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# The Full Irish Active Tour of Ireland

Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours <u>overlandirelandtours.com</u>



### We're Overland Ireland...

...and we specialize in creating unforgettable tours on the island of Ireland. From carefully crafted <u>small-group tours</u> and <u>self-drive tour</u> <u>packages</u> to <u>tailor-made tours</u> 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 <u>Small Group Tours of Ireland</u> or our <u>Private Guided Tours of Ireland</u>, 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



Irish Tour Guides



Guaranteed Departures



The Great Outdoors



Small Group Sizes



Local Knowledge



Superb Accommodation



Comfortable Transport



Customer Support



Experienced Providers & Suppliers



Self-Drive Tours



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 <u>contact us</u> if you have any questions.



### Your Full Irish Adventure Tour of Ireland Begins Here!

Fulfill your dreams of visiting the Emerald Isle on this epic 11-day adventure through Ireland. This tour is FULL of exciting experiences, FULL of adventures, and FULL to the brim with craic and culture. The Full Irish Tour has everything for the traveler who wants to experience the REAL Ireland – including a night in a castle! Tap into some amazing off-thebeaten-track locations and explore Ireland from the perspective of locals.

Our Full Irish Tour is our most comprehensive tour, packing in all of the cultural encounters and outdoor activities you could only dream of. From the magical sea stack of Downpatrick Head to panoramic views on Dingle's Slea Head Drive. Hiking along the Cliffs of Moher with the roaring Atlantic Ocean crashing below and delicious 'Foodie' tours set the scene for a perfectly orchestrated tour of Ireland. We have even added a touch of luxury with an incredible castle stay!

If you want to enjoy this experience in the comfort of your select group, we also offer a <u>Private Full Irish Tour of Ireland</u>. Take advantage of having a guide all to yourself or feel free to customize the itinerary to your liking. However, we're sure that once you've taken a look at the highlights you'll see that nothing on your bucket list of Ireland will go unturned!

### Highlights of Your 11-Day Ireland Tour

On this 11-day tour of Ireland, you will share unforgettable experiences in Northern and Southern Ireland. Your expert local guide and our good friends on the road will keep you entertained each day!

Departing from Dublin, you'll first travel north to uncover the history and culture of Belfast before exploring the unparalleled Causeway Coast. Continue on to the city of Derry before crossing back down south where you'll experience Donegal, and even climb the Stairway to Heaven!

Then, the Wild Atlantic Way awaits. See for yourself what makes this rugged coastline so famous with visits to Neolithic sites, cycle tours on the Aran Islands, and a hike along the iconic Cliffs of Moher. Don't worry, with all the activity we'll definitely make a stop at the pubs in bustling Galway!

The journey continues in Dingle Bay, where plenty of outdoor activities await, onto Killarney National Park, and the colorful town of Kinsale. We make sure to top it all off with a kiss of the Blarney Stone!

Book your Full Irish adventure tour with us and we promise to give you the trip of a lifetime!

Due to the size of our vehicles, the locations we visit, and the accommodations we use, unfortunately, our tours are **not wheelchair accessible**.



# What is Included and Excluded on this 11-Day Ireland Tour?

Overland Ireland is proud to be one of the only tour companies that includes just about everything you need in our tour price. When we say this is a Full Irish tour, it really is that full! Accommodation, transport, entrance fees, and daily activities are all included, meaning you can sit back and enjoy the journey. Better yet, you won't find any unexpected charges or hidden surprises.

However, we can't control everything, especially the weather. There may be times when we need to cancel some activities or experiences, but your tour guide will always find a worthy alternative. Because of this, we do not offer refunds for cancellations.

