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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



Uncover Northern Ireland On This 7-Day Road Trip

Fall in love with the north on this 7-day Self-Drive Tour of Ireland. From Dublin, travel counter-clockwise through Belfast, Derry (Londonderry), Sligo, and Galway for a comprehensive road trip. This is the only self-drive tour to visit Northern Ireland besides our [10-Day Irish Self-Drive Holiday](#), making it perfect for those with a shorter amount of time and a taste for adventure.

Roam the hills of Donegal and hug the Antrim Coastline on your way to discover the rich history, heritage, and culture of Northern Ireland. Get an adrenaline rush braving the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge, and hike towards the Giant's Causeway while learning about Irish myths and legends!

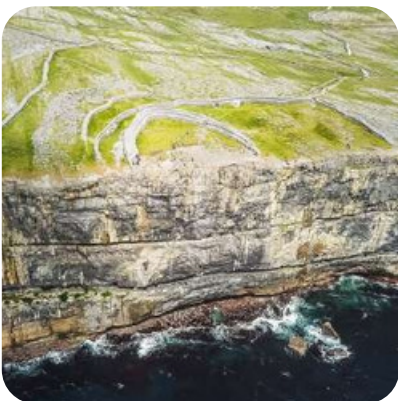
Take jaw-dropping photos at Slieve League Cliffs and learn all about Ireland's troubled past on a walking tour of Derry. Castles, stories, colorful locals, and lots of "Craic" (fun) await on this unforgettable Ireland road trip over 7 days.

What to Expect on Your Northern Ireland Self-Drive Vacation?

What can't you expect on your Ireland road trip? Our tour comes with an expertly designed itinerary, support concierge service and an Overland Ireland virtual tour guide. There's even fully comprehensive insurance to boot!

With our Ireland self-drive vacations, you don't have to worry about anything except the driving. Keep scrolling for even more details about where you'll go and what you'll do through Northern Ireland.

Should you prefer to have more say in your itinerary, or have specific needs such as wheelchair accessibility, we can also arrange a [Tailor-Made Tour of Ireland](#) just for you. If you'd like even more travel inspiration beyond this tour, browse our extensive range of [Self-Drive Tours of Ireland](#). And if you're looking for a guided experience, check out our classic [Small Group Tours of Ireland](#).



Paddy - The Pocket Pilot

Every Self-Drive Tour booked with Overland Ireland comes with exceptional service, a guided itinerary, and extras, such as our **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 Is Included And Excluded In Your 7-Day Ireland Road Trip?

Our quest is to keep costs down and experiences up! Overland Ireland is one of the only tour companies to include as much as we can into your tour price.

We have worked really hard to get you the best deals up and down the country, so you can focus on having the adventure of a lifetime.

Dietary requirements or preferences? Please [get in touch](#) and let us know. We can cater this tour to vegans, vegetarians, and pescatarians.

Price Includes

- Paddythe 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
- Newgrange, Knowth, or Hill of Tara
- Titanic Experience
- Crumlin Gaol

- Giant's Causeway
- Glenveagh National Park
- Galway Walking Tour

Price Excludes

- Parking and motorway toll fees
- Fuel - for your car & of course your body! Petrol, lunch, & dinner are on your own!
- Black Taxi Tour
- Stormont Parliament (Optional)
- Dunluce Castle
- Derry Walking Tour
- Donegal Walking Tour
- Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
- Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge
- 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)

Newgrange – Titanic

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

Switch on your Paddy the Pocket Pilot App! Leave the capital city behind and make your way northwards to the most famous megalithic tomb in Ireland - Newgrange. It is said that Newgrange predates the Pyramids in Egypt by 600 years! Spend some time learning from your guide about the archaeology, mythology and astronomy of this special landmark.

It is now time to break the border and enter Northern Ireland and Belfast City. Your first port of call is the Titanic Experience - voted the world's leading tourist attraction in 2016. All you need to know about the construction, the passengers and the fate of this doomed luxury liner will be revealed during your visit. Spend the night enjoying Belfast's fine eateries and lively watering holes.

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

Belfast City

Total driving distance & time: 45 minutes

This morning begins with a Black Cab or Bike tour of Belfast City. Our friends will pick you up at your hotel and bring you on tour. These are the best ways to see the real Belfast and get an awesome insight into the history and modern times in Northern Ireland's largest city. Let our local friends be your guides.

