



# 8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland



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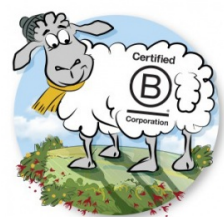


# Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 22 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 proudly won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 1,800+ 5-Star reviews across **TRIPADVISOR** and **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, flat-rate deposit and convenient notice period.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on maintaining our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... That's why 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.





# 8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland

## 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

**8.30 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; a brand new themed itinerary for 2024.

Tune up for guided musical experiences: a tour of U2's recording studio; an Irish dance workshop; a musical stage show; an intimate folk concert in a 200 year old church.

Fully guided by an Irish music expert, your 8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland will bring you to amazing towns like Dingle, Doolin, Galway and Kenmare, where you can experience impromptu music sessions in charming pubs.

Embark on your own cultural journey of discovery, a toe-tapping, sing-along adventure that immerses you in the Irish music scene!

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 **Ballyvourney** (Cork). Return to **Dublin** via **Tipperary**.



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

# Highlights

## 8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland



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



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

## 8 Day Jigs & Reels Music Tour of Ireland

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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 8.30am. 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.

This afternoon, you'll enjoy free time to soak up the atmosphere of **Galway**. Check out the street performers on Shop Street and live music performances in the many traditional Irish pubs around the city.

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.



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# Day 2: Monday

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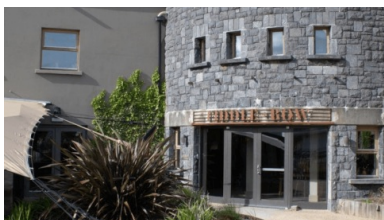
### Harp Workshop & Music In Doolin



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.

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, B or C):

- **A.** Take a boat trip around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **B.** Savour a guided craft tour of the Dingle Crystal studio.
- **C.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

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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### Skellig Islands Boat Trip



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

### 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

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).

Enjoy live Irish music in an intimate setting tonight at The Moorings Bar in **Portmagee**.



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# Day 6: Friday

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### Ring Of Kerry, Kenmare & Cork



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to BALLYVOURNEY, CORK

### Overnight Stay

THE MILLS INN BALLYVOURNEY



This family-owned hotel offers a genuine Irish welcome, traditional music, and lively craic. Hidden in the authentic West Cork, within a Gaeltacht area.

### Average Driving

3 HOURS

Start the day with a scenic coastal drive around the world famous **Ring of Kerry** touring route.

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?

This afternoon, your Irish music tour turns towards the county of **Cork** and the remote village of **Ballyvourney**. This is an Irish-speaking Gaeltacht area, so ask your VagaGuide to teach you *cúpla focail*.

In **Ballyvourney**, enjoy yet another live traditional Irish music session in your hotel.



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# Day 7: Saturday

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### Cork City & Blarney Castle



BALLYVOURNEY, CORK 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.



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# Day 8: Sunday

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### Studio Tour & Rock Of Cashel



CORK CITY to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

### Average Driving

4 HOURS

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

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick christened the King of Munster here and Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland on this very spot.

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

Take a rockin' 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.



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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 ( eg Coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to 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\*\* - €12.00

Skellig Islands Cruise - €50.00

Portmagee Whiskey Tour - €20.00

Hysterical Histories - €45.00

Windmill Studios Tour - €22.00

\* 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
- 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

Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:  
**€2,376.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €430.00

Jun and Sep Departures:  
**€2,640.00 Per Person Sharing**  
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