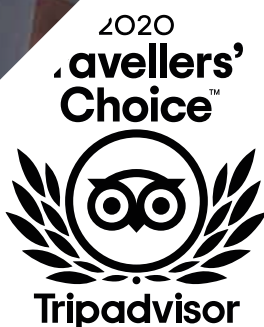




The Green Way

8-Day Self-Driving Tour of Ireland



Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours



The Greenest Self-Drive Tour Of Ireland

Sustainability has become more important than ever and ecotourism has been at the forefront of Overland Ireland's ethos from the beginning. Now you can enjoy the stunning unspoiled Irish scenery in an electric vehicle on this 8-day Ireland driving tour! Not even the sound of a running engine will disturb your enjoyment of the enchanting Emerald Isle.

Team Overland have always been extremely conscious of the environmental impact of travelling and we are always looking to take our green goals one step further. Travelling is great for the soul and now, your travels can be greener than ever with a fleet of Tesla Electric Vehicles at your disposal. Take the Model 3 or the Model S – whichever is your preference.

When crafting this self-drive tour of Ireland, we carefully selected your accommodation with our "Green" hats on. Castles, guesthouses, and hotels alike have come on leaps and bounds over the past couple of years and are very conscious of environmental sustainability. We are confident that our friends will look after you with an Irish "Céad Mile Fáilte" (a hundred thousand welcomes) while doing their bit for the "Green Movement".

Ireland has embraced the electric revolution with charge points available from bustling Dublin to the remote Ring of Kerry and we have them all mapped out as part of your trip. This is responsible travel without the hassle – we have expertly designed your itinerary, calculated ample mileage and mapped out your charge points.



Book with Confidence

- Expertly Designed Itineraries
- Support Concierge Service
- Overland Ireland Virtual Tour Guide
- Fully Comprehensive Insurance

Due to our tours' off-the-beaten-path locations and the fact that we cannot guarantee that all accommodation partners have ramps/elevators, unfortunately, our tours are **not wheelchair accessible**.

Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

All our self-drive tours come with a guided itinerary, numerous extras, and our renowned exceptional service.

And one of the extras to help you along the way is our Paddy the Pocket Pilot App.

If you want to see Ireland on an independent adventure, but with all the benefits and surprises of a guided tour — like "tried & loved", pre-booked accommodation — you're in safe hands.

What Is Included And Excluded In Your Self-Drive Tour Of Ireland?

We are one of the only tour companies to include as much as we can in your tour price. We aim to have no hidden surprises or unexpected charges on your tour.

Our quest is to keep costs down and experiences up! We have worked really hard to get you the best deals up and down the country for you.

Special dietary requirements or preferences? Please let us know as we can cater this tour to vegans, vegetarians, and pescatarians. All fish served to our guests is responsibly sourced and as fresh as possible!

Included

- Paddy the Pocket Pilot App
- Carefully chosen accommodation in locally run guesthouses.
 - We also have options for castle experiences and hotels
- Easy-to-follow and detailed daily itineraries
- Hearty breakfasts every morning
- Simple maps with instructions on how to find your way around the Emerald Isle
- Tour support throughout your trip
 - We are always available should you need to talk.
- All entrance fees to national parks on your itinerary
- Daily hidden gem locations chosen by our expert guides
- Daily entertainment and food recommendations
- Glendalough Tour
- Blarney Castle Entrance
- Bunratty Castle
- Galway Walking Tour
- Dingle Distillery
- Kylemore Abbey
- Westport Greenway Bike Hire

Excluded

- Airfare to Ireland
- A driver guide
- Motorway toll and parking fees
- Fuel for your car and your body!
 - Lunch, dinner, and petrol are on you!
- Rock of Cashel
- Shannon Ferry
- Clonmacnoise
- Killarney Bike Hire
- Some suggested experiences and activities
 - We can arrange those you want to do, but you will likely pay the experience/activity provider (i.e. horse-riding, jaunting (horse-drawn carriage) directly
- The self-control to leave stunning locations!
- The determination to discover all the wonderful places on your itinerary
- Mandatory upgrade to a private room for solo travellers

Day 1

Glendalough - Cork

Total driving distance & time: 330 kilometres – 4 hours 10 minutes, excluding stops

Switch on your Paddy the Pocket Pilot App and off you go! Your first stop after leaving the bustling capital behind is Glendalough in the Wicklow mountains, perched centrally in Ireland's Ancient East.