With breakfasts included and plenty of excellent pub stops and restaurant choices, you will be well-fed and watered on this tour. And if you have any dietary requirements, such as being **vegan**, **vegetarian**, **or pescetarian**, **let us know in advance so we can accommodate your needs!** 

#### **Price Includes**

- 9 nights in boutique hotel accommodations and local guest houses, along with a 1-night stay in a castle
- Expert local Irish tour guide
- Walking tours led by local guides
- Kayak excursion in Dingle Bay
- Great breakfast each morning
- Transport to all locations by airconditioned mini-coach
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Blarney Castle entrance
- Crumlin gaol tour
- Seaweed bath
- Bushmills Distillery tour
- Ferry crossings
- Guided Cliffs of Moher hike

- Sheep-dog trials show
- Cycling on the Aran Islands & Killarney
- Carrick-a-rede rope bridge, if available
- Giants Causeway experience
- Slieve League
- Food tour Belfast
- Rock of Cashel
- Kinsale walking tour
- All taxes

#### **Price Excludes**

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

### Dublin To Portstewart

#### Total driving time: 4 hours, excluding stops

Let's go! Your Irish adventure is about to begin. Leaving Dublin behind, you will dive straight into the rich Irish history with a visit to Crumlin Gaol in Belfast! Immerse yourself in tales from 'The Troubles'.

Treats are just around the corner with a secret food tour of Belfast! Soak up some more fascinating history and culture on this culinary journey in Northern Ireland's capital city!

Then we're off to the far north with a visit to Portstewart on the famous Causeway Coast! You can almost touch Scotland from here!

Another day jam-packed with real Irish experiences awaits.





Day Two

### The Causeway Coast

Total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

Time to burn off the food tour and take on a hike along the Causeway Coast! Explore the Giant's Causeway, which is one of the most anticipated experiences on our small-group Ireland tours and never disappoints.

The Causeway Coastal Route is breathtaking and the tales of giants and Irish legends will certainly entertain. Build up your nerves to cross the Carrick-a-rede rope bridge and feel the air rush beneath your feet!

The oldest distillery in the world will be ready to welcome you with open arms! Spend the late afternoon warming your belly with whiskey tasting at Bushmills and learn all about the history of 'Uisce Beatha - The water of life' from the experts!

### Portstewart To Donegal

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Next on our bucket list for Northern Ireland is Derry! Our friends will take you on a walking tour of the city, helping you to understand the complexities of the divide between North and South!

Then the Hills of Donegal await! It's a rugged landscape, and the even more rugged locals will take your breath away.

Our first stop at Glenveagh National Park has it all! It is an ideal escape for nature lovers. The group will be encouraged to take a wonderful walk through the park and discover the Victorian Castle and Gardens. There are trails to suit everyone taking you through Derryveath, Errigal, and the Poisoned Glen.

Take some time to explore Ardara, a true rural Irish village.



## Donegal To Belleek Castle

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

The Stairway to Heaven Boardwalk is one of the most Instagrammable spots in Ireland! A challenging hike with ample photo opportunities to make everyone green with envy back home! The route takes in Ireland's largest blanket bog and you will be rewarded at the viewing platform with stunning views.

Feeling a little stiff after bouncing around the spectacular North of Ireland? We will take you and your tender muscles to the celebrated sea-weed baths in the seaside town of Enniscrone on the Wild Atlantic Way for a good soak!

Beleek Castle, famed for its luxurious accommodation and award-winning food, is your home for the night!





Day Five

### North West Mayo to Westport

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Prepare to steer off the beaten track! Your local guide will take you right into the heart of County Mayo! Today you will visit the striking Céide Fields, located along the dramatic Wild Atlantic Way. Unearth the Stone Age past at this Neolithic Site.

A stone's throw away from the Céide Fields, we will take you to see Downpatrick Head, its rock formations, and a former church founded by the man responsible for St Patrick's Day! Legend says St Patrick caused the sea stack to break away from the mainland by striking his staff on the ground! Admire the views with a short hike along the coast to the viewing point.

We are delighted to bring you to Ireland's favorite town - Westport! Get your dancing shoes on and spend the evening at a traditional Irish music session at Matt Molloy's Bar! It will be a night you won't forget!

### Westport To Galway

#### Total driving time: 2 hours, excluding stops

Drive through Connemara National Park and Killary (Ireland's only fjord) en route to Bohemian Galway City! Take a fun stop at Killary to see a sheepdog show! Our friendly local farmer will amaze you, commanding his loyal sheepdog to round up his flock on the grassy banks of the fjord.

