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We're Overland Ireland...

...and we specialize in creating unforgettable tours on the island of Ireland. From carefully crafted [small-group tours](#) and [self-drive tour packages](#) to [tailor-made tours](#) designed around any needs and interests, we love showing people around this incredible, beautiful country.

But our experiences couldn't be more different from your typical bus tour. Team Overland believes that big things come in small packages. That's why our small-group tours concentrate on offering big experiences to all our guests.

We know individual attention and care are key to making every customer's holiday unique, exciting, and memorable. And when you combine that with our love of the great outdoors, Irish culture, history, and music, and the world-famous craic (fun) of the friendly locals – all of which feature in our tours – you have a truly authentic, unfiltered Irish experience.

Our own adventures to every part of this captivating island have inspired us to share it with the rest of the world. Because we love getting off the beaten track, we've found some fantastic hidden gems, the best of which feature alongside the amazing not-so-hidden gems on this itinerary.



Explore Ireland with Complete Peace of Mind

When You Book With Overland, You Book With Confidence

Are you ready to take that bucket list vacation to Ireland you've always dreamt of? At Overland Ireland, we know how much trips to the Emerald Isle mean to people, so we go above and beyond to ensure our tours live up to expectations!

Whatever it is that brings you to Ireland, our friendly, local team is here to guide you through an unforgettable experience. Whether you opt for our [Small Group Tours of Ireland](#) or our [Private Guided Tours of Ireland](#), we have your happiness and interests in mind from the moment you arrive.

We have designed every aspect of our Ireland vacations to ensure maximum enjoyment on the road. You can confidently book a trip with us knowing that you will have a trip of a lifetime.



**Award Winning
Company**



**Guaranteed
Departures**



**Small Group
Sizes**



**Irish
Tour Guides**



**The Great
Outdoors**



**Local
Knowledge**



**Superb
Accommodation**



**Customer
Support**



**Self-Drive
Tours**



**Comfortable
Transport**



**Experienced Providers
& Suppliers**



**Private Tour
Options**

But don't just take our word for it...

...our reviews speak for themselves!

"Better than I can possibly have imagined. Pat O'Mara was the best tour guide we could've ever had"

Mary Boshears on Google

"This tour exceeded our expectations! Our tour guide, Seamus, guided us with his knowledge, his humor, and his love of Ireland! The accommodations were lovely! (I would happily return to any of the places we stayed.) This tour had a little of everything...biking, hiking, walking tours of the towns, and sightseeing! Castles, stunning vistas, seaside cliffs, pubs, and new friends - what more could you ask for on a trip?! Our group all had tears as we departed. ENJOY!!!"

Mary Boshears on Google

We truly believe we have all the ingredients to offer a magical experience for anyone visiting Ireland and we can't wait to show you around. We hope this itinerary is the perfect fit for you! Please don't hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any questions.



Your Dream 8-Day Tour Of Ireland Begins Here!

Experience the very best of Ireland in just 8 days. That's the grand promise we make with this once-in-a-lifetime Emerald Explorer Ireland Tour.

An 8-day Ireland tour packed with incredible sights and experiences along the famous Ancient East, Wild Atlantic Way, the Ring of Kerry, and so much more! Check out the private version of this tour if you have a big group and would like access to customization options.

You'll begin this tour by leaving the busy streets of Dublin and heading towards Ireland's Ancient East and the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way. Along this route, you will cover over 1,100 km of rugged Irish coastline, from Kilkenny to Connemara, seeing the popular sights and hidden gems along the way.

During the tour, you'll explore Glendalough Monastery, Kilkenny, Killarney National Park, Dingle, and Doolin, enjoy an immersive farm experience, visit the Vibrant Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Blarney Castle... and so much more we really don't have a quick way of describing how rich and full we've made this tour.

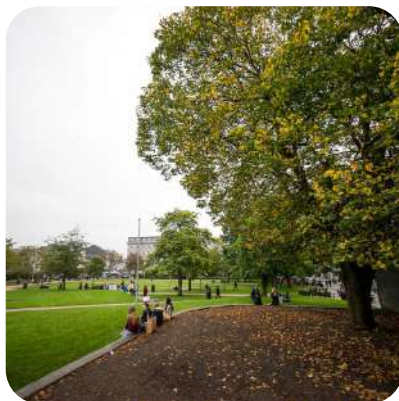
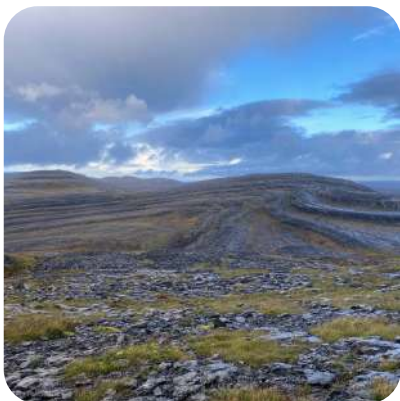
8 Unforgettable Days in Ireland

Our expert Irish trip designers have worked their magic to make sure this 8-day Ireland tour is packed with incredible sights while never making our guests feel rushed. We have carefully planned and included many unique hidden gems in this tour, but you will visit Ireland's most famous landmark, The Cliffs of Moher, and visit one of its most popular cities: Galway!