After a hearty lunch, there is so much more to squeeze into your second day. Visit Stormont Parliament, Crumlin Gael or if you are a Game of Thrones fan take an afternoon trip around the filming locations.

St. George's Market is a treat if your tour falls from Friday to Sunday. You can relax at the end of another exciting day. No need to re-pack your bag tonight as you will spend another night in bustling Belfast and have a great sleep in one of our carefully handpicked accommodation.

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Giant's Causeway – Derry

Total driving distance & time: 175 km – 2 hours 20 minutes

Today you experience a test of mental strength but also a celebration for your soul. Giant's Causeway is one of the most anticipated attractions on this Ireland self-drive tour – and it never disappoints! But there's far more to this stunning region.

The Causeway Coastal Route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery on the island of Ireland. Crossing the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge is another highlight. Here, you make the exhilarating walk over the ocean below with nothing but air beneath your feet! You will take a refreshing hike between the bridge and the Giant's Causeway. Prepare yourself for entertaining stories about the giant, Finn McCool.

Make a pit stop at the ruins of the home of the Earl of Antrim at Dunluce Castle. Your next stop is Derry, Northern Ireland's second-largest city, steeped in rich history.

Explore the city by night and look forward to a tour of the walled city tomorrow.



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Glenveagh National Park – Adara

Total driving distance & time: 130 km – 2 hours

Before travelling deep into the wilds of Donegal, let one of our favorite tour guides lead you through the streets of Derry to help you understand the struggles of our past and the long road it has taken to the current peaceful times we now enjoy in Northern Ireland.

On route to Glenveagh National Park, treat yourself to a pitstop at Grianán of Aileach, a 6th century hillfort built on top of the 244-meter-high Greenan Mountain at Inishowen, County Donegal. Perched in the Donegal mountains, Glenveagh castle, gardens, and park have so much to offer. The 16,000 hectares of the park include the Derryveagh mountains and the Poisoned Glen which boasts hills and trails to follow for the afternoon. There are challenging routes for you to enjoy and more relaxed trails to take at your leisure. Why not try the cycle route?

An hour away you will settle in the picturesque village of Ardara.



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Day Five

Slieve League – Donegal Castle

Total driving distance & time: 80km – 1 hour 45 minutes

You will venture further into the Wild North West today! Travelling south towards Donegal Town, we highly recommend you drive over the Glengesh Pass, and make a stop at Assaranca Waterfall and the fabulous Maghera Beach and Caves.

Discover the truly breath-taking cliffs of Slieve League, standing at roughly 600 meters. Although less famous than the Cliffs of Moher, they stand three times as high and even more magnificent. Choose to hike along the cliffs or find your favorite view for some jealousy-inducing photos.

Next up is a guided tour of the restored Donegal Castle - home of the wealthy and powerful O'Donnell Clan before enjoying the craic and colorful locals in Donegal Town.

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Sligo – Westport

Total driving distance & time: 175km – 2 hours 20 minutes

Rev up your engine and leave the North behind. Today will be spent discovering some of the fantastic sites on the West Coast of our beautiful country. Paddy will guide you on your road trip along the coast through Mullaghmore, Sligo, and on to Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery.

Glencar Waterfall lies beneath Benbulbin Mountain and was the inspiration for many of W.B. Yeats' poetry. Pull in and visit his grave on your way into Sligo. Your road trip will take you to Ireland's beloved town – Westport. Challenge yourself to climb Ireland's holiest mountain. Croagh Patrick is 764 meters high and is a rewarding hike for the experienced and novice alike.

Learn about the man responsible for St. Patrick's Day. At its peak, you will be rewarded with a breathtaking, panoramic view of the 365 islands of Clew Bay.

The evening is spent unwinding with some local craft beers and excellent food in Westport Town. And a visit to Westport would not be complete without a bit of "craic" at a traditional Irish music session in Matt Molloy's bar.



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

Westport – Dublin

Total driving distance & time: 280km – 3 hours 40 minutes

Today you will take a guided walking tour of Bohemian Galway City. Take your time to soak up the lively atmosphere of the city and wander in and out of the brightly colored shops and cafes. Try on a Claddagh Ring or a Galway Shawl! Be careful though because you might never leave!

Try to dry your tears and look forward to your journey back to Dublin. Or if you haven't had enough of our beautiful country why not extend your road trip and link up with an itinerary for the West and South!

Before you turn off the ignition and hand back your car we promise to arm you with plenty of great recommendations of things to do and see in Dublin if you have a couple of days left in 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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