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# The Great Atlantic Adventure Ireland Holiday

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.



## A Next-Level Adventure Holiday In Ireland

On this tour, you'll journey from Kinsale, County Cork, to Westport, County Mayo. Explore over 1,100 km of rugged coastline on this 7-day adventure tour in Ireland that is packed full of excitement, culture, and history. This is part of our <u>Active Small Group Tours of Ireland</u>, which are designed for anyone seeking a mix of relaxed sightseeing with a focus on culture along with soft adventure activities, such as cycling, hiking, kayaking, and more!

Leaving the capital city behind, our 7-day trip to Ireland starts from Dublin and journeys southwest, towards the Wild Atlantic Way.

## A Packed Itinerary for this 7-Day Trip to Ireland

This is one of our adventure holidays in Ireland, which means you can look forward to a plethora of exciting activities! Start imagining what it will be like to kayak with dolphins in Dingle Bay, or fall in love with some breathtaking sights on the Ring of Kerry, including Moll's Gap and Ladies View. And if you're interested in exploring the entirety of the Ring of Kerry, check out our <u>Ireland to Island</u> tour which spends even more time in the legendary Ring of Kerry.

On this 7-day Ireland trip, you will also have the opportunity to cycle through Killarney National Park – a beautiful natural area surrounded by mountains and lakes that is home to our native red deer. This is the perfect opportunity to experience Ireland's untamed natural landscape and to take some of the greatest photographs of your life!

Discover what it feels like to stand on the edge of the world at the Cliffs of Moher - Ireland's most popular tourist spot! Then lose yourself in the bohemian city of Galway or allow yourself to be captivated by the rugged landscape of the Aran Islands. Then challenge yourself to climb Ireland's holiest mountain: Croagh Patrick.



Your 7-day trip through Ireland is infused with activities, scenery, castles, adventure, history, heritage, culture, and wildlife. And if you still aren't sure whether or not this tour is right for you, check out our glowing customer reviews. We guarantee a fantastic week of active adventure, culture, and stunning sights! And if you'd like to raise your trip to the next level, you might like to consider both our <u>Ireland Private Guided Tours</u> and our <u>Tailor-Made Tours of Ireland</u>.

Read the full itinerary and highlights below to find out more, and please feel free to <u>get in touch</u> if you have any questions for us! 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 & Excluded On Your 7-Day Ireland Tour Itinerary?

At Overland Ireland, we include as much as we possibly can in your tour price. This means you can enjoy your experience without worrying about unexpected charges or hidden surprises. You can see below that the list of inclusions is packed full of goodness, covering everything from transport and entry fees to optional kayaking and various accommodation options.

It's important to note that if an activity or experience cannot go ahead because of weather conditions or any other reasons beyond our control, we do not issue refunds.

Ilf you have any special dietary requirements, please fear not. We will make sure you are looked after.

We pride ourselves on giving the best guest experience possible. This tour can be operated in reverse and combined with other tours that follow the same route for the best guest experience.

### **Price Includes**

- 6 nights local guest house and boutique hotel accommodation, carefully selected by our team
- Professional expert guide
- Kayak excursion or E-bike tour around Dingle Bay
- Hiking
- Guided Cliffs of Moher hike
- Sheep-dog trials show
- Walking tour of Kinsale
- Galway walking tour
- Great breakfast each day
- Transport to all locations by airconditioned mini-coach

- Blarney Castle entrance fee
- Entrance fees to national parks
- Ferry crossings
- Rock of Cashel
- Killarney cycle
- Self-guided Aran Island trip
- All taxes

#### **Price Excludes**

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

## Cork, The Rebel County

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

our Ireland adventure tour begins as we depart Dublin for County Cork, nestled in the stunning southwest corner of Ireland. En route, we make our first stop at the famous Rock of Cashel. Here, you can explore its wellpreserved medieval round tower, cathedral, and chapel.

Then it's back on the road to Cork, which Lonely Planet describes as "at the top of its game, sophisticated, vibrant and diverse". We're here for one of Ireland's most quintessential experiences – kissing the Blarney Stone! According to legend, if you kiss this ancient stone, you may get "the gift of the gab". There's only one way to find out! The Blarney Stone is in Blarney Castle, a striking medieval stronghold set in beautiful grounds. We explore the picturesque gardens and the mysterious Rock Close. The Rock Close is a special, mystical spot with waterfalls, a fairy glade, and rocks named for druids and witches.

Your Cork experience continues with a guided walking tour through one of southwest Ireland's most picturesque places – the historic port and fishing town of Kinsale.

Kinsale is home to castles, forts, shops, galleries, and an array of arts and crafts. It's also where you can find the recently launched Kinsale Gourmet Academy. We spend the first night in this stunning harbor town. The good news is that Kinsale is also renowned for having award-winning restaurants, not to mention dramatic scenery.



