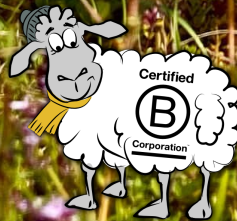




# 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



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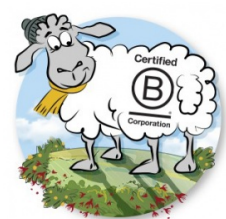


# Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **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.



# 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour

## *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*

**8.00AM MONDAY**

## *Return Day & Time*

**5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY**



*Gentle Pace, Castles,  
Culture & History*

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## West & South Of Ireland In A Week

Take a fully-guided 7 day tour of wild valleys and quaint villages

The spectacular west and southwest of Ireland awaits you on this gently-paced **Driftwood Journey of Discovery**.

Discover the rugged natural beauty of **Clare**, **Kerry** and **Cork**, the lovely **Cliffs of Moher**, as well as hideaway places you won't find in guidebooks.

Connect with people, history and culture. Stay in a **Connemara** castle hotel, visit craft studios and enjoy ample free time.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

THIS IS THE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE ITINERARY: [VIEW CLOCKWISE ITINERARY HERE](#)



# Tour Map

## 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



From **Dublin**, head west to **Galway**, followed by **Clare**. See the Cliffs of Moher then head south for 2 nights in **Dingle**, Kerry. Explore **Kenmare** before crossing into **Cork**. Return to Dublin via Tipperary.



**This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction.**

[View Tour in Opposite Direction](#)



# Highlights

## 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



Experience amazing bucket-list destinations like the famous **Cliffs of Moher**



Visit **Blarney Castle** and kiss the **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab



Overnight in an atmospheric castle hotel in the heart of **Connemara**



Tour spectacular **Killarney National Park** in a horse-drawn 'jaunting' carriage



Meet craftspeople and discover **handmade Irish crafts** in open studios



Meet lambs and sheepdogs on a **guided Irish farm tour** including a sheepdog experience



Visit stately homes, gardens and castles, like **Bantry House** - owned by the same family since the 1700s



Spot seals and other wildlife as you board a boat for the scenic crossing to **Garnish Island Gardens**



Taste the best of Ireland's **delicious food**, craft beer and smooth whiskey in lively restaurants and authentic pubs



**TOUR DIRECTION:** This is the counter-clockwise tour itinerary. It also runs in a **clockwise direction** around Ireland.



# Day 1: Monday

## 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour



### Tour Connemara



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

### Overnight Stay

ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL  
CONNEMARA



The romantic Abbeyglen Castle Hotel is steeped in charm and located near Clifden in Connemara.

### Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.00am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Explore the historic ruins of 15th century **Ross Errilly Friary** or the picturesque village of **Cong**, filming location for John Wayne's The Quiet Man.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it amid the savage beauty of **Connemara**. Today is your chance to experience this amazing region.

There's a quick photo stop at **Kylemore Abbey** – one of Ireland's most romantic historic buildings.



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# Day 2: Tuesday

## 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour

  
DRIFTWOOD  
JOURNEYS OF DISCOVERY



### Castle Tour & The Burren



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to LAHINCH, CLARE

### Overnight Stay

LAHINCH COAST HOTEL



The Lahinch Coast Hotel is a contemporary space located only a stone's throw away from a beautiful Atlantic beach.

### Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included). On some departures, this activity may occur on Day 3.

We're aiming for buzzy and bohemian **Galway** city next.

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** on the shores of **Galway Bay**.

Next is the bewitching beauty of the **Burren National Park**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the 700ft high **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included).



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# Day 3: Wednesday

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### Sheepdog Demo & Farm Tour



LAHINCH, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

### Overnight Stay

EMLAGH HOUSE HOTEL



Emlagh House is a characterful country house located on the Dingle peninsula with beautiful views of Dingle Bay.

### Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Cruise along the west Clare coastline in your comfortable tour vehicle, enjoying uninterrupted ocean vistas.

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

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

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive the extraordinary deeds of its one time landlord, Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean.

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



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# Day 4: Thursday

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### Overnight Stay

EMLAGH HOUSE HOTEL



Emlagh House is a characterful country house located on the Dingle peninsula with beautiful views of Dingle Bay.

### Average Driving

**1 HOURS 30 MINUTES**

## Free Time In Dingle



DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)

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 an Irish traditional music session or a stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries and craft studios.



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# Day 5: Friday

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### Horse Carriage Ride In Killarney



DINGLE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA or BANTRY, CORK

### Overnight Stay

SEAVIEW HOUSE HOTEL & SPA



Seaview House is a characterful country house located in the quiet village of Ballylickey at the heart of West Cork.

Or...

THE MARITIME HOTEL



This comfortable hotel is located between the shores of Bantry Bay and the town of Bantry in West Cork.

### Average Driving

3 HOURS

Start the day with a scenic drive along the coast of the **Dingle Peninsula**, with a photo stop and a stroll along the beach at Inch Strand.

Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride** around **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extras).

Your visit to Killarney National Park may also include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century Muckross House and Gardens
- A short walk to scenic Torc Waterfall
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Take a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the **Beara Peninsula**.



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# Day 6: Saturday

## 7 Day Driftwood Treasure Ireland Tour

### Overnight Stay

#### GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL



Located in a serene valley in Cork, Gougane Barra Hotel is a long-standing favourite with our guests.

Or...

#### MACROOM CASTLE HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in the village of Macroom in Cork.

### Average Driving

**3 HOURS**

## Bantry House & Boat Trip



GOUGANE BARRA or BANTRY, CORK to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors and has the feeling of true wilderness.

Look out for seals on a scenic **boat trip** to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Optional Extras). Garnish Island opens from April to October. Departures in March can instead choose a **guided harbour tour** by boat (Optional Extras).

Visit stately **Bantry House**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included). Please note, Bantry House opens from April to October.

Alternatively, learn about the epic last stand of a Gaelic chieftain at 16th century **Carriganass Castle**.



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# Day 7: Sunday

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### Blarney Stone & Cahir Castle

Average Driving  
4 HOURS 30 MINUTES



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

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

We'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through picturesque countryside.

Then it's time to kiss the **Blarney Stone** (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

We'll stop at monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included) for a guided tour. Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to end our Irish castle odyssey.

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new travel buddies!



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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.

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €10.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride\*\* - €20.00

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €19.00

\* 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 journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes Benz mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- Live like lords and ladies with a one night stay in a castle
- Entrance into Blarney Castle and Gardens, the epic Cahir Castle, Bantry House and Aughnanure Castle
- A working sheep farm experience
- 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

Mar 2025 Departures:

**€1,963.50 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €395.00

Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:

**€2,079.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €395.00

May to Sep 2025 Departures:

**€2,310.00 Per Person Sharing**  
Single Room Supplement: €435.00



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