

The Ultimate Ireland 10-Day Tour

Package

Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours

2020 Travellers' Choice Choice





You can have it all on this 10 day tour of Ireland. The Ultimate Ireland Tour covers the length and breadth, North and South, of our magical Emerald Isle.

We have designed this to be the ultimate Ireland tour experience, perfect for anyone eager to try everything our stunning country has to offer, covering more ground and seeing more sights than our other <u>small group</u> <u>tours of Ireland</u>!

After years of testing, this tour is the Ultimate trip to Ireland!

Spoil yourself throughout this 10 day tour of Ireland with unrivaled scenery, a feast of tradition, history, culture, castles, and the great outdoors.

If you're looking for a similarly epic Overland Ireland tour package with a few more active, adventure elements, you might like to check out our <u>Great Atlantic Adventure</u> as well— our Ireland land only tours take you to all the best places, both on and off the beaten path.

Looking for a Belfast tour package? On this Ultimate Ireland Trip, you will cross the border to Northern Ireland and lose yourself at the Giant's Causeway in Antrim's coastline and be blown away at the Titanic Experience in Belfast – the world's most famous ship.

This 10-day Ireland tour package is packed to the brim with authentic Irish experiences.





Start your experience with the ancient experience of Bru na Boinne and the neolithic tomb of Newgrange.

You will have an unforgettable vacation on this incredible Overland Ireland tour, exploring everything our stunning little country has to offer. From kayaking to the magnificent sights at the Ring of Kerry (For the full Ring of Kerry tour check out our <u>Ireland to Island Tour</u>!) be prepared to create memories that will last a lifetime.

We have given our guests a night to feel like Kings and Queens in a beautiful castle stay!

Jewel Tours are perfect for going at a smoother pace whilst enjoying light activity.

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

What Is Included And Excluded On This Ultimate Ireland Trip?

We are one of the only tour companies to include as much as we can into your tour price. So, there are no hidden surprises on your tour, and this takes away the hassle about thinking of unexpected charges.

You will notice the list of what's included is very abundant and covers entrance fees, transport, accommodation and kayaking to name a few! If due to weather conditions or reasons beyond our control and activity or experience is not going ahead, we do not issue refunds.

Our quest is to bring your price down and your tour experience up... to the max!

If you have any special dietary requirements or preferences, please <u>let us know</u>; 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

- 9 nights local guest house and boutique hotel accommodation, carefully selected by our team
- Professional qualified Irish tour guide
- Kayak excursion in Dingle Bay
- Cliffs of Moher
- Guided Walking Tour of Derry
- Great breakfast
- Transport to all locations by airconditioned mini coach
- Blarney Castle Entrance
- Entrance fees to National Parks
- Ferry Crossings
- All taxes
- Titanic Experience

- Guided Cliffs of Moher Hike
- Sheepdog Trials Show
- Cycling on the Aran Islands
- Newgrange or Hill of Tara
- Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge
- Giants Causeway Experience
- Slieve League
- Galway Walkin', Talkin', Tasting' Tour

Excluded

- Lunch and dinner
- Food and Drinks
- Gratuities (optional)
- Belfast Black Cab Tour
- Jaunting Cart on the Aran Islands
- Private Room Upgrade for Solo Travelers



From Dublin to Newgrange to Belfast

Total driving time: 2 hours 20 minutes, excluding stops.

Leave the bright lights of our capital behind and get ready to experience the REAL Ireland.

Our first stop is the magical stone age passage tomb at Newgrange, richly decorated by neolithic art. On some dates Newgrange is swapped for the amazing ancient ceremonial and burial site: The Hill of Tara.

Onwards to start our Northern Ireland Experience! Belfast is a treasure trove of culture, history and a jump into Ireland's past! Discover our troubled past and how far we have come!

This afternoon get ready for the full Titanic experience at Titanic Belfast. Prepare to be moved by the wonderful stories told about the world's most famous shipwreck!

Tonight is yours to wander through the streets of Belfast and explore the city's coolest pubs, shops and restaurants.





From Belfast to the Giant's Causeway Total Driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops.

Wake up and begin the day with an enthralling black cab tour of Belfast. This tour is optional but highly recommended, this can be arranged with your guide.

As we leave the northern capital we will travel further north towards the Giants Causeway! This is one of the most anticipated experiences in this small group tour of Ireland and it never disappoints.

The Causeway Coastal Route is breath-taking to say the least. If you have the nerve, cross the Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge and feel the exhilarating air beneath your feet.

The opening of the bridge is weather dependent but we can take in a visit to Dunluce Castle and hear great tales of battles fought, won and lost in the middle ages.

Game of Throne fans will have officially landed in their spiritual home as we take a sneak peak at one of its most famous filming locations: The Dark Hedges.

Rest your head tonight in Derry City. Treat yourself to a trip to the famous Walled City Brewery for their delicious craft beers and tapas!





From Derry to Donegal

Total driving time: 3 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops.

Derry is the north's second largest city and have a fantastic story to tell. We will begin our day with a walking historical tour to learn a little more about the 'Troubles'.

Now it is time to travel to the wild northwest. As we travel south again towards Donegal we will make a few magical stops at our favourite hidden gems. Embark on a magnificent drive over the Glengesh Pass and the Assaranca Waterfall. Discover remote stunning beaches, hidden caves and amazing views all round.

You will have to retune your ears to understand the local sing song lilt!

Continue your exploration of the gorgeous Hills of Donegal at the newly established Ardara Distillery. Learn about the tradition of whiskey and even have a taste of what Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw described as 'Liquid Sunshine'.

