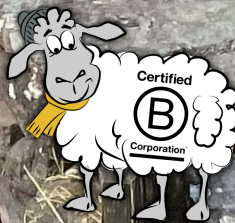




8 Day Driftwood Wild Atlantic Way Tour



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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.
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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 SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY



*Gentle Pace, Castles,
Culture & History*

[Compare Tour Styles](#)



The Ultimate Wild Atlantic Way Tour from Dublin

Get set for 8 days of incredible Irish castles, culture, islands and villages on this **Wild Atlantic Way tour**. This 8 day off the beaten track itinerary is a fully-guided Driftwood Journey of Discovery which explores the scenic Wild Atlantic Way, departing from **Dublin**.

Highlights include historic **Kilkenny**, the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Connemara**, **Kerry** and **Clare**. Expect serene landscapes, such as beautiful **Killarney National Park**, mixed with cultural experiences, like whiskey tasting at the **Jameson Distillery** in **Cork**. You'll encounter friendly locals, surprisingly delicious food and incredible natural 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

8 Day Driftwood Wild Atlantic Way Tour



This tour travels from **Dublin** to **Kilkenny** and **Waterford** before crossing into **Cork**. Tour the Jameson Distillery, visit **Killarney National Park** and tour part of the **Ring of Kerry** before arriving in **Dingle**. See the Cliffs of Moher in **Clare** and then visit **Galway** and **Connemara**.



This tour travels in a clockwise direction around Ireland.

Highlights

8 Day Driftwood Wild Atlantic Way Tour



- ★ Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous **Cliffs of Moher** and part of the **Ring of Kerry**.
- ★ Savour quality time with 2 double night stays in **Ballygarra** and **Lahinch**.
- ★ Take an Irish whiskey tasting tour at the historic **Jameson Distillery** in Cork.
- ★ Visit medieval **Kilkenny** and explore the cobblestone streets.
- ★ Soak up stunning mountain scenery as you meander through **Waterford**.
- ★ Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a real **Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog/sheep-herding experience.
- ★ See the epic **Bridges of Ross** on the **Loop Head peninsula**, in wild West Clare.
- ★ Visit **stately homes, gardens** and **castles**, such as Kilkenny Castle - seat of the Butler family for almost 600 years.
- ★ Tour spectacular **Killarney National Park**
- ★ Spot seals and other wildlife as you board a boat for the short ocean crossing to **Garnish Island**.
- ★ Taste the best of Ireland's food and drink offering in lively restaurants and **authentic pubs**.

Day 1: Sunday

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Overnight Stay

GARRYVOE HOTEL



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

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

Kilkenny & Midleton Distillery



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to GARRYVOE, CORK

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Our first stop is historic **Kilkenny**. The elegant Marble City was Ireland's medieval capital. Take a self-guided tour of **Kilkenny Castle** (Optional Extra), or spend your time exploring the cobbled streets.

Take a scenic drive through county **Waterford** with stunning views of the **Comeragh Mountains** before stopping off for lunch. Be sure to try a Blaa, Waterford's famously soft, white and floury bread roll.

Follow the coast to the **Jameson Distillery** in Midleton (Fee Included). Enjoy a guided tour at the home of Irish whiskey — including an all-important whiskey tasting!



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BOOK TOUR

Day 2: Monday

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Boat Trip & Island Garden



GARRYVOE, CORK to DERRYNANE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

DERRYNANE COAST HOTEL



The Derrynane Coast Hotel overlooks the Atlantic Ocean, placing you in the heart of one of Ireland's most spectacular coastal landscapes.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

Start your morning travelling through beautiful **West Cork**.

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).

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we traverse the remote **Beara Peninsula**. Take a spin over the **Caha Pass** one of the most dramatic and scenic mountain roads on the Bera Peninsula.

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



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BOOK TOUR

Day 3: Tuesday

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Killarney National Park



DERRYNANE, KERRY to BALLYGARRY, KERRY

Overnight Stay

BALLYGARRY ESTATE HOTEL & SPA



The McGillicuddy family have been welcoming guests to this characterful hotel in Kerry for three generations.

