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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.



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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!

"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 [contact us](#) if you have any questions.



Your Dream 8-Day Tour Of Ireland Begins Here!

Experience the very best of Ireland in just 8 days. That's the grand promise we make with this once-in-a-lifetime Emerald Explorer Ireland Tour. An 8-day Ireland tour packed with incredible sights and experiences along the famous Ancient East, Wild Atlantic Way, the Ring of Kerry, and so much more! Check out the private version of this tour if you have a big group and would like access to customization options.

You'll begin this tour by leaving the busy streets of Dublin and heading towards Ireland's Ancient East and the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way. Along this route, you will cover over 1,100 km of rugged Irish coastline, from Kilkenny to Connemara, seeing the popular sights and hidden gems along the way.

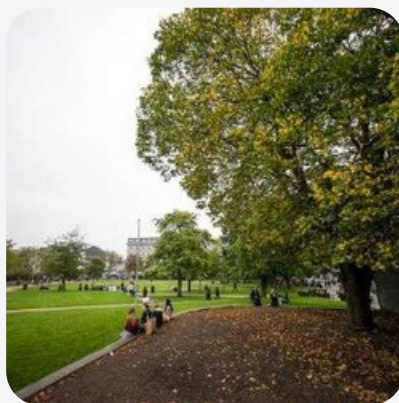
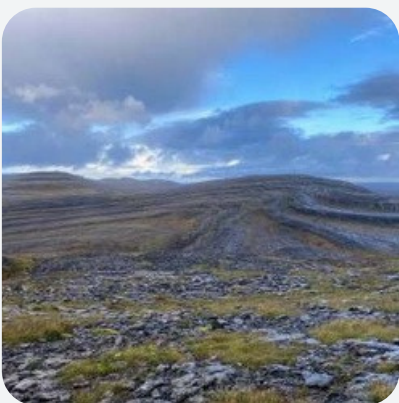
During the tour, you'll explore Glendalough Monastery, Kilkenny, Killarney National Park, Dingle, and Doolin, enjoy an immersive farm experience, visit the Vibrant Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Blarney Castle... and so much more we really don't have a quick way of describing how rich and full we've made this tour.

8 Unforgettable Days in Ireland

Our expert Irish trip designers have worked their magic to make sure this 8-day Ireland tour is packed with incredible sights while never making our guests feel rushed. We have carefully planned and included many unique hidden gems in this tour, but you will visit Ireland's most famous landmark, The Cliffs of Moher, and visit one of its most popular cities: Galway!

This is 8 days encapsulating and exploring Ireland with a diverse range of scenery, castles, history, heritage, culture, and wildlife along the way. We pack so much value into our tours that we hope people who usually plan their own trips can see the value (and savings) of booking with us. Read the trip itinerary below, and if you like most of what you see and want to change a few details, you might like to consider our [Tailor-made Ireland Tours](#) where we can change any detail and craft the trip to your every need and specification.

Please don't hesitate to [get in touch](#) if you have any questions about this 8- day Emerald Explorer Irish Tour. Come and discover Ireland with Overland and create memories that will last a lifetime! 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 On Your 8-Day Ireland Tour?

We take pride in the value we have crafted into this 8-day Ireland tour. Without ever rushing, we have added as much intrigue and passion as possible. At Overland Ireland, we're always looking for new ways to push your tour experiences up while trying to bring the price down. With us, you have no concerns about unexpected costs and hidden surprises. All you need to do is have fun and make memories! We try to include as much as possible as part of your tour, such as transport, entrance fees, experiences, and accommodation.

Do you have specific dietary requirements or preferences? Please let us know as soon as possible. **We can cater to pescatarians, vegetarians, and vegans.**

This tour can be operated in reverse and combined with other tours that follow the same route for the best guest experience.

Price Includes

- Small-group transport in a comfortable Overland Ireland air-conditioned minibus with a professional guide
- 7 nights of hand-picked accommodation in boutique hotels and local guesthouses
- Daily great breakfast
- All local taxes
- Exceptional customer support before, during, and after your tour
- All listed activities and entrance fees, including:
 - Cahir Castle
 - Glendalough Monastery
 - Guided Tour of Kilkenny Castle
 - Blarney Castle and Gardens
 - Killarney National Park
 - Muckross House & Gardens
 - Torc Waterfall
 - Entrance fees to national parks
 - Shannon Ferry crossing
 - Sleah Head Drive
 - Dingle Distillery tour
 - Cliffs of Moher visitor centre
 - Burren Farm experience
 - Entrance to Kylemore Abbey & Gardens
 - Sheepdog Demonstration in Connemara
 - Irish Coffee masterclass in Seans Bar

Price Excludes

- Lunches and dinners
- Gratuities for your guide (Optional)
- Optional activities during free time (e.g. jaunting cars)
- Pre and post-tour accommodation in Dublin
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Private room upgrade for solo travellers which is mandatory

Dublin to Kilkenny via Glendalough

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Your 8-day tour of Ireland begins as we depart Dublin along the country's Ancient East, travelling the scenic Military Road through the breathtaking Wicklow Mountains. Along the way, soak in the dramatic views of rolling hills, deep valleys, and shimmering lakes that make this region so unforgettable.

