



6 Day Driftwood Northern Island Tour

OUTLINE ITINERARY

The Easy Way to Tour Northern Ireland

Explore **Northern Ireland and the northwest coast** for 6 days of fun and culture.

Travel the wild roads of **Mayo** and the epic **Giant's Causeway** route. Enjoy guided tours of the storied cities of **Belfast** and **Derry/Londonderry**.

All aboard! Highlights include a boat trip in **Donegal** and a guided tour of the British Royal Family's official castle in **Northern Ireland**.

This 6-day, fully guided small-group itinerary is loved by couples, families and friend groups alike.

"The trip was amazing, enlightening, and very comprehensive. From the very first greeting to the end it was a fabulous experience." **Guest Review SEPT 2024**



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

SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5.00-6.00PM FRIDAY

- Experience the historic cities and spectacular natural scenery of **Northern Ireland** and the rugged northwest region.
- Visit the geological wonder that is the **Giant's Causeway**, Northern Ireland's World Heritage site.
- Board a **boat trip** to **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.
- Traverse mountain passes and pristine beaches in **Donegal**, one of Ireland's most beautiful but undiscovered counties.
- Take a history tour with a local guide to see street murals and learn about the 'Troubles' in **Belfast**, capital of Northern Ireland.
- Relive epic battles on a historic walking tour of Ireland's only fully intact walled city; **Derry/Londonderry**.
- Overnight in high quality guesthouses and **locally-owned hotels**.
- Take a guided tour of the castle where the **British Royal Family** stay in Northern Ireland.
- Meet **master craftspeople** and skilled artisans in working craft studios.
- Encounter authentic culture and **local experiences** in off the beaten track destinations.



Any Questions?



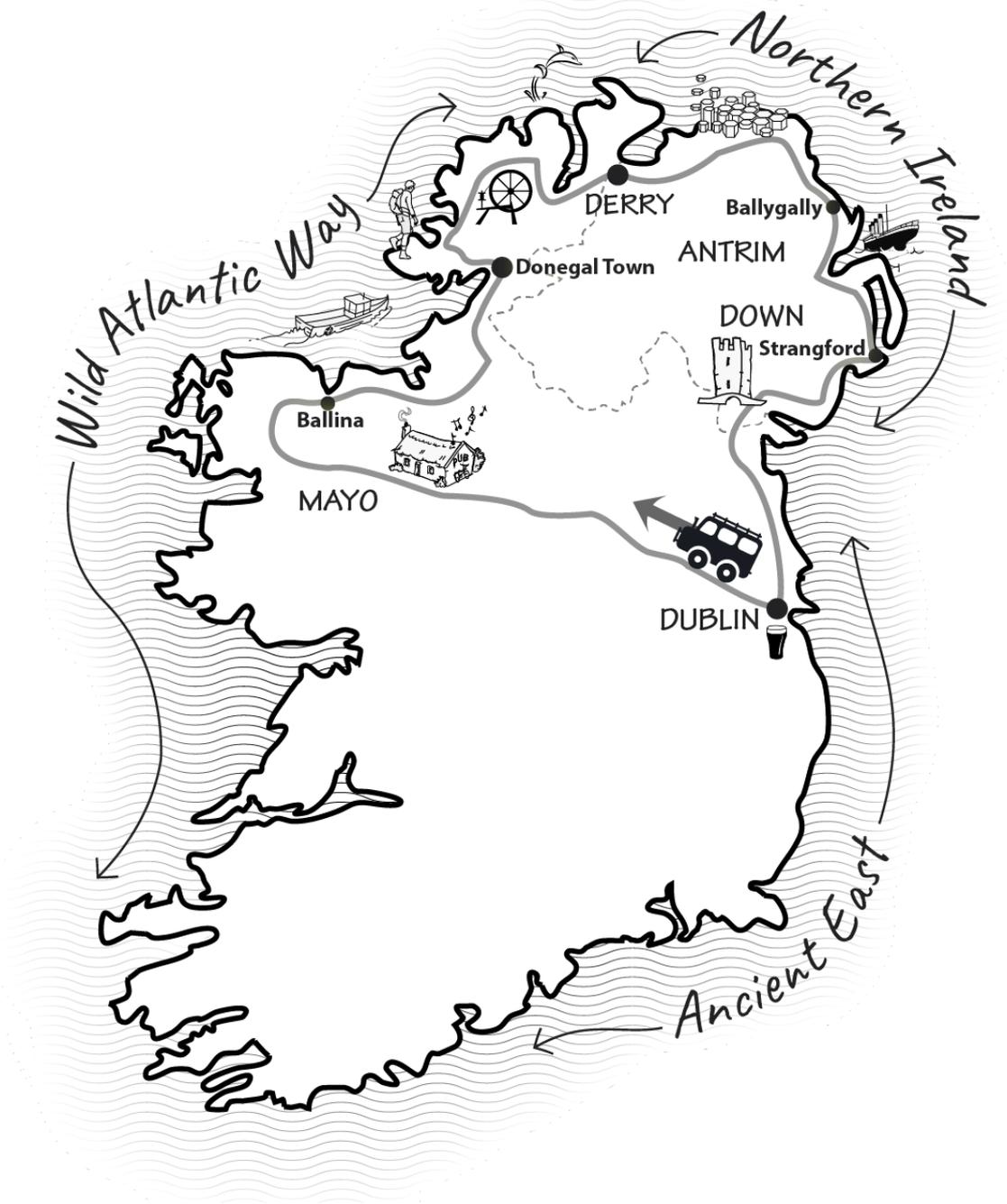
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My Tour Notes

ADD YOUR MEMORIES & THOUGHTS



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Day 1



📍 **GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN to BALLINA,
MAYO**

Overnight Stay

**THE MOUNT FALCON ESTATE &
SPA**

Day of Week

SUNDAY

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

LET'S HIT THE PREHISTORIC ROAD!

