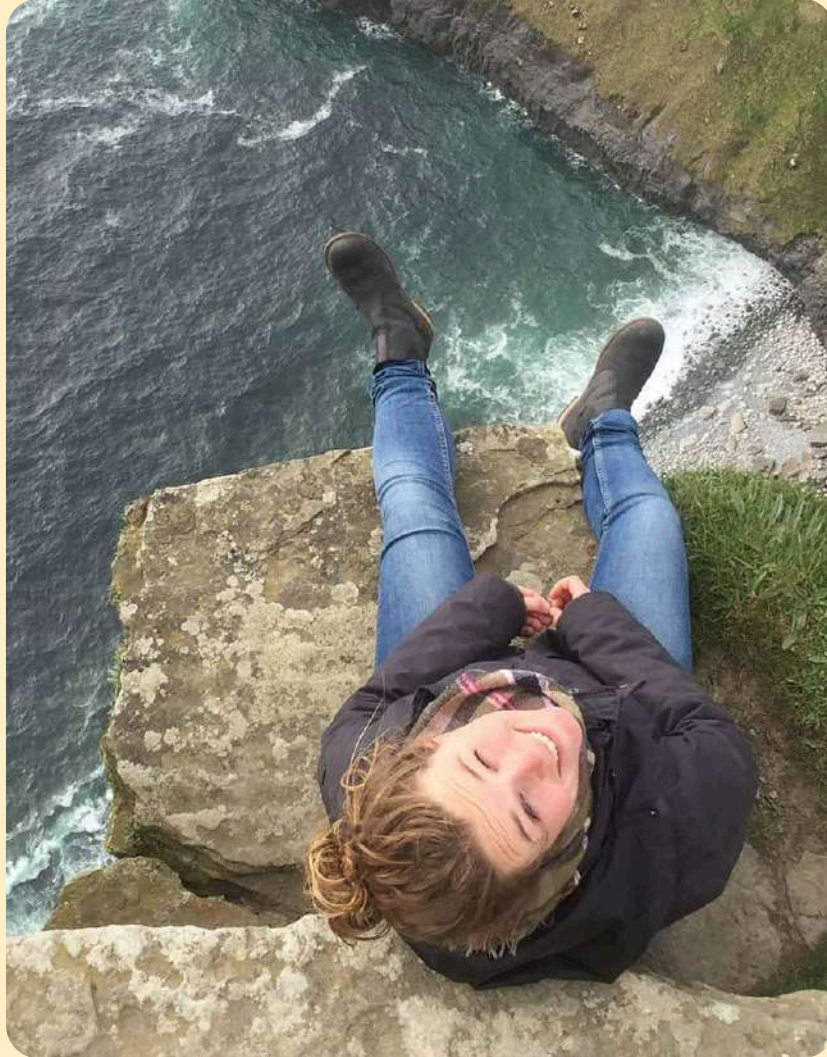




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Small Group & Self-Drive Ireland Tours

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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!

Steph T. on TripAdvisor

"We worked with Liz at Overland Ireland for a custom, self-guided 9 Day Tour and we could not be more happy with our experience! Liz was a pure JOY to work with, answering all of my questions and helping to create THE best tour that was exactly everything we wanted! I cannot recommend Overland Ireland enough - they know all the best spots, and make the experience so easy! We would never have had such an amazing trip without their help!!"

"My adult daughter and I did the ultimate 10-day self-driving tour in the summer of 2022 - I meant to write my review then and didn't get to it. Having the entire trip put together with the convenience of the app while enjoying the personal experience of being on your own was the ideal balance for us. We were able to see and learn about Ireland as though we were with a local guide. All of the accommodations were outstanding and the team went out of their way to help us with questions and anything we needed. I highly recommend this trip and tour company. If the idea of driving a car is stopping you, don't let it. The narrow roads and, for me, driving on the other side, was intimidating when I was first looking into this, and it ended up being something I really enjoyed about the trip. My daughter wasn't yet 25, so she couldn't drive and I had to do all of the driving and none of it was difficult. We saw things you couldn't see from a larger tour vehicle and I really enjoyed that. Ireland is so beautiful to see. The tours and excursions were incredible experiences. So many memories. My photos don't cover it all, but I hope you get something from them. The baby lamb was an experience we just found along the way. There was road-bowling in action, I don't have a photo of this because I was driving, but it's something rare to see and we just happened to be there...don't hesitate to do this if you can.!!!"

