

8 DAY WILD IRISH ROVER SAMPLE ITINERARY ANTI CLOCKWISE

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- Killarney National Park
- The Cliffs of Moher

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- Row a traditional Irish Naomh Óg boat

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DAY 1

Dublin to Connemara

Depart at 8.30am from The Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin 4 and head west. Leaving Dublin behind, we are driving all the way to the west coast of Ireland. Along the way there are sheep, walks, the wilds of Connemara and the picturesque Kylemore Abbey.

- Meet at Grand Canal Hotel 08.30am
- Head for the west of Ireland through counties Meath, Westmeath, Longford, Roscommon, Longford and Mayo.
- Cross the mighty River Shannon into the west of Ireland.
- Explore the beautiful ruins and grounds of the 12th Century Augustinian Cong Abbey or Ross Errilly Friary
- Picnic by the shore of the River Corrib or pub lunch in the village of Cong, film set of the John Wayne Classic movie 'The Quiet Man'
- Enter the 'savagely beautiful' Connemara region of Galway. An area famous for its mountains, wild moorlands and dark lakes
- Visit a working sheep farm on the shores of Killary Harbour - to see a masterclass of sheep dog handling and some fascinating insights into the workings of an Irish hill farm. If not visited today your guide will arrange a visit to a sheep farm later in the tour
- Hike in the Connemara National Park
Average Duration: 2 Hours
Terrain: Rough mountain walk on a well defined trail, steep at times
- Kylemore Abbey - One of Ireland's most beautiful buildings. We normally just stop for a photo outside

(Average driving time: 4 hours 30 mins)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in Abbeyglenn Castle Hotel, Connemara, Co. Galway

DAY 2

Connemara To Clare

Take in the views as we drive around Galway Bay. Watch how the landscape changes from the mountainous vistas of Connemara to the lunar karst landscape of the Burren, Co. Clare.

- Visit the restored Aughnanure Castle, ancestral home of the 'Ferocious' O'Flaherty clan for the excellent guided tour (included in tour price)
- The vibrant Galway city for lunch and soaking up the atmosphere
- Quick stop at Kinvara village with: Dunguaire Castle – ancient seat of the High Kings of Munster, and Hookers
- Visit Poul nabrone Dolmen, an ancient Megalithic tomb and one of Ireland's greatest treasures
- Drive down and through the Burren Region, and its Limestone Lunar landscape
- A tour highlight, it's off to the Cliffs of Moher – 700 ft sea cliffs (entrance fee included in tour price). Hike in from Hags Head at the far end of the cliffs

Average Walk Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

Terrain: Well defined, eroded, cliff edge path

(Average driving time: 4 hours)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in Spanish Point House, Spanish Point, County Clare.

DAY 3

Clare to Kerry

Lots to see and do today as we travel through the greenest, least mountainous section of Ireland's west coast, through south County Clare, across the mighty River Shannon and through north County Kerry, before the mountains of the Dingle Peninsula loom into sight.

- Take a walk along the Cliffs of Kilkee or Lahinch Beach or even catch a wave with a surf lesson
- Take the ferry across the River Shannon into County Kerry (ferry ticket included).
- Stop in the pleasant market town of Listowel and possible free tour of Listowel castle (subject to availability)
- Drive through Tralee town, home of the Rose of Tralee festival
- Option of surfing in Castlegregory (€40 per person)
- Enjoy a walk in the glacial valley of Lough Annascaul

Average Walk Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Terrain: Road and eroded boggy mountain path

- Cool down after your walk in the South Pole Inn

(Average driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in The Dingle Skellig Hotel in Dingle Town – a town of 2500 people and 54 pubs

DAY 4

Dingle Day

A great day spent enjoying Dingle town and the Peninsula. You can do as much or little as you like on day eight as we spend two nights here in the town. At some stage while we are in Dingle we normally take the group out on a tour of the Peninsula to the most westerly point in Ireland that you can drive to and a selection of the stops we see along the way are below. Plus, we can also organise other options for you if you would like something more active, or relaxing.