This is 8 days encapsulating and exploring Ireland with a diverse range of scenery, castles, history, heritage, culture, and wildlife along the way. We pack so much value into our tours that we hope people who usually plan their own trips can see the value (and savings) of booking with us. Read the trip itinerary below, and if you like most of what you see and want to change a few details, you might like to consider our [Tailor-made Ireland](#) Tours where we can change any detail and craft the trip to your every need and specification.

Please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#) if you have any questions about this 8-day Emerald Explorer Irish Tour. Come and discover Ireland with Overland and create memories that will last a lifetime!

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's Included On Your 8-Day Ireland Tour?

We take pride in the value we have crafted into this 8-day Ireland tour. Without ever rushing, we have added as much intrigue and passion as possible. At Overland Ireland, we're always looking for new ways to push your tour experiences up while trying to bring the price down.

With us, you have no concerns about unexpected costs and hidden surprises. All you need to do is have fun and make memories! We try to include as much as possible as part of your tour, such as transport, entrance fees, experiences, and accommodation.

Do you have specific dietary requirements or preferences? Please let us know as soon as possible. **We can cater to pescatarians, vegetarians, and vegans.**

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

Price Includes

- 7 nights in a boutique hotel accommodation and local guest house, carefully selected by our team
- Professional, qualified Irish tour guide
- Cliffs of Moher
- Great breakfast
- Transport to all locations by air-conditioned mini-coach
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Ferry crossings
- Clonmacnoise Monastery visit
- Farm experience

- Sheepdog trials show
- Entrance to Kylemore Abbey
- Blarney Castle entrance fee
- Cahir Castle
- Glendalough Monastery
- Masterclass Irish coffee experience
- Kilkenny Castle
- All taxes

Price Excludes

- Lunch and dinner
- Private room upgrade for solo travelers (Mandatory)
- Gratuities (Optional)

Glendalough to Kilkenny

Total driving time: 2 hours 50 minutes, excluding stops

Your Emerald Explorer guided Irish tour will leave Dublin along the Ancient East. Visit Glendalough Monastery via the Sally Gap and the Military Road unveiling the amazing scenery of the Wicklow mountains.

Glendalough perches itself in the glacial valley of the two lakes. Your local guide will take you on a walk around the monastery and trails.

The next stop is Kilkenny Castle which proudly displays one of the largest and expertly maintained Irish castles. Roam the grand rooms where the lords and ladies lived and admire the architecture, artwork, and furnishings that were once owned by these great families.

Walk through the medieval quarter and rest your head in Kilkenny before continuing your tour of a lifetime.



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



Day Two

Blarney to Killarney

Total driving time: 3 hours 15 minutes, excluding stops

'It's a long way to Tipperary....' as the song goes but only a short journey from Kilkenny to the 13th century Cahir Castle standing proudly on a rocky island on the River Suir. Enjoy the tour of this 'impregnable' castle owned by the Butler family.

Now pucker up and get ready for your next stop - Blarney Castle and Gardens. Nobody should leave Ireland without giving the Blarney stone a big fat kiss and receive the treasured 'gift of the gab'! Let us know if it works!

You will have plenty of time to enjoy the gardens, castle, dungeons, and surroundings. This evening you will stay in the capital of the Kingdom of Kerry - Killarney! The Kerry locals will keep you entertained with music, dancing, and a few tall tales.

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The Kerry Experience

Total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

Today will blow your mind with a trip around some of the hotspots on Ireland's most famous and stunning ring roads.

The morning is yours to wander the streets of Killarney, do some retail therapy, and unwind before embarking on your adventure.

Your guide will bring you to Killarney National Park to explore everything it has to offer. Take in the views of Killarney Lakes and stretch your legs making your way to Muckross House. This 19th-century home is full of Kerry history and a wonderful viewpoint to enjoy the park. Make a short walk for some Insta-worthy photos of Torc Waterfall.

Your Kerry experience will include stops at The Gap of Dunloe for some jaunting and a few tall tales! Around every corner, you will be yelling at your guide to let you out to take photos!

Smile your way all the way to your next destination - Dingle.

The evening is yours to absorb the lively atmosphere in Dingle's famous quirky pubs and many award-winning restaurants! Why not sit in Foxy John's hardware store, order yourself a drink, and strike up a conversation with a colorful local!