Barbara August on Google



Explore Kerry & The Wild Atlantic Way Of Ireland

Embark on an unforgettable adventure along the Wild Atlantic Way at your own pace and with the guidance of Overland Ireland's local experts every step of the way!

On all our driving tours through Ireland, we believe that the best way to discover Ireland is through adventure! On this south and west self-drive tour of Ireland, you will drive, hike, and bike your way around our favorite places and experience as many cultural and authentically Irish activities as we can manage to squeeze into your itinerary. Keep reading to learn more about this incredible experience, then, afterward, browse our extensive collection of Ireland [Self-drive Tour Packages](#).

What to Expect On Your 8-day Self-Guided Tours of Ireland?

Get out in the fresh Irish air and get blown away by the rich experiences and places we have in store for you. We offer you a huge range of hiking trails, leisurely cycles, and alternative activities to keep you active and entertained on your road trip around Ireland.

Treat yourself to the sights along the famous Cliffs of Moher, The Ring of Kerry, and the Dingle Peninsula. Learn the history of Ireland's many castles, and harbor towns and indulge in a distillery tour. Let our team at Overland take care of you and send you on a whirlwind self-guided driving adventure around Cork, Kerry, and County Clare.

Due to our tour's remote, off-the-beaten-path locations, and the fact that we cannot guarantee that all accommodation partners have ramps and/or elevators, unfortunately, our tours are **not wheelchair accessible**.

Keep scrolling to learn more about this amazing 8-day Self-Drive Ireland Tour, but if you're still looking for the perfect trip for you and you'd prefer it to be guided, you might also like to check out our complete range of [Small Group Tours of Ireland](#). If you'd like the ultimate experience, have us design your entire trip with our [Tailor-made Tours of Ireland](#).



Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

When you book a Self-Drive Ireland Tour with us, you get a guided itinerary, outstanding service, and extras, like our **Paddy the Pocket Pilot App**, as standard. So, if you want to hit the road and explore Ireland independently, but with all the benefits of a guided tour created by local experts (including pre-booked “tried & loved” accommodation), you’re in good hands with Overland. But don’t take our word for it... read [our tour group reviews!](#)



What's Included and Excluded On Your 8-Day Self-Drive Ireland Tour?

At Overland Ireland, we believe in including as much as possible in your tour price. We're one of the few tour companies that tries to ensure you have no unexpected charges or hidden surprises on your tour. We aim to keep experiences up while driving costs down! The Overland team has worked hard to find you the best deals possible all across Ireland.

We can also cater this tour to vegans, vegetarians, and pescatarians, so please let us know if you have any dietary preferences or requirements.

Price Includes

- Paddy the Pocket Pilot App
- Top-class accommodation in carefully chosen locally run guesthouses. We also have options for hotels and castle experiences
- 7 hearty breakfasts to set you up for the day
- Detailed and easy-to-follow daily itineraries
- Simple maps and instructions on how to navigate your way around our beautiful country
- All entrance fees to all national parks on your itinerary
- Tour support throughout your journey. We are always available for a chat should you need us
- Daily hidden gem locations revealed by our expert guides
- Daily food and entertainment recommendations
- Kinsale Walking Tour
- Dingle Electric Bike OR Dingle Kayaking
- Burren Bike Hire

Price Excludes

- Parking and motorway toll fees
- Fuel - for your car & of course your body! Petrol, lunch, & dinner are on your own!
- Jaunting (horse and cart)
- Lunch and dinner
- Rock of Cashel
- Shannon ferry
- Cliffs of Moher parking
- The self-control to leave stunning locations!
- Some suggested activities & experiences
- Airfare to Ireland
- Dursey Cable Car (cannot be prepaid. First come first served)
- Killarney bike hire
- Private room upgrade for solo travelers (Mandatory)
- Gratuities (Optional)

Rock of Cashel and Ballycotton Cliff Walk

Total driving distance & time: 250 km – 4 hours 30 minutes

To whet your appetite for this 8-day self-drive Ireland tour, we will arrange a tour of the Rock of Cashel's Medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral, and castle! This is a fantastic stop to get you in the mood for what awaits you on the road.