Our first stop is the historic Glendalough Monastery, nestled in a glacial valley surrounded by two peaceful lakes. With your expert local guide, you will explore the monastery's ancient ruins and walking trails while taking in its tranquil, picture-perfect scenery.

Next, we visit Kilkenny Castle, one of Ireland's most impressive and best-preserved castles, for a guided tour. Step back in time as you wander through its grand halls, elegant rooms and fascinating art collections.

In the charming medieval city of Kilkenny, enjoy free time to stroll through the Old Quarter's narrow lanes, browse lively shops or unwind in a cosy pub before settling into our comfortable local accommodation, refreshed and ready for the adventure ahead!



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



Day Two

Kilkenny to Blarney to Killarney

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

“It’s a long way to Tipperary...” as the song goes, but it’s only a short and scenic journey from Kilkenny to the impressive Cahir Castle. Dating back to the 13th century and standing proudly on a rocky island in the River Suir, this magnificent fortress offers fascinating insights into Ireland’s medieval past.

Next, we travel to one of Ireland’s most iconic landmarks, Blarney Castle and Gardens. Here, you will have the chance to kiss the legendary Blarney Stone and receive the famed “gift of the gab.” Take time to wander through the castle’s stunning gardens, explore its mysterious dungeons and enjoy a leisurely lunch surrounded by lush scenery.

This evening, we arrive in the lively town of Killarney, the beating heart of the Kingdom of Kerry. Settle in and enjoy a relaxed evening filled with traditional music, great food, and warm Kerry hospitality, a true highlight of your Ireland itinerary for 8 days.

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From Killarney To Dingle

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Today's journey takes you through some of Ireland's most enchanting landscapes, blending tranquil gardens, misty mountains, and wild beauty on the road to Dingle. We begin the morning exploring Muckross House and Gardens, a magnificent 19th-century Victorian mansion set within Killarney National Park. Take a stroll through the lush gardens or enjoy a coffee overlooking the lakes before continuing on foot to the nearby Torc Waterfall, one of Kerry's most photographed natural gems.

Next, experience the breathtaking Gap of Dunloe, a glacial mountain pass carved between the MacGillycuddy's Reeks and the Purple Mountain Range. Take time to enjoy the dramatic scenery and capture stunning photos of one of Ireland's most iconic landscapes. Guests who wish may choose to take a traditional jaunting car ride through the valley (**this is optional and not included in the tour price**).

From here, we continue west toward the colourful harbour town of Dingle, travelling through some of Kerry's most scenic countryside. Settle into your accommodation and enjoy a relaxed evening exploring Dingle's charming streets, famous seafood restaurants, and lively pubs filled with traditional music.



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Slea Head Drive & Dingle Distillery

Total driving time: 1 hour 30 minutes, excluding stops

This morning, we set off on one of Ireland's most breathtaking routes, the iconic Slea Head Drive. With every turn, the Dingle Peninsula reveals something new: sweeping Atlantic views, windswept cliffs, ancient stone huts, and tiny coves carved into the coastline. It is the kind of place where you will want to keep your camera close and your eyes wide open.

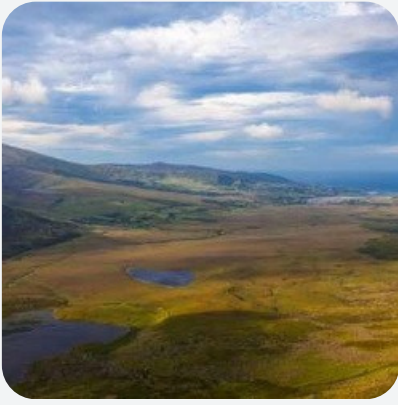
We will stop at some of the peninsula's most unforgettable viewpoints, from the Beehive Huts to Gallarus Oratory, Dunquin Pier, and the golden sands of Coomeenoule Beach. Your guide will share stories, local legends and favourite hidden spots along the way, making this an experience you will remember long after your 8-day trip to Ireland ends.

In the afternoon, we return to Dingle for a special treat, a guided tour of the renowned Dingle Distillery, home to some of Ireland's most celebrated craft spirits. Discover how their award-winning whiskey, gin, and vodka are made, and enjoy a tasting that captures the true spirit of the peninsula.

Afterwards, enjoy a relaxed evening in Dingle's colourful harbour town. Browse local craft shops, sip a creamy Guinness, listen to traditional music drifting from cosy pubs, or simply wander the waterfront as the sun sets over Dingle Bay.