Or...

THE MEADOWLANDS HOTEL



The Meadowlands Hotel is a four-star, family-run hotel ideally located for exploring the scenery, culture and charm of

Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES -----

Start the day taking in spectacular views of **Killarney National Park** and the surrounding mountains, including Ireland's highest peak.

Stroll to Torc Waterfall to stand in awe of its immense power before continuing into the heart of the National Park.

Enjoy free time to explore the National Park. Your visit may include a visit to Muckross House, sightings of rare red deer or an ancient yew tree growing at the heart of ruined **Muckross Abbey**.

Spend time wandering the lively streets of **Killarney**, exploring the boutique shops, old worldly pubs and amazing local food.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 4: Wednesday

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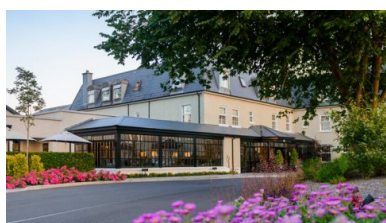
Dingle & Slea Head



BALLYGARRY, KERRY to BALLYGARRY, KERRY

Overnight Stay

BALLYGARRY ESTATE HOTEL & SPA



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Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES -----

Start the day with a scenic coastal drive on the Dingle Peninsula.

Next, we will experience **Slea Head**, one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed. Look out for the **Blasket Islands** and the holy **Mount Brandon** among the patchwork fields and picture-perfect cottages.

In the afternoon, soak up the charms of **Dingle**. Stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries, boutique shops and craft studios.

Finish your day watching shepherd and dog working in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included) before returning to Ballygarry.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 5: Thursday

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Loop Head & West Clare



TRALEE, 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
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

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

Tour spectacular **Loop Head**. The peninsula tapers to a sharp point in the Atlantic. This scenic drive features dramatic geographical features and picturesque seaside villages.

Take a walk across the epic **Bridges of Ross** a stunning sea arch in wildest **West Clare**.

Enjoy a scenic drive along the west **Clare coastline** with ocean vistas of the Aran Islands, lying just offshore.



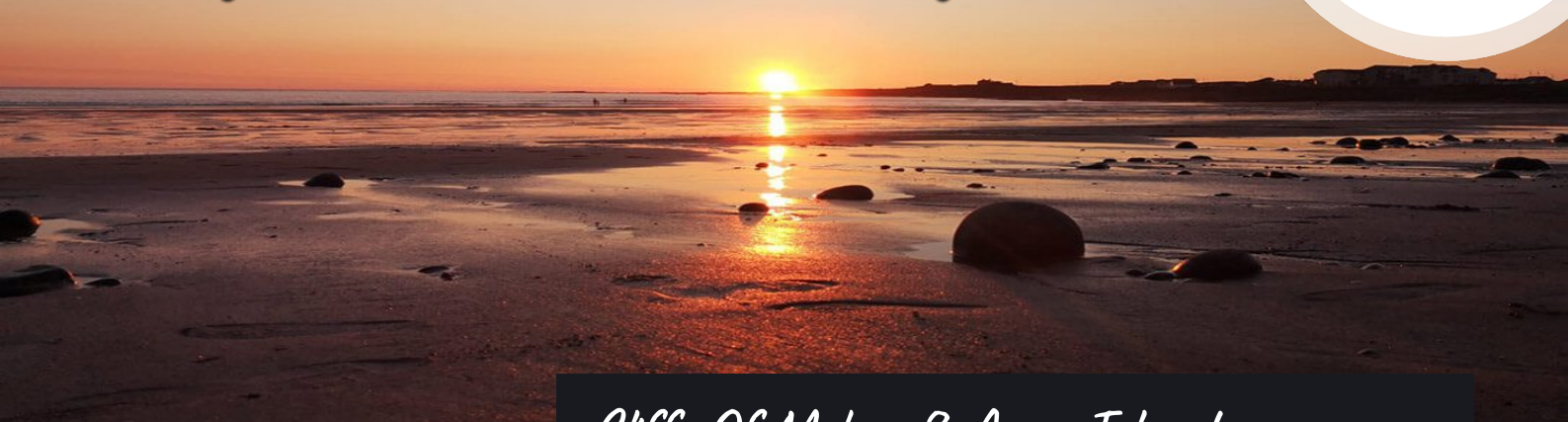
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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Friday

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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
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

Cliffs Of Moher & Aran Islands



LAHINCH, CLARE

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).