You will be taken on a tour of one of the most important monastic sites, learn about Ireland's history, folklore and be suitably impressed by the St. Kevin's Round Tower, built in the 6th century.

After working up an appetite walking Glendalough, it's time for a foodie experience at Brooklodge & Macreddin Village nestled in the Wicklow mountains. The Food Village here boasts a selection of wild, organic and locally sourced produce, set in a stunning location.

After your introduction to Irish history, travel south to the Rock of Cashel. Take some jealousy-inducing photos at this famous Irish medieval cathedral and castle.

This afternoon and evening you will stay in the real capital of Ireland – Cork! You can decide if it rivals Dublin's fair city.





Day 2

Blarney - Killarney

Total driving distance & time: 140 kilometres - 2 hours 10 minutes, excluding stops

No trip to Cork is complete without a trip to Blarney Castle and Gardens. You simply **MUST** kiss the Blarney Stone and receive the gift of the gab (the ability to tell a good yarn). Take the time to roam the beautiful gardens.

Leave the Rebel County behind for the Kingdom of Kerry. Enjoy lunch in beautiful Kenmare, nestled perfectly between the Ring of Kerry and the Beara Peninsula. You'll feel like you have just stepped onto an old Irish movie set.

Onwards to Killarney. Visit some spectacular views at Moll's Gap, Torc Waterfall and Ladies View before exploring Killarney National Park. This afternoon you will jaunt – horse and carriage. If you are feeling energetic you can leisurely cycle around the expanse of this 100km stunning estate taking in Muckross House and Ross Castle.

The evening is yours to spend wandering around the wonderful shops, pubs and eateries in Killarney – The Capital of Kerry!



Day 3

The Ring Of Kerry - Dingle

Total driving distance & time: 179 kilometres – 4 hours, excluding stops

Rise and shine early and start your ultimate road trip along Ireland's most famous ring road – The Ring of Kerry. Take your time and journey through 10,000 years of Irish history.

This drive will take your breath away. Paddy the Pocket Pilot will give you tips on how to get off the beaten track and direct you to all the hidden gems along the route. You might even bump into our friend selling Poitín (Irish Moonshine) but don't tell anyone you've met him!

We recommend taking the whole day to enjoy stopping at all the hotspots along the Ring of Kerry to really soak up the whole experience and stunning views on this majestic stretch of road.

This afternoon you will drive into the harbour town of Dingle, home to one of our most famous legends – Fungie the Dolphin.

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 colourful local!

