

## Dublin - Extended Tours

Our Irish tours continue to expand, and for 2020 we're introducing more departures and exciting new tour changes. We operate guaranteed departures that start and finish at Nassau Street, Dublin, opposite the Kilkenny Shop.

*\*Please note our Dublin Extended Tours season runs from 01/04/20 to 30/11/20 plus 01/03/21 to 31/03/21*

*All Ireland prices are in EUROS €*

### Discover Northern Ireland

3 days

Tour code: 3DNORTH

		Rates EUROS €		
		Price		
2 nights		Adult	Child	
B&B		389.00	311.20	
Single		419.00		
Hotel		425.00	340.00	
Single		535.00		
B&B	P	429.00	343.20	
Single	P	445.00		
Hotel	P	445.00	356.00	
Single	P	555.00		

### Departure Information

**Thursday** - 02/04/20 - 29/10/20  
(except 09/07/20)

Departs: **09:00** Returns: **19:00**

### West Coast Explorer

3 days

Tour code: 3DWCIRE

		Rates EUROS €		
		Price		
2 nights		Adult	Child	
B&B		399.00	319.20	
Single		489.00		
Hotel		449.00	359.20	
Single		645.00		
B&B	P	429.00	343.20	
Single	P	509.00		
Hotel	P	469.00	375.20	
Single	P	665.00		

### Departure Information

**Friday** - 03/04/20 - 30/10/20  
(except 31/07/20)

**Sunday** - 03/05/20 - 27/09/20  
(except 26/07/20)

Departs: **08:00** Returns: **19:00**

**Blarney Castle, Kilkenny & Irish Whiskey**
**3 days**
**Tour code: 3DSEIRE**

Rates EUROS €				
		Price		
2 nights			Adult	Child
<b>B&amp;B</b>			389.00	311.20
<b>Single</b>			455.00	
<b>Hotel</b>			445.00	356.00
<b>Single</b>			549.00	
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P		419.00	335.20
<b>Single</b>	P		469.00	
<b>Hotel</b>	P		469.00	375.20
<b>Single</b>	P		575.00	

**Departure Information**

**Monday** - 06/04/20 - 26/10/20  
**Thursday** - 30/04/20 - 24/09/20

Departs: **08:00** Returns: **18:30**

**Dingle, Killarney and the Wild Atlantic Way**
**3 days**
**Tour code: 3DINGIRE**

Rates EUROS €				
		Price		
2 nights			Adult	Child
<b>B&amp;B</b>			389.00	311.20
<b>Single</b>			455.00	
<b>Hotel</b>			439.00	351.20
<b>Single</b>			589.00	
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P		415.00	332.00
<b>Single</b>	P		475.00	
<b>Hotel</b>	P		459.00	367.20
<b>Single</b>	P		609.00	

**Departure Information**

**Monday** - 06/04/20 - 23/11/20

Departs: **08:30** Returns: **19:00**

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### Escape to the South West

5 days

Tour code: 5DWIRE

		Rates EUROS €		
		Price		
4 nights		Adult	Child	
<b>B&amp;B</b>		725.00	580.00	
<b>Single</b>		865.00		
<b>Hotel</b>		809.00	647.20	
<b>Single</b>		1129.00		
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P	759.00	607.20	
<b>Single</b>	P	889.00		
<b>Hotel</b>	P	839.00	671.20	
<b>Single</b>	P	1159.00		

### Departure Information

**Monday** - 06/04/20 - 28/09/20

**Tuesday** - 14/04/20 - 22/09/20 (except 26/05/20)

**Wednesday** - 06/05/20 - 28/10/20  
(except 27/05/20)

**Thursday** - 02/04/20 - 22/10/20  
(except 28/05/20, 24/09/20)

**Friday** - 15/05/20 - 18/09/20 (except 29/05/20)

**Saturday** - 02/05/20 - 19/09/20  
(except 30/05/20, 20/06/20, 01/08/20)

**Sunday** - 05/04/20 - 18/10/20  
plus 07/03/21 - 28/03/21

Departs: **09:00** Returns: **19:30**

### Northern Ireland & Atlantic Coast

5 days

Tour code: 5DNIRE

		Rates EUROS €		
		Price		
4 nights		Adult	Child	
<b>B&amp;B</b>		699.00	559.20	
<b>Single</b>		809.00		
<b>Hotel</b>		759.00	607.20	
<b>Single</b>		999.00		
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P	739.00	591.20	
<b>Single</b>	P	839.00		
<b>Hotel</b>	P	789.00	631.20	
<b>Single</b>	P	1029.00		

### Departure Information

**Wednesday** - 01/04/20 - 28/10/20  
(except 13/05/20, 05/08/20)

**Sunday** - 12/04/20 - 11/10/20  
(except 10/05/20, 12/07/20, 02/08/20)

Departs: **09:00** Returns: **19:00**

### MID SEASON

01/04/20 to 31/05/20, 01/10/20 to 23/11/20 and 07/03/21 to 28/03/21

### HIGH SEASON

01/06/20 to 30/09/20

*Discounts rate applies to children aged 5-15 (children must be escorted by an adult). No children under 5 please.*

*Package prices include: accommodation in B&B/guest house or 3 star hotels, with private facilities and breakfast; transportation by top of the range 16 seat Mercedes mini-coaches; services of a professional Irish driver/guide.*

## DISCOVER NORTHERN IRELAND

### 3 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

- Explore historic Belfast with an insightful city tour
- Learn the tragic history of the world's most famous maritime disaster in the museums and attractions of the Titanic Quarter
- Revel in the majesty of the gardens at Mount Stewart, where the world-famous estates will surround you in beauty

You depart Dublin and travel north. You pass through picturesque countryside as you journey to Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland. Here you take a short city tour which covers the capital's triumphs, tragedies and soul. You get time to

discover the Titanic Quarter, a regenerated hub where the famous liner was built and launched in 1911.

Leaving its excellent museums and attractions by the afternoon, we head into the incredible rural landscapes of County Down, where you can discover the world-famous gardens and estate at Mount Stewart.

After exploring the dignified majesty of the 19th century estate, you'll be driven a short way to the seaside town of Bangor, your cosy base for the next two nights.