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Head out along the Sleah Head Drive past Ventry beach. Stop at ancient Beehive Huts – once the dwellings of 5th Century Monks. Enjoy a scenic stop at Europe's most westerly point with views over the Blasket Islands. Walk down to Coumeenoole Beach (Film set of Ryan's Daughter). Photo stop at Smerwick Head – views back up the Dingle Peninsula and of Mount Brandon. Visit Louis Mulcahy Pottery or a local crystal cutter and see some of Ireland's most skilled craftspeople at work.

Dingle Activity Options:

- Go horse riding on Ventry Strand (Price: €35pp)
- Dingle Distillery (€15pp), tasting included (15/20 minute walk)
- Boat trip to see Fungie the Dolphin (Price: €20pp)
- Kayaking in Dingle Bay – maybe even with Fungie the Dolphin (price €50pp)
- Take out a traditional Naomh Og boat and row with some of Dingle's finest (Price: €25pp)
- Golf – Play a round on The Dingle Golf Links (fees would apply and there may be a transfer fee one way by taxi if the guide and vehicle are busy with other group members)
- Visit Louis Mulcahy Pottery or a local crystal cutter and see some of Ireland's most skilful craftsmen at work.

Chill out in Dingle:

- Go for a walk along the Dingle Way from the centre of Dingle town up into the hills
- Wander the picturesque town of Dingle, with its brightly coloured street, numerous shops, excellent galleries, numerous local craftspeople, restaurants and of course pubs

(Average driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in The Dingle Skelligs in Dingle Town – a town of 2500 people and 54 pubs

DAY 5

Dingle to Portmagee

It's time to say goodbye to Dingle and head for the Ring of Kerry. Today we weave our way around Dingle Bay, exchanging the gently rolling mountains of the Dingle Peninsula for the majesty of McGillicuddy's Reeks - the highest mountains in Ireland. We join the Ring half way through the day, when all the coaches have gone, so we will have it to ourselves.

- Drive along Inch Strand for fun and games
- Take a guided cycling tour of Killarney National Park (optional extra: €30)
Duration: 3 hours
Terrain Road and forest path

Non cycling options:

- Walk with your guide above Torc Waterfall
 - Explore the magnificent ruins of Muckross Abbey
 - Visit Muckross House (entrance fee €9, €7.50 for senior citizens and students) and gardens and grounds (free) .
 - Free time in Killarney town
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- Head for Iveragh Peninsula via Killorglin (Goat Fair) and Castlemaine (Wild Colonial Boy)
 - Join Ring of Kerry scenic route on the Iveragh Peninsula
 - Off-road to our secret picnic spot looking back across to the Dingle Peninsula
 - Clamber around a stone fort

(Average driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in The Moorings Hotel in Portmagee

DAY 6

Portmagee to Kenmare

It's our second day on the Ring of Kerry, as we follow the route around the southern half of the Iveragh Peninsula to Kenmare. Not forgetting the option of a boat trip to the incredible Skellig Islands, which are truly breath-taking - though not for the faint hearted! There are beaches, walks and stunning views across to the Beara Peninsula.

Option 1: Skellig Island Trip:

Depart Portmagee at 9:00, after an hour at sea arrive at the Islands and climb the 600 steps to the ancient monastery. Arrive back at Portmagee at 14:15.

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OR

A two & half hour cruise out to and around Skellig Michael with views up to the ancient monastery. A commentary of the islands, their amazing birdlife and fascinating history is given during the cruise. (€40pp)

Option 2: Non-island Options:

- Walk to Bray Head on Valentia Island
Average Walk Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes
Terrain: Farm track and open boggy hillside
- Visit the Skellig Experience Centre for a taste of life out on the Skellig Islands (entrance fee: €4)
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After leaving Portmagee:

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- Visit one of the many Celtic ring forts found on the Iveragh Peninsula, including: Staigue Fort or Loher Fort
- Detour down to beautiful Derrynane Beach for a stroll.
- Tide permitting you can walk across to the ruined church and graveyard on 'Abbey Island'
- See the running of a real Irish sheep farm if not already done
- Leave the Ring of Kerry scenic route on the Iveragh Peninsula

(Average driving time: 3 hours)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in Coachman's Townhouse Hotel

DAY 7

Kenmare to Gougane Barra

An action-packed day as we journey out onto the 'undiscovered' Beara Peninsula. It is an amazing coastline, wild, rugged and extremely scenic. While we are here we have the option of some great walks, castles and lunch in one of Ireland's most famous pubs. There is also the option of some free time in the morning in Kenmare.