Next up, it's time to stretch your legs with an 8km coastal cliff walk at Ballycotton flanked by meadows to your right and the wild Atlantic Ocean to your left! This is a two-hour hike taken at an easy pace. Before departing for the harbor town of Kinsale, we recommend stopping for lunch at Ballymaloe House en route. Make sure to leave room for their delicious sweet treats.

Tonight, you will spend a glorious evening exploring the amazing eateries and entertainment spots in Kinsale. Rest your head in our carefully handpicked guesthouse accommodation.



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



Day Two

Kinsale and the Beara Peninsula

Total driving distance & time: 140 km – 2 hours

Wake up with a spring in your step on day two of your self-guided driving tour of Ireland! Let our friend and local guide, Barry, take you on a historical walking tour of Kinsale - a favorite experience among our many previous guests.

You will then take a short drive to the coastline before setting out on a leisurely 6km hike around the Old Head of Kinsale. The breathtaking views, ancient ruins, lighthouse, and the site of the torpedoed Lusitania will ensure you work up an appetite.

Spend a couple of hours browsing the colorful shops and cafes in Kinsale before a scenic drive through the Healy Pass to Castletownbere on the Beara Peninsula. Paddy the Pocket Pilot will point you in the direction of some hidden gems off the typical tourist route!

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Dursey Island Tour and Killarney

Total driving distance & time: 95 km – 1 hour 50 minutes

From Castletownbere, you will make a small journey to Dursey Island by cable car! Your day today is going to be spent hiking around Dursey Island with Paddy the Pocket Pilot as your own personal tour guide. The stories and history shared will enlighten you as you get your heart pumping discovering every inch of this secret island. This is a 13km loop walk around the most westerly island off Cork. With only eight inhabitants on the island and no distractions, you will really enjoy discovering its remote charm and tranquility. It is an easy-to-moderate trail.

In the afternoon, your 8-day self-drive Ireland tour hits the road again! You will venture from County Cork into the Kingdom of Kerry, towards Killarney. We highly recommend a stop in the picturesque town of Kenmare. You will feel like you have been transported onto an Irish movie set!

Settle into Killarney and get a good night's rest in preparation for your experiences tomorrow.



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Ross Castle and Torc Mountain

Total driving distance & time: 170 km – 3 hours 30 minutes

This is the entire Ring of Kerry. We recommend that you do a section of it this afternoon.

By this point of your self-guided driving tour of Ireland, you will have eased yourself into a few hikes. It's the perfect time, then, to challenge yourself a little more with a hike up Torc Mountain on the Ring of Kerry! At the summit, you will be treated to 360-degree panoramic views of Killarney Lakes and National Park and the MacGillicuddy's Reeks. The distance is an easy-to-moderate incline of 7.5km and you can take it at your own pace, spending two to three hours admiring the views and stopping for some great photo opportunities.

Rest your legs and treat yourself to lunch at Moll's Gap and spend the late afternoon driving on the Ring of Kerry.

No need to pack your bags as you will spend another night in Killarney. Let our team make some recommendations and reservations for you through our app. We will be with you at every step of this 8-day self-drive Ireland tour if you need us.



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Day Five

Killarney National Park and Inch Beach

Total driving distance & time: 65 km – 1 hour 30 minutes

Today you will explore Killarney National Park by bike. Whether you're after old country manors, lakeside views, captivating heritage, or beautiful flora and fauna, you will find it on one of the trails in this sprawling park. Wander around Muckross House, hug the lake trail, and go see Torc Waterfall for some envy-inducing photos! You will lose yourself for a couple of hours in this little slice of heaven.

