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# Welcome to Ireland

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## WELCOME TO IRELAND

Your journey with Overland Tours begins here.

We are delighted to have you travelling with us and look forward to welcoming you to Ireland and sharing the very best of our island with you.

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page."

- St. Augustine

# Mo Chara — my friend,

**Thank you for choosing to travel with Overland Tours. We are truly delighted to welcome you and look forward to having you join us on your journey.**

Overland Ireland is a small, locally owned tour company specialising in carefully curated small group and private tours. We believe the best way to experience Ireland is at a relaxed, comfortable pace, with knowledgeable local guides, thoughtfully chosen accommodation and the flexibility to enjoy those unexpected moments that make travel so special.

Ireland is a country rich in stories, landscapes, music and warm hospitality.

Whether this is your first visit or a return journey, our aim is to help you experience it in a way that feels personal, unhurried and genuinely authentic, blending Ireland's iconic highlights with its quieter, lesser-known corners.

This welcome document includes helpful tips, practical information and a few ideas to get you started as you plan for your tour. You will also receive a small number of follow-up emails from us with additional guides and useful details along the way.

If you have any questions at any stage, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We would also love you to join our Facebook community and connect with fellow Overland travellers.



You are in good hands, rated excellent, trusted by travellers worldwide, and proudly recommended by our guests.



# Travel insurance

**We strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance as soon as your trip is confirmed.**

Good travel insurance helps protect you in the event of unexpected circumstances, including personal injury, illness, theft, loss of belongings, cancellations, medical expenses and public liability. While Ireland is one of the safest countries in the world, having the right cover in place means peace of mind throughout your journey.

We suggest arranging your travel insurance early, so it is one less thing to think about as you plan your adventure, leaving you free to focus on the exciting part of travel.

While you are free to choose any provider, we personally use and recommend [travelinsurance.com](https://www.travelinsurance.com), which offers reliable, high-quality cover at competitive rates.

# Our itineraries

**Our itineraries are thoughtfully designed to be varied, flexible and truly unique, no two tours are ever the same.**

Led by our knowledgeable local guides, each journey is shaped by the people on it, allowing for meaningful, one-of-a-kind experiences along the way.

While we always aim to follow the outlined itinerary, Ireland has a wonderfully unpredictable side, from changing weather to local events, and occasional adjustments may be needed. If this happens, your guide will clearly talk you through the day ahead and where necessary, provide a carefully chosen alternative to ensure your experience remains seamless and memorable.

Our guides know Ireland inside out and are always happy to hear what is on your wish list. If there is something you would love to see or do along the way, just let them know and they will do their very best to make it happen.

# Meeting & departure

Your journey with Overland Ireland begins at The Ashling Hotel, where your guide will be ready to welcome you before departure.

## Departure location:

The Ashling Hotel  
10-13 Parkgate Street,  
Stoneybatter,  
Dublin 8, D08 P38N



## Departure time:

8:00am sharp  
(Please arrive a little early.)

At the conclusion of your tour, you will be returned to Dublin, with drop-off at Heuston Station, a central transport hub with easy access to trains, trams and taxis. Arrival time varies depending on traffic, typically between 16:30pm and 19:00pm.

Please note that two tours conclude in Galway, the Spectacular South & West Tour and the Magical Southern Tour. For these departures, Citylink coach tickets are provided for your return journey to Dublin. These tickets are flexible and may also be used the following day should you wish to extend your stay in Galway. Citylink services operate regularly throughout the day, approximately every hour. Guests can simply let their guide know their preferred return time and day.

**“Every detail felt thoughtfully considered, the perfect balance of iconic highlights, hidden gems and genuine local experiences. It was seamless from start to finish.”**

– Jennifer Miller, Austin

# Packing & luggage

Ireland is wonderfully relaxed, so we recommend packing light and comfortably, there is no need for formal wear. To ensure everyone's luggage fits comfortably on the tour vehicle, we ask guests to pack as mindfully as possible.

## Luggage guidelines

- One suitcase per guest
- Maximum recommended size: 30 x 19 inches (76 x 48 cm)
- A small daypack or backpack for daily essentials



## What to bring on your Overland Ireland Tour

Ireland is known for experiencing all four seasons in a single day, so layering is key to staying comfortable throughout your journey.

- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing (layers are essential)
- A light, waterproof jacket
- Comfortable walking shoes (water-resistant recommended; hiking boots if venturing off the beaten path)
- Sandals or flip-flops for warmer days and beach stops
- Swimsuit (for beach visits, kayaking or a bracing Atlantic dip)
- Passport
- Credit/debit cards and a small amount of cash (Euros)
- Electrical adapter
- Digital or printed copies of travel documents (passport, insurance)
- Camera or smartphone for capturing Ireland's unforgettable scenery
- Sun cream & sunglasses
- Small towel (useful for beach or outdoor stops)
- Reusable water bottle
- Portable phone charger or power bank
- Any personal medications, along with copies of prescriptions
- Music or headphones for the road



**We recommend packing thoughtfully and keeping luggage light, less really is more when travelling in Ireland.**

# Your journey at a glance

## Money & payments

Both cash and cards are widely accepted in Ireland and ATMs are readily available along the route. We recommend carrying a small amount of cash for convenience.

Before travelling, please notify your bank and credit card provider of your trip and ensure you know the PIN for any chip-and-pin cards. Apple Pay, Google Pay and Revolut are also widely used, and we suggest setting these up in advance.

**Please note:** the Republic of Ireland uses Euros (€). On tours that visit Northern Ireland, British Pounds (£) are used.

## Staying connected

WhatsApp is the easiest way to stay in touch while on tour. We recommend downloading it before you arrive. Your guide will create a group for sharing updates and photos throughout the journey.

## Free time on tour

We always aim to keep driving time to a minimum, giving you plenty of opportunity to explore Ireland's towns and villages at a relaxed pace. Each day, your guide will share local recommendations, from great places to eat to where to find a bit of craic and the best pint in town.

This is your adventure and how you spend

your time is entirely up to you. Some guests enjoy exploring together, while others prefer a little independent time, both are perfectly fine. If a gentle stroll around town is more your style than a hike or distillery visit, just let your guide know. At the heart of it all, this is a shared group experience within your own holiday, enjoy it your way.

## Guaranteed departures

Once booked, all of our small group tours are 100% guaranteed to operate, come rain or shine, including public holidays.



# Your accommodation & travel experience

Accommodation in Ireland is a little different from other parts of the world. Many properties are charming, locally run guesthouses and boutique hotels and not all will have porters or lifts. While help is always at hand, guests are asked to manage their own luggage.

Due to Ireland's mild climate, air conditioning is not standard in most accommodations, though you may find yourself reaching for the heating rather than the cooling. All rooms are en-suite and carefully selected for comfort, character and location.

## Room options

- Double room (one double bed)
- Twin room (two single beds)
- Triple room (one double bed and one single bed)
- Single room (single bed, solo traveller supplement applies)

Enhanced room options and upgrades may be available at an additional cost, subject to availability. Please contact us in advance if you would like to explore these options.

Group sizes vary depending on the tour and vehicle, with a maximum of 15 guests, unless a private group has been arranged. Keeping numbers small allows for a more personal experience and access to authentic accommodation.



We have taken care of the planning so you can focus on enjoying what comes next.

## Your comfort & dining

If you have any dietary requirements or allergies, please let us know in advance and again when you arrive on tour. With notice, we are happy to share this information with our accommodations and guides to ensure everything runs smoothly.

If you have any medical conditions, mobility considerations or health concerns that may affect your participation in activities, we kindly ask that you inform us ahead of time. Participation is always optional, it is your holiday and you are free to enjoy it at your own pace.

## Food on tour

Breakfast is included each morning to start your day off right. Lunch and dinner are not included, giving you the freedom to choose what and where you would like to eat. Your guide will be full of excellent recommendations, from cosy pubs to local favourites, serving classic Irish dishes such as seafood, stews and much-loved local specialities.

# A warm welcome awaits, get excited and let's stay connected!

As your journey draws closer, we hope you are beginning to feel the excitement build, the landscapes, the stories, the music and the moments that make Ireland so special.

We would love you to join our Facebook group, where you can ask questions, share tips and connect with fellow Ireland travellers. It is a lovely way to build anticipation and even make a few friends before your adventure begins.

## Follow us

On Instagram [@overlandsmallgrouptours](#) for scenic moments, behind-the-scenes glimpses and plenty of travel inspiration.

You can also explore our blog for insider insights into Irish culture, hidden gems and local tips.

In the meantime, rest assured that every detail of your journey is being carefully prepared behind the scenes. We can't wait to welcome you to Ireland and share the very best of our island with you.

Warmest regards,  
The Overland Ireland Team



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