



Why Book with Vagabond?



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.

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 <u>VagaGuide team</u>.

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!**









Tour Type VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction
COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle
CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location
GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN
View Location

Departure Day & Time 7.50AM MONDAY

Return Day & Time



Feast On The East!

Go completely wild on a 5 day **guided multisport adventure tour** amid the beauty and history of **Ireland's southeast**.

Travelling by **4x4 Mercedes tour vehicle**, by bike and by kayak, you'll explore **granite mountain** ranges, a **National Park**, an offroad **coastal cycle trail**, a peninsula in the **Celtic Sea** and **Ireland's most scenic river valley**.

Taste craft-brewed ale, touch ancient castle walls and feel the warmth of an Irish welcome on this energetic and **affordable adventure vacation**. It's all waiting for you in **Ireland's Ancient East!**

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 5 Day Adventure East Tour

Departing **Dublin**, you'll hike in **Laois**, en route to the coast of **Cork**. Overnight just outside **Waterford**, then explore the **Hook Peninsula** in **Wexford** before 2 nights in and around **Kilkenny**, returning to Dublin via the **Wicklow Mountains** and **Glendalough**.





Counter-Clockwise





Explore spectacular off the beaten path destinations like the **Slieve Bloom mountains** and the **Barrow River Valley**.



See wildlife, sea caves and wonderful vistas as you kayak off the **Hook Peninsula** in **Wexford**.



Put the pedal to the metal on a **guided bike tour** of the coastal **Waterford Greenway**.



Savour 2 nights in **Kilkenny** with craft shops, a walking tour, a brewery tour and tasty restaurants on the menu.



Dip your paddle into the **Barrow**, one of Ireland's longest rivers — and best kept secrets — on a **guided canoe trip**.



Gaze out across the **Celtic Sea** from a scenic cliff walk on the **Waterford Coast**.



Amazing **local experiences**; how about meeting a shepherd during a **sheepdog demo** on a working Irish farm?



Travel back in time to medieval castles, monastic ruins and onboard a replica **19th century Famine Ship**.



Wonder at the wilderness of the **Wicklow Mountains National**Park and the ancient **Glendalough**.



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

Average Driving



GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to GARRYVOE, CORK

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 7.50am.

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

Kick off your cultural adventure with a hike through the **Slieve Bloom Mountains**, Ireland's largest state-owned nature reserve, and one of the oldest mountain ranges in Europe.

We'll stop for a guided tour of monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included). Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses.

Take a scenic drive through the **Knockmealdown Mountains** and the switchback turns of the **Vee Pass**.







Immersed in nature, the Faithlegg Hotel is the ideal spot to kick back and relax.

Average Driving



GARRYVOE, CORK to FAITHLEGG, WATERFORD

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

Hop on a bike and explore the <u>Waterford Greenway</u> (Optional Extra). Travel through time and nature on a guided tour of 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.

After an active morning and lunch near **Kilmacthomas**, relax this afternoon while enjoying breathtaking views of the **Copper Coast**.





KILKENNY RIVER COURT HOTEL



Stay in the heart of one of Ireland's favourite cities at the fantastic Kilkenny River Court Hotel.

Average Driving 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Guided Sea Kayaking



FAITHLEGG, WATERFORD to KILKENNY

Cross the **Waterford Estuary** into **Wexford** this morning by ferry (Fee Included). This is the confluence point of the 3 Sisters: the rivers Nore, Suir and Barrow.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B)

- **A.** Discover seabirds, sea caves and sea arches during a magical kayaking experience around **Hook Head** (Optional Extra).
- **B.** Explore the ruins and walled garden at 13th century <u>Tintern Abbey</u> (Optional Extra).

Take a guided tour of **Hook Lighthouse** (Optional Extra). This is the world's oldest continually-operating lighthouse; a beacon was first lit here 850 years ago.

In the historic town of **New Ross**, step aboard an atmospheric replica 1840s emigrant vessel; the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** (Fee Included).

Drop anchor this evening in historic **Kilkenny**. The elegant Marble City was Ireland's medieval capital and offers plentiful dining and entertainment options.







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Average Driving

This morning is yours to design.

KILKENNY

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 on a guided tour and ale tasting at the **Smithwick's Brewery** (Optional Extra)





Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



KILKENNY to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Before we say goodbye — slán in Irish — there's still time for you to catch some of southern Ireland's most amazing sights.

Drop into the hillside village of **Hollywood** for a **sheepdog demo** at a working sheep farm (Fee Included).

You'll feel far from civilisation in the <u>Wicklow Mountains National</u> Park, part of Ireland's largest upland wilderness — but still only an hour from Dublin!

Our final stop is **Glendalough**. This 6th century monastic city is located in a steep glaciated valley. It's a fitting end to our multisport adventure tour!

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





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.

Waterford Greenway Guided Cycle - €50.00

Tintern Abbey - €4

Shenanigans Kilkenny Walking Tour - €22.40

Smithwick's Brewery Tour - €18.00

Hook Head Kayaking - €60.00

Hook Lighthouse Guided Tour - €13.00

Kilkenny Castle - €8.00



^{*} 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

^{**} Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 5 Full Days of Adventure in a VagaTron 4x4 Tour Vehicle 1
- The Services of a Highly-Trained VagaGuide Tour Guide 🕏
- 4 Nights' Accommodation in High Quality Hotels []
- 4 Delicious Hot Irish Breakfasts []
- Essential Activities and Visits (see Optional Extras) [
- Guided Farm Tour & Sheepdog Demo []
- Entrance Fee to Cahir Castle []
- Waterford Estuary Ferry Tickets
- All Relevant Taxes []
- Guaranteed Departure When Deposit is Confirmed []

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.

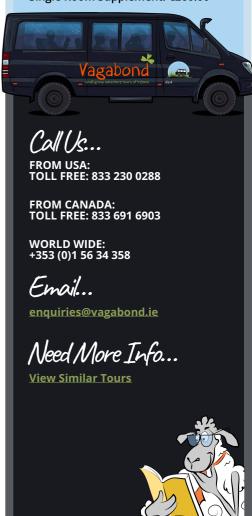
NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

TOUR PRICING

Apr 2026 Departures: €1,386.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €240.00

Jul to Sep Departures: €1,540.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €235.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures: €1,540.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €260.00



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