



Magical

# Southern Explorer



Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours



## Day 1: Friday

### Galway to the Cliffs of Moher

Total driving time: 2 hours, excluding stops

This most eclectic of Wild Atlantic tours begins in Galway, the City of Tribes and home to the famous Claddagh ring. Here you'll be taken on a historical walk of the city's medieval streets.

Experience colorful street performers and a great atmosphere in this famous, bohemian town. Duck in and out of brightly coloured shops, try on Claddagh rings and Galway shawls, pass through The Spanish Arch, and hear tales of Gaelic bards and our bloody War of Independence at the new city museum.

The day just keeps on giving as we travel southwest to The Burren (125 square miles of limestone rock) and to The Cliffs of Moher. We take on a hike of the Cliffs, as the wild Atlantic roars below.

On this adventure, we'll visit Corcomroe Abbey, a 13th century Cistercian Monastery, the 16th century Dunguaire Castle and have a short stop in the colorful fishing village of Kinvara. The evening is yours to spend it in Doolin, The Capital City of Irish music, where you can listen to the *seisún* (traditional music) and enjoy the "craic".



## Day 2: Saturday

### Doolin to Dingle

Total driving time: 3 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops

Our guided tour of Ireland continues on the search for some ancient tombs. We'll take you to a portal tomb at Poul nabrone that is the oldest megalithic burial site in Ireland, dating back to 3000 BC.

A short journey from the Dolmen, the farmers at Caherconnell will treat you to a spectacular sheep dog trial. Prepare to be awestruck by the skill of the farmer and his furry friend as they gather up their flock of sheep. This is something not to be missed on your tour.

We will leave the west behind for the spectacular southern counties of Kerry and Cork. Next stop is Dingle! This evening is yours to absorb the atmosphere in Dingle's famous quirky pubs and fantastic restaurants. Why not sit in Foxy John's hardware store, order yourself a drink and strike up a conversation with a colorful local?

# Day 3: Sunday

## Dingle Peninsula

Total driving time: 2 hours excluding stops

Our morning begins on Dingle Bay where we take our kayaks out onto the water to explore the caves in the bay. Alternatively, if kayaking isn't your thing, we'll go on a hike up Mount Brandon, where you will be rewarded with 360-degree panoramic views of Dingle Bay and Castlegregory. If you would like a more relaxed start to your day, why not choose a stroll around the town for some retail therapy, then stop for a coffee and watch the world go by. It's your holiday – do it your way.

After lunch, your expert Overland guide will take you on an impressive trip along one of Ireland's most scenic roads: The Sleat Head Drive. If you're lucky enough, you might get to meet a couple of our local fluffy friends – baby lambs! We spend another night in the buzzing town of Dingle, so you don't need to repack your suitcase. Just relax and enjoy.





## Day 4: Monday

### The Ring of Kerry to Kinsale

Total driving time: 3 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops

Say a fond farewell to Dingle and journey towards the Ring of Kerry. Our first stop takes us to Killarney on the Ring of Kerry. We visit parts of this scenic route and you will discover many hidden gems, including Moll's Gap, Torc Waterfall, and Ross Castle in Killarney National Park. We will bring you on a tour of Ross Castle where you will learn what life was really like behind the stone walls.

We will stop for some shopping and lunch in the beautiful heritage town of Kenmare. For your last night on tour we are excited to bring you to coastal Kinsale which is famed for its culinary culture, delivered by its many award-winning restaurants. The town also has a great tradition of poetry, silver, gold, and glassware manufacturing which can be seen throughout its local shops and galleries – all boasting the work of talented local artists.

# Day 5: Tuesday

## Cork: Kiss the Blarney Stone

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Wake up refreshed and ready to be taken on a guided walking tour through the narrow streets of Kinsale. Before leaving Cork, (often referred to as Ireland's REAL capital), we will bring you to Blarney Castle. Nobody should leave Ireland without giving the Blarney stone a big fat kiss! Kissing the Blarney Stone is said to give the kisser the treasured "gift of the gab". You can let us know if it works!

Our final stop on this small group tour is the Rock of Cashel. The Rock of Cashel is over 1000 years old. You will take in its medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral, and castle. A fantastic end to your trip.

Your guided tour of Ireland is coming to an end, but our guides will journey back with you to our bustling capital city, Dublin, making sure you're armed with recommendations of things to see and do there. Perhaps this last part of your trip is just the perfect opportunity to sit back and soak up all that you have experienced over the last 5 days, in one of our most diverse and jaw-dropping Wild Atlantic Tours.



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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