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Self-Drive Road Trip Through 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



Treat Yourself To A Luxury 8-Day Road Trip Through Ireland

Castle stays, romantic cliff-top walks, rides in horse-drawn carriages – this 8-day road trip through Ireland has it all!

Overland Ireland has created the perfect itinerary for a luxury Ireland self-drive tour, taking you from Ireland's Ancient East to the legendary Wild Atlantic Way. You'll cover famous locations across the country, but you'll never tire of the spectacular sights and experiences.

Discover the magical Ring of Kerry, take a jaunt through Killarney National Park, and even steal a kiss from the Blarney Stone. This [Self-Drive Tour of Ireland](#) has the perfect balance of heritage, culture, and famed Irish "Craic" (fun).

On your journey, you'll travel to the famous Cliffs of Moher, through Bohemian Galway, and finish with a night of opulence at Ashford Castle. If it's good enough for Prince Harry's honeymoon, then it's good enough for us!

What to Expect from Your 8-Day Ireland Self-Drive Tour?

Our 8-day road trip through Ireland comes with expertly designed itineraries and fully comprehensive insurance. We also provide support concierge services on weekdays and an Overland Ireland Virtual Travel Companion! This ensures you will never go without help.

Should you want more say in your itinerary, our [Tailor-Made Tours of Ireland](#) allow you to customize your experience. We can also arrange the tour to suit the needs of wheelchair users, making this an accessible touring option.

Keep reading for the full itinerary of our High Life 8-Day Self-Drive Road Trip Through Ireland. Would you like to drive even further? Then have a look at our [Ultimate 10-Day Self-Driving Tour Of Ireland!](#) For a more traditional tour guide-led experience without the drive, browse our [Small-Group Tours of Ireland](#).



Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

Every Ireland self-drive tour booked with us comes with a guided itinerary, exceptional service, and a host of extras, including **Paddy the Pocket Pilot App**. Even though you hit the road solo, you will still get all the insights of a guided tour from Paddy, as well as pre-booked “tried & loved” accommodation. Check out [our tour group reviews](#) to see how highly other travelers rate us!



What Is Included & Excluded In This 8-Day Road Trip Through Ireland?

At Overland Ireland, we are proud to be one of the only tour companies that includes as much as we can in your tour price.

We are always finding ways to keep experiences up! You can be sure that our team has worked tirelessly to find the best deals across the Emerald Isle.

Do you have special dietary requirements or food-based preferences? Please inform us as soon as possible so we can make the necessary adjustments.

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
- Glendalough Tour
- Blarney castle entrance

- Bunratty Castle
- Kylemore Abbey
- Westport Bike Hire

Price Excludes

- Parking and motorway toll fees
- Fuel - for your car & of course your body! Petrol, lunch, & dinner are on your own!
- Rock of Cashel
- Glendalough Monastery
- Jaunting (horse and cart)
- Shannon ferry
- Clonmacnoise
- Killarney bike hire
- A driver guide
- The self-control to leave stunning locations!
- Some suggested activities & experiences
- Private room upgrade for solo travelers (Mandatory)
- Gratuities (Optional)

Glendalough and Cork

Total driving distance & time: 330 kilometres – 4 hours 10 minutes

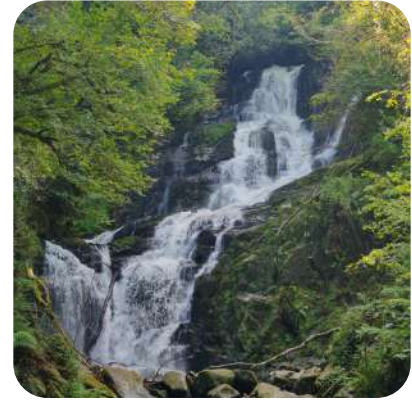
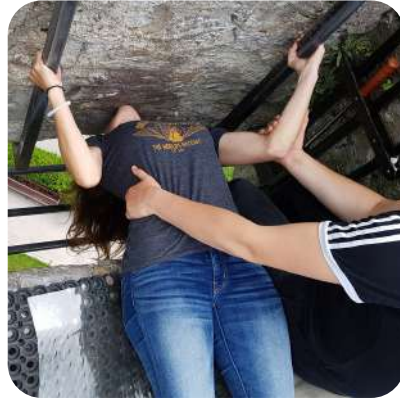
Turn on your Paddy the Pocket Pilot App and hit the road! Glendalough in the Wicklow Mountains, perched centrally in Ireland's Ancient East, is the first stop after leaving the hustle and bustle of Dublin behind. You will take a guided tour of an important monastic site, learn about Ireland's history and folklore, and take in the impressive St. Kevin's Round Tower, built back in the 6th century.