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 7.50am.

Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

We'll leave the city, going 1000s of years back in time...

Unearth secrets of the **Iron Age trackway**, or *togher*, at **Corlea**. Constructed circa 150BC, this is the largest prehistoric roadway in Europe.

Discover Ireland's rich rural heritage at the **Museum of Country Life's** modern exhibition space, an original Victorian building and scenic landscaped gardens.

Day 2



📍 **BALLINA, MAYO to
DONEGAL**

Overnight Stay

THE ABBEY HOTEL

Day of Week

MONDAY

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

DONEGAL BOAT TRIP & SHEEPDOG DEMO

Arise and go now, your second day exploring Ireland awaits...

Watch shepherd and dog working perfectly in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included).

This afternoon, choose from the following two options:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B)

- **A.** Scenic coastal drive to **Slieve League**. Soak up the spectacular vistas at these 600m/2000ft high sea cliffs from an accessible viewing platform. Alternatively, take a **guided boat trip** under Slieve League (Optional Extra). Sea legs are definitely required.
- **B.** Stroll the shops and craft studios in **Donegal town**. Take a self-guided tour of 15th century **Donegal Castle** (Optional Extra).

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Day 3



DONEGAL to DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Overnight Stay
EBRINGTON HOTEL

Day of Week
TUESDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS

NATIONAL PARK & WALKING HISTORY TOUR

Watch for wild deer and golden eagles in the pristine wilderness of **Glenveagh National Park**.

Take a self-guided tour of **Glenveagh Castle** (Optional Extra). Shuttle buses depart from the car park to the castle (Fee Included). Alternatively, enjoy a leisurely stroll along the lakeside taking in spectacular views.

Panoramic 360° vistas await you at the beautifully preserved Celtic stone ringfort at **Grianán of Aileach**.

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required).

We'll pass through historic city gates to enter **Derry/Londonderry**. Take a guided walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only intact walled city (Fee Included).

Day 4



DERRY/LONDONDERRY to BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM

Overnight Stay
BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL

Day of Week
WEDNESDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

CASTLE HOTEL STAY & GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

Cameras at the ready! You're about to experience one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives; the **Causeway Coastal Route**.

40,000 hexagonal basalt columns make up the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included), a **World Heritage Site**.

Choose to walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool on a steep 1km (1.6 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow an accessible path to the Giant's Causeway viewing point. Shuttle bus available (Optional Extra).

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit Bushmills, the **oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world**, for a tasting (Optional Extra), followed by a stop at cliff-top **Dunluce Castle** (Fee Included).

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Day 5



**BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM
to STRANGFORD, DOWN**

Overnight Stay
THE CUAN HOTEL

Day of Week
THURSDAY

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

BELFAST HISTORY TOUR & ROYAL CASTLE

This morning we'll roll into **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of **Northern Ireland**.

Optional Extras (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** Take a highly recommended **Black Cab Tour**, explaining the history of the Troubles era.
- **B.** Or a self-guided visit to the **Titanic Centre**.
- **C.** Alternatively, explore Belfast at your own pace.

Are you king or queen of the castle? Take a guided tour of **Hillsborough Castle & Gardens** to find out (Fee Included). On some dates, the British Royal Family will be in residence and your tour will visit an alternative attraction.

Day 6



**STRANGFORD, DOWN to
GRAND CANAL HOTEL,
DUBLIN**

Day of Week
FRIDAY

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

MOUNTAINS, CASTLES & CELTIC CROSSES

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

Step back in time to discover the historical burial place of Saint Patrick at **Down Cathedral**. Then imagine rival lords battling over 12th century **Dundrum Castle**.

Of course you're taking the scenic route back to Dublin, passing the rolling granite peaks of the **Mourne Mountains**. Cross the border into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

Crane your neck to view the finest — and tallest — Celtic high crosses in Ireland, at **Monasterboice**. It's an epic way to conclude our northern odyssey.

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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TOUR PRICING

Oct Departures:

€1,728.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €285.00

Jul to Sep Departures:

€1,920.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €305.00

Mar, Apr and Oct 2026 Departures:

€1,728.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €320.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures:

€1,920.00 Per Person Sharing

Single Room Supplement: €340.00

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
- 6 full days on tour
- 5 nights' accommodation
- 5 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- A one night stay in a castle hotel
- Entrance into the world famous Giant's Causeway, Dunluce Castle and Hillsborough Castle
- A guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- A guided sheepdog demo in Sligo
- Shuttle bus in Glenveagh National Park

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TOUR OPTIONS

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

Slieve League Boat Trip** - €25.00

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00

Giant's Causeway Shuttle Bus** -
£1/€1.20

Black Cab Tour** - £20.00

Titanic Experience - £24.95

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.

* 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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