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# The Emerald Route

## Self-Drive Tour of Ireland

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**



# Your Expertly Planned 7-Day Self-Drive Ireland Trip

Explore Ireland's ancient roads, castles, and legends by car, moving through the land at your own pace, with the help of local experts.

This 7-day driving tour of Ireland will bring you on an unforgettable journey, encapsulating and exploring Ireland with a diverse range of scenery, castles, adventure, history, heritage, culture, and wildlife along the way. Enjoy exciting experiences, yet feel as though you're gliding through the days at a smooth, even pace. This and more is what we offer on this tour and in our entire range of [Ireland Self-Drive Tour Packages](#).

# What to Expect On Your 7-Day Self Drive Ireland Tour?

You will start by leaving the bustling streets of Dublin behind for the awe-inspiring Wild Atlantic Way. On this world-famous route, you will cover more than 1,100 km of the ruggedly beautiful Irish coastline, from Connemara to Kinsale.

Our team of expert local guides and trip planners have crafted a 7-day driving tour of Ireland that is packed with memorable experiences, allowing you to discover the best our country has to offer. Some of the highlights include breathtaking sights on the Ring of Kerry, amazing hidden gems like Moll's Gap and Torc Waterfall, as well as the natural wonderland of Killarney National Park.

You will visit the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland's most famous landmark, and you will quite possibly fall in love with the bustling bohemian city of Galway and the ancient charm of the Aran Islands. Let us plan your journey from start to finish and leave you to create memories to last a lifetime.

Due to our tours' 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**.



# Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

Every Self-Drive Tour booked with Overland Ireland comes with exceptional service, guided itinerary, and extras as standard – and this includes our carefully crafted **Paddy the Pocket Pilot App**. So, if you're looking for an independent way to see Ireland with all the benefits and surprises of a guided tour with pre-booked "tried & loved" accommodation, you're in good hands. But don't take our word for it, check out [our tour group reviews here](#).





# What's Included and Excluded on Your 7-Day Driving Tour of Ireland?

We are one of the only Ireland tour companies that can include as much as we can in the price of your tour. Nobody likes hidden surprises and unexpected charges while on vacation, so we do whatever we can to avoid them. Our mission is simple: keep costs down and experiences up! We have worked really hard to find you the best deals across the Emerald Isle.

Do you have special dietary requirements or preferences? Please [get in touch](#) to let us know as **we can cater this tour to vegans, vegetarians, and pescatarians.**

## 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
- 6 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
- Kylemore Abbey
- Aran Island Ferry
- Galway Walking Tour
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Dingle Kayaking
- Kinsale Walking Tour
- Blarney Castle

## Price Excludes

- Parking and motorway toll fees
- Fuel - for your car & of course your body! Petrol, lunch, & dinner are on your own!
- Clonmacnoise
- Dún Aonghasa (Optional)
- Shannon ferry
- Ross Castle
- Rock of Cashel
- Aran Island bike hire
- A driver guide
- The self-control to leave stunning locations!
- Some suggested activities & experiences
- Airfare to Ireland
- Private room upgrade for solo travelers (Mandatory)
- Gratuities (Optional)

# Clonmacnoise and Connemara

**Total driving distance & time: 310 km – 4 hours 10 minutes**

Switch on Paddy the Pocket Pilot app and start your 7-day self-drive Ireland tour crafted by expert local trip planners. Leave Dublin behind for Clonmacnoise, a beautiful 6th-century monastery on the banks of the River Shannon. This remarkable place was a center of excellence for learning and saw scholars create some of the finest Celtic art and manuscripts for over 600 years.

With a whetted appetite, you will cross the country into County Galway. Your next stop is Kylemore Abbey in the heart of Connemara. The rugged landscape is guaranteed to take your breath away, come hail, rain, or shine. Spend time roaming the abbey and Victorian walled garden on this 1000-acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake and the majestic Connemara National Park.

At the end of a busy day, stay in Clifden, surrounded by the Twelve Bens mountain range. Discover some great bars, restaurants, and nightly music, and have a chat with the locals over a pint of the Black Stuff!

We have added the option of staying in an exquisite castle, so you can embrace your inner Prince or Princess! How's that for a start to your Ireland driving tour for 7 days?



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



## Day Two

# The Aran Islands

**Total driving distance & time: 100 km – 1 hour 40 minutes**

Day two of this 7-day driving tour of Ireland starts with a short drive to Rossaveal Pier on Galway Bay. Here, you board the ferry to the Aran Islands. You'll land on the largest of the three islands: Inishmore. Explore the rugged scenery by bicycle or special request jaunting cart. The route will take Dún Aonghasa, a stunning stone fort that lies 100m over the ocean. While on Inishmore, you might pick up a few words of "Gaeilge" from the locals. And why not treat yourself to an authentic Aran Sweater?

Your 7-day self-drive Ireland tour then returns to the mainland, where your Galway adventure begins! Hug the coastline into bustling, bohemian Galway City. Expect a great atmosphere, entertaining street performers, and plenty of craic in this much-celebrated town.

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# Galway and The Cliffs of Moher

Total driving distance & time: 90 km – 1 hour 45 minutes

Galway is a city that has its Medieval history at its very heart. Our local guide will take you down the narrow streets where you can duck in and out of brightly colored shops. Try on Claddagh Rings and Galway Shawls before passing through The Spanish Arch to take in the famous Claddagh fishing village.

