

6-Day Self-Driving
Travellers' Tour of Ireland

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## Walk, Cycle, And Explore At Your Own Pace On This 6-Day Ireland Road Trip!

Turn on your engine and your trusted Paddy the Pocket Pilot App and point your car towards the west coast!

Your epic 6-day self-driving tour of Ireland is packed with hiking, cycling, and discovering the Wild Atlantic Way. Your next big adventure begins here.

Experience a truly authentic tour of Ireland with your Overland self-drive itinerary taking you from the heights of Croagh Patrick to the vast Burren National Park.

Discover Ireland through adventure. Walk, talk, and laugh with our local guides and friends along the way. Let us send you on a trip with the perfect mix of culture, heritage, fresh air, and activities. Go Island hopping to Achill and the Aran Islands.

Let yourself be blown away by the views on the Cliffs of Moher and spoil yourself with a night out you'll never forget in Bohemian Galway City – The European Capital of Culture.

What are you waiting for? Pack your hiking boots, get your bucket list ready, and take yourself on a road trip of a lifetime – all taken care of by Overland Ireland and driven at your own pace.



#### **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 6-Day Self-Drive Ireland Tour?

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

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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.

If you have any special 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 served to our guests is 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
- Westport Bike Hire
- Kylemore Abbey
- Aran Island Ferry
- 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!
- Clonmacnoise
- Shannon Ferry
- Dún Aonghasa
- Doolin bike hire
- · Aran Island 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. horseriding, 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



Clonmacnoise - Croagh Patrick, Westport

Day 1

Total driving distance & time: 300 kilometres – 3 hours 50 minutes, excluding stops

This expertly planned self-drive tour will leave Dublin for the beauty and surroundings of the 6th-century monastery at Clonmacnoise, located on the banks of the River Shannon. The monastery was a centre of excellence for learning and scholars created the finest Celtic art and illuminated manuscripts over 600 years. All you have to do is jump in the car, start up your App and let Paddy the Pocket Pilot guide you around the enchanting Emerald Isle.

Onwards towards Ireland's favourite town – Westport in County Mayo.

After fueling up, we will send you to the base of Croagh Patrick –

Ireland's holiest mountain made famous by the man responsible for St.

Patrick's Day celebrations around the world. You will take a moderate hike up the mountain and be treated to outstanding views over Clew Bay.

We guarantee you will be full of energy and ready for a great evening of fun in Westport town. Be sure to catch a traditional music session in the famous "Matt Molloy's Pub". Local musicians gather nightly to entertain the masses.





## Day 2

Achill Island - Clifden Connemara

# Total driving distance & time: 125 kilometres – 2 hours 10 minutes, excluding stops

Achill Island awaits you this morning. Take the Greenway cycle route from Mulranny to Achill Island or you have the option to drive to Slievemore and enjoy a leisurely hike on the Island. It's your holiday so enjoy it at your own pace.

After enjoying the morning on Ireland's largest island, you will make your way back towards Connemara through the stunning Inagh Valley and Famine Trail. Tonight, you will stay in Clifden which is nestled at the base of the Twelve Bens mountain range. Clifden boasts some very fine eateries and watering holes where you can strike up a conversation with some interesting locals, often willing to tell a tall tale or two!

We have added the option of staying in an exquisite castle so you can embrace your inner Prince(ss)! Why not add a bit of luxury to your trip of a lifetime.



Day 3

Kylemore Abbey - Connemara National Park

Total driving distance & time: 100 kilometres – 1 hour 50 minutes, excluding stops

Begin your Galway experience with a tour of Kylemore Abbey in the heart of Connemara. The rugged landscape of Connemaracome 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.

From here you can choose three different hike levels – The Diamond Hill offers two fantastic loop walks from 1.5 hours to 3 hours depending on your energy levels or pace. Alternatively, why not go big and trek across the Twelve Bens Mountain range. The Bens will take between 4-6 hours.

After giving yourself a wonderful workout make the drive to the City of the Tribes – Galway. Here every night is said to be a Friday night. You will have a wonderful evening soaking up the lively atmosphere of the bustling medieval city. We have carefully handpicked a centrally located accommodation so that you are within stone's throw of the "craic" (fun) and all the local hotspots. Ask Paddy the Pocket Pilot for some recommendations.



After a short drive cross country to Rossaveal Pier on Galway Bay, you will take the ferry to the Aran Islands. You will land on rugged Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands. Explore the Island by an easy cycle or by special request haunting.

Your route will take in the stone fort of Dún Aonghasa, which lies 100m over the ocean before making our way back to the mainland. While you are there you might pick up a few words of "Gaelic" from the locals and maybe buy an original Aran Sweater!

No need to pack your bags as you will spend another exciting evening in the European Culture Capital – Galway. You can even practice your new Irish words with the locals! We guarantee they will be impressed.



# Total driving distance & time: 75 kilometres – 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

Galway is a city that has Medieval history at its very heart. Now that you have a "feel" for Galway, our guide will take you down the narrow medieval streets where you can duck in and out of brightly coloured shops.

Try on Claddagh Rings and Galway Shawls and pass through The Spanish Arch to take in the famous Claddagh fishing village.

This day just keeps on giving. You will now travel southwest towards The Burren National Park and the jaw-dropping Cliffs of Moher. On this adventure, you will visit Corcomroe Abbey, a 13th-century Cistercian Monstary, and the 16th-century Dunguaire Castle in the fishing village of Kinyara.

Our 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. Your evening is spent in the most welcoming and colourful village of Doolin – the hometown of traditional Irish music.

## Day 6

### The Burren National Park - Dublin

# Total driving distance & time: 265 kilometres – 3 hours 10 minutes, excluding stops

From Doolin Village, we will organize for you to pick up bicycles to explore Burren National Park! We recommend 3 hours at a moderate pace for this adventure. Feast your eyes with delightful views of Galway Bay and Ireland's most extraordinary landscape. Spend time roaming the vast limestone ridges and discover the wonderful flora and fauna unique to this ecosystem.

After lunch, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the West and make your journey back to Dublin. If you have a little time left in Ireland we can link you up with our other self-drive tours of Ireland or arm you with fantastic things to do and see in Dublin before you finish your trip of a lifetime to the Emerald Isle.



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 <u>Facebook group</u>, 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 <u>Instagram photos</u> for inspiration and check out our <u>blog posts</u> for lots more insights!

Hope to see you soon,
- Team Overland

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