



Ireland To Island

7-Day Zest Tour



Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours



Day 1: Sunday

Dublin To Cobh, County Cork

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Our Irish adventure begins as our small group tour leaves Dublin and heads south to Cobh, in County Cork – one of the world's finest natural harbors and where the last 123 passengers boarded the doomed Titanic on her maiden voyage.

As we journey through County Cork with its wild beaches and jagged peninsulas, we'll take in the 1000-year-old Medieval Rock of Cashel. Your expert local guide will bring you on a tour of the well-preserved round tower, Cormac's chapel, and the breath-taking cathedral, and castle! Take the first of many jealousy-inducing photos of this historical masterpiece!

After building up a thirst, we'll make our way to the world-famous Midleton Distillery, dating from the 17th century and home to some of the best whiskies in the world. There is so much to taste and learn at this oldest distillery whiskey museum and we'll enjoy lunch and a tour (with a few cheeky samples)!

The night will be spent in Cobh, soaking up the beautiful harbor views, colorful houses and bustling nightlife.



Day 2: Monday

Blarney & The Ring Of Kerry

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Start your day with the Cobh Titanic Experience. This tour will take you on an emotional journey of the last passengers who boarded the Titanic. Find out their fate when you complete the tour!

Before embarking on our small group tour of Kerry, you can tick off a very important item on your Ireland bucket list – kissing the Blarney Stone! Here, you'll receive the "gift of the gab" and will soon be talking like the loquacious locals. We'll then explore Blarney with its beautiful grounds, gardens and castle.

After lunch, we'll enter the Kingdom of Kerry, where your guide will give you some time off to wander the streets, shops and delights of picturesque Kenmare. This is your gateway to the Ring of Kerry experience – Ireland's most scenic and celebrated drive.

Tonight, we travel towards the little fishing village of Portmagee with its twinkling harbor lights. Here, we get ready for our first island trip to Skellig Michael. For those who prefer 'terra firma', we've another excellent option up our sleeves.

Day 3: Tuesday

The Skellig Michael Experience

Total driving time: 1 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

It's time to get excited. There are only a very select few places on this planet that can be described as "out of this world" and Skellig Michael is unquestionably one of these. Today we will embark on this hypnotic journey to the islands and you'll feel like you have journeyed to a "galaxy far, far away".

A designated World Heritage Site, this rocky crag boasts one of the oldest preserved monasteries in Europe. The 618 steps take you up 700ft to its peak and the rewards are plentiful. In addition to its stone beehive huts used by the monks for prayer and quiet contemplation, you'll see a wild array of gannets, razorbills, grey seals, and multiple other types species, all within an untouched natural habitat. A sublime sanctuary, it's a place of peace and power where the presence of the monks, (and a certain Jedi knight) can still be felt.

After you disembark from your epic journey to the past, your afternoon is yours to enjoy in Killarney – the capital of Kerry.





Day 4: Wednesday

Killarney To Dingle

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Our day begins in the spectacular Killarney National Park, as we take on one of its numerous trails by bike – red deer spotting as we go. Discover the 18th century Muckross House and gardens, Torc Waterfall, and many other beauty spots along the way. There is also an additional option to take a horse and cart round the park! This costs extra but it's worth it if you want the full traditional experience.

From Killarney, we will make a short drive to Inch Beach to stretch our legs and refresh for an afternoon on the stunning Dingle Peninsula.

At night, we stay in the celebrated, cozy coastal town of Dingle. The evening is yours to absorb the atmosphere of Dingle's famous quirky pubs, fantastic restaurants, and impromptu traditional music sessions. This just might be the location for that perfect pint of Guinness!



Day 5: Thursday

Cliffs Of Moher & The Burren

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Today, before we leave the Kingdom of Kerry, we will watch man's best friend show off his finely-honed skills, during a sheepdog demonstration. Next, we take the short ferry ride to County Clare to experience the spectacular Cliffs of Moher and the Burren National Park.