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Dingle Peninsula

Total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

At last, a bit of free time! Relax this morning in Dingle and explore the wonderful craft, crystal, pottery, art, and boutique shops. Grab a coffee and a slice of cake and watch the world go by!

If you feel like stretching your legs, your guide will take you out on a stroll to Eask Tower View for beautiful views of the Atlantic Ocean and Dingle Bay.

After lunch, your expert Overland guide will take you on an impressive trip along one of Ireland's most scenic roads - The Sleah Head Drive. If you are lucky enough, you might get to meet and pet a couple of our local fluffy friends...baby lambs!

You are guaranteed awesome views and photo opportunities around every corner of this scenic route.

You will spend another night in the buzzing town of Dingle, so you don't need to repack your suitcase. Just relax and enjoy. Maybe tonight you can grab some fish and chips and eat al fresco on the pier!



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Day Five

Dingle to The Cliffs of Moher

Total driving time: 4 hours, excluding stops

This morning, we will leave the Kingdom of Kerry via the Connor Pass and cross the River Shannon to County Clare! We are cliff-bound today.

Begin your day with a breathtaking journey along the Wild Atlantic Way, followed by a delicious lunch at the Vandeleur Walled Garden restaurant. See how the other half lived!

Your treat for the day is an afternoon spent at the famous Cliffs of Moher - The Eight Wonder of the World. Here we will take a leisurely hike along the cliffs and discover what all the hype is about! The Cliffs of Moher never disappoint! Just pray the WIFI is strong in Doolin so you can make everyone green with jealousy back home by sharing your pics!

Stay at Spanish Point and enjoy serene coastal views, where history and natural beauty come together.

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Burren National Park to Galway

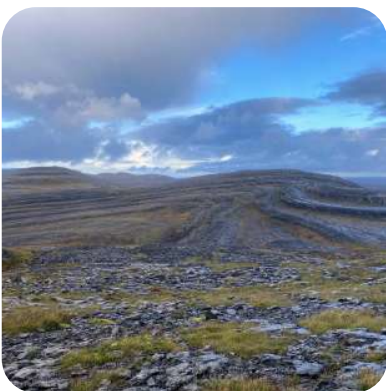
Total driving time: 1 hour 40 minutes, excluding stops

Goodbye, Clare - Hello Bohemian Galway!

Today we will take you for a traditional 'Irish Farm Safari' with our friends at the Burren Farm Experience. Bronagh and Cathal will take you on a stroll around the distinctive UNESCO landscape to taste, feel, and walk your way through this 500-acre farm. It is fascinating to see how farming thrives in this harsh stony landscape. They will share their 200-year family history in the Burren.

Experience the diverse flora and fauna of The Burren National Park en route to Galway City. Arrive in the bohemian and culturally diverse Galway City. You will have the afternoon to explore Galway and its many quaint shops.

Tonight, you spend the night in the heart of The City of the Tribes and will certainly enjoy the eclectic nightlife, award-winning restaurants, and even the odd street performer entertaining you with Irish music and dance.



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The Full Connemara Experience

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Wake up this morning in Galway City! It's time to explore the dramatic Connemara region! Our journey to the Galway Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking area) will take us past Ireland's biggest lake Lough Corrib.

A tour of Kylemore Abbey and Gardens, located on a 1000-acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake and the majestic Connemara National Park awaits.

Leenaun is our next stop for lunch and one of the best photo opportunities on tour at Ireland's only fjord!

Your exciting loop back to Galway City will take you to Cong Village - The film set of the famous 'Quiet Man' movie starring the one and only John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

The cherry on the cake today is a sheepdog show in the heart of Connemara. You will be truly amazed watching the skills of the farmer and his furry friend round up the sheep! This is one of our guest's favorite experiences on tour. A real insight into Irish traditions.

You will have plenty to chat about over dinner and drinks tonight in bustling Galway!



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Day Eight

Clonmacnoise and Irish Coffee!

Total driving time: 2 hours 40 minutes, excluding stops

Don't panic there is still a full day left on tour to soak up some Irish history and learn new skills!

Your new family and friends will leave Galway for the beautiful architecture and natural surroundings of the 6th-century monastery at Clonmacnoise, located on the banks of the

River Shannon. The monastery was a center of excellence for learning and scholars; it created the finest Celtic art and illuminated manuscripts for over 600 years.

With a whetted appetite we will stop in Kilbeggan for a masterclass Irish Coffee Experience. You will return home with a party trick to impress your friends!

Our guides will journey back with you to our bustling capital city, Dublin, where you'll be armed with great recommendations of things to see and do if you have a little time left. Perhaps this is just the perfect opportunity to sit back and reminisce about the incredible tour of Ireland you've just experienced!

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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 [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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