#### DAY 2

- Savour the incredible vistas of one of the world's great driving routes, the Causeway Coastal Route
- Walk where giants fought and changed the earth at the unique and stunning Giant's Causeway
- Explore the historic villages of Glenarm and Ballycastle, along with several iconic locations from the TV series Game of Thrones.

Leaving Bangor in the morning, you head north, following the winding and magnificent Causeway Coastal Route. A truly sensational experience, the journey encapsulates the sweeping valleys and eternal beauty of The Emerald Isle. Along the way you make stops in Glenarm and Ballycastle as well as some splendid attractions.

In the afternoon, you enter Giant's Causeway, where geological beauty and myth collide spectacularly.

Leaving Giant's Causeway, we venture through iconic locations from the TV series\*, Game of



Thrones, and discover the rich heritage of coastal Ireland.

Then you head back to your accommodation in Bangor, where you can relax with a craft beer in one hand and locally caught seafood in the other. *\*You may have a chance to see the Dark Hedges.*

#### DAY 3

- Journey across the "Narrows" of Strangford Loch by picturesque ferry
- See where the Starks fought and lived at Castle Ward, Game of Thrones' Winterfell
- Follow in the footsteps of St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland and legendary snake destroyer
- Stand in awe on the Mourne Mountains with their granite majesty

Beginning a new day of sights and adventures, you leave Bangor and set out along the Ards Peninsula. At Portaferry, we set off on the picturesque ferry across the "Narrows" of Strangford Loch, where you have ample time for photos, whilst taking in the sights, sounds and scents of the loch.

Then it's off to Castle Ward, the location for Winterfell from Game of Thrones. You have the opportunity to discover where the famed and fictional Starks made their dwelling, and what living conditions would have been like for the real residents. From here, you follow in the holy footsteps of St Patrick through his historic, beautiful country. You will have time for lunch here and perhaps a visit to Down Cathedral or the St Patrick's centre.

Then it's a stunning, winding drive into the Mourne Mountains, where you'll stand in awe amongst the towering granite peaks. From here we have a final stop at the shores of Carlingford Loch, before arriving in Dublin.

## WEST COAST EXPLORER

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### 3 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

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- Stare at the stunning Dunguaire Castle, perched on an isolated, rocky outcrop on the shores of Galway Bay
- Discover the Burren, a land of ancient spirituality and natural beauty, ripe for exploration
- The Cliffs of Moher, where cliff top trails boast gorgeous views over the rugged Atlantic waves

Departing Dublin, you travel west through the counties of Kildare and Offaly. The first stop is the attractive village of Kinvara, where you get a chance to take some superb photos of Dunguaire Castle and discover its remarkable historical legacy.

From here you head to the Burren. This is one of Ireland's true national treasures: a land of limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient stone monuments. The Burren was also home to one of the earliest Christian settlements in Ireland.

From there, you head to the incredible Cliffs of Moher. Here, you can walk the stunning cliff trails and watch rare sea-birds swooping through the air. You can also delve into the excellent and award-winning environmental exhibition nearby.

After exploring the area thoroughly, you head to Galway City, where you'll be staying for the next two nights. On the way, you pass through the famous Galway Bay. Picturesque views, excellent food and cosy pubs await you within this lively student town.

#### DAY 2

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- See the iconic locations from "The Quiet Man" on the scenic shores of Lough Corrib
- Stroll through the superb grounds of Kylemore Abbey
- Explore the verdant marshes and awesome Diamond Hill of the Connemara National Park
- Prepare to be stunned by the legendary Twelve Bens, the famously jagged mountain range in Connemara

Travel inland through the Maam Valley to the village of Cong, the setting for the film classic, "The Quiet man". You're free here to visit the local museum devoted to the movie or discover the magnificently restored 12th century Cong Abbey

You continue through the heart of Connemara and the beautiful house and grounds at Kylemore Abbey, where grand buildings and magnificent man-made gardens are a treat for the eyes and soul. Your journey continues to Connemara National Park, where abundant wildlife resides amidst the ancient tombs and wood paths. Here you'll see the magnificent Diamond Hill, a 500m peak that rivals any summit in Europe.

And then we travel to Clifden, famous for being the location of the first transatlantic flight landing. In the National Park, you'll also enjoy the majesty of the Sky Road, as well as the sharp peaks of the Twelve Bens of Connemara.

You then travel back for the night to your cosy residence in Galway City.

#### DAY 3

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- Connect with your spirituality at Clonmacnoise, home to an early Christian site brimming with stone crosses and legends
- Wade through the core of Ireland's unique peat bog scenery and discover the startling array of wildlife
- Enjoy a drink at Locke's Distillery, the oldest legal distillery in the world!

We wave goodbye to Galway and take some of the quaint back roads through central Ireland.

Clonmacnoise is the first major highlight of the day. It's the site of an early Christian settlement and boasts a famed collection of churches, fabulous stone crosses and round towers.

After lunch in a local village, the tour continues through the peatiest Irish bogs you'll ever see. The flora and fauna will take your breath away, as a local guide shows you the incredible biodiversity of the bogs.

Then you make your way to your final stop before Dublin: Locke's Distillery, the oldest licensed distillery on the planet. Here you can relax with a glass of their famed whisky; and after a drink (or two?), you'll head back east to Dublin.

## BLARNEY CASTLE, KILKENNY & IRISH WHISKEY

### 3 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

- Wander the heritage town of Cahir and its impressive castle
- Kiss the Blarney Stone in the grounds of Blarney Castle
- Savour the sights and sounds of Kinsale, a fishing village well known for its charming beauty

Departing Dublin, you travel south towards Cork, through the lush farming counties of Kildare, Laois and Tipperary. Our first stop is the heritage town of Cahir, where its impressive castle towers over an island in the River Suir.

You continue to Blarney, on the outskirts of Cork, where you have time to wander the castle grounds and go for a woodland stroll. You may even get a chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the 'gift of the gab'!

After this, you visit the Jameson Whiskey Distillery. Here you have a chance to learn the history, find out how the drink is made, and taste a little yourself.