Day 4

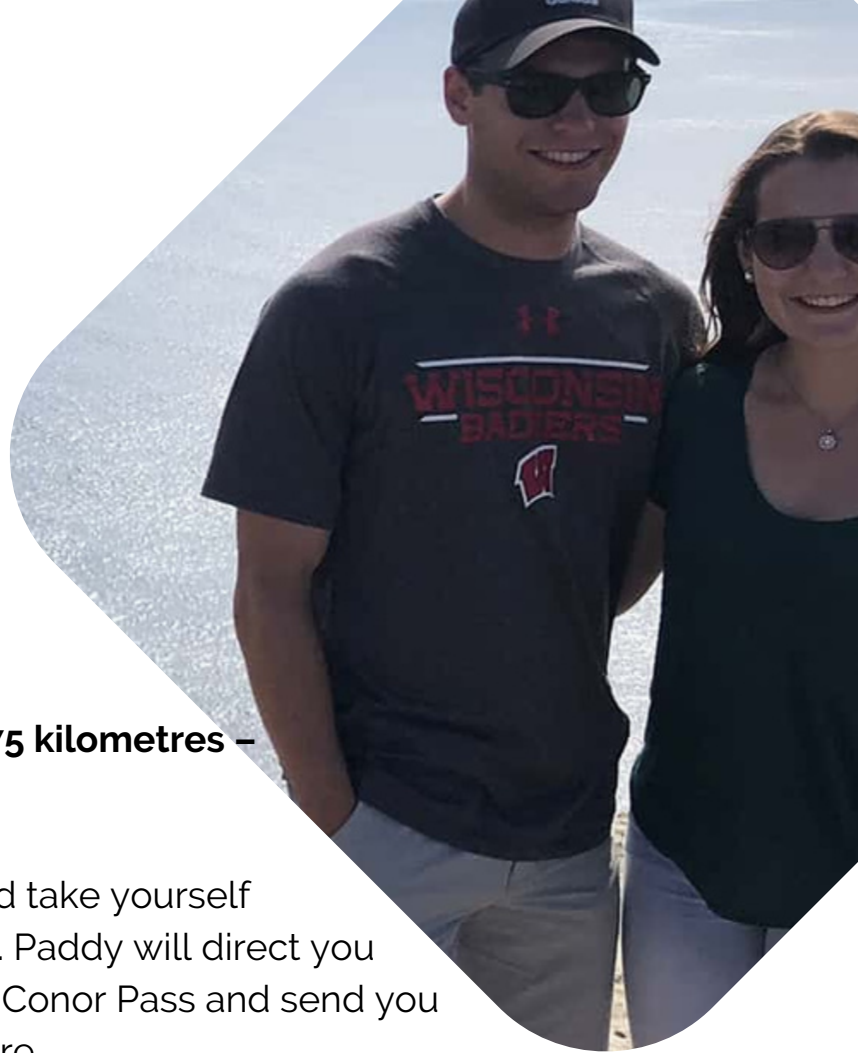
The Cliffs Of Moher - Doolin

Total driving distance & time: 275 kilometres – 4 hours, excluding stops

Leave the South West behind and take yourself northwards to the Cliffs of Moher. Paddy will direct you over the panoramic views on the Conor Pass and send you by ferry from Kerry to County Clare.

Your cliffs experience will take you 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.

After your invigorating cliffs experience, it is time to unwind. You will stay in Doolin. This wonderful fishing village is also famed as being the hometown of traditional Irish music – a great night awaits.





Day 5

Bunratty - Galway

**Total driving distance & time: 102 kilometres –
1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops**

This morning take a short drive to Bunratty Castle for a folk and heritage tour.

Your departure from County Clare is the start of your bustling, bohemian Galway experience. Galway was voted European Capital of Culture 2020 and never disappoints. Expect an electric atmosphere with entertaining street performers and plenty of "Craic" (fun) in this much-celebrated town.

Our friends in Galway will take you on a gourmet historical tour of the city.

Tonight you will be staying a stone's throw away from the lively hotspots in the centre of Galway City.

Day 6

Kylemore Abbey - Connemara National Park

Total driving distance & time: 110 kilometres – 1 hour 50 minutes, excluding stops

Your next stop on tour 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 the Victorian walled garden on this 1,000 acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake and the majestic Connemara National Park.

We recommend a quick trip for tea and cake in Clifden town or even a delicious seafood lunch.

We are excited to offer the option of upgrading to a castle stay at Ballinahinch Castle this evening. Live like a King or Queen in the lap of luxury.



Day 7

Westport - Ashford Castle

Total driving distance & time: 120 kilometres – 2 hours, excluding stops

This morning you will challenge yourself to a hike up Ireland's holiest mountain – Croagh Patrick, made famous by St. Patrick himself. At the top you will be treated to panoramic views of Clew Bay. If hiking is not your thing, why not grab a bike and cycle along the Greenway route to Achill Island or have a relaxed walking tour of Westport Town.

Your evening on tour will be special.. Presidents, celebrities, sports heroes throughout history have been drawn to the fabulous Ashford Castle Hotel.

You can take the time to explore the estate and take part in some of their activities on site like falconry, boat trips, archery, horse-riding or even their award-winning Spa! You will stay at the lakeside property 'The Lodge at Ashford' or one of our favourite guesthouses in Cong village – The film location of The Quiet Man starring John Wayne!



Day 8

Clonmacnoise - Dublin

Total driving distance & time: 255 kilometres - 3 hours, excluding stops

All good things must come to an end.

Journey back to Dublin's fair city at your leisure today with a stop at the 6th-century monastery Clonmacnoise, located on the banks of the Shannon River. The monastery was a centre of excellence for learning and scholars created the finest of Celtic art and illuminated manuscripts over 600 years.

If you have a little time left in Dublin before you fly home we will arm you with fantastic things to see and do in the Capital city and surroundings.



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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