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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



Walk, Cycle & Explore At Your Own Pace On This 6-Day Trip!

Turn on your engine and point your car towards the West Coast of Ireland! Your epic 6-Day Self-Driving Tour of Ireland is packed with hiking, cycling, and discovering the Wild Atlantic Way. Experience a truly authentic side of the Emerald Isle with this Self-Drive Tour of Ireland, taking you from the heights of Croagh Patrick to the vast Burren National Park. Let us send you on a road trip with the perfect mix of culture, heritage, and outdoor activities. Explore the beautiful gardens of Kylemore Abbey, hike in Connemara National Park, and go island hopping to Achill and the Aran Islands. How about swapping your car for two wheels in Burren? Further south, be blown away by the views on the Cliffs of Moher before spoiling yourself with a night out in Bohemian Galway City. Does this West Coast of Ireland tour sound like an incredible adventure? Then pack your hiking boots, get your bucket list ready, and embark on the road trip of a lifetime – all arranged by Overland Ireland and driven at your own pace!

What To Expect On Your 6-Day Self-Driving Tour Of Ireland?

On this 6-day Ireland road trip, you'll leave the organizing to us. We've designed the best itineraries, offer support concierge services, and include an Overland Ireland Virtual Travel Companion. We even include fully comprehensive insurance, so all you need to focus on is having the time of your life!

Keep reading to learn more about this West Coast of Ireland tour. If you would like something similar but you're short on time, have a look at our [Coast To Coast 5-Day Driving Tour Of Ireland](#).

Want more control over your itinerary? We also offer Tailor-Made Tours of Ireland, which we **can also design to be wheelchair accessible**. If you want to leave the driving to someone else, we don't blame you! Check out our classic [Small Group Tours of Ireland](#) instead, where your guide will be at the wheel.



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 6-Day Ireland Road Trip?

Overland Ireland is one of the only tour companies in the Emerald Isle to include as much as we do in your tour price. We strive to avoid hidden surprises or unexpected charges while you're on the road, leaving you without worry. We take every step possible to keep costs down and experiences up! Our team works hard to get you the best deals all over the country so you can enjoy the ultimate West Coast of Ireland tour.

Price Includes

- Paddythe Pocket Pilot App
- Top-class accommodation in carefully chosen locally run guesthouses.
 - We also have options for hotels and castle experiences
- 5 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
- Westport Bike Hire
- Kylemore Abbey
- Aran Island Ferry
- 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!
- Clonmacnoise
- Shannon ferry (Optional)
- Dún Aonghasa
- Doolin bike hire
- 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 – Croagh Patrick, Westport

Total driving distance & time: 300 km – 3 hours 50 minutes

This expertly planned self-drive tour will leave Dublin for the beauty and surroundings of Clonmacnoise, a 6th-century monastery on the banks of the River Shannon. Clonmacnoise was a center of excellence for learning – for over 600 years scholars created the finest Celtic art and illuminated manuscripts.

All you have to do is jump in the car, start up your App, and let Paddy the Pocket Pilot guide you around the enchanting Emerald Isle. Onwards towards Ireland’s favorite town - Westport in County Mayo.

After fueling up, we will send you to the base of Croagh Patrick - Ireland’s holiest mountain made famous by the man responsible for St. Patrick’s Day celebrations around the world. You will take a moderate hike up the mountain and be treated to outstanding views over Clew Bay. We guarantee you will be full of energy and ready for a great evening of fun in Westport town.

Be sure to catch a traditional music session in the famous “Matt Molloy’s Pub”. Local musicians gather nightly to entertain the masses.



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



Day Two

Achill Island – Clifden, Connemara

Total driving distance & time: 125km – 2 hours 10 minutes

Achill Island awaits you this morning. Take the Greenway cycle route from Mulranny to Achill Island or you have the option to drive to Slievemore and enjoy a leisurely hike on the Island.

It's your holiday so enjoy it at your own pace. After enjoying the morning on Ireland's largest island, you will make your way back towards Connemara through the stunning Inagh Valley and Famine Trail.

Tonight, you will stay in Clifden which is nestled at the base of the Twelve Bens mountain range. Clifden boasts some very fine eateries and watering holes where you can strike up a conversation with some interesting locals, often willing to tell a tall tale or two!