In the afternoon, you glide along the beautiful coastline south of Cork before arriving in Kinsale. This charming little fishing village is your overnight stop, with all its local restaurants and lively pubs. Enjoy your free evening whilst exploring the narrow streets and brightly coloured houses.

#### DAY 2

- See where the Titanic made its last fateful port of call before its ill-fated maiden voyage
- Follow the rugged "Copper Coast" to Waterford, Ireland's most ancient city
- Discover Ireland's Viking heritage or marvel at the exquisite craftsmanship in the famous Waterford Crystal factory

Leaving Kinsale in the morning, you make your way to the historic port town of Cobh. This was the last port of call for the Titanic on its infamous maiden voyage. After exploring the stories of Ireland's past, you head east along the Copper Coast, a UNESCO Geopark famed for its beauty and intricate histories.



You continue until you reach Waterford, Ireland's oldest city founded by Vikings in the 9th century. Survey the brilliant craftsmanship at the Waterford Crystal factory, explore the selection of superb museums or wander the Viking Triangle on foot.

In the late afternoon, you travel north from Waterford to Kilkenny. This town is a vibrant place with a thriving pub and restaurant culture. After spending the evening here you're certain to understand why people voted it Ireland's friendliest city!

#### DAY 3

- Roam Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres
- Traverse the Wicklow Mountains and the majestic national park, known as "the Garden of Ireland"
- Witness the ancient structures of Glendalough, from the distinct high crosses to the 6th century monastic site

In the morning, you have free time to explore the attractions of Kilkenny.

You then head north into the Wicklow Mountains, where you'll be impressed by the National Park's steep granite mountains.

You follow the winding paths to Glendalough, site of an awe-inspiring 6th century monastery. This offers a perfect opportunity to capture a photograph of the verdant natural setting and the round tower of the monastery. After this, you head through the centre of the National Park to cross the famous Sally Gap, before descending the short distance back to Dublin.

## DINGLE, KILLARNEY AND THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

### 3 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

- Admire the mountains, lakes, and ancient spiritual structures in Glendalough
- Amble through 'Ireland's Prettiest Village', Adare

Heading south of Dublin, we travel through the Wicklow Mountains to our first stop at the famous Glendalough. Here you have time to take a pilgrimage to the lovely lakes, praise the history at a visitor centre, and bask in the serenity of the monastic city ruins.

Continuing our quest to the West, we journey to the traditional market town of Kilcullen for a lunch break.

You travel to the Rock of Dunamase and the ruins of Dunamase Castle that sit in a defensive location surveying the ancient plains of County Laois.

Later, we cross the peat bogs and go to 'Ireland's Prettiest Village', Adare. This quaint spot has a superb collection of thatched cottages and old structures, including the ruins of a 15th-century Franciscan Monastery.

We then head for County Kerry and the windswept Dingle Peninsula, one of the nation's strongholds of Irish language and culture.

We stay in the town of Dingle for the next two nights.

#### DAY 2

- Find out why the Wild Atlantic Way is known as one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world in the Dingle Peninsula
- Delve into the past as you look at the strange traditional 'Beehive Huts'

Today, we're right in the heartland of the Gaeltacht, the areas within Ireland where the Irish language is the principal tongue of the local people. The culture, history, and heritage of the Dingle Peninsula is fiercely protected and warmly shared with visitors.

Your driver-guide will use their local knowledge to show you the best of the peninsula including highlights such as Conor Pass, Tóchar Maothai,



the Beehive Huts, Sleah Head, and Gallarus Oratory. After a day full of natural splendour, you spend the night in the night in Dingle.

#### DAY 3

- See land of Ireland's tallest peaks in the Killarney National Park
- Learn about St Patrick's encounter with the devil at the Rock of Cashel

Before leaving the Dingle Peninsula, we make a stop at Inch Beach. This is a wide stretch of sand faces a beautiful view of our next destination, the Kerry mountains and the Killarney National Park.

We head through a few lakes and take a short walk to the Torc Waterfall, a 20m high cascade of water that originates high in the mountains.

There are plenty of choices for lunch in the lively town of Killarney. This thriving town welcomes visitors all year round and should not be missed on any visit to County Kerry.

This afternoon, we slowly make our way across country to Rock of Cashel, a spectacular group of Medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone. You have time to explore its Round Tower, High Cross and Gothic Cathedral.

From here, it's a relaxing drive with time to reflect on the past three days as you make your way back to Dublin for the early evening.

## ESCAPE TO THE SOUTH WEST

### 5 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

- Savour the sights and tastes of the oldest licensed distillery on Earth at Locke's Distillery
- Revere the magnificent 1,500-year-old abbey of Clonmacnoise
- Delve into the hubbub of Galway City's bustling bars and lively restaurants

Leaving Dublin, you head west through the farmlands and peat bogs of County Kildare and Offaly. Locke's Distillery is your first stop, and here you have time to relax with a glass of their famed whiskey.

After a drink (or two!), you head to the banks of the mighty River Shannon and the ruined abbey at Clonmacnoise. Home to a large collection of stone crosses, ancient churches and inimitable round towers, this holy site offers an insightful glimpse into Ireland's spiritual past.

You then lunch at a traditional pub in one of the area's pretty villages before travelling to Galway City, your home for the first night. It's a city with a lively atmosphere and excellent restaurants and bars.

#### DAY 2

- Roam the Burren, home to some of Ireland's most profound spiritual and natural experiences
- Marvel at the steep Cliffs of Moher and the stunning 700ft drop into the waves of the Atlantic Ocean
- Relax with traditional Irish music in the atmospheric pubs and bars of Killarney

A short drive along the coast from Galway City lies the Burren, one of Ireland's national treasures. It's home to one of the earliest Christian settlements in Ireland and broad limestone pavements and rare flora.

After time to explore the area, you travel to Kilfenora, the "town of the crosses". You can visit the town's fabulous ancient cathedral before we stop for lunch in one of the area's charming villages.

You then head to the incredible Cliffs of Moher. Walk the stunning cliff trails as seabirds swoop through the clear air above you. And learn about the unique ecosystem in the excellent and award-winning environmental exhibition nearby.