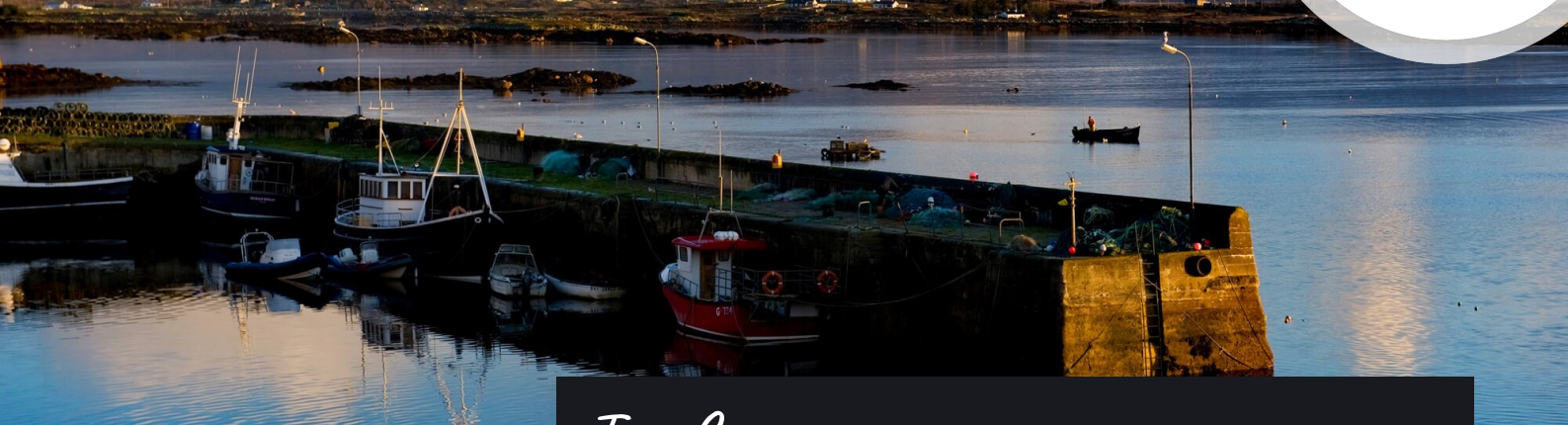
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BOOK TOUR

Day 7: Saturday

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Tour Connemara



LAHINCH, CLARE to CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA

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
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

This morning, spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Next, explore the picturesque village of **Cong**, filming location for John Wayne's *The Quiet Man*.

Revel in the savage beauty of **Connemara**, famed for its traditional Irish culture, misty mountains, wild moorlands and dark lakes.

There's a quick photo stop at **Kylemore Abbey** – one of Ireland's most scenic historic buildings before arriving in the lively town of Clifden.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 8: Sunday

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Castle Tour & Galway City



CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

4 HOURS
(MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES BETWEEN STOPS)

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

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included).

We're aiming for **Galway** next. The City of the Tribes is bohemian and buzzy.

You'll 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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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.

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €20.00

Aran Islands Visit - €50.00

* 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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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 8 full days on tour
- 7 nights' accommodation
- 7 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- 3 course meal at Ballygarry Estate Hotel/The Meadowlands Hotel
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Guided tour and whiskey tasting at the Jameson Distillery
- A working sheep farm experience
- 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:
EU€2,425.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: EU€470.00

Sep Departures:
EU€2,690.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: EU€505.00

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