You have the option of staying in a stunning castle overnight. Why not add a bit of luxury to your trip of a lifetime and embrace your inner Prince(ss)?

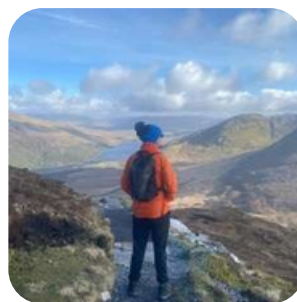
Kylemore Abbey – Connemara National Park

Total driving distance & time: 100km – 1 hour 50 minutes

Begin your Galway experience in the heart of Connemara with a tour of the beautiful Kylemore Abbey. Come rain, shine, or even hail, the rugged landscape of Connemara will take your breath away. Enjoy roaming the abbey and the wonderful Victorian walled garden on this 1000-acre estate that overlooks the serene Kylemore Lake and the surrounding, majestic Connemara National Park. From here you can choose three different hike levels - The Diamond Hill offers two fantastic loop walks from 1.5 hours to 3 hours depending on your energy levels or pace.

Alternatively, why not go big and trek across the Twelve Bens Mountain range? The Bens will take between 4-6 hours. After giving yourself a wonderful workout make the drive to the City of the Tribes - Galway. Here every night is said to be a Friday night.

You will have a wonderful evening soaking up the lively atmosphere of the bustling medieval city. We have carefully handpicked a centrally located accommodation so that you are within a stone's throw of the "craic" (fun) and all the local hotspots. Ask Paddy the Pocket Pilot for some recommendations.



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Aran Islands – Galway

Total driving distance & time: 80km – 1 hour 20 minutes

After a short drive to Rossaveal Pier, you will take a ferry across Galway Bay to the Aran Islands. Landing on Inishmore; rugged, spectacular, and the largest of the three Aran Islands, it's time to explore this isolated wonder.

You can either cycle or make a special request for a jaunting cart. Follow the route toward the ancient stone fort of Dún Aonghasa. This breathtaking site stands on a cliff edge 100m above the wild Atlantic below. While you are here, try to pick up some "Gaeilge" from the locals or buy an original Aran Sweater!

When you return to the mainland, there's no need to pack your bags as you will spend another exciting evening in the European Culture Capital - Galway. You can even practice your new Irish words with the locals! We guarantee they will be impressed.



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Day Five

The Cliffs Of Moher

Total driving distance & time: 75km – 1 hour 30 minutes

Medieval history is at the heart of Galway, and now that you have a “feel” for the city, it’s time to follow our guide down the narrow, charming streets while ducking in and out of brightly colored shops. Try on Galway Shawls and Claddagh Rings before passing through The Spanish Arch toward the famous fishing village of Claddagh.

This incredible day has plenty more in store yet! Leaving Galway, you travel southwest towards the otherworldly Burren National Park and the Irish icon that is the Cliffs of Moher. Along the way, you will stop at Corcomroe Abbey, a Cistercian Monastery dating back to the 13th century, and the 16th-century Dunguaire Castle, located in the fishing village of Kinvara.

The Cliffs of Moher experience takes you on a walk across this stunning natural feature as the powerful Atlantic Ocean waves crashing in below. This is truly one of the most jaw-dropping places in Ireland and we’re sure you’ll be lost for words!

You will then spend the evening in Doolin. This isn’t just a welcoming and colourful village, it’s also the home of traditional Irish music!

The Burren National Park – Dublin

Total driving distance & time: 265 km – 3 hours 10 minutes

From the village of Doolin, we will arrange for you to pick up bicycles so you can head off and explore Burren National Park on two wheels! We recommend spending three hours at a moderate pace for this adventure.

Marvel at the picturesque views of Galway Bay and the most extraordinary landscape in Ireland. Roam the vast limestone ridges that the Burren is famous for, and keep your eyes peeled for the flora and fauna unique to this ecosystem.

After lunch, it is time to bid a fond farewell to the West and make your journey back to Dublin. If you have a little time left in Ireland [we can link you up with our other self-drive tours of Ireland](#) or arm you with fantastic things to do and see in Dublin before you finish your trip of a lifetime to the Emerald Isle.



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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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