



8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland



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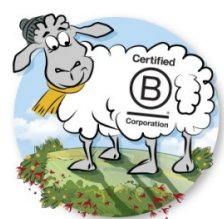


Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **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 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 **VagaGuide team**.
- ★ **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!**

*The Secret is
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

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.20 SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY



*Gentle Pace, Castles,
Culture & History*

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Move To Ireland's Rhythm!

Hit the high notes on this epic music tour of Ireland.

Take a tour of U2's recording studio. Tap your toes in an Irish dance workshop. Experience spontaneous music sessions in pubs, a music and dance stage show and an intimate folk concert in a 200 year old church.

Fully guided by a local expert, your music tour of Ireland drops by amazing towns like **Dingle**, **Doolin**, **Galway** and **Kenmare**.

Embark on a true cultural journey of discovery; a toe-tapping, soul-enriching, sing-along adventure!

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 Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland



Head west from **Dublin** to **Galway city** before turning south to overnight stops in **Doolin** (Clare), **Dingle** (Kerry), **Portmagee** (Kerry) and **Kenmare** (Kerry). Return to **Dublin** via **Tipperary**.



This tour travels in a counter-clockwise direction around Ireland with Sunday departures.

Highlights

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Take a rockin' guided tour of Dublin's **Windmill Lane Studios**, a recording venue first made famous by U2.



Embark on a **walking tour of Galway** leading you to a live trad music session.



See world champion dancers and internationally-renowned musicians perform in a **live Irish music and dance show**.



Step into the real home of a traditional musician in **Clare** for an intimate gig and historical talk.



Learn about an ancient and symbolic instrument on a guided visit to a **traditional Irish harp** maker's studio.



Get your dancing shoes on for an **Irish sean nós dance workshop** with a champion dancer in Kerry.



Enjoy overnight stops and quality time in towns with serious musical heritage: **Doolin; Dingle; Miltown Malbay**.



Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live sheepdog demo and **guided farm tour**.



All aboard! Take a boat trip around the spectacular **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history.

Day 1: Sunday

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Overnight Stay

THE SALTHILL HOTEL



Enjoy breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean and the iconic Salthill Promenade—a serene escape after a day of adventures in Galway city.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Stage Show In Galway City



GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to SALTHILL, GALWAY

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin** at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle and hit the road!

Kickstart your Irish music odyssey in style with a guided castle tour in historic **Athenry** (Fee Included).

Bohemian and buzzy **Galway city** is next, known in Ireland as the City of the Tribes.

After your lunch, embark on **walking tour** (Fee Included) through the city, passing Galway's famous buskers and street performers, ending at a live trad music session.

This evening, get ready to experience **Trad on the Prom**** (Fee Included). World champion dancers and internationally-renowned traditional musicians come together in this amazing Irish music and dance show.

******This experience is not available for tours departing in April 2025 or October 2025. Instead, you will get the chance to catch some live music at a local pub.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 2: Monday

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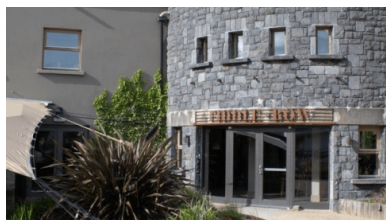
Harp Workshop & Music In Doolin



SALTHILL, GALWAY to DOOLIN, CLARE

Overnight Stay

FIDDLE + BOW COLLECTION



A charming boutique retreat in the heart of Doolin. Perfectly situated as a launchpad for exploring Doolin, the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Learn about the ancient art of harp making on a guided visit to the studio of traditional Irish harpist and musical woodworker, Brian Callan, located in **Galway** (Fee Included).

Next, we'll pass through the bewitching beauty of **The Burren**, with its limestone lunar landscape, ancient dolmens and uniquely rich flora.

Irish music sessions in pubs are rightly famous. But did you know that some of the most atmospheric and authentic traditional music performances happen at home? Today you'll find out why, with an intimate gig and historical talk in **Doolin Music House** (Fee Included); home of musician Christy Barry and artist Sheila Quinn.

Hold onto your hat! It's the **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700ft high sea cliffs.

This evening, you won't go far to find good tunes. The seaside village of **Doolin** is one of the true spiritual homes of Irish traditional music.



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Day 3: Tuesday

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Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Average Driving

4 HOURS

Irish Dancing Workshop



DOOLIN, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Miltown Malbay is a hub for traditional music in Ireland. Step into the **Music Makers of West Clare** to learn about Irish music, song and dance, as well as how this small town became so important to the scene.

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in 'The Kingdom' of Kerry (Fee Included).