The tour then moves south through County Clare, passing its famous golf course on the way to the picturesque beach at Lahinch. From here you board a ferry across the Shannon Estuary to the lakeside town of Killarney. This energetic, charming area will be your base for the next three nights, so take your time sampling the superb collection of traditional pubs and live music.

#### DAY 3

- Traverse the Dingle Peninsula, famous for its scenery and Gaelic culture
- Wander ancient forts and religious sites of the past at Sleah Head
- Stroll the beautiful length of Inch Beach on your way to Dingle

Today, your tour explores the fabulous Dingle Peninsula. Your first stop is Inch Beach, a vast expanse of sand stretching out into the Atlantic. Venturing down the narrow roads away from the beach leads you through the town of Dingle.

You continue towards Sleah Head, an area loaded with ancient forts and prehistoric dwellings. The impressive views of the nearby Blasket Islands make this an excellent spot for panoramic photos. If the weather is pleasant, you can ramble along the beaches and cliff tops to fully appreciate the incredible vistas.

Arriving back amidst the brightly coloured houses and jolly harbour of Dingle, you can spend the remainder of the afternoon enjoying delicious seafood in this idyllic setting. In the evening, you head back to Killarney, with time for an evening stroll in the National Park that envelops the town.

## DAY 4

**- Tour the world-renowned Ring of Kerry, hailed globally for its incredible scenery and cultural heritage**

Today, you explore the Ring of Kerry, a spectacular route through some of Ireland's most visually spectacular areas.

You head out in the morning, stopping first at Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil. After snapping some shots of its rugged majesty, you join the scenic coast road through Glenbeigh and Kells on the way to Cahersiveen. Possible stops include the site of "The Liberator of Ireland" Daniel O'Connell's birthplace and an impressive ring fort outside Portmagee.

You stop for lunch in the quaint fishing village of Portmagee. Alternatively, you can have a quick snack and head to the island of Valentia for a visit to the Skellig Experience. This excursion teaches you about the ancient community of monks who made the outcrop of rocky islands their home.

In the afternoon, there's a photo stop in Charlie Chaplin's "home away from home" at Waterville, before enjoying fine views at the top of Coonmakista pass.

Winding down from the peaks, you head to Derrynane House, home of the family O'Driscoll. Daniel O'Driscoll holds a special place in Irish hearts, as an emancipating force from colonial rule. Enjoy a walk in the scenic gardens here, as well as a visit to the main house.

Continuing along the Ring, you stop at Moll's Gap and the Ladies View. Stroll a short way from here to the Torc Waterfall before heading back to Killarney.

*On some tours, Days 3 and 4 are switched.*

## DAY 5

**- Try to kiss the famed Blarney Stone within the walls of the medieval stronghold of Blarney Castle**

**- Explore Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres**

Heading east through the mountains of West Cork, you weave along the Lee Valley until you reach Blarney Castle. You have time here to take in the castle grounds, and there may even be the chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the "gift of the gab"!



In the afternoon, the tour heads to the heritage town of Cahir, where there's a distinctive island castle in the River Suir.

The final stop of the tour is Kilkenny, a bustling city with a fine Castle, riverside walks, and an impressive National Craft Centre. There's also the chance for one last Guinness before heading back on the road again for the last leg of the journey. You arrive back into Dublin in the evening.

## NORTHERN IRELAND & ATLANTIC COAST

### 5 DAY TOUR

#### DAY 1

- Explore historic Belfast with an insightful city tour
- Learn about the tragic history of the world's most famous maritime disaster in the museums and attractions of the Titanic Quarter
- Wander the glens and coast at Antrim, an area of outstanding natural beauty overlooking the superb Scottish coast
- Walk where giants fought and changed the earth at the unique and stunning Giant's Causeway

Departing Dublin, you head north to Belfast, a city famed for its industrial heritage and turbulent past. You take a short city tour which covers the capital's triumphs, tragedies and soul.

You then have time for lunch and exploring in the Titanic Quarter, a regenerated hub where the famous liner was built and launched in 1911. Here you can visit the award-winning Titanic museum, board the HMS Caroline or take a black cab tour of the city.

Leaving bustling Belfast behind, you travel through the phenomenal scenery of the Antrim Coast and Glens, an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Moving along the winding roads from Ballycastle, you enter the awe-inspiring setting of the Giant's Causeway, a place where history and myth collide spectacularly with raw geological power. Waving farewell to the giant's steps, you head to Portrush, a charming fishing village and your home for the night.

#### DAY 2

- Marvel at the 17th walled city of Derry, with its famous 7 gates and bustling markets
- Immerse yourself in the ancient Gaelic culture of Donegal as you pass through its rugged mountains
- Experience the haunting beauty of the remote Glenveagh National Park

You head to Derry, the fabulous 17th-century walled city that boasts 7 ornate gates. Derry was designated as UK City of Culture in 2013, and you get time to explore its museums, galleries and



excellent markets.

From here, you head to County Donegal, which boasts stunning scenery and a strong Gaelic heritage. You then head into the picturesque Glenveagh National Park and past the soaring peak of Mount Errigal, before traveling through the traditional fishing villages of the area. Along the way there will be plenty time for walks, photos and soaking up the local culture before arriving at your overnight stop in Donegal.

#### DAY 3

- Wander amongst the ancient standing stones of Carrowmore
- Explore the bogs and misty moors of County Mayo
- Gaze in awe at the magnificent sea cliffs of Achill Island

In the morning, you pass south along the coast near Donegal and into County Sligo. This area is home to the burial site of famed poet WB Yeats, and dramatic views of the gorgeous mountain, Benbulbin.

Outside Sligo Town lies Carrowmore, where you have the chance to visit the largest collection of megalithic tombs in Ireland, some of which date back over 6000 years.

Moving westwards, you enter County Mayo, an area ravaged by the Great Potato Famine. Winding roads curve through the picturesque farmlands, bogs and open moors, offering views of distant hills and the Atlantic coast, where you'll visit the dramatic Achill Island. Here you have time to savour the rugged sea and peaceful beauty. From here it is a short drive to Westport – your base for the next two nights.



