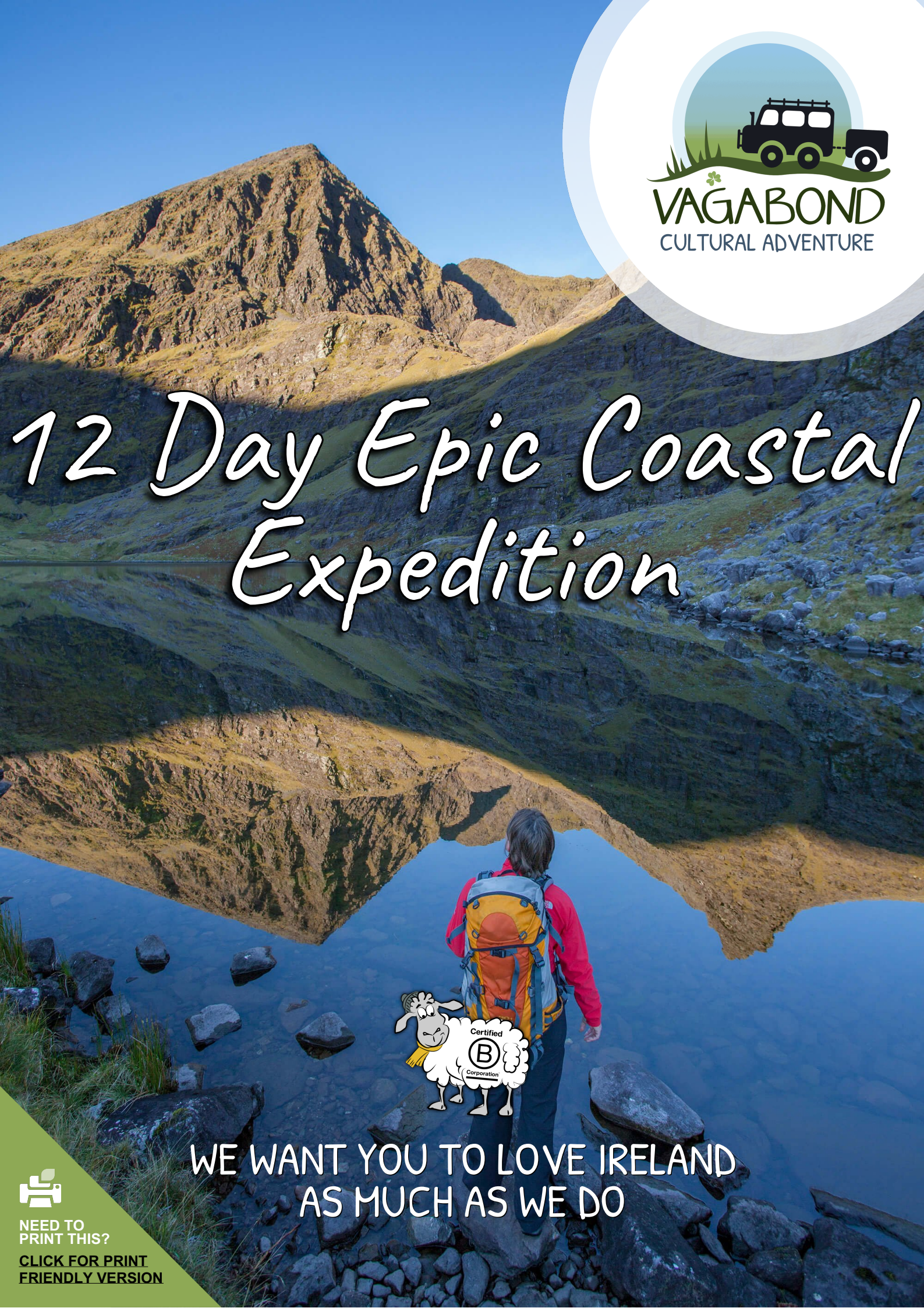

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Tour Type
VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction
CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle
CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location
GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN
View Location

Departure Day & Time
08:20 MONDAY

Return Day & Time
5:00-6:00PM FRIDAY



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Go beyond the beaten track on our most adventurous Ireland tour yet. Hike rugged mountains, paddle wild waterways and explore Ireland's spectacular coastline on an action-packed expedition.