After this introduction to Irish history, your Ireland self-drive tour continues south, where the Rock of Cashel awaits. Prepare to take plenty of jealousy-inducing photos at this famous medieval landmark.

In the afternoon and evening, you will make yourself at home in the luxurious Hayfield Manor in Cork City. You will have an endless choice of places to eat and be entertained this evening or simply relax and enjoy the lavish surroundings of the manor house.



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



Day Two

Blarney and Killarney

Total driving distance & time: 140 km – 2 hours 10 minutes

You simply cannot visit Ireland without a trip to Blarney Castle and Gardens. Kissing the Blarney Stone (and receiving the gift of the gab... hopefully!) is an absolute must. Take the time to roam and admire the beautiful gardens surrounding the castle. Then it's off to Kenmare, nestled between the Ring of Kerry and the Beara Peninsula, where you will enjoy lunch.

Killarney, the Capital of Kerry, is the next destination on your 8-day road trip in Ireland. Here, you will marvel at the spectacular views at Moll's Gap, Ladies View, and Torc Waterfall before exploring the natural wonderland of Killarney National Park. In the afternoon you will enjoy a jaunt - riding in a horse-pulled carriage. And if you have the energy, you can cycle around this stunning 100km estate, taking in Muckross House, Ross Castle, and much more.

The evening is yours to spend wandering around Killarney's wonderful shops, pubs, and eateries. You will stay at the magnificent four-star Lake Hotel where you will receive a traditional Irish welcome with stunning surroundings. All of this has been prearranged for you by our expert team at Overland.

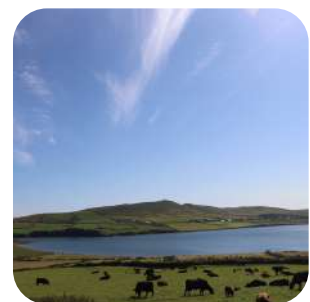
The Ring Of Kerry and Dingle

Total driving distance & time: 179 km – 4 hours

Rise and shine nice and early because it's time to start the ultimate road trip on Ireland's most famous driving route - The Ring of Kerry! Be sure to take your time and enjoy every part of this journey through 10,000 years of Irish history. This truly is a breathtaking drive. Our expert team will share tips on how to get off the beaten track, directing you to hidden gems along the way. You may even bump into our old friend selling Poitín (Irish Moonshine), but don't tell anyone!

How do you follow up such an iconic road trip? By continuing with your incredible Ireland self-drive tour, of course! This evening you drive to the famous harbour town of Dingle, one of our most famous Irish legends! The evening is yours to absorb Dingle's warm and welcoming atmosphere, from its quirky pubs to its fantastic restaurants. We recommend heading to Foxy John's hardware store, ordering yourself a drink, and striking up a conversation with a friendly local!

Stay at the award-winning Heaton's Guesthouse and get excited about their wonderful breakfast feast tomorrow morning.



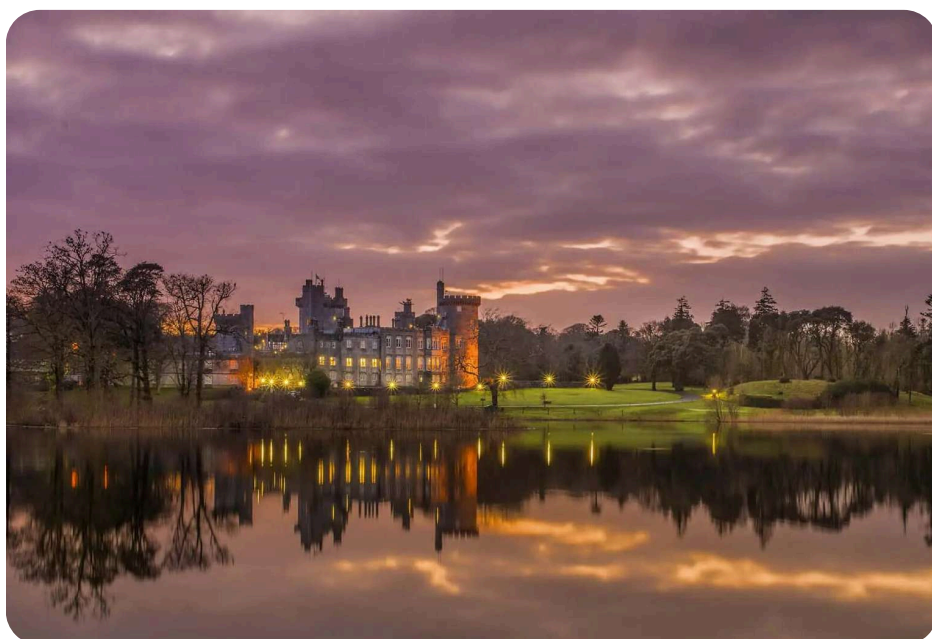
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Cliffs of Moher and Dromoland Castle