#### DAY 4

- Explore the Connemara National Park's verdant marshes and incredible historical sites
- Stroll through the superb grounds at Kylemore Abbey
- Roam Clifden, site of the first transatlantic flight landing, and home to a delightful castle
- Be enchanted by the seemingly infinite blend of earth and sky at sunset on the Sky Road
- Prepare to be stunned by the legendary Twelve Bens, the famous jagged mountain range of Connemara.

Westport and the Connemara National Park are the areas you explore today. The itinerary is flexible today and your guide will ensure you take the route that best suits the weather .

Your options include the beautiful house and grounds at Kylemore Abbey, the Connemara National Park, Clifden (the first transatlantic flight landed here), the Sky Road and the Twelve Bens of Connemara.

After an incredible day of exploration, you return to Westport, where you can dine on the delicious local seafood in the town's top-notch restaurants.

#### DAY 5

- Gaze into the past at the iconic 7th century ruins of Cong Abbey
- Walk the iconic locations of "The Quiet Man" on the scenic shores of Lough Corrib
- Enjoy the culture, sea views, and historic streets of Galway City

Traveling through the heart of Connemara, you arrive in the town of Cong on the shore of Lough Corrib. This area was where "The Quiet Man" was filmed and you're free to wander the local museum devoted to the movie. Alternatively, you can visit the magnificently restored 12th century Cong Abbey.

Your route then weaves through the Maam Valley, a stunning pass lined by gorgeous mountains. Exiting the valley, you head to Galway City, a vibrant harbour city that combines traditional market life with high quality restaurants and pubs.

You have free time to sample the town's delicious seafood before we head to Locke's Distillery for a tippie. This is the oldest licensed distillery in the country and boasts a superb museum.

You then travel back to Dublin.

## Dublin - Combo Tours

Clients can combine the following tours to extend their stay and go further, experiencing even more of what Ireland has to offer! The itineraries below are made up of individual tours which are scheduled to link up on route. Clients will be able to enjoy the individual styles and stories of the different driver/guides as well as a variety of travelling companions on each part of their trip.

*Please ensure that the above information is made clear to your clients prior to booking.*

*All Ireland prices are in EUROS €*

To see the full itinerary for each of the combination tours please go to <https://www.rabbies.com/en/ireland-tours/from-dublin/7-11-day-tours>

### Southern Ireland Discovery

		Rates EUROS €		
		Price		
6 nights		Adult	Child	
<b>B&amp;B</b>		1,114.00	891.20	
<b>Single</b>		1,320.00		
<b>Hotel</b>		1,254.00	1,003.20	
<b>Single</b>		1,678.00		
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P	1,178.00	942.40	
<b>Single</b>	P	1,358.00		
<b>Hotel</b>	P	1,308.00	1,046.40	
<b>Single</b>	P	1,734.00		

7 days

### Departure Information

**Thursday** - 02/04/20 - 22/10/20  
(except 28/05/20, 24/09/20)

**Sunday** - 26/04/20 - 20/09/20

**Departs: 09:00 Returns: 18:30**

### What tours are included?

**Escape to the South West - 5DWIRE**  
**Blarney Castle, Kilkenny & Irish Whiskey - 3DSEIRE**

## All Ireland Explorer

9 days

### Rates EUROS €

		Price	
		Adult	Child
<b>8 nights</b>			
<b>B&amp;B</b>		1,424.00	1,139.20
<b>Single</b>		1,674.00	
<b>Hotel</b>		1,568.00	1,254.40
<b>Single</b>		2,128.00	
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P	1,498.00	1,198.40
<b>Single</b>	P	1,728.00	
<b>Hotel</b>	P	1,628.00	1,302.40
<b>Single</b>	P	2,188.00	

### Departure Information

**Wednesday** - 01/04/20 - 14/10/20  
(except 13/05/20, 05/08/20)

**Sunday** - 12/04/20 - 11/10/20  
(except 10/05/20, 24/05/20, 12/07/20,  
02/08/20, 20/09/20)

Departs: **09:00** Returns: **19:30**

### What tours are included?

**Northern Ireland & Atlantic Coast - 5DNIRE**  
**Escape to the South West - 5DWIRE**

## Complete Ireland Experience

11 days

### Rates EUROS €

		Price	
		Adult	Child
<b>10 nights</b>			
<b>B&amp;B</b>		1,813.00	1,450.40
<b>Single</b>		2,129.00	
<b>Hotel</b>		2,013.00	1,610.40
<b>Single</b>		2,677.00	
<b>B&amp;B</b>	P	1,917.00	1,533.60
<b>Single</b>	P	2,197.00	
<b>Hotel</b>	P	2,097.00	1,677.60
<b>Single</b>	P	2,763.00	

### Departure Information

**Wednesday** - 22/04/20 - 16/09/20  
(except 13/05/20, 05/08/20)

**Sunday** - 12/04/20 - 11/10/20  
(except 10/05/20, 24/05/20, 12/07/20,  
02/08/20 and 20/09/20)

Departs: **09:00** Returns: **18:30**

### What tours are included?

**Northern Ireland & Atlantic Coast - 5DNIRE**  
**Escape to the South West - 5DWIRE**  
**Blarney Castle, Kilkenny & Irish Whiskey - 3DSEIRE**

## SOUTHERN IRELAND DISCOVERY

### 7 DAY TOUR - Escape to the South West, Blarney Castle, Kilkenny & Irish Whiskey

#### DAY 1

- Savour the sights and tastes of the oldest licensed distillery on Earth at Locke's Distillery
- Revere the magnificent 1,500-year-old abbey of Clonmacnoise
- Delve into the hubbub of Galway City's bustling bars and lively restaurants

Leaving Dublin, you head west through the farmlands and peat bogs of County Kildare and Offaly. Locke's Distillery is your first stop, and here you have time to relax with a glass of their famed whiskey.

After a drink (or two!), you head to the banks of the mighty River Shannon and the ruined abbey at Clonmacnoise. Home to a large collection of stone crosses, ancient churches and inimitable round towers, this holy site offers an insightful glimpse into Ireland's spiritual past.

You then lunch at a traditional pub in one of the area's pretty villages before travelling to Galway City, your home for the first night. It's a city with a lively atmosphere and excellent restaurants and bars.