From the wild beauty of **Glendalough** and **West Cork** to dramatic **Mizen Head**, the towering peaks of **MacGillycuddy's Reeks** and the legendary **Aran Islands**, this 12-day adventure takes you deep into Ireland's untamed landscapes.

Embrace the elements, push your boundaries and share unforgettable experiences with fellow explorers.

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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

12 Day Epic Coastal Expedition

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Depart **Dublin** to hike the **Wicklow Mountains** and explore medieval Kilkenny. Cycle through **Waterford** before discovering **West Cork**'s wild coastline. Follow the **Wild Atlantic Way** into **Kerry**'s spectacular mountains, then north to the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Aran Islands** and **Galway**.



This tour travels in a clockwise direction.



Highlights

12 Day Epic Coastal Expedition

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- Take adventure to the next level with wilderness hikes, cycling, canoeing, surfing and sea kayaking on **our most active tour** yet. Up to two **adventure activities** per day.
- Enjoy **four 2-night stays** in Kilkenny, Schull, Killarney and Lahinch. Less packing, more exploring and plenty of time for epic adventures!
- Conquer rugged mountain trails and explore the wild beauty of **Glendalough**, the **Comeragh Mountains** and **Kerry**'s spectacular landscapes.
- Paddle Ireland's wild waterways, canoeing along the **River Barrow** and sea kayaking off the rugged **West Cork** coastline.
- Cycle along the stunning **Waterford Greenway**, with 23km of trails leading towards the coastal town of **Dungarvan**.
- Go wild on the **Atlantic coast**, surfing at **Inchydoney**, hiking remote headlands and exploring hidden beaches and dramatic sea cliffs.
- Venture off the beaten track to the untamed **Beara Peninsula**, winding over the **Healy Pass** and hiking to spectacular waterfalls.
- Explore Ireland's island wilderness with an expedition to **Inis Mór**, the largest **Aran Island**, home to ancient forts and extraordinary coastal landscapes.



Day 1: Monday

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Hike The Wicklow Mountains &

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to KILKENNY

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Explorers at **Dublin**'s Grand Canal Hotel at least 15 mins before your 8.20am departure. Board your 4x4 VagaTron and let the adventure begin!

We're headed for the wild **Wicklow Mountains**. Lace up your hiking boots and tackle the spectacular Spinc trail in **Glendalough** (Fee Included).

Next, visit an authentic Irish sheep farm to see a **sheepdog demonstration** (Fee Included).

Then it's onwards to medieval **Kilkenny**. Wander the cobble streets or choose an optional activity:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B):

A. Explore magnificent **Kilkenny Castle** and keep an eye out for Strongbow's ghost! (Optional Extra)

B. Step back 300 years at the **Smithwick's Experience** and sample Ireland's famous ale (Optional Extra).

This evening, enjoy Kilkenny with your fellow Explorers. Your epic Irish expedition is officially underway!

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 (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)



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Day 2: Tuesday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

River Canoe Trip & Kilkenny City

KILKENNY to COMERAGH MOUNTAINS, WATERFORD (and return))

Today we're heading deep into **Waterford**'s wilderness for a day of hiking and river canoeing.

Start the day venturing into the rugged **Nire Valley** in the **Comeragh Mountains**. Hike through mountain scenery to remote twin lakes enjoying spectacular panoramic views along the way.

In the afternoon, take to the water on a guided canoeing adventure. Navigate the scenic **River Barrow**, surrounded by lush countryside and unspoilt natural beauty (Optional Extra).

Prefer to keep your feet on dry land? Explore the beautiful riverside trails around **Clashganny** with your VagaGuide instead.

Return to **Kilkenny** this evening, where you can relax, refuel and swap stories of the day's adventures with your fellow Explorers.

Overnight Stay

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Day 3: Wednesday

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Greenway Cycling & Cliff Hike

KIKENNY to GARRYVOE, CORK

This morning, saddle up for a scenic 23km cycle along the **Waterford Greenway**. Pedal through beautiful countryside, following this former railway route from **Kilmacthomas** towards the colourful coastal town of **Dungarvan** (Fee Included).

