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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



A Cross-Country 10-Day Driving Tour Of Ireland!

If you're looking for the ultimate self-drive trip around Ireland, you've found it! We have designed an itinerary that provides the most comprehensive [Self-Drive Tour of Ireland](#), showing you nearly every corner of the Emerald Isle.

Over 10 days, you'll drive from North to South and East to West. We have packed this ultimate Ireland trip with experiences, from kayaking in Dingle Bay to highlights of Killarney National Park. Make unforgettable memories at the Cliffs of Moher, discover vibrant Galway City, and take the ferry to the Aran Islands. You even have the option to spend a night in an exquisite castle!

Of course, no trip around Ireland is complete without kissing the Blarney Stone. We also cross the border into Northern Ireland, where you can feel the awe of Giant's Causeway before immersing yourself in the Titanic Experience in Belfast.

What To Expect On Your 10-Day Self-Drive Ireland Tour?

We make your trip around Ireland hassle-free by taking care of your itinerary, experiences, accommodation, and bookings. All you need to do is arrive with a sense of adventure! Few self-drive Ireland vacations are this all-inclusive.

Our 10-day driving tour of Ireland comes with an Overland Ireland Virtual Travel Companion, support concierge service on weekdays, and fully comprehensive insurance when you book car rental through us.

If you want the option to customize your itinerary or if you have **specific needs like wheelchair-accessible accommodation, then contact us** about our [Tailor-Made Tours of Ireland](#).

Keep reading to learn more about this unforgettable 10-day Self-Drive Tour of Ireland. If you're short on time, we can recommend our [Coast to Coast 5-Day Tour of Ireland](#), traveling from Dublin to Galway. Should you want to skip the driving altogether, have a look at our more traditional [Small Group Tours of Ireland](#)!



Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

All our self-drive tours come with a guided itinerary, clear maps, and our renowned exceptional service. One of the extras to help you along the way is our **Paddy the Pocket Pilot App!** If you want to see Ireland on an independent adventure, but with all the benefits and surprises of a guided tour, Paddy is here to help you along the way. But don't just take our word for it – read our tour group reviews.



10-Day Self-Drive Ireland Tour: What is Included?

At Overland Ireland, we do everything we can to minimize costs and maximize experiences. By including as much as we can in your tour price, you avoid unexpected fees and hidden surprises.

We have worked tirelessly to ensure you benefit from the best deals across Ireland during your trip.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements or preferences as soon as possible. **We can cater this self-drive 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 added options of hotels and castle experiences
- 9 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 food and entertainment recommendations
- Newgrange, Knowth, or Hill of Tara
- Kylemore Abbey
- Blarney Castle
- Galway Walking Tour
- Aran Island Ferry
- Dingle Kayaking
- Sheepdog demonstration
- Kinsale Walking Tour
- Giant's Causeway
- Titanic Experience

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
- Derry Walking Tour
- Shannon Ferry
- Belfast Black Cab Tour
- Aran Island bike hire
- Dún Aonghasa
- Westport Walking Tour
- Ross Castle
- Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge
- A driver guide
- The self-control to leave stunning locations!
- Some suggested activities & experiences
- Gratuities (Optional)

Dublin to Belfast

Total driving distance & time: 180 km – 2 hours 10 minutes

Turn on your Paddy the Pocket Pilot App and hit the road! Your ultimate 10-day driving tour of Ireland starts with an adventure to Newgrange, a magical Stone Age passage tomb decorated in megalithic art.

After exploring this incredible Neolithic structure, you will travel north to Belfast. Here, you can immerse yourself in the Titanic Experience at the interactive visitor center of Titanic Belfast. The wonderful and tragic stories told about the most famous ship in the world, and its doomed fate is a moving experience.

Finish the day with an optional fantastic black cab tour of Belfast. Your cab will even pick you up from your hotel! The evening is yours to explore Belfast's thriving pubs, restaurants, and shops. Get a great night's sleep at your carefully handpicked accommodation.

Note: Due to the limited availability and popularity of Newgrange, we cannot guarantee a booking to this specific site. This may be exchanged for Knowth or Hill of Tara.