#### DAY 2

- Roam the Burren, home to some of Ireland's most profound spiritual and natural experiences
- Marvel at the steep Cliffs of Moher and the stunning 700ft drop into the waves of the Atlantic Ocean
- Relax with traditional Irish music in the atmospheric pubs and bars of Killarney

A short drive along the coast from Galway City lies the Burren, one of Ireland's national treasures. It's home to one of the earliest Christian settlements in Ireland and broad limestone pavements and rare flora.

After time to explore the area, you travel to Kilfenora, the "town of the crosses". You can visit the town's fabulous ancient cathedral before we stop for lunch in one of the area's charming villages.

You then head to the incredible Cliffs of Moher. Walk the stunning cliff trails as seabirds swoop through the clear air above you. And learn about the unique ecosystem in the excellent and award-winning environmental exhibition nearby.

The tour then moves south through County Clare, passing its famous golf course on the way to the picturesque beach at Lahinch. From here you board a ferry across the Shannon Estuary to the lakeside town of Killarney. This energetic, charming area will be your base for the next three nights, so take your time sampling the superb collection of traditional pubs and live music.

#### DAY 3

- Traverse the Dingle Peninsula, famous for its scenery and Gaelic culture
- Wander ancient forts and religious sites of the past at Sleah Head
- Stroll the beautiful length of Inch Beach on your way to Dingle

Today, your tour explores the fabulous Dingle Peninsula. Your first stop is Inch Beach, a vast expanse of sand stretching out into the Atlantic. Venturing down the narrow roads away from the beach leads you through the town of Dingle.

You continue towards Sleah Head, an area loaded with ancient forts and prehistoric dwellings. The impressive views of the nearby Blasket Islands make this an excellent spot for panoramic photos. If the weather is pleasant, you can ramble along the beaches and cliff tops to fully appreciate the incredible vistas.

Arriving back amidst the brightly coloured houses and jolly harbour of Dingle, you can spend the remainder of the afternoon enjoying delicious seafood in this idyllic setting. In the evening, you head back to Killarney, with time for an evening stroll in the National Park that encapsulates the town.

#### DAY 4

- Tour the world-renowned Ring of Kerry, hailed globally for its incredible scenery and cultural heritage

Today, you explore the Ring of Kerry, a spectacular route through some of Ireland's most visually spectacular areas.

You head out in the morning, stopping first at Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil. After snapping some shots of its rugged majesty, you join the scenic coast road through Glenbeigh and Kells on the way to Cahersiveen. Possible stops include the site of "The Liberator of Ireland" Daniel O'Connell's birthplace and an impressive ring fort outside Portmagee.

You stop for lunch in the quaint fishing village of Portmagee. Alternatively, you can have a quick snack and head to the island of Valentia for a visit to the Skellig Experience. This excursion teaches you about the ancient community of monks who made the outcrop of rocky islands their home.

In the afternoon, there's a photo stop in Charlie Chaplin's "home away from home" at Waterville, before enjoying fine views at the top of Coonmakista pass.

Winding down from the peaks, you head to Derrynane House, home of the family O'Driscoll. Daniel O'Driscoll holds a special place in Irish hearts, as an emancipating force from colonial rule. Enjoy a walk in the scenic gardens here, as well as a visit to the main house.

Continuing along the Ring, you stop at Moll's Gap and the Ladies View. Stroll a short way from here to the Torc Waterfall before heading back to Killarney.

**(On some tours, Days 3 and 4 are switched).**

#### DAY 5

- Kiss the famed Blarney Stone within the walls of the medieval stronghold of Blarney Castle
- Explore Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres

Heading east through the mountains of West Cork, you weave along the Lee Valley until you reach Blarney Castle. You have time here to take in the castle grounds, and maybe kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the "gift of the gab"!

After this, you visit the Jameson Whiskey Distillery. Here you have a chance to learn the history, find out how the drink is made, and taste a little yourself.

In the afternoon, you change tour guides and pass along the beautiful coastline south of Cork before arriving in Kinsale. This charming little fishing village is your overnight stop, so you can take in the delights of the "gourmet capital of Ireland", with its first-rate local restaurants and lively pubs. Savour your free evening whilst exploring the narrow streets and brightly coloured houses around your accommodation.

#### DAY 6

- See where the Titanic made its last lateral port of call before its ill-fated maiden voyage
- Follow the rugged "Copper Coast" to Waterford, Ireland's most ancient city
- Discover Ireland's Viking heritage or marvel at the exquisite craftsmanship at the famous Waterford Crystal factory

Leaving Kinsale in the morning, you make your way to the historic port town of Cobh. The major departure point for Irish emigration for the 19th and 20th centuries, this was the last port of call for the Titanic on its infamous maiden voyage. After unearthing the stories from Ireland's past, you head east along the Copper Coast, a Unesco Geopark famed for its beauty and intricate histories.

You continue until you reach Waterford, Ireland's oldest city, founded by Vikings in the 9th century. Survey the wondrous craftsmanship at the Waterford Crystal factory, explore the selection of fine museums or wander the Viking Triangle on foot.

In the late afternoon, you travel north away from Waterford and over to Kilkenny, a vibrant city with an impressive castle and parklands where you stay for the evening. With riverside trails, the National Craft Centre and a thriving pub and restaurant culture, you are certain to see why it was voted Ireland's friendliest city!

#### DAY 7

- Roam Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres
- Traverse the Wicklow Mountains and the majestic national park, known as "the Garden of Ireland"
- Witness the ancient structures at Glendalough, from the distinct high crosses to the 6th century monastic site

In the morning, you have free time in Kilkenny and its superb castle. Match the calm pace of life in the charming town centre and its fine craft centres. You then head north into the Wicklow Mountains, where the National Park will impress you with its steep granite mountains and captivating green paths.

The famous valleys open up before you, carved by ancient glaciers. You follow winding paths that lead to Glendalough, site of an awe-inspiring 6th century monastery at the heart of the park's woodland trails. This offers a perfect opportunity for photography, from the verdant natural setting to the much-admired round tower of the monastery.

After this, you head through the centre of the National Park to cross the famous Sally Gap, before descending the short distance back to Dublin.