After lunch, discover ancient monastic ruins and an impressive round tower before tackling the spectacular **Ardmore Cliff Walk**. This rugged coastal trail offers breathtaking coastal views, dramatic cliffs and a historic Napoleonic signal tower.

After an action-packed day of adventure, we're heading to **Garryvoe** on the east Cork coast to recharge by the sea.

Overnight Stay

GARRYVOE HOTEL



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

Average Driving

2 HOURS (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)



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Day 4: Thursday

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Hiking, Castle & Surfing

GARRYVOE, CORK to INCHYDONEY, CORK

Your first stop today is **Blarney Castle & Gardens**. Kiss the famous Blarney Stone to gain the gift o' the gab or explore 60 acres of lush gardens (Fee Included).

Next, travel deeper into **West Cork** and escape into peaceful woodlands for a scenic forest hike. Follow winding trails beneath towering trees and enjoy the sounds of the Irish countryside.

Arrive at beautiful Inchydoney Beach for a **surf lesson** in the late afternoon (Optional Extra).

Alternatively walk this stunning stretch of sand and explore the dunes before taking in a jaw-dropping West Cork sunset.

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 (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)



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Day 5: Friday

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Horse Riding & Sea Kayaking

INCHYDONEY, CORK to SCHULL, CORK

Kick things off with a horse riding adventure along peaceful country lanes around **Inchydoney** (Optional Extra).

Next, embark on a scenic hike through the rugged **West Cork** countryside, surrounded by natural scenery that will leave you breathless.

Take to the water on a **guided sea kayaking** adventure, paddling along West Cork's spectacular coastline and discovering hidden coves (Optional Extra).

Alternatively, set off on a scenic hike overlooking **Lough Hyne**, soaking up incredible views of this beautiful coastal lake and the surrounding countryside.

Finish the day in the charming harbour village of **Schull**.

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
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Day 6: Saturday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Three Castle Head & Mizen Head

SCHULL, CORK to MIZEN HEAD, CORK (and return)

Begin your day with a spectacular trek to **Three Castle Head**. Follow rugged coastal trails to the haunting ruins of **Dunlough Castle**, perched above a remote lake and surrounded by breathtaking ocean views.

Next, journey to **Mizen Head**; Ireland's most south westerly point. Cross the iconic arched footbridge high above the Atlantic to reach the historic **Signal Station** (Fee Included).

After a well-earned lunch, uncover ancient Irish mysteries at a prehistoric **altar wedge tomb**.

Next, escape to some of Ireland's wildest, **untouched beaches** to soak up the untamed beauty and salt-filled air before returning to Schull.

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...

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

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Day 7: Sunday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Garnish Island & Waterfall Hike

SCHULL, CORK to KILLARNEY, KERRY

First up this morning, look out for seals on a scenic boat trip to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of this enhanted island and its spectacular gardens (Optional Extra).

Next up, hold on tight as your VagaTron winds its way over the jaw-dropping **Healy Pass**. Enjoy incredible views of the majestic mountains as you cross from County Cork to County Kerry.

This afternoon, enjoy a spectacular slice of **Kerry** wilderness. Hike scenic mountain trails through a wild glacial valley, surrounded by towering peaks to a cascading waterfall.

After another exhilarating day exploring Ireland's wild southwest, arrive in the lively town of **Killarney**.

Overnight Stay

THE FAIRVIEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL



This hotel offers guests the perfect base to explore Killarney National Park, the Ring of Kerry and the vibrant town centre.

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)



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Day 8: Monday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Ireland's Highest Mountain Range

KILLARNEY, KERRY to MACGILLYCUDDY'S REEKS, KERRY (and return)

Lace up your hiking boots. Today is all about getting out into Ireland's highest mountain range; the **Macgillycuddy's Reeks**.

Tackle the demanding trails on an epic advenutre in one of Ireland's most iconic mountain regions.

Your local guide will lead you on a hike through the wild **Kerry** wilderness, crossing through breathtaking landscapes and testing your limits (Fee Included).

Return to **Killarney** this evening to swap stories with your fellow Explorers and revel in the glory of your accomplishments.