- Shopping in picturesque Kenmare
- Head out onto Beara Peninsula, the undiscovered Peninsula
- Great views of the Caha Mountains and Sheepshead Peninsula
- Visit the ancient Uragh Stone Circle
- Take the Healy Mountain pass, Ireland's bendiest road with great scenery north and south
- Quick pint at MacCarthy's Bar in Castletownbere
- Special Vagabond shortcut over the mountains and through the old copper mines
- Arrive in the stunningly located village of Allihies and pick up lunch
- Walk the Bullig bay loop and see the ancient ruins of Dunboy Castle

Average Walk Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

Terrain: Mixed trail following sea shore, forestry pathways, open boggy terrain, some public road

- Bantry Bay Seal Spotting in Glengarriff

(Average driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes)

Overnight in Gougane Barra Hotel or the Castle Hotel, Macroom

DAY 8

Gougane Barra to Dublin

Sadly, it's the last day of the adventure and time to head home to Dublin, but first we have some major attractions to see! You can kiss the world-famous Blarney Stone and visit the iconic Rock of Cashel.

- Depart hotel after breakfast before heading east and northeast through Counties Cork, Limerick, Tipperary, Kildare and Dublin
- Follow the River Lee down towards Cork
- Kiss the World Famous Blarney Stone or get away from the crowds and explore the extensive grounds and gardens (Included in tour price)
- Visit the magnificent Rock of Cashel – one of Ireland's greatest historical sites (included in tour price)
- Drive through the Curragh – once used as the Braveheart film set

(Average driving time: 4 hours 30 minutes)

Arrive back in Dublin between 5 and 6pm. Drop off at the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin 4.

Tour Price: €1,919

Single Supplement: €315

Whats included:

Off the beaten track adventure in a Vagatron 4X4 tour vehicle
Services of highly trained professional Vagabond tour guide
8 full days on tour
7 nights' accommodation
7 Full Irish breakfasts
Most daily activities and visits
Entrance fees to Blarney Castle, the Rock of Cashel, a Working Sheep Farm
Shannon ferry tickets
All relevant taxes
Guaranteed departure and tour price from the moment you make your deposit
Loads of laughs

Optional Extras: Prices are correct at time of publication of Itinerary

Dingle Whiskey	€15pp or €13 group rate
Boat trip to see Fungi the Dolphin	€20 (guideline price)
Surfing in Inch Strand	€40
Horse riding on Ventry Beach	€35
Kayaking in Dingle Bay	Adult €50 Students/Teens €45 8-12yrs €40
Guided cycling tour of Killarney National Park	€30
Skellig Island Boat Trip	€100
Skellig Island Cruise	€40
Skellig Experience Centre	€4
Naomh Óg rowing	€25

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We're off and we're going southwest! Today we will drive across Ireland passing through the Curragh stopping to kiss the world famous Blarney Stone and The Rock of Cashel.

Meet at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin 4 at 08.30am.

- Pass through the Curragh – Braveheart film set
- Visit the magnificent Rock of Cashel
- Kiss the World Famous Blarney Stone at Blarney Castle and gardens
- Follow the Lee Valley to the source of the River Lee
- Walk in the forest park or along the Beara Way in Gougane Barra

Average Walk Duration: 1 hour

Terrain: Steep and uphill and uneven in some places

(Average driving time 4 hours 30 minutes)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in the picturesque Gougane Barra Hotel or the Castle Hotel, Macroom

DAY 2

Gougane Barra to Kenmare

An action packed day as we journey down to the Atlantic coastline before heading out onto the undiscovered Beara Peninsula, an amazing coastline, wild, rugged and extremely scenic. While we are there we have the option of some great walks, castles and lunch in one of Ireland's most famous pubs, before heading for Kenmare for some dinner and excellent music.