## ALL IRELAND EXPLORER

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### 9 DAY TOUR - Northern Ireland, Atlantic Coast & the South West

#### DAY 1

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- Explore historic Belfast with an insightful city tour
- Learn about the tragic history of the world's most famous maritime disaster in the museums and attractions of the Titanic Quarter
- Wander the glens and coast at Antrim, an area of outstanding natural beauty overlooking the superb Scottish coast
- Walk where giants fought and changed the earth at the unique and stunning Giant's Causeway

Departing Dublin, you head north to Belfast, a city famed for its industrial heritage and turbulent past. You take a short city tour which covers the capital's triumphs, tragedies and soul.

You then have time for lunch and exploring in the Titanic Quarter, a regenerated hub where the famous liner was built and launched in 1911. Here you can visit the award-winning Titanic museum, board the HMS Caroline or take a black cab tour of the city.

Leaving bustling Belfast behind, you travel through the phenomenal scenery of the Antrim Coast and Glens, an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Moving along the winding roads from Ballycastle, you enter the awe-inspiring setting of the Giant's Causeway, a place where history and myth collide spectacularly with raw geological power. Waving farewell to the giant's steps, you head to Portrush, a charming fishing village and your home for the night.

#### DAY 2

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- Marvel at the 17th century walled city of Derry, with its famous seven gates and bustling markets
- Immerse yourself in the ancient Gaelic culture of Donegal as you pass through its rugged mountains
- Experience the haunting beauty of the remote Glenveagh National Park

You head to Derry, the fabulous 17th-century walled city that boasts seven ornate gates. Derry was designated as UK City of Culture in 2013, and you get time to explore its museums, galleries and excellent markets.

From here, you head to County Donegal, which boasts stunning scenery and a strong Gaelic heritage. You then head into the picturesque Glenveagh National Park and past the soaring peak of Mount Errigal, before traveling through the traditional fishing villages of the area. Along the way there will be plenty time for walks, photos and soaking up the local culture before arriving at your overnight stop in Donegal.

#### DAY 3

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- Wander amongst the ancient standing stones of Carrowmore
- Explore the bogs and misty moors of County Mayo
- Gaze in awe at the magnificent sea cliffs of Achill Island

In the morning, you pass south along the coast near Donegal and into County Sligo. This area is home to the burial site of famed poet WB Yeats, and dramatic views of the gorgeous mountain, Benbulbin.

Outside Sligo Town lies Carrowmore, where you have the chance to visit the largest collection of megalithic tombs in Ireland, some of which date back over 6000 years.

Moving westwards, you enter County Mayo, an area ravaged by the Great Potato Famine. Winding roads curve through the picturesque farmlands, bogs and open moors, offering views of distant hills and the Atlantic coast, where you'll visit the dramatic Achill Island. Here you have time to savour the rugged sea and peaceful beauty. From here it is a short drive to Westport – your base for the next two nights.

#### DAY 4

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- Explore the Connemara National Park's verdant marshes and incredible historical sites
- Stroll through the superb grounds at Kylemore Abbey
- Roam Clifden, site of the first transatlantic flight landing, and home to a delightful castle
- Be enchanted by the seemingly infinite blend of earth and sky at sunset on the Sky Road
- Prepare to be stunned by the legendary Twelve Bens, the famous jagged mountain range of Connemara.

Westport and the Connemara National Park are the areas you explore today. The itinerary is flexible today and your guide will ensure you take the route that best suits the weather.

Your options include the beautiful house and grounds at Kylemore Abbey, the Connemara National Park, Clifden (the first transatlantic flight landed here), the Sky Road and the Twelve Bens of Connemara.

After an incredible day of exploration, you return back to Westport, where you can dine on the delicious local seafood in the town's top-notch restaurants.

#### DAY 5

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- **Gaze into the past at the iconic 7th century ruins of Cong Abbey**
- **Walk the iconic locations of "The Quiet Man" on the scenic shores of Lough Corrib**
- **Enjoy the culture, sea views, and historic streets of Galway City**

Travelling through the heart of Connemara, you arrive in the town of Cong on the shore of Lough Corrib. This area was where "The Quiet Man" was filmed and you're free to wander the local museum devoted to the movie. Alternatively, you can visit the magnificently restored 12th century Cong Abbey.

Your route then weaves through the Maam Valley, a stunning pass lined by gorgeous mountains. Exiting the valley, you head to Galway City, a vibrant harbour city that combines traditional market life with high quality restaurants and pubs.

The afternoon and evening are free to explore this lively university city. You will be collected from your accommodation the following morning by your new tour guide.

#### DAY 6

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- **Roam the Burren, home to some of Ireland's most profound spiritual and natural experiences**
- **Marvel at the steep Cliffs of Moher and the stunning 700ft drop into the waves of the Atlantic Ocean**
- **Relax with traditional Irish music in the atmospheric pubs and bars of Killarney**

A short drive along the coast from Galway City lies the Burren, one of Ireland's national treasures. It's home to one of the earliest Christian settlements in Ireland and broad limestone pavements and rare flora.

After time to explore the area, you travel to Kilfenora, the "town of the crosses". You can visit the town's fabulous ancient cathedral and before we stop for lunch in one of the area's charming villages.

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#### DAY 7

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- **Traverse the Dingle Peninsula, famous for its scenery and Gaelic culture**
- **Wander ancient forts and religious sites of the past at Sleah Head**
- **Stroll the beautiful length of Inch Beach on your way to Dingle**

Today, your tour explores the fabulous Dingle Peninsula. Your first stop is Inch Beach, a vast expanse of sand stretching out into the Atlantic. Venturing down the narrow roads away from the beach leads you through the town of Dingle.

You continue towards Sleah Head, an area loaded with ancient forts and prehistoric dwellings. The impressive views of the nearby Blasket Islands make this an excellent spot for panoramic photos. If the weather is pleasant, you can ramble along the beaches and cliff tops to fully appreciate the incredible vistas.

Arriving back amidst the brightly coloured houses and jolly harbour of Dingle, you can spend the remainder of the afternoon enjoying delicious seafood in this idyllic setting. In the evening, you head back to Killarney, with time for an evening stroll in the National Park that encapsulates the town.