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



Day Two

Giant's Causeway and Derry

Total driving distance & time: 165 km – 2 hours 30 minutes

Day two of this 10-day self-drive Ireland tour features one of this itinerary's most-anticipated stops – Giant's Causeway. But the entire Causeway Coastal Route is just as breathtaking and a joy to drive. Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is another highlight. Feel everything from fear to exhilaration as you cross the open ocean with air beneath your feet! The Paddy App will also guide you to some secret locations off the beaten track.

Your next stop on day two is Derry. Northern Ireland's second-largest city is steeped in rich and fascinating history. Enjoy exploring the city at night because you will take a tour of the walled city on day three. We recommend treating yourself to a gourmet and craft beer experience at the Walled City Brewery.

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Derry and the Hills of Donegal

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

Start the day with a walking tour of Derry led by a local guide. This is one of the most poignant experiences on this 10-day driving tour of Ireland as it will help you understand our past struggles and the long road to peaceful times in the North.

It's then time to leave Derry and head into the wild northwest. The Hills of Donegal are waiting! Embark on a memorable drive that takes in the Glengesh Pass and the Assaranca Waterfall. Paddy the Pocket Pilot will direct you to Grianan of Aileach, a 5th-century stone fort, where you can take in some truly stunning views.

Head to your accommodation in the picturesque village of Ardara, County Donegal, and treat yourself to a night of seafood and "craic" (fun) with the locals.



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Donegal and Connemara

Total driving distance & time: 260 km – 4 hours

Today's road trip has the double joy of passing through Sligo - William Butler Yeats' County - and making a short trip to Westport - Ireland's favorite town! Your time in Westport starts with a charming walking tour of the town followed by a fabulous lunch. This will fuel you for a delightful journey through Connemara National Park and along part of the famous Famine Trail.

You will then visit Kylemore Abbey, a stunning 1,000-acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake. Enjoy strolling around the abbey and soaking up the beauty of the Victorian Walled Garden. Your journey continues to Clifden where you will find great bars, restaurants, and nightly music. Don't be afraid of striking up a conversation with the locals over a tasty pint of the Black Stuff!

If you've ever had dreams of becoming a prince or princess, now's your chance! We have added the option of staying in Abbeyglenn Castle to this 10-day self-drive Ireland tour!



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Day Five

The Aran Islands

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

The morning starts with the short drive to Rossaveal Pier overlooking Galway Bay. Feel the excitement build as you board the ferry to the Aran Islands. When you land on rugged Inishmore, the largest of the three Aran Islands, it's time to explore! If you'd like, you can either cycle or make a special request for a jaunting cart (horse and carriage) against an additional charge. Your route will take you toward Dún Aonghasa, an ancient, clifftop stone fort standing 100m over the ocean.

It's then time to circle back toward the ferry and continue your 10-day driving tour of Ireland on the mainland. On the way, you may pick up a word or two in "Gaelic" from the locals. And why not treat yourself to an authentic Aran Sweater?

When you arrive back at Rossaveal, your Galway adventure begins. Hug the coastline all the way into this bustling, bohemian city. This much-celebrated place is home to entertaining street performers, an infectious atmosphere, and plenty of craic. You won't need your Paddy App to find entertainment this evening! It's Friday night every night in Galway!

Galway and the Cliffs of Moher

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

Medieval history is at the very heart of Galway. Discover more about this side of the city on a tour led by our local guide. Head down the narrow streets where you can duck in and out of brightly colored shops. This is the perfect time to try on Galway Shawls and Claddagh Rings! Pass under the famous Spanish Arch and enjoy the ambiance of Claddagh, a delightful fishing village.

Sadly, you'll have to leave Galway, but the day has more treats in store! Traveling southwest, it's time to visit the otherworldly Burren National Park and the jaw-dropping Cliffs of Moher, a true highlight of this 10-day self-drive Ireland tour. On this adventure, you will visit Corcomroe Abbey, a 13th-century Cistercian Monastery as well as the 16th-century Dunguaire Castle in Kinvara.

At the Cliffs of Moher, you will walk over this awe-inspiring natural feature as the powerful waves of the Atlantic Ocean crash into it below. The cliffs are one of the most iconic sights, and most spectacular natural features, in Ireland. We're almost certain you'll be lost for words. Our itinerary will also send you off the beaten path, so you can enjoy some of the area's hidden gems.