Overnight Stay

THE FAIRVIEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL



This hotel offers guests the perfect base to explore Killarney National Park, the Ring of Kerry and the vibrant town centre.

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES



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Day 9: Tuesday

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Killarney National Park & Clare Coast

KILLARNEY, KERRY to LAHINCH, CLARE

Begin your day soaking up the spectacular views at Ladies View before exploring **Killarney National Park**. Choose to **rent a bike** (Optional Extra) or explore on foot, discovering lush woodlands, rugged mountain scenery and the magnificent Torc Waterfall.

After lunch, we're leaving the wild landscapes of Kerry behind, destined for the rugged coastline of County Clare.

Breathe in the crisp coastal air as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **River Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in Clare (Fee Included).

Next, tackle a spectacular **cliff walk**, placing you among towering sea cliffs, above giant sea caves and alongside the crashing Atlantic waves.

Follow the rugged Clare coastline to arrive in the lively seaside town of **Lahinch**, your base for the next two nights.

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
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Day 10: Wednesday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Explore The Aran Islands

LAHINCH, CLARE

Choose from a choice of two exciting adventures in **Clare** today.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (CHOOSE A OR B):

A. Aran Islands Expedition

Catch a ferry from Doolin to **Inis Mór**, the largest **Aran Island** (Optional Extra). Once ashore, choose your adventure:

1. Explore ancient stone walls and dramatic cliffs by **4x4** with a local guide (Optional Extra).
2. **Hire a bicycle** and explore the island on two wheels (Optional Extra).

B. Burren Wilderness Hike

Prefer dry land? Tackle a challenging hike through the **Burren**'s extraordinary limestone wilderness.

Rejoin your fellow Explorers for the journey back to **Lahinch**.

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

1 HOURS



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Day 11: Thursday

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Cliffs Of Moher & Burren Hike

LAHINCH, CLARE to GALWAY

Hold onto your hat! First up, experience the mighty **Cliffs of Moher**. Stand in awe of sheer rock faces that plunge over 700ft into the crashing Atlantic Ocean. (Fee Included).

Next, venture deep into **the Burren**, one of Ireland's most unusual and captivating landscapes. Embark on a scenic hike exploring rugged limestone terrain, ancient woodland and hidden valleys in this remarkable wilderness.

Finally, arrive at your coastal hotel overlooking **Galway Bay**.

Overnight Stay

CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL



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

Average Driving

3 HOURS (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)



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Day 12: Friday

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CULTURAL ADVENTURE

Galway City & Canal Cycling

GALWAY to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES (MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

This morning, head to **Galway**, Ireland's famous City of the Tribes. Enjoy free time to wander its lively streets, soak up the bohemian atmosphere and listen out for traditional Irish music.

This afternoon, get ready for one final adventure! Head to **Mullingar** and embark on a scenic canal-side cycling adventure (Optional Extra) through the beautiful **Westmeath** countryside. Pedal alongside peaceful waterways and enjoy those final moments exploring Ireland on two wheels.

Alternatively, explore the beautiful **riverside trails** on foot.

Finally, climb aboard your trusty VagaTron for the return journey to **Dublin**. Arrive back at the Grand Canal Hotelbetween 5-6pm, where it's time for farewell hugs, high fives and one last laugh with your fellow Explorers.



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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.

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00
River Barrow Canoeing Tour - €39.00
Kayaking in Castlehaven Bay - €60.00
Killarney Bike Rental - €20.00/€45.00
Inis Mór Ferry & Bike Rental - €45.00
Royal Canal Cycle Tour** - €22.00 / €42.00

Smithwick's Brewery Tour - €18.00
Surfing in Inchydoney - €40.00
Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00
Inis Mór Ferry - €30.00
Inis Mór Ferry & 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 occassionally increase prices at short noice. 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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- 11 nights' accommodation
- 11 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Optional Extras)
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle & Gardens
- A sheep farm tour and sheepdog demo experience
- Admission to Glendalough
- A guided bike tour along the Waterford Greenway
- Access to Gleninchaquin Park
- A locally guided walk in the MacGillycuddy's Reeks
- Entrance to the Cliffs of Moher
- Entrance to Mizen Head Signal Station Lighthouse
- 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.

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