

**Ireland to Island** 

7-Day Zest Tour

Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours







## Your Irish Island Adventure Tour Begins Here!

#### The Ireland to Island Tour is fast becoming the most popular tour Overland Ireland has to offer.

Feel like whizzing around Killarney National Park by bike or tackling the 618 steps on the Skellig Michael Experience? At Overland Ireland we will make it happen. Hike the Cliffs of Moher or just pose for a few jealousy-inducing photos at the Rock of Cashel. This 7-day tour has it all for the keen adventurer coming to discover Ireland.

So long Dublin! We are off to visit the medieval Rock of Cashel, before moving on to Cobh, the last port of call for the Titanic. Kiss the Blarney Stone along the way and receive the 'gift of the gab' (the ability to talk the legs off a stool!) We'll take a hike across the spectacular Cliffs of Moher on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Experience your first island hop as you go in search of puffins, gray seals and Jedis at Skellig Michael, an other-worldly, jagged pinnacle crag, off the Ring of Kerry. May the 'force be with you' as you step onto the film set of the most recent Star Wars movies.





### An Incredible Tour Of Ireland

Cross Galway Bay to see your second and most famous island – Inishmore – The largest of the Aran Islands. Explore the island by bike and make your way to the cliff-top fort at Dún Aonghusa.

From castles, culture, stately homes and fairy forts, it's time to soak up the lively atmosphere of Bohemian Galway – a medieval city renowned for culture and the arts. This is the REAL Ireland – an experience you won't find in guide books or movies.

Meet the locals, eat our local delicacies and experience many wonders as you embark on the small group tour that packs in everything from biking and hiking to island hopping and city shopping.

Get in touch with our team at Overland HQ to book the trip of a lifetime today.

\*\* Because we take our guests off the beaten track and introduce them to our favourite locally run guesthouses our tours are not wheelchair accessible.

\*\*This is a dual tour, meaning it includes activities for both our zesty adventurers and our cool jewel travelers. If you don't wish to partake in activity, let us know! We are happy to accommodate everyone. It's your vacation, do it your way.



# What's Included On Your Ireland Walking Tour?

We are one of the only tour companies to include as many experiences as possible into your tour price. So there are no hidden surprises on your tour. This takes away the hassle of unexpected charges.

You will notice the list of what's included is very abundant and covers entrance fees, transport, accommodation and many exciting activities each day!

Occasionally due to unforeseen circumstances activities or experiences can be cancelled. Your guide will find a great exciting alternative for the group in its place but we do not offer refunds.

Our mission is to bring down your price and maximise your tour experience.

Ireland is top of its game in the culinary world. You will be well fed and watered on tour. If you have any dietary requirements please fear not. We will make sure you are looked after at each stop.

#### Included

- 6 nights local guest house and boutique hotel accommodation, carefully selected by our team
- Expert local Irish tour guide
- Cycling tours
- Hiking
- Cliffs of Moher
- Great breakfast
- Transport to all locations by airconditioned Mercedes Coach
- Entrance fees to National Parks
- Rock of Cashel Entrance
- Blarney Castle entrance
- Middleton Whiskey Experience
- All taxes

- Sheepdog demonstration
- Aran Island Ferry Crossing
- Galway E-Bike Tour
- Aran Islands Bicycle Hire
- Killarney National Park Kayak

#### Excluded

- Lunch and dinner
- Food and Drinks
- Gratuities (optional)
- Jaunting or E-Bikes on the Aran Islands and Killarney National Park (optional)
- Skellig Michael Experience
- Private room upgrade for solo travelers (Mandatory)



Note that the itinerary can change due to weather conditions, traffic, events, etc.



Dublin To Cobh, County Cork



Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops.

As we journey through County Cork with its wild beaches and jagged peninsulas, we'll take in the 1000, year old Medieval Rock of Cashel.

Your expert local guide will bring you on a tour of the well-preserved round tower, Cormac's chapel, and the breath-taking cathedral and castle! Take the first of many jealousy inducing photos of this historical masterpiece!

After building up a thirst, we'll make our way to the world-famous Middleton Whiskey Distillery, dating from the 17th century and home to some of the best whiskies in the world.

There is so much to taste and learn at this oldest distillery whiskey museum and visitor centre and we'll enjoy lunch and a tour with a delicious sampling of whiskey!

