



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.

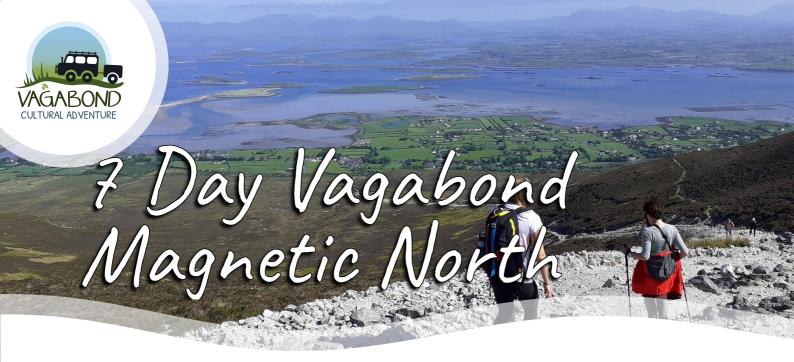
BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES: No expense is spared on our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.

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 8.10AM SUNDAY

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



Get Active in Northern Ireland & the Northwest

Head north on our most active adventure tour yet!

Spend 7 days on an unforgettable adventure vacation in Ireland. Go cliff hiking, biking, horseback-riding and sea kayaking on your way around the rugged countryside of **Northern Ireland and the northwest**.

You're about to uncover the wonders of the **Giant's Causeway**, the wild beaches of **Donegal**, the craic in **Westport** and the fascinating history of **Belfast** and **Derry/Londonderry**.

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 7 Day Vagabond Magnetic North Adventure Tour



Kicking off in **Dublin**, you'll first head north to Armagh and **Belfast**. After touring the **Causeway Coast** in Antrim, arrive in the city of **Derry/Londonderry**. Leaving Northern Ireland, explore **Donegal** and **Sligo** before the tour finale in **Westport**, Mayo.



This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction around Ireland





Hike the Northern Ireland coastline to the **Giant's Causeway**, with sea stacks, chalk cliffs and hidden coves along the way.



Choose your adventure activities, such as sea kayaking off remote **Donegal**



Walk over the **Carrick-a-Rede** rope bridge, suspended 100ft above the North Atlantic



Leave your mark on **Belfast**, as part of a local-led, guided historical tour of Northern Ireland's capital city.



Take a boat trip in the shadow of **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.



Conquer the summit of **Slieve Gullion** to discover an ancient mountaintop passage tomb and hear ancient myths.



Experience the contested histories of **Derry/Londonderry** — Ireland's only intact walled city — on a guided walking tour.



Taste the real Ireland with overnights in quality independent hotels, located in **remote locations** and quaint villages.



Explore parts of Ireland even Irish people rarely visit! Expect **clifftop castle ruins**, authentic villages, craft studios and traditional music.





Escape to this historic hotel in the seaside village of Carnlough in Northern Ireland.

BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL



Ballygally Castle Hotel features a 400 year old tower house which is home to a friendly ghost. Spooky!

Average Driving 4 HOURS

Scenic Hike & Guided Belfast Tour



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the **Grand** Canal Hotel, Dublin at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.10am. Board your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle and hit the road!

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

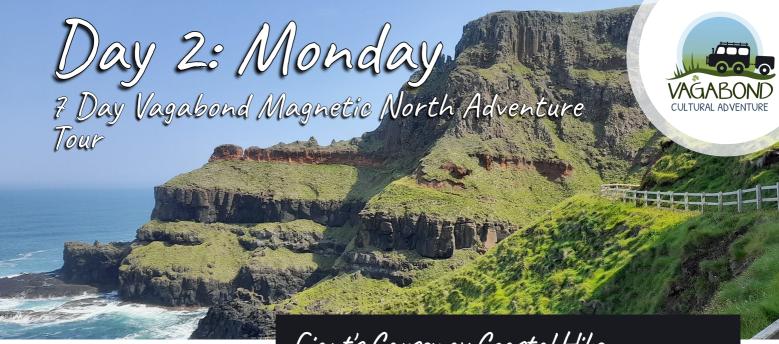
Climb **Slieve Gullion** mountain (573 m / 1,880 ft) to one of Ireland's highest passage tombs. Enjoy great views and mysterious folk myths.

Zoom to **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland, to choose from the following activities:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B, or C)

- A. 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.







Bishop's Gate Hotel is perfectly positioned within the historic city walls at the heart of Derry/Londonderry's Cathedral Quarter.

Average Driving

Giant's Causeway Coastal Hike



CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM to DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Cameras at the ready! You'll wake up on one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives, Antrim's Causeway Coastal Route.

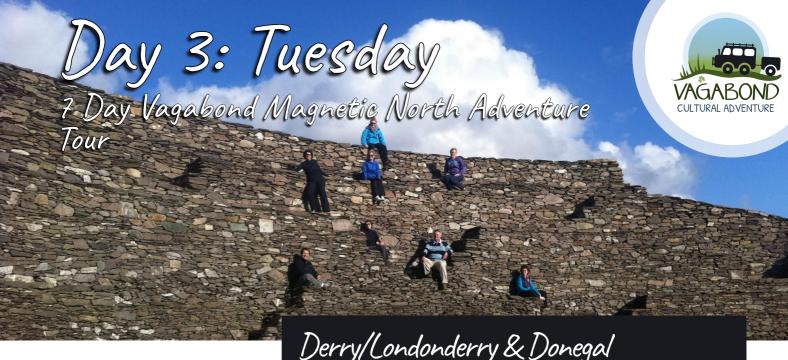
First stop, is the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. Walk across the suspended bridge 100ft above the North Atlantic, first errected by local salmon fishermen over 250 years ago.