Cycling in the park is at your own pace and, depending on stops (we recommend a slice of apple tart and a cup of tea at the coffee shop), should take around three hours to explore. If you feel a little less energetic at this point of your self-guided driving tour of Ireland, there are plenty of local jaunting (pony and cart) drivers to take you on a magical experience!

Say goodbye to Killarney and get excited about your next destination – Dingle! You will make a pit stop at the famous Inch Beach to stretch your legs and maybe have a beachside treat at Sammy's Café.

The evening is yours to discover Dingle and absorb its charming atmosphere. Treat your tastebuds in the town's fantastic restaurants and enjoy a drink in one of the famous quirky pubs. Consider heading to Foxy John's hardware store... order yourself a drink, take a seat, and strike up a conversation with a colorful local!

Dingle Peninsula and Sleah Head

Total driving distance & time: Depends on choice of activity

We have three options for an amazing day on the Dingle Peninsula. You decide what will put a smile on your face on day six of this 8-day self-drive Ireland tour. Your trusty pocket pilot will be on hand to show you the options.

Hop on an electric bike and cycle along the Sleah Head drive. The sites and stops along this coastal route are truly magnificent. Alternatively, why not take a hike up Mount Brandon for unreal views of Dingle Bay and Castlegreory? One of our favorite activities, and one we always recommend, is kayaking in Dingle Bay. Spend the morning exploring the sea caves and soaking up the spectacular coastal scenery from a different perspective out in Dingle Harbour.

Each activity is approximately three hours and you can do them at an easy pace. Mount Brandon is a moderately difficult hike and could bring you to four hours up and down, but it is highly rewarding.

The afternoon will be spent indulging in the delights of Dingle's Distillery. There, you will sample their award-winning whiskey and gin and get an education on the history of whiskey production around the world. Explore Dingle's celebrated traditional Irish music scene tonight and maybe have your dinner al fresco - fish and chips at the pier!

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

Cliffs of Moher and Doolin

Total driving distance & time: 230 km – 3 hours 20 minutes

Today, before you leave the Kingdom of Kerry, you will watch a local sheepdog show off his finely honed skills during a traditional demonstration. This is always a highlight of our self-guided driving tours of Ireland!

Next, take the ferry to County Clare, home of the spectacular Cliffs of Moher and the natural beauty of the Burren National Park. You will hike for three hours along the cliffs with the roaring Wild Atlantic Ocean providing the perfect backdrop! We will give you a route off the beaten track, with many secret passages that are not on the typical tourist route. Friends at home will definitely feel green with envy when you share your snaps from this stunning landmark.

A couple of minutes from the cliffs, you will spend the evening in the most welcoming and colorful fishing village of Doolin, the hometown of traditional Irish music. Your accommodation is super easy to find through the Paddy App.



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Day Eight

Burren National Park and Dublin Return

Total driving distance & time: 265 km – 3 hours 25 minutes

From Doolin, we will organize bicycle rental so you can explore Burren National Park! All you need to do is pick up your bikes and get pedaling! Riding for three hours at a steady pace is perfect for this adventure. Treat your eyes to incredible views of Galway Bay and some of the most extraordinary landscapes in Ireland. Spend time roaming the huge expanse of limestone ridges and discover this unique ecosystem's wonderful flora and fauna.

There's one more lunch to enjoy before you bid a fond farewell to the Wild West and make your way back to Dublin. A stop at Clonmacnoise can be a welcome break on this leg of the journey.

It's then time to turn off your car's engine, dry those tears, and sit back and reflect on everything you have experienced on this 8-day self-drive Ireland tour. Do you have some time left before leaving the Emerald Isle? The Overland Ireland team is more than happy to share some amazing recommendations for things to keep you entertained and well-fed in Dublin's fair city.

We can even arrange to link this tour experience with any of our other [self-drive tour packages of Ireland!](#)



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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

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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