



Reversed Emerald Explorer

7-Day

Ireland Tour



Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours



Day 1: Sunday

Dublin to Cork

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes

Our tour begins with our departure from Dublin, where we start travelling to the magical Southwest. Our first stop will bring us to the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary where you will get to visit the medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral, and castle steeped in 1,000 years of history.

We continue our route south to one of Europe's most vibrant cities: Cork. Cork is Ireland's second largest city but people from Cork refer to it as the nation's TRUE capital. Our visit to County Cork begins with the obligatory kiss of the Blarney Stone where you will be bestowed with the "gift of the gab ". You will also have time to explore the gardens, castle, and rock close, and then enjoy a delicious local lunch.

Our first day ends with a night in West Cork's stunning harbour town of Kinsale. Kinsale is renowned for its award-winning restaurants and dramatic scenery. Seafood lovers will be spoilt for choice.



Day 2: Monday

Cork to the Ring of Kerry to Dingle

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Before we leave Kinsale, you will be brought on a guided walking tour through the streets of this historic port and fishing town. The town is known for its castles, forts, galleries, shops, arts & crafts, and the recently launched Kinsale Gourmet Academy – you'll never be bored in Kinsale!

Our route out of Kinsale will bring us towards the Ring of Kerry. Our first stop is the beautiful heritage town of Kenmare. The Ring of Kerry is simply stunning, and you will journey through such gems as Moll's Gap, Torc Waterfall (time permitting) and Killarney National Park. Our visit to Killarney National Park includes a tour of Ross Castle where you will discover what life was really like behind the stone walls. The castle stories will surprise you!

Our day ends in the celebrated, cozy coastal town of Dingle. The evening is yours to experience the atmosphere in Dingle's famous quirky pubs and fantastic restaurants. Take a walk around and stumble across unforgettable traditional music sessions.

Day 3: Tuesday

Dingle to Slea Head

Total driving time: 2 hours, excluding stops

A special start to the morning as we head out on an optional kayaking (experience on Dingle Bay to explore the local caves. Alternatively, if kayaking is not your thing, we will take you on a hike up Mount Brandon where you will be rewarded with 360-degree panoramic views of Dingle Bay and Castlegregory. And if some retail therapy is what you're after, you can also choose to take some time out and visit the local shops.

Our expert guides will then take you on a breath-taking trip along the Slea Head Drive.

We then return to our accommodations in Dingle where we spend our second night in this buzzing town, so you don't need to repack your suitcases. Just relax and enjoy.





Day 4: Wednesday

Dingle to County Clare

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Our experience continues as we leave Dingle and travel North, taking in spectacular views of Castlegregory along the way.

We then cross the River Shannon by ferry to leave the Southwest behind. The ferry brings us to County Clare which is home to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher.

Our cliff experience will take us by foot across its stunning natural features with the powerful Atlantic Ocean waves crashing below. The cliffs are one of the most spectacular natural features in Ireland and are sure to leave you lost for words.

Spend the evening in the most welcoming and colourful village of Doolin, the home-town of traditional Irish music.

Day 5: Thursday

Doolin to Galway

Total driving time: 2 hours, excluding stops

We leave Doolin via the Burren National Park en-route to Galway. Our route takes in a visit to the portal tomb, Poul nabrone Dolmen. You are in for a treat this morning. Our local farmer at Caherconnell will amaze you with a sheepdog show! Watching the border collies work with the farmer is fascinating and a true taste of Irish heritage.

As we travel to Galway we will have a quick photo-op at the 16th Century castle, Dungaire Castle which is in the quaint fishing village of Kinvara.

Galway is a favourite destination for both tourists and Irish people, where entertainment is always high on the agenda. Its quirky medieval streets are alive with street entertainers and musicians all day. Its historic buildings are now home to many wonderful shops, bars, and restaurants.

You can try on Claddagh rings, Galway shawls, and pass through The Spanish Arch to take in the famous Claddagh fishing village.



Day 6: Friday

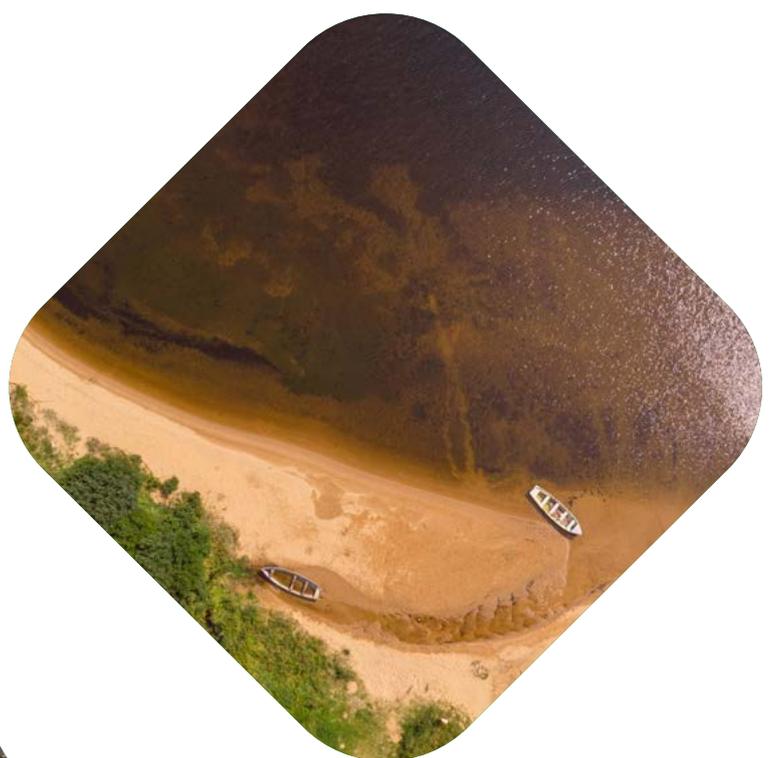
Galway to Connemara

Total driving time: 1 hour 45 Minutes, excluding stops

We leave Galway and head west to Rossaveal pier. From Rossaveal, we will sail across Galway Bay to the Aran Islands. Our destination island is the rugged Inishmore, which is the largest of the three Aran Islands. We will explore the island by jaunting on its meandering roads. We will no doubt meet many locals and pick up a few words in "Gaelic".

Our tour of the island will bring us to the stone fort of Dún Aengus, which lies 100m over the ocean, before making our way back to the mainland.

We then leave Rossaveal and head north to the stunning town of Clifden in Connemara. Along our route, we will take in the breath-taking views of Connemara National Park.





Day 7: Saturday

Connemara to Kylemore Abbey to Dublin

Total driving time: 4 hours, excluding stops

Our next stop is Kylemore Abbey in the heart of Connemara. The rugged landscape of Connemara come hail rain or shine is guaranteed to take your breath away. Spend time roaming the abbey and Victorian walled garden on this 1000-acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake and the majestic Connemara National Park.

As we journey towards Dublin to complete the tour, we will visit the historic monastery of Clonmacnoise, located on the banks of the River Shannon which was founded in 544 AD.

Getting in the Mood for your Trip

Any other questions?

Now it's time to get yourself in the mood and really excited for your trip!

Come join the chat in our fun [Facebook group](#), where you can ask questions, share your own tips, or just generally share your love for all things Ireland.

Also take a look through our [Instagram photos](#) for inspiration and check out our [blog posts](#) for lots more insights!

Hope to see you soon,
- Team Overland

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