The night will be spent in Cobh, soaking up the beautiful harbour views, colourful houses and bustling nightlife.





Blarney & The Ring Of Kerry

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

Before embarking on our small group tour of Kerry, you can tick off a very important item on your bucket list of Ireland – kissing the Blarney Stone! Here, you'll receive the "gift of the gab" and will soon be talking like the loquacious locals.

After lunch, we'll enter the panoramic Kingdom of Kerry, where you can wander the streets, shops and delights of picturesque Kenmare. This is your gateway to the Ring of Kerry experience – Ireland's most scenic and celebrated drive.

Tonight, we travel towards the little fishing village of Portmagee with its twinkling harbour lights to get ready for our first island trip to Skellig Michael. For those who prefer 'terra firma' and stay on the mainland we have another excellent option up our sleeves.





#### The Skellig Michael Experience

Total driving time: 1 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops.

It's time to get excited. There are only a very select few places on this planet that can be described as "out of this world" and Skellig Michael is unquestionably one of these.

Today we will embark on this hypnotic journey to the islands and you'll feel like you have journeyed to a "galaxy far, far away".

This rocky crag boasts one of the oldest preserved monasteries in Europe. The 618 steps take you up 700ft to its peak. In addition to its stone beehive huts used by the monks for prayer and quiet contemplation, you'll see a wild array of gannets, razorbills, gray seals and all types of wildlife and fauna.

This World Heritage site is a place of peace and power where the presence of the monks, (and a certain Jedi knight) can still be felt.

After you disembark from your epic journey to the past, your afternoon is yours to enjoy in Killarney – The capital of Kerry.



#### The Killarney Experience

Total driving time: None!

Our day begins in the spectacular Killarney National Park by kayak! You'll explore the park and enjoy Ross Castle and magical woods and caves all from the seat of your own personal kayak.

After all the excitement and activities on your tour you will appreciate some downtime in Killarney. Spend the afternoon listening to traditional Irish music, doing a bit of shopping or maybe even sign up for a brewery tour and a nice pint!



Cliffs Of Moher & The Burren



Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops.

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.

Next, we take the short ferry ride to County Clare, home of the world famous Cliffs of Moher and take in the Burren National Park.

From Caherdaniel to the Cliffs, we are spoiled for natural beauty. The cliffs in their wonder, need to be seen to be appreciated and a guided hike with the roaring Wild Atlantic provides the perfect soundtrack.

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 jealousy when you show off your 'unfiltered' photos at this stunning landmark.

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



#### The Aran Islands

Total driving time: None! You will be transported to the Aran Islands by ferry.

It's only a short trip on the Doolin ferry to Inishmore – the largest of the Aran Islands. The magnificent Aran Islands are romantically remote and have inspired many a poet and playwright! Sharpen your pencil before hopping aboard!

The best way to traverse the island by bicycle, taking in the many ancient sites as they unfold. Landmarks include the medieval Christian ruins of the Seven Churches and Clochán na Carraige and the ring fort of Dún Aonghasa, which lies 100m over Galway Bay.

Learn a few words of Gaelic from the locals and maybe pick up a cosy Aran Sweater before making our way back to the mainland.

From here we will take a short drive to the City of the Tribes - Galway -Renowned for its culture, medieval history and bohemian atmosphere. Every night is a Friday night in Galway City.

Tourists, locals and students alike flock to the city to enjoy the electric atmosphere along the narrow streets where musicians, poets and dancers show off their boundless talents. This is a city well deserving of its award as The Culture Capital of Europe 2020.

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





#### Galway To Dublin

Total driving time: 2.5 hours, excluding stops.

We have one final adventure for you before we say our tearful goodbyes. Meet our fantastic partners at WeWheel who will take you on a memorable E-Bike tour of Galway City. Learn about Galway's Medieval history, its culture and traditions while whizzing around the streets.

Late afternoon you will be taken back to Dublin City armed with great recommendations of places to see and things to do if you have a couple of days left in the Emerald Isle. On the journey back over 40 shades of green, why not reminisce about your time on this best small tour group ever!

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# 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

ps. Tours can be operated in reverse and combined with other tours that follow the same route for the best guest experience.

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