Meet champion dancer, Ranóg Townsend, for an **Irish dance workshop** (Fee Included). Learn the basic steps of *sean nós* dancing, the oldest traditional dance style in Ireland. If you prefer not to dance, you will still learn all about the art of Irish dancing and enjoy the show your fellow travellers put on for you.

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live sheepdog demo and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included).

Dingle awaits... Revel in a wealth of food and music options in this bustling little town. There's a pub for every 40 residents!



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Day 4: Wednesday

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Dingle Folk Concert



DINGLE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Today is yours to design. Soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following relaxed activities.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B):

- **A.** Take a boat trip around spectacular Dingle Bay (Optional Extra).
- **B.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity (Optional Extra).

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.

Whatever you do in **Dingle**, don't miss a special **Irish folk music concert** this evening at the magical 200 year old venue in St James' Church (Optional Extra).



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Day 5: Thursday

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Overnight Stay

THE MOORINGS HOTEL



Located harbourside in the picturesque village of Portmagee, the Moorings Guesthouse is the perfect base for exploring the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Skellig Islands Boat Trip



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

Dip your toes in the ocean at **Inch Strand**, a broad stretch of golden sand with rolling Atlantic waves.

Step back in time to visit an ancient ring fort on the **Iveragh Peninsula** and learn how people lived in Ireland's Iron Age.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B):

A. Take a guided boat trip around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extra). Duration: 2 hour 30 minutes. This is an ocean crossing. The 12 person capacity boats are small. Cabin conditions are rough and wet; sea legs are required. Your departure is weather dependent and subject to late cancellation.

B. Savour a guided whiskey tasting and historical tour at the **Portmagee Distillery** (Optional Extra).



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Day 6: Friday

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Kerry Cliffs & Ring Of Kerry



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE



Feel right at home when you stay at this family-run townhouse in Kenmare near the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving

3 HOURS

Start the day with a stop to take in the views at the incredible **Kerry Cliffs** (Fee Included)

Visit **Derrynane House** to learn about Daniel O'Connell — a towering figure in Irish history — or take a stroll on one of Ireland's most pristine beaches.

Savour free time to explore the heritage town of **Kenmare**. Maybe you're ready to buy a traditional Irish instrument in the local music shop?

Finish the day with toe-tapping live music performed in the hotel bar.



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Day 7: Saturday

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Cork City & Blarney Castle



KENMARE, KERRY to CORK CITY

Overnight Stay

RIVER LEE HOTEL IN CORK



Nestled along a scenic curve of the river, just a brief stroll from the heart of Cork, The River Lee Hotel boasts an extraordinary location in this delightful and historically rich city.

Average Driving

2 HOURS

We'll first trace the valley of the **River Lee** downstream, crossing stone bridges and passing through postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to — hygienically — kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain the legendary gift o' the gab. You also have the option to amble through the lush, landscaped gardens surrounding **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

Take a music-centric walking tour of **Cork** with an expert local guide (Fee Included). Learn about the many famous musicians to emerge locally.

On your walking tour, you'll also pass some of Cork's best pubs for live music sessions.

This evening, you have the option of attending **Hysterical Histories**** (Optional Extra). Hear the 800-year-old story of Cork city at this entertaining theatre experience.

**Located on the 3rd Floor of a city centre restaurant. No elevator available.



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Day 8: Sunday

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Studio Tour & Rock Of Cashel

Average Driving
4 HOURS



CORK CITY to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

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

En route back to **Dublin**, enjoy a self-guided tour of the epic **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). We can't guarantee music — but it does rock!

You'll reach **Dublin** in your Mercedes tour vehicle around 3pm.

Take a guided tour of Dublin's **Windmill Lane Studios**** (Optional Extra), a recording venue first made famous by U2. We think it's a fittingly epic place to draw your Irish music tour to a close.

Alternatively, feel free to opt for an early check-in at your hotel.

****There is no elevator at Windmill Lane Studios. You will need to climb two flights of stairs.**



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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.

Dingle Folk Concert** - €20.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

Portmagee Whiskey Tour - €20.00

Windmill Studios Tour - €22.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €15.00

Skellig Islands Cruise - €70.00

Hysterical Histories - €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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Pricing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A musical journey of discovery in a 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
- Walking tour in Galway City
- Tickets to Irish music and dance show in Galway and music performance in Doolin.
- Guided visit to traditional harp-making studio
- Guided farm tour and sheepdog demo
- Guided Irish dance workshop in Kerry
- Guided musical walking tour of Cork
- Guided castle tour in Athenry
- Entrance to Blarney Castle & Gardens and the Rock of Cashel
- 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:

€2,493.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €430.00

Sep Departures:

€2,770.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €455.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures:

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Single Room Supplement: €505.00



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