Tonight you are in for a treat. Settle into the 5 Star Lough Eske Castle in the lap of luxury! We want you to treat yourself on the grounds of the castle and embrace your inner 'King/Queen' at the home of the powerful O'Donnell clan from the 14th Century.





The Hills of Donegal to Westport

Total driving time: 2 hours 45 minutes, excluding stops.

Dry your eyes leaving the opulent Lough Eske and get excited for your journey to County Mayo.

Donegal's rugged wild landscape will continue to take your breath away as the tour journeys further south.

On route to Westport we will travel through County Sligo and make a wonderful loop of Mullaghmore, taking in Classiebawn Castle – owned by Lord Mountbatten when he was tragically killed. This will be an end to your Northern Irish history lesson and help you have a better insight into the contrast between the north and south of Ireland.

We love showing off Westport town and its gorgeous little shops bursting with nick nacks, antiques and Irish clothes and crafts. This could be the perfect opportunity to do some retail therapy on tour or our friends in Westport will spend the afternoon with you on a walking tour of the town.

Unwind in Westport with some local craft beers and mouth watering food. No trip to Westport is complete without a visit to Matt Molloy's bar where you can enjoy a traditional Irish music session and some good old 'Craic' (fun!).



westport to The Aran Islands to Galway

Total driving time: 2 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops.



This is a big day on your Ultimate Tour of Ireland. Perhaps the 'Ultimate Day'!

Spring out of bed for a trip to the Aran Islands. From Westport to Rossaveal Pier we will take in the breathtaking views of Connemara National Park.

From Rossaveal we will sail across Galway Bay to the Aran Islands. Our destination is the rugged Inishmore which is the largest of the three islands.

We will explore the Island by cycling through its meandering roads. You can also choose a jaunting cart (Horse and Buggy) to bring you along the way. This is an optional extra cost but your guide will happily arrange this for you.

After your whirlwind trip to Inishmore we will make our way back to Galway City along the coast road.

Bohemian Galway City is one of our favourite places in Ireland because of its culture, energy and atmosphere! Its quirky medieval streets are alive with street entertainers and musicians all day. The historic buildings are now home to many wonderful restaurants, shops and lively bars.

Note: The Aran Islands ferry crossings are weather permitting. If it is unsafe to travel we will provide wonderful alternative plans for the group!





From Galway to Doolin

Total driving time: 2 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops.

Meet one of our local friends who will take you on a 'Walkin' Talkin' Tastin' tour of Galway! Have them point out all their favourite spots while trying traditional Irish cuisine, tasting local drinks and learn about the rich history of the City of the Tribes.

Hop on board your Overland bus and travel through the Burren National Park on your way to Doolin.

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



From Cliffs of Moher to Dingle

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 Minutes, excluding stops

The Cliffs of Moher are on everyone's bucket list of Ireland. 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. Your Insta followers will be green with envy when you show off your 'unfiltered' photos at this stunning landmark.

Your Ultimate Irish Experience continues as we leave County Clare for the Kingdom of Kerry.

Before taking the ferry to cross the border we have a little treat for you. Prepare to be awestruck at a traditional sheepdog demonstration. The skill of the farmer and his furry friend will leave you flabbergasted. This is one of our guest's favourite experiences on tour.

The day ends in the celebrated, cozy coastal town of Dingle. The evening is yours to experience the atmosphere in Dingle's famous quirky pubs, fantastic restaurants, and to stumble across unforgettable Irish dancing and music sessions.



From Dingle to the Slea Head Drive

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops.



A special start to the morning as we adventure out on an optional kayaking adventure around Dingle Bay to explore the sea caves. If kayaking is not your thing we will take you on a walk up to Eask Tower where you will be rewarded with views of the Great Atlantic on either side of the Dingle Peninsula.

And if some retail therapy is what you are after why not take some time out and visit the local shops. It's your holiday – do it your way.

Your expert local guide and new best friend will take you on a fantastic trip along the Slea Head Peninsula. Expect amazing scenery, beehive huts, cute lambs, stunning harbours and views around every corner for those all-important Instagram photos!

Spend a second evening really getting to know Dingle and find more hotspots for food and entertainment. The best thing is that you do not have to repack your bags. Just relax and enjoy!





From Dingle to Killarney National Park to Kenmare to Kinale

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops.

Go out with a bang on the second to last day of your Ultimate tour of Ireland. We have a lot to look forward to today!

Our visit to Killarney National Park includes stops at stunning overlooks like Moll's Gap and Ladies View before a tour of Ross Castle where you will discover what life was really like behind the stone walls. Let your guide bring these castle stories to life.

The route to Kinsale will take in some of the Ring of Kerry and we will certainly stop at the beautiful heritage town of Kenmare.

Your last night ends with a night in West Cork's stunning harbour town of Kinsale. Kinsale is renowned for its award-winning restaurants and dramatic scenery. Seafood lovers will be spoiled for choice.



From Blarney Castle to Dublin

Total driving time: 3 hours 45 minutes, excluding stops.

Barry from Kinsale will kick start your final day on tour and show you around with one of the best walking tours in Ireland! He never disappoints!

Now please pucker up!! It is time to give the Blarney Stone a big fat smooch!! The obligatory kiss of the Blarney Stone promises that you will be bestowed with the famous Irish 'Gift of the Gab'. You will also be given time to enjoy the castle and gardens.

We will leave, as the locals put it, Ireland's REAL Capital, and make a final stop at the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary! Here you will visit the medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral and castle steeped in 1,000 years of history. Be blown away by the beauty of your last castle experience.

All good things must come to an end. We will say our fond farewells in Dublin City. If you have some time left in Ireland and would like to spend some time in Dublin your expert guide will arm you with great recommendations for things to see and do in the capital.



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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