Day Two

## Killarney National Park

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

We say a fond farewell to Kinsale and get back on the road, this time towards Killarney National Park. This part of the journey is filled with spectacular sights and hidden gems, with highlights including Ladies' View and Moll's Gap. When we arrive in Killarney National Park, you can hop on a bike and enjoy a two-hour ride around the wonderful surroundings. Some of the sights to take in include Muckross House and Gardens, Torc Waterfall, and Ross Castle!

Cycling through the park is a joy, especially for nature lovers. You have a choice of trails to follow, but each one is fantastic and offers its own splendor. We then head to the celebrated, cozy coastal town of Dingle, where we stay overnight.

The evening is yours to sample the atmosphere in the town's famous quirky pubs and to enjoy dinner in one of its fantastic restaurants. You may even stumble across an unforgettable traditional music session! And if you're looking to enjoy that perfect pint of Guinness, this just might be the place!

# Dingle

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

Choose your activity this morning by either kayaking amongst the marine life in Dingle Bay with our friends at Irish Adventures or e-biking around Dingle Peninsula!

The e-bike tour is self-guided and takes you around the Slea Head Loop. Riding these bikes is a breeze – you can cover plenty of ground with only minimal effort!

If you can't say no to kayaking, you can still enjoy the Slea Head Drive experience on our bus in the afternoon.

Those who cycled the route in the morning have an afternoon of visiting Dingle's great cafes, quirky craft shops, inviting pubs, and more to look forward to!



# Cliffs Of Moher & Lahinch

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

Our grand adventure continues as we travel north. While we have to leave Dingle behind, you can marvel at the incredible views of Castlegregory as we go. But that's not the only treat in store this morning!

One of our local farmer friends will astound you with a sheepdog show! Watching the border collies work in tandem with their master is truly fascinating and a taste of Irish heritage.

We then take the ferry across the River Shannon, landing in County Clare, home to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, on the other side.

The cliffs are one of Ireland's most iconic attractions, and we explore them on foot during a two-and-a-half-hour hike! The dramatic coastline and fresh sea air will reinvigorate you! Your guide will take you off the beaten path, showing you secret passages away from the main tourist hot spots.

The cliff views are steeped in myth and wonder. If you listen carefully, the Wild Atlantic Ocean's roar may echo your name on the waves of bliss. This is the perfect place to take jaw-dropping photos to show everyone at home!

Spend the night in either Doolin or Spanish Point. Each locality is equally spectacular, Doolin with its colourful houses and charm and Spanish Point with its breathtaking coastal location. Indulge in some Irish music and craic during your stay!









Day Five

## Galway, The City Of The Tribes

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

In the morning, we leave Doolin and head for Galway, via the Burren National Park. Along the way, we will have a quick break and photo-op at the 16th-century Dunguaire Castle, located in the quaint, charming fishing village of Kinvara.

Galway is known around the world as a city of festivals and culture. In fact, the city was the European Capital of Culture in 2020, a year-long celebration of all that Galway is famous for.

Galway is a medieval city with a true living history. Many of its buildings date back hundreds of years, now serving as fabulous restaurants with locally sourced produce, lively bars, and craft shops. Pubs painted in bright colors heave with live music, while cafés provide front-row seats for watching street performers, musicians, and a whole host of local characters.

Enjoy a walking tour through this historical and cultural city. And after discovering Galway's hidden gems, you have a free afternoon. This is the perfect time for shopping in the city's many wonderful shops. And when you've had your fix of retail therapy, you can explore Galway's great food, entertainment, and craic. You may just find yourself watching Irish street dancing while tapping your feet to the pulse of pure Celtic music.

## The Aran Islands

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

This morning you will journey the coast road back to Rossaveel pier where you will sail to the famous Aran Islands. On arrival, we do what we do best – explore! This spectacular island has awe-inspiring landscapes and friendly locals who will teach you a few words in "Gaelic".

We cycle the island's rugged coastline, heading toward Dún Aonghasa, a ruined stone fort standing on a clifftop 100m above the ocean. When we return to the mainland, the stunning views continue. This time, it's those of Connemara National Park.

Our ultimate destination is Ireland's favorite town – Westport. This is the perfect base to explore nearby Killary Harbour, the only natural fjord in Ireland, and other hidden gems in the area.

It's then time to ease into an unforgettable night in County Mayo. Unwind in Westport with some local craft beers and mouthwatering food. And 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.

**Note:** Ferry crossings to the Aran Islands are weather permitting. If it is unsafe to travel, we provide wonderful alternative plans for the day.



## Westport - Dublin

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

The final morning of this grand adventure tour comes with one last challenge: climbing Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain.

This is a rewarding hike for novices and experienced hikers alike. It's also one of the best places to learn about St Patrick himself.

At the summit, you will be rewarded with panoramic views of the 365 islands in Clew Bay. What a perfect way to finish your Zest tour!

Before you head back to Dublin, our expert guides will give you their favourite recommendations of things to see and do if you're staying in Ireland for a while longer.



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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

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