This day just keeps on giving. You will now travel southwest towards The Burren National Park and the jaw-dropping Cliffs of Moher. On this adventure, you will visit Corcomroe Abbey, a 13th-century Cistercian Monastery, and the 16th-century Dunguaire Castle in Kinvara. The cliff experience will take you by foot across its stunning natural features with the powerful Atlantic Ocean waves crashing in below. The cliffs are one of the most spectacular natural features in the Emerald Isle and a highlight of this Ireland driving tour for 7 days... they are sure to leave you lost for words.

The evening is spent in the hometown of traditional Irish music - Doolin.



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# Doolin To Dingle

**Total driving distance & time: 240 km – 3 hours 30 minutes**

No 7-day self-drive Ireland tour itinerary is complete without seeing some ancient structures! Drive to the most famous Dolmen at Poul nabrone. These Neolithic monuments are scattered throughout the country marking burial sites and passageways dating back to 3000 BC.

A short journey from the Dolmen, the farmers at Caherconnell will treat you to a spectacular sheepdog trial. Prepare to be awestruck by the skill of the farmer and his furry friend as they gather up their flock of sheep. Cross the border by ferry to County Kerry and leave the west behind. It is time to get excited about your next destination - Dingle.

The evening in Dingle is yours to absorb the town's renowned atmosphere, from its famous quirky pubs to the restaurants serving mouthwatering dishes. Why not sit in Foxy John's hardware store, order yourself a drink, and strike up a conversation with a friendly local?

Rest your head at a fantastic guesthouse handpicked by our team before your 7-day driving tour of Ireland resumes in the morning.



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## Day Five

# The Dingle Peninsula

**Total driving distance & time: 50 km – 2 hours 30 minutes**

Today, your morning begins out on Dingle Bay where you will explore caves and inlets by kayak. And if kayaking isn't your thing, you can enjoy a pleasurable hike up Eask Tower. At the top, you will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views of Dingle Bay. If you just want to stroll around Dingle itself, exploring the colorful buildings, cute craft shops, and cafes, go ahead and enjoy yourself! That's the beauty of our Ireland driving tour for 7 days – you can customize your itinerary as you go!

This is your holiday – do it your way.

In the afternoon, return to your car and take a trip along The Sleat Head Drive, one of Ireland's most scenic and impressive roads. You spend another night in the buzzing town of Dingle, so you're free to relax and enjoy however you please.

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# Sites On The Ring Of Kerry

**Total driving distance & time: 200 km – 3 hours 30 minutes**

Say your fond farewells to Dingle and journey towards the Ring of Kerry. The first leg of this journey takes you to Killarney, the gateway to The Ring of Kerry. This world-famous driving route is the very definition of the word scenic and you will discover many hidden gems along the way, including Moll's Gap, Torc Waterfall, and Ross Castle, all of which are in Killarney National Park. We will arrange a guided tour of Ross Castle, where you will learn what life was really like behind the stone walls.

Stop for some shopping and lunch in the beautiful heritage town of Kenmare. For your last night on this 7-day self-drive Ireland tour, we are excited to send you to coastal Kinsale, famed for its culinary culture delivered by many award-winning restaurants. The town also has a wonderful tradition for poetry, as well as gold, silver, and glassware manufacturing. You can see the fruits of these throughout Kinsale's local shops and galleries that boast the works of local talented artists.



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# Cork and Kissing the Blarney Stone

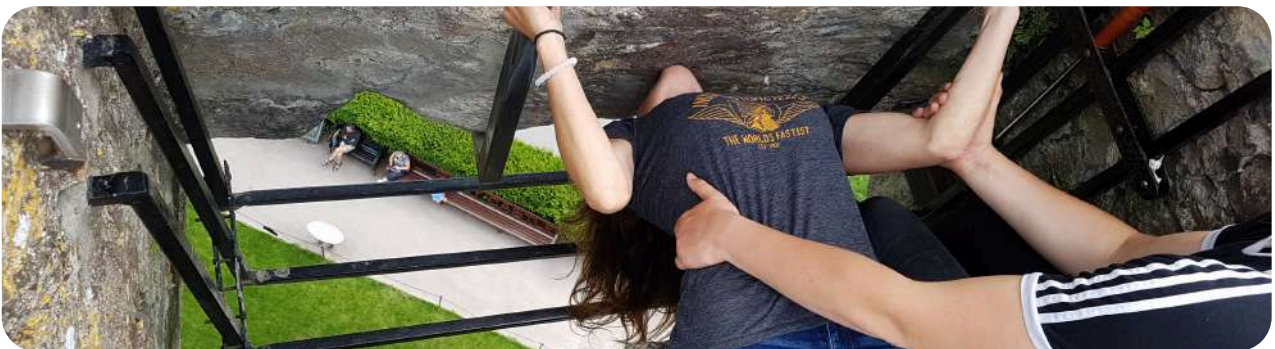
**Total driving distance & time: 320 km – 3 hours 30 minutes**

Wake up refreshed and ready to be taken on a guided walking tour through the narrow streets of Kinsale with one of Ireland's greatest guides, Barry. Your self-drive app, Paddy, will lead you on to Blarney because you simply cannot leave Cork without visiting Blarney Castle and Gardens and giving the Blarney Stone a big fat kiss!

Your final stop before driving back to Dublin is the Rock of Cashel. This remarkable place is over 1,000 years old and you will explore its medieval round tower, chapel, cathedral, and castle. A fantastic end to your Ireland driving tour for 7 days.

And that's the end of your unforgettable Irish road trip! Turn off the engine, dry your tears, and reminisce about all the experiences you've enjoyed. If you plan to spend some time in Dublin and the surrounding areas before leaving the Emerald Isle, we can share plenty of amazing recommendations for things to do, eat, and keep you entertained.

Or why not link this experience with any of our [self-drive tour packages of Ireland](#) and keep the adventure going?



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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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