Next up, hike the Causeway Coast Way (Duration: 2.5 hours). The finale of this steep, often muddy trail, lies at the **Giant's Causeway**.

Experience the Giant's Causeway (Fee Included). Science tells us this World Heritage Site formed millions of years ago when magma cooled into 40,000 hexagonal basalt columns. But folklore says Finn McCool and his giant-fighting ways are to blame!

We'll stop for a photo at clifftop **Dunluce Castle** before passing through historic gates to enter the city of **Derry/Londonderry**.





Overnight Stay ARNOLDS HOTEL



At the heart of Dunfanaghy village, family-owned Arnolds Hotel overlooks spectacular scenery in Donegal.

Average Driving

Derry/Londonderry & Donegal



DERRY/LONDONDERRY to DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL

Start the day with a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only intact walled city, **Derry/Londonderry** (Fee Included).

Cross the border back into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

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

Watch for wild deer and eagles on a lakeside hike in **Glenveagh** National Park. Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of Glenveagh Castle (Optional Extra).

This evening — weather permitting — explore caves on a guided sea kayaking adventure along the spectacular Donegal coastline (Optional Extra).









Nestled amid the enchanting landscapes of Donegal is this beacon of hospitality and tranquility.

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Slieve League Cliffs Boat Trip



DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL TO DONEGAL TOWN

This morning, take a scenic drive to explore the wild wonderland that is Donegal; one of Ireland's most remote and beautiful regions.

At Slieve League, your VagaGuide will offer these options:

- Get close to the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe, on a hike over steep and rugged terrain.
- Take a guided **boat trip** under the cliffs (Optional Extra). You'll be on a small, 12-person boat. Sea legs required.

Enjoy live traditional music in **Donegal town**, after a great day of adventures.







Mount Falcon Estate & Spa is always a guest favourite on our tours visiting Mayo and the northwest.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Farm Tour & Sheepdog Demo



DONEGAL TOWN TO BALLINA, MAYO

Starting in Donegal, your adventure tour moves further into Ireland's northwest, finishing in Mayo.

This morning, explore craft shops in Donegal town or take a self-guided tour of 15th century **Donegal Castle** (Optional Extra).

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

Sligo flies under the radar when compared to more famous Irish counties.

After lunch — weather permitting — choose from these options:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B)

- A. Surfing (Optional Extra)
- B. A scenic local hike





WYATT HOTEL WESTPORT



Relish the central location and high quality boutique hotel finish at the Wyatt.

Average Driving

Horseback-Riding & A Holy Hike



BALLINA, MAYO to WESTPORT, MAYO

The penultimate day of your Magnetic North Adventure Tour spends quality time in **Mayo.** This northwestern county is arguably Ireland's most unspoilt destination.

Start slowly this morning, exploring the picturesque grounds — or the hot tub — at **Mount Falcon**.

Lose a sin with every step as you hike the holy mountain of **Croagh Patrick**. You'll be following an ancient pilgrimage route, connected to the legend of Ireland's patron saint.

If you have energy left after all that, jump onto a trusty steed for a guided **horseback ride** (Optional Extra). Alternatively, opt for an early check-in.

There's a distinct possibility of live music and good food this evening in **Westport**. Don't miss the unique atmosphere in the town's authentic Irish pubs.





Average Driving
4 HOURS



WESTPORT, MAYO to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Before we wave goodbye, there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

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

Cycle along the banks of the beautifully scenic Royal Canal Greenway (Optional Extra). Alternatively, explore a shorter section on on foot.

Disembark your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell hugs all round for your new friends.





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.

Black Cab Tour** - £20.00

Sea Kayaking Donegal** - €50.00

Slieve League Boat Trip** - €25.00

Surfing in Sligo - €40.00

Royal Canal Cycle Tour** - €22.00 / €42.00

Titanic Experience - £24.95

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Horseback-Riding Mayo** - €40.00

* 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.



Pricing 7 Day Vagabond Magnetic North Adventure Tour

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Off The Beaten Track Adventure in 4x4 VagaTron Tour Vehicle
- Services of a Highly-Trained VagaGuide Tour Guide
- 7 Full Days on Tour
- 6 Nights' Accommodation
- 6 Delicious Hot Irish Breakfasts
- Most Daily activities and Visits (see Optional Extras)
- Guided Walking Tour of Derry/Londonderry
- Guided Sheepdog Demo
- Entrance to Carrick-a-Rede rope ridge
- Entrance into The Giant's Causeway

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:

€1,867.50 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €295.00

Jul to Sep Departures:

€2,075.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €315.00

Apr and Oct 2026 Departures: €2,060.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €350.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures: €2,285.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €350.00

