walls, the famous Dun Aengus stone fort and other amazing island sights.

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.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 11: Thursday

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Cliffs Of Moher & The Burren



LAHINCH, CLARE to GALWAY

Overnight Stay

CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL



The Connemara Coast Hotel offers stunning coastal views from Galway Bay.

Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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 travel through the bewitching beauty of **The Burren** to a local farm where you'll learn about the unique farming methods employed by the locals.

This afternoon, we're aiming for **Galway**, known as the City of the Tribes. Explore this buzzing bohemian town and enjoy the sounds of the street performers.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 12: Friday

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Castle Tour & Whiskey Distillery



GALWAY to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

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

We'll first take a guided tour of dramatic three-storey **Athenry Castle** (Fee Included), built in the thirteenth century.

Next, we're **Athlone** bound. Stop for lunch and enjoy a drink at Sean's Bar, Ireland's oldest public house.

The final stop today, will be at **Kilbeggan Distillery** (Fee Included). Tour the distillery and enjoy a tasting before making the journey back to Dublin.

You'll disembark your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell hugs all round for your new travel compadres.



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BOOK TOUR

Options

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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 (e.g. coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to activity 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.

River Barrow Canoeing Tour - €39.00

Smithwick's Brewery Tour - €18.00

Waterford Greenway Guided Cycle - €50.00

Kayaking in Castlehaven Bay - €60.00

Golf at Parkansilla - €20.00

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Shenanigans Kilkenny Walking Tour - €22.40

Surfing in Inchydoney - €40.00

Derrynane House - €5.00

Aran Island Boat Trip & 4x4 Tour - €80.00

* 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.

Please note, this tour has stops in both the Republic of Ireland (EU) and Northern Ireland (UK). You will require both Euro (€) and Sterling (£) cash.



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Pricing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- An off the beaten track adventure in 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 12 full days on tour
- 11 nights' accommodation
- 11 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Optional Extras)
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle and Gardens
- A sheep farm tour and sheepdog demo experience
- Guided tour of the epic Athenry Castle
- Entrance to Mizen Head Signal Station Lighthouse
- Entrance into the Shackleton Experience
- Entrance into Skibbereen Heritage Centre
- Traditional farm house experience
- Distillery tour and whiskey tasting
- 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

May, Jun and Sep 2026 Departures:
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