



The Northern Way
7-Day Self-Driving
Tour of Ireland



Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours



Uncover This Northern Ireland On This 7-Day Road Trip

Fall in love with Ireland on this 7-Day Northern Ireland self-drive vacation. Roam the hills of Donegal and hug the Antrim Coastline on your way to discover the rich history, heritage, and culture of Northern Ireland.

Get an adrenalin rush braving the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge and hike towards the Giant's Causeway learning about Irish myths and legends!

Take jaw-dropping photos at Slieve League Cliffs and learn all about Ireland's troubled past on a walking tour of Derry. Castles, stories, colorful locals and lots of "Craic" (fun) awaits on this unforgettable 7-day Ireland road-trip.

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 Northern Ireland Tour?

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.

Dietary requirements or preferences? Please let us know. We can cater this tour to vegans, vegetarians, and pescatarians. It's also worth noting that all of the fish and shellfish served to our guests are responsibly sourced and as fresh as it gets!

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
- Newgrange or Hill of Tara
- Titanic Experience
- Crumlin Gaol
- Giant's Causeway
- Glenveagh National Park
- Galway Walking Tour

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!
- Black Taxi Tour
- Stormont Parliament
- Dunluce Castle
- Derry Walking Tour
- Donegal Walking Tour
- Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- 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

Newgrange - Titanic

**Total driving distance & time: 180 kilometres –
2 hours 10 minutes, excluding stops**

Switch on your Paddy the Pocket Pilot App! Leave the capital city behind and make your way northwards to the most famous megalithic tomb in Ireland – Newgrange. It is said that Newgrange predates the Pyramids in Egypt by 600 years! Spend some time learning from your guide about the archaeology, mythology and astronomy of this special landmark.

It is now time to break the border and enter Northern Ireland and Belfast City. Your first port of call is the Titanic Experience – voted the world's leading tourist attraction in 2016. All you need to know about the construction, the passengers and the fate of this doomed luxury liner will be revealed during your visit.

Spend the night enjoying Belfast's fine eateries and lively watering holes.





Day 2

Belfast City

Total driving time: 45 minutes, excluding stops – depending on your afternoon options!

This morning begins with a Black Cab or Bike tour of Belfast City. Our friends will pick you up at your hotel and bring you on tour. These are the best ways to see the real Belfast and get an awesome insight into the history and modern times in Northern Ireland's largest city. Let our local friends be your guides.

After a hearty lunch, there is so much more to squeeze into your second day. Visit Stormont Parliament, Crumlin Gael or if you are a Game of Thrones fan take an afternoon trip around the filming locations. St. George's Market is a treat if your tour falls from Friday to Sunday.

You can relax at the end of another exciting day. No need to re-pack your bag tonight as you will spend another night in bustling Belfast and have a great sleep in one of our carefully handpicked accommodations.



Day 3

Giant's Causeway - Derry

Total driving distance & time: 175 kilometres – 2 hours 20 minutes, excluding stops

Today will be both a test of mental strength and a celebration for your soul. The Giant's Causeway is one of the most anticipated features on this self-drive tour of Ireland and never disappoints. The Causeway Coastal Route is breath-taking and while crossing Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge you will feel the exhilaration of the air beneath your feet while the anticipation builds. You will take a refreshing hike between the bridge and the Giant's Causeway. Prepare yourself for entertaining stories about the giant, Finn McCool.

Make a pit stop at the ruins of the home of the Earl of Antrim at Dunluce Castle. Your next stop is Londonderry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city, steeped in rich history.

Explore the city by night and look forward to a tour of the walled city tomorrow.

Day 4

Glenveagh National Park - Adara

Total driving distance & time: 130 kilometres – 2 hours, excluding stops

Before travelling deep into the wilds of Donegal, let one of our favourite tour guides lead you through the streets of Derry to help you understand the struggles of our past and the long road it has taken to the current peaceful times we now enjoy in Northern Ireland.

On route to Glenveagh National Park, treat yourself to a pit stop at Grianan of Alleach, a 6th-century hillfort built on top of the 244-meter-high Greenan Mountain at Inishowen, County Donegal.

Perched in the Donegal mountains, Glenveagh Castle, gardens and parks have so much to offer. The 16,000 hectares of the park include the Derryveagh mountains and the Poisoned Glen which boasts hills and trails to follow for the afternoon. There are challenging routes for you to enjoy and more relaxed trails to take at your leisure. Why not try the cycle route?

An hour away you will settle in for the evening in the picturesque village of Ardara.





Day 5

Slieve League - Donegal Castle

Total driving distance & time: 80 kilometres – 1 hour 45 minutes, excluding stops

You will venture further into the Wild North West today!

Travelling south towards Donegal Town, we highly recommend you drive over the Glengesh Pass, and make a stop at Assaranca Waterfall and the fabulous Maghera Beach and Caves.

Discover the truly breathtaking cliffs of Slieve League, standing at roughly 600 meters. Although less famous than the Cliffs of Moher, they stand three times as high and even more magnificent. Choose to hike along the cliffs or find your favourite view for some jealousy-inducing photos.

Next up is a guided tour of the restored Donegal Castle – home of the wealthy and powerful O'Donnell Clan before enjoying the craic and colourful locals in Donegal Town.

Day 6

Sligo - Westport

Total driving distance & time: 175 kilometres – 2 hours 20 minutes, excluding stops

Rev up your engine and leave the North behind. Today will be spent discovering some of the fantastic sites on the West Coast of our beautiful country.

Paddy will guide you on your road trip along the coast through Mullaghmore, Sligo and on to Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery.

Glencar Waterfall lies beneath Benbulbin Mountain and was the inspiration for many of W.B. Yeats's poetry. Pull in and visit his grave on your way into Sligo.

Your road trip will take you to Ireland's beloved town – Westport. Challenge yourself to climb Ireland's holiest mountain. Croagh Patrick is 764 meters high and is a rewarding hike for the experienced and novice alike. Learn about the man responsible for St. Patrick's Day. At its peak, you will be rewarded with a breathtaking, panoramic view of the 365 islands of Clew Bay.

The evening is spent unwinding with some local craft beers and excellent food in Westport Town. And a visit to Westport would not be complete without a bit of "craic" at a traditional Irish music session in Matt Molloy's bar.



Day 7

Westport - Dublin

Total driving distance & time: 280 kilometres – 3 hours 40 minutes, excluding stops

Today you will take a guided walking tour of Bohemian Galway City. Take your time to soak up the lively atmosphere of the city and wander in and out of the brightly coloured shops and cafes. Try on a Claddagh Ring or a Galway Shawl! Be careful though because you might never leave!

Try to dry your tears and look forward to your journey back to Dublin. Or if you haven't had enough of our beautiful country why not extend your road trip and link up with an itinerary for the West and South!

Before you turn off the ignition and hand back your car we promise to arm you with plenty of great recommendations of things to do and see in Dublin if you have a couple of days left in Ireland.



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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