Total driving distance & time: 275 km – 4 hours

On the fourth morning of this 8-day road trip in Ireland, you leave the South West behind and head northwards to the world-famous Cliffs of Moher. Here, you walk across the clifftop, exploring the stunning natural features with the powerful Atlantic Ocean waves crashing below. The Cliffs of Moher are an icon of Ireland for a good reason; we are sure they will astound you! We will also send you on a wonderful route off the beaten track.

After your invigorating cliffs experience, you deserve to unwind! Live like royalty in the celebrated, 5-star Dromoland Castle.



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Day Five

Bunratty and Galway

Total driving distance & time: 72 km – 1 hour

On this morning of your Ireland self-drive tour, you can either take your time to enjoy the activities and estate at Dromoland or make the short drive to Bunratty Castle where you can join a folk and heritage tour.

As you depart County Clare, your bustling, bohemian Galway adventure begins. Voted European Capital of Culture for 2020, this city will not disappoint. Embrace the electric atmosphere, watch the entertaining street performers, and enjoy plenty of “craic” (fun). Our friends in Galway will then lead you on a gourmet historical city tour.

Your overnight accommodation is at the historical Hardiman Hotel on Eyre Square, a stone’s throw from the liveliest hotspots.

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Kylemore Abbey and Ballynahinch Castle

Total driving distance & time: 110 km – 1 hour 50 minutes

The next stop on your 8-day road trip in Ireland is Kylemore Abbey, set in the heart of Connemara. This incredible landscape is rugged, beautiful, and breathtaking in all conditions, be it hail, rain, or sunshine. While you're here, enjoy some time roaming the abbey, in the Victorian walled garden, and near Kylemore Lake. Soak up the splendor of this 1000-acre estate overlooking the majestic Connemara National Park.

We recommend making the quick trip to Clifden for tea and cake, or even a delicious seafood lunch. Ballynahinch Castle awaits you next. Let them serve up a sumptuous afternoon tea in one of their luxurious rooms. Once you park up at this hidden gem, you will not want to leave.



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Westport and Ashford Castle

Total driving distance & time: 120 kilometres – 2 hours

Ready for a challenge? Then spend your morning hiking up Ireland's holiest mountain - Croagh Patrick - made famous by St. Patrick himself! Awe-inspiring panoramic views of Clew Bay await at the top. If this doesn't sound like your thing, you can hop on a bike and cycle the Greenway route to Achill Island. There's also the choice to have a relaxed walking tour of Westport.

This is the last night of your Ireland self-drive tour, so we have made sure you go out in style! The fabulous Ashford Castle Hotel has attracted presidents, sports heroes, and celebrities throughout history – and now it's your turn! Infused with rich history and heritage, this really is one of the most luxurious places to stay in Ireland. What a way to finish your whirlwind tour of the Emerald Isle!

There are countless activities to enjoy on the estate, like archery, falconry, horse riding, and boat trips. Of course, you can also just head for their award-winning Spa!



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Day Eight

Clonmacnoise and Dublin

Total driving distance & time: 255 km – 3 hours

Sadly, every good thing must come to an end. Today, you head back to Dublin's fair city at your leisure, stopping off at the 6th-century monastery Clonmacnoise. If you have some time left in Dublin before your flight home, we can arm you with fantastic recommendations for things to see and do in our capital and the surrounding areas. Let Paddy the Pocket Pilot guide you back to Dublin and make some reservations for you.

Or... Why not stay longer and explore even more of our beautiful country? Your 8-day road trip in Ireland may be over, but you can easily link up with another of our [self-drive tour packages of Ireland](#). The choices are endless with Overland 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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