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Day Five

The Cliffs of Moher & The Wild Atlantic Way

Total driving time: 3 hours, excluding stops

Enjoy a relaxed morning in the colourful harbour town of Dingle, where you can wander the streets, sip a coffee by the water, or browse the local craft shops before we continue our Wild Atlantic Way adventure.

Late morning, we journey north and cross the River Shannon by ferry, a short, scenic crossing that offers beautiful coastal views and a chance to spot seabirds along the way. As we arrive in County Clare, the landscape transforms into the dramatic limestone beauty of the Burren.

After a lunch stop in the lively seaside village of Lahinch, it's time for one of the true highlights of this 8-day tour of Ireland: the Cliffs of Moher. Rising 214 metres above the Atlantic Ocean, these world-famous cliffs are an unforgettable sight. Stroll the cliff paths, take in the sweeping views, and breathe in the fresh Atlantic air. This is one of Ireland's most iconic moments.

This evening, we make our way to the beautiful coastal village of Spanish Point, where we will stay for the night. Known for its long sandy beach, ocean views, and peaceful atmosphere, it is the perfect place to relax after a day of adventure. Enjoy cosy pubs, delicious local seafood, and the warm West Clare hospitality that makes this region so special.

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Day Six

Burren National Park to Galway

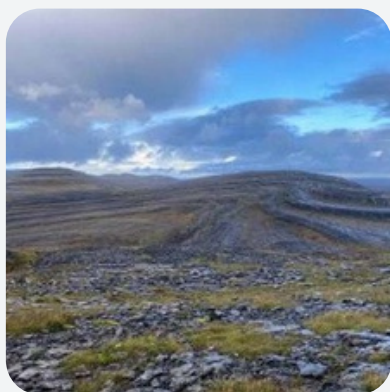
Total driving time: 1 hour 40 minutes, excluding stops

Goodbye, County Clare - hello bohemian Galway!

This morning begins with a truly memorable Irish experience: an Irish Farm Safari with our friends at the Burren Farm Experience. Your local hosts will share their 200-year family history and guide you across their 500-acre working farm in the heart of the UNESCO-recognised Burren. You will get to walk, taste, and explore your way through one of Ireland's most unique landscapes, learning how traditional farming thrives in this wild, stony region.

Afterwards, we continue through the Burren National Park, admiring its rare flora, dramatic limestone pavements, and spectacular scenery, before arriving in the vibrant City of the Tribes – Galway. Spend the afternoon wandering around Galway's colourful cobbled streets, lively pubs, boutique shops, and buzzing cafés. Soak up the city's creative energy and enjoy dinner in one of its award-winning restaurants.

Tonight, you will stay right in the heart of Galway City, surrounded by its famous nightlife, music scene and unforgettable West of Ireland atmosphere.



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The Full Connemara Experience

Total driving time: 3 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

Wake up in Galway City and get ready to explore the rugged beauty of Connemara, a land of shimmering lakes, soaring mountains, and timeless Irish culture. Our adventure begins as we travel through the Galway Gaeltacht (Irish-speaking region), passing Lough Corrib, Ireland's largest lake. Along the way, your guide will share stories about the language, traditions, and landscapes that make this part of Ireland so special.

Next, we visit the iconic Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Gardens, set on a 1,000-acre estate overlooking Kylemore Lake and framed by the peaks of Connemara National Park. Stroll through the elegant gardens, learn about the Benedictine nuns who still call the abbey home, and enjoy lunch in the onsite café.

Afterwards, we pause in the picturesque village of Leenaun, where you can admire sweeping views over Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. It's a truly unforgettable sight. The highlight of the afternoon is a traditional sheepdog demonstration in the heart of Connemara. Watch a skilled farmer and his clever dogs work in perfect harmony to herd sheep across the hills, an authentic Irish experience that guests consistently rank as one of their favourites on this 8-day trip to Ireland.

Our scenic return to Galway brings us through the charming village of Cong, made famous by the classic film *The Quiet Man*, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara.

This evening, return to Galway City for your final night of the tour. Celebrate an unforgettable week with dinner, drinks, and perhaps one last session of traditional Irish music!

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Day Eight

Galway Food, Culture, & Return to Dublin

Total driving time: 2 hours 30 minutes, excluding stops

After a final night in the vibrant city of Galway, your last day begins with a delicious and engaging Walk, Talk, & Taste Tour. Led by a passionate local guide, you will explore the city through its stories, streets, and flavours, wandering historic lanes, hearing fascinating tales of Galway's past, and sampling some of the region's finest local food along the way. It is a wonderful way to experience the heart and soul of the City of the Tribes.

Following the tour, we bid farewell to the west and begin our journey back to Dublin, travelling east through Ireland's ever-changing countryside. Arriving in the capital later in the day, it is time to say slán as your Irish adventure comes to an end. You'll have many memories to treasure, filled with unforgettable landscapes and shared experiences.

If you are spending extra time in Dublin, your guide will be happy to share recommendations to help you make the most of Ireland's lively capital.

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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

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