You'll spend the evening in Doolin - the hometown of traditional Irish music.



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Doolin to Dingle

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

A trip to Ireland is not complete without seeing its incredible ancient structures. Today, you drive to the most famous Dolmen (AKA portal tombs) at Poul nabrone. Dolmen are Neolithic monuments scattered throughout the country marking burial sites and passageways dating back to 3000BC.

After being awed by the Dolmen, it's time to make the short trip to the farmers at Caherconnell who will treat you to a spectacular sheep-dog trial. Prepare to be mesmerized by the farmer and his furry friend as they work in tandem to gather up their flock of sheep.

It's then time to leave the west behind as you cross the border into County Kerry by ferry. The next destination on this 10-day driving tour of Ireland is the celebrated harbor town of Dingle. The evening is yours to soak up the atmosphere in Dingle's fantastic restaurants and famous quirky pubs. Why not sit in Foxy John's hardware store, order yourself a drink, and strike up a conversation with a friendly local?



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Day Eight

The Dingle Peninsula

Total driving distance & time: 50 km – 2 hours 30 minutes, at a leisurely pace!

The eighth morning of this 10-day self-drive Ireland tour starts on the water exploring caves and inlets on Dingle Bay by kayak. If kayaking isn't your thing, don't worry. You can take a moderate-paced hike up Eask Tower instead. This walk offers the reward of 180-degree panoramic views of Dingle Bay. Or perhaps you just want to stroll around this colorful town teeming with charming cafes and original local craft shops?

Take it at your own pace. It's your holiday - do it your way.

In the afternoon, jump in your car and take a delightful trip along one of Ireland's most scenic roads - The Sleat Head Drive. You spend a second night in the buzzing town of Dingle - relax and enjoy.

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Dingle Peninsula to Kinsale

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

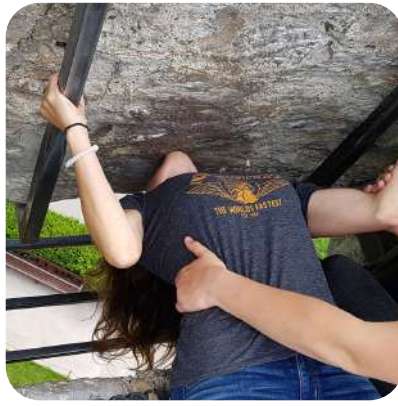
After saying a fond farewell to Dingle, you will journey to Killarney National Park, one of Ireland's largest national parks. Killarney National Park and the surrounding area are the very definition of the word "scenic". You will discover famous sights and hidden gems along the way, including Moll's Gap, Torc Waterfall, and Ross Castle. We will arrange a guided tour of Ross Castle for you. Here, you will learn what life was really like behind those imposing stone walls.

The beautiful heritage town of Kenmare is the perfect place to stop for lunch and some shopping. This is the last night of your 10-day driving tour of Ireland, so we're sending you to the coastal town of Kinsale. This picturesque place is famed for its culinary culture, delivered by many award-winning restaurants.

Kinsale also has a great tradition of poetry, silver, gold, and glassware manufacturing. You can see this in the local shops and galleries which proudly have work by talented local artists.



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Day Ten

Cork, Kissing the Blarney Stone, and Dublin Return

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

Wake up refreshed and ready for a guided walking tour through Kinsale's narrow streets. Your tour is led by one of our favorite guides - Barry! Paddy the Pocket Pilot will then direct you towards Blarney because you **MUST NOT** leave Cork without visiting Blarney Castle and Gardens. This is the home of the Blarney Stone. If you want the gift of the gab, you need to give it a big fat kiss!

Your final stop before driving back to Dublin is the Rock of Cashel. This historically significant site is over 1000 years old! Marvel at its medieval round tower, cathedral, chapel, and castle. This is a truly fantastic way to end your 10-day self-drive Ireland tour.

It is now time to turn off your engine and dry your tears. Sit back and soak up everything you have experienced over the last 10 days. If you have any time left before leaving the Emerald Isle, we will give you plenty of amazing tips and recommendations for things to do, eat, and entertain you in Dublin's fair city.



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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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