- Meet the Atlantic Coastline at Bantry Bay
- Seal spotting in Glengarriff, enjoy a 15 minute walk along the shoreline
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- Lunch at MacCarthy's Bar in Castletownbere (or picnic)
- Hike the Bullig Bay Coastal walk past the castles at Dunboy
Walk Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes
Terrain: Mixed trail following shore, through forest and some public road
- Great views of the Caha Mountains and Sheep's Head Peninsula
- Vagabond style shortcut via old copper mines and over mountain pass
- Explore Beara's stunning coastline, with views across to Iveragh Peninsula
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ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in the Coachman's Townhouse Hotel

DAY 3

Kenmare to Portmagee

After a relaxing start in Kenmare, one of the most picturesque towns in Ireland, we are off to join the world famous Ring of Kerry. Today's highlights include walking on a beautiful Irish beach, visiting a working sheep farm and exploring a Celtic ring fort. Following this we will spend the night right out on the Ring of Kerry in one of our favourite locations, the remote fishing village of Portmagee.

- Depart Kenmare after a free morning in the town
- Join Ring of Kerry scenic route on the Iveragh Peninsula
- Witness sheep shearing & sheepdog handling at the family-run Kissane sheep farm. Learn about farming life in Ireland (included in price).
- Guided Cycling Tour of the Killarney National Park (€30)
Duration: Up to 3 hours
Terrain: Path and paved road, mainly even but a level of fitness is advised

Non cycling options:

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- Visit Muckross Gardens and grounds

- Possible lunch stop in Avoca handweavers overlooking the Macgillycuddy Reeks or lunch in the National Park (or picnic)
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ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in Dingle Town in the Dingle Skellig Hotel– a town of 2500 people and 54 pubs

DAY 6

Dingle to Clare

On day six we leave Dingle and the mountains of the southwest behind and start travelling north. We pass through the agricultural region of north County Kerry before crossing the River Shannon into County Clare. Clare is an area known for its music, magic and folklore, not to mention the stunning Kilkee Cliffs.

- Drive to the top of the Conor Pass, Ireland's highest road or the walk above Lough Annascaul
- Quick stop in Tralee, home of the Rose of Tralee, a uniquely Irish beauty pageant, or in the pretty town of Listowel, including a free tour of Listowel Castle
- Detour to Carrigafoyle Castle at its vantage point overlooking the Shannon
- Take the Ferry across the River Shannon to County Clare
- Drive to stunning Kilkee Cliffs and walk along the cliff edge

Average Walk Duration: 40 minutes
Terrain: Cliff edge pathway

(Average driving time: 3 hours)

ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight in Spanish Point Guesthouse

DAY 7

Clare to Connemara

A full day on tour, started with a visit to the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. After this, drive around Galway Bay. Later we venture into Galway City and south through County Clare to arrive in Clifden.

- Visit the stunning Cliffs of Moher – Breathtaking 700 ft sea cliffs
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Terrain: Well defined, eroded, cliff edge path
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- Visit Poul nabrone Dolmen, an ancient Megalithic tomb and one of Ireland's greatest treasures
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- Visit the vibrant Galway city and soak up the atmosphere
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ACCOMMODATION:

Overnight The Abbeyglenn Castle Hotel, Connemara

DAY 8

Connemara to Dublin

It's the last day of the tour, but there is still plenty to see and do as we make our way up through Connemara and we head towards Killary Harbour or visit a 16th Century Castle.

- Depart Clifden after your Irish breakfast
- First stop at Kylemore Abbey – one of Ireland's most beautiful buildings
- Killary Harbour – Walk along the old famine trail on the shore of the harbour or enjoy a walk along the shore of Lough (Lake) Corrib
- Or we can take another route and pass through Cong, where the John Wayne movie 'The Quiet Man' was filmed
- Explore the beautiful ruins and grounds of the 12th Century Augustinian Cong Abbey or Ross Errilly Friary
- Head east through counties Roscommon, Longford, West Meath, Meath and Kildare
- Cross over the River Shannon back into Leinster, the east of Ireland

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