From Caherdaniel to the Cliffs, we are spoiled for natural beauty. The cliffs in their wonder need to be seen to be appreciated and a guided hike with the roaring Wild Atlantic providing the soundtrack is the best way to do this. Your Overland Ireland guide will take you off the beaten track and point out secret passages that you won't find on the typical tourist route. Friends back at home will be very envious when you show them your snaps at this stunning landmark.

Tonight, get your dancing shoes on and tap out a few steps in the hometown of traditional music. You are in for a treat in the lively bars nestled throughout the most welcoming little village in Ireland.



Day 6: Friday

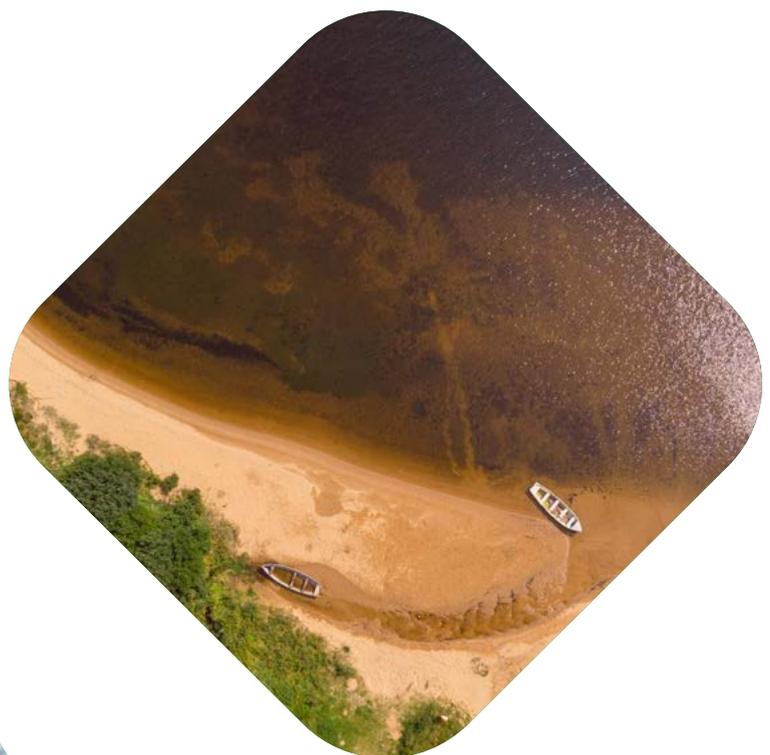
The Aran Islands

Total driving time: 1 hour, excluding stops

It's only a short trip from Ireland to Island on the Doolin ferry to Inishmore – the largest of the Aran Islands. The magnificent Aran Islands are romantically remote and have inspired many a poet and playwright! Pack a notebook and sharpen your pencil before hopping aboard!

We'll traverse the island by bike, taking in the many ancient sites as they unfold. Landmarks include the medieval Christian ruins of the Seven Churches and Clochán na Carraige and we'll bike to the famous ring fort of Dún Aonghasa, which lies 100m over Galway Bay.

Learn a few words of Gaelic from the locals and treat yourself to a feast of seafood before making our way back to Rossaveal Pier in County Galway. From here, we will take a short drive to the picturesque market town of Clifden which is nestled between the Twelve Bens mountain range and the Atlantic Ocean.





Day 7: Saturday

Galway To Dublin

Total driving time: 4 hours, excluding stops

Your final day on the Ireland to Island tour will not disappoint. Today you will travel through Connemara National Park on route to Ireland's capital of culture: Galway City. Before you lose yourself on the bustling streets of bohemian Galway, we will take a short hike on Diamond Hill in the heart of Connemara where you will be spoiled with panoramic views of the hills and valleys.

In Galway, we will take a historic tour of the city and you will have some free time to soak up the atmosphere. Street performers, dancers, live music, and colorful locals will keep you entertained during your stay. Sit back and relax in one of their award-winning restaurants, watching the world go by.

In late afternoon, you will be taken back to Dublin City armed with recommendations of places to see and things to do if you have a couple of days left in the capital. On the journey back over Ireland, why not reminisce about your time on this very special Irish tour!

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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