You'll have free time this afternoon to try on Claddagh rings, Galway shawls, and pass through The Spanish Arch to take in the famous Claddagh fishing village.

This city is a destination for both tourists and Irish people, where entertainment is always high on the agenda. Its quirky medieval streets are alive with street entertainers and musicians all day. Its historic buildings are now home to many wonderful shops, bars, and restaurants.



### The Aran Islands and Lahinch

#### Total driving time: 2 hours, excluding stops

We always recommend seeing the Wild Atlantic Coastline by boat! Today is the ultimate in Irish cliff and island experiences.

Starting in Galway, we'll drive west along the scenic coast road to Doolin, where we'll set sail across Galway Bay to the Aran Islands. Our destination is the charming and rugged Inis Oirr, the most remote of the three Aran Islands.

Explore the island by cycling along its peaceful, winding roads, where you'll encounter friendly locals and maybe even learn a few words of Gaeilge! Discover ancient ruins, pristine beaches, and take in the island's natural beauty.

On the return journey, we'll sail directly across Galway Bay back to Doolin. From the water, you'll have the chance to admire the majestic Cliffs of Moher, getting a sense of their towering height from the sea!

Tonight, you'll unwind in the lively surf town of Lahinch, Ireland's coastal town!





Day Eight

### The Cliffs Of Moher to Dingle

#### Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Before we journey further south, another natural beauty awaits - The Cliffs of Moher. The best way to take in everything is a hike along the edge of the cliffs with the roaring Atlantic below providing the perfect soundtrack!

You will cross the River Shannon by ferry and enter into the Kingdom of Kerry! Journey on over the Conor Pass where your first taste of Kerry awaits - the cozy coastal town of Dingle!

The evening is yours to experience the atmosphere in Dingle's quirky pubs and fantastic restaurants!

#### Day Nine

### The Slea Head Peninsula – Dingle

#### Total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

No need to pack your bags today! You are going to experience all things wonderful in Dingle and its surroundings.

Your expert guide will take you on a breathtaking trip along the Slea Head Drive. Expect amazing scenery around every corner, beehive huts, and stunning beaches. You might even be lucky enough to pet a baby lamb! Again there are a serious amount of Insta opportunities!!

After lunch and a browse around Dingle's many craft shops, it's time to get active again! We have a trio of activities for you to choose from. Take a hike up to Eask Tower for panoramic views of Dingle Bay, go kayaking around the bay with our good friend Noel, or why not take an e-bike to explore some more of the Dingle Peninsula?

Spend a second evening getting to know Dingle and find more hot spots for food and entertainment!





Day Ten

### Killarney National Park – Kinsale

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Today we will squeeze in a few hot spots along the Ring of Kerry before experiencing Killarney National Park.

Take a cheeky lookout at Moll's Gap, Ladies View, and Torc Waterfall!

When we arrive in Killarney National Park you can hop on a bike and enjoy a two-hour ride around the wonderful surroundings. Cycling along the lake and through the park is a magical way to while away the afternoon taking in sights like Muckross House and Gardens, Torc Waterfall, and Ross Castle.

Last but not least is your night in the historic port and fishing town of Kinsale! It is renowned for its arts, crafts, and most importantly its food. There is no better place to enjoy a delicious meal of seafood or even a relaxed tapas evening! Your guide will point you in the right direction!

### Kinsale To Dublin

#### Total driving time: 4 hours, excluding stops

Wake up refreshed and meet our local guide, Barry, who will take you through the streets of Kinsale for a fascinating historical walking tour!

Before leaving Cork - which is often referred to as Ireland's REAL capital we will bring you to Blarney Castle and Gardens. Nobody should leave Ireland without giving the Blarney stone a big fat kiss! Kissing the stone is said to give the kisser the treasured "gift of the gab". You can let us know if it works!

The final stop on this tour of Ireland is the Rock of Cashel. This mystical place is over 1,000 years old! You will take in its medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral, and castle... a truly fantastic end to your trip.

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 the perfect opportunity to sit back and reminisce about the incredible experience you've just had... and to start daydreaming about more tours of Ireland in the future!



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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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