#### DAY 8

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- **Tour the world-renowned Ring of Kerry, hailed globally for its incredible scenery and cultural heritage**

Today, you explore the Ring of Kerry, a spectacular route through some of Ireland's most visually spectacular areas.

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snapping some shots of its rugged majesty, you join the scenic coast road through Glenbeigh and Kells on the way to Cahersiveen. Possible stops include the site of “The Liberator of Ireland” Daniel O’Connell’s birthplace and an impressive ring fort outside Portmagee.

You stop for lunch in the quaint fishing village of Portmagee. Alternatively, you can have a quick snack and head to the island of Valentia for a visit to the Skellig Experience. This excursion teaches you about the ancient community of monks who made the outcrop of rocky islands their home.

In the afternoon, there’s a photo stop in Charlie Chaplin’s “home away from home” at Waterville, before enjoying fine views at the top of Coonmakista pass.

Winding down from the peaks, you head to Derrynane House, home of the family O’Driscoll. Daniel O’Driscoll holds a special place in Irish hearts, as an emancipating force from colonial rule. Enjoy a walk in the scenic gardens here, as well as a visit to the main house.

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*(On some tours, Days 7 and 8 are switched).*

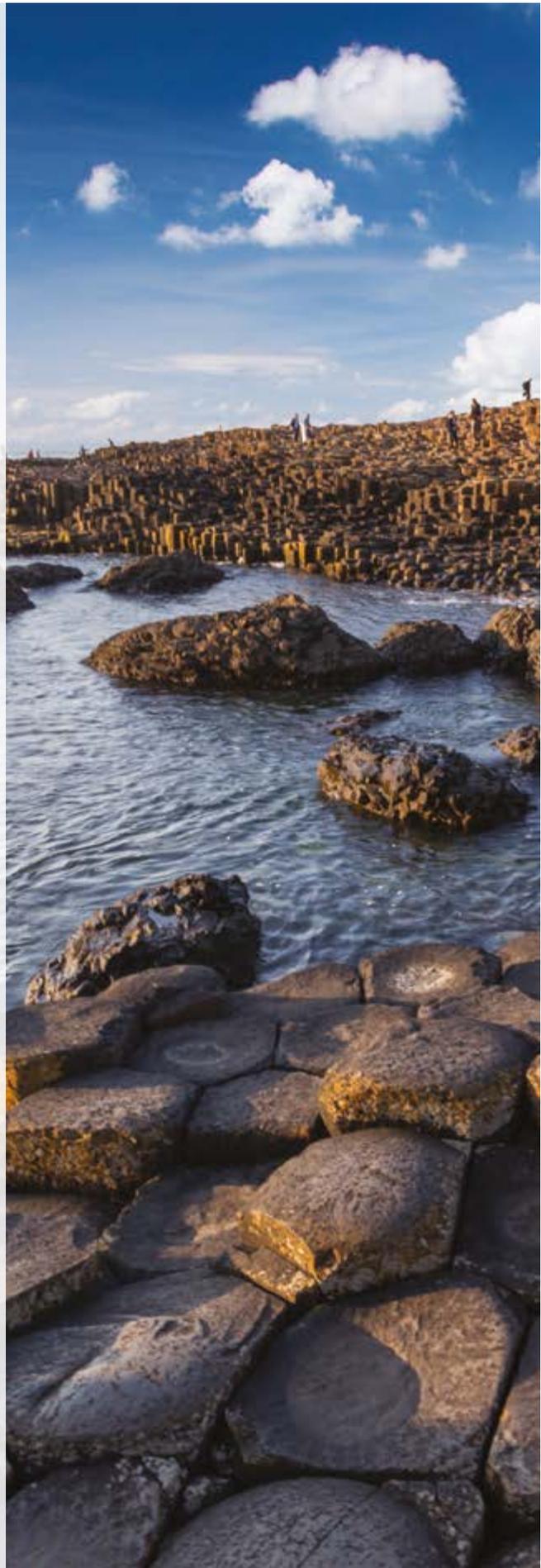
## DAY 9

- Kiss the famed Blarney Stone within the walls of the medieval stronghold of Blarney Castle
- Explore Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres

Heading east through the mountains of West Cork, you weave along the Lee Valley until you reach Blarney Castle. You have time here to take in the castle grounds, and maybe kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the “gift of the gab”!

In the afternoon, the tour heads to the heritage town of Cahir, where there’s a distinctive island castle in the River Suir.

The final stop of the tour is Kilkenny, a bustling city with a fine Castle, riverside walks, and an impressive National Craft Centre. There’s also the chance one last Guinness before heading back on the road again for the last leg of the journey, back to Dublin.



## COMPLETE IRELAND EXPERIENCE

### 11 DAY TOUR - Northern Ireland, the Atlantic Coast, the South West, Blarney Castle, Kilkenny & Irish Whiskey

#### DAY 1

- Explore historic Belfast with an insightful city tour
- Learn about the tragic history of the world's most famous maritime disaster in the museums and attractions of the Titanic Quarter
- Wander the glens and coast at Antrim, an area of outstanding natural beauty that overlooks the superb Scottish coast
- Walk in a giant's footsteps at the uniquely stunning Giant's Causeway

Departing Dublin, you head north to the border of Northern Ireland. A short journey from the divide lies Belfast, a city famed for its industrial heritage and turbulent past. A historical feast, you take a short city tour which covers the capital's triumphs, tragedies and soul. Discover the Titanic Quarter, a regenerated hub where the famous liner was built and launched in 1911. Exiting its excellent museums and attractions by the afternoon, you can choose to board the SS Nomadic, the final surviving White Star Line steamship or explore the fascinating Titanic Dock and Pump house.

Leaving bustling Belfast behind, you move through the phenomenal scenery of the Antrim Coast and Glens, an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Moving along the winding roads of Ballycastle, you enter the awe-inspiring setting of the Giant's Causeway, where history and myth collide spectacularly with raw geological power. Waving farewell to the giant's steps, you head to Portrush, a charming fishing village that will be your home for the night.



## DAY 2

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- Marvel at the 17th century walled city of Derry, with its famous seven gates and bustling markets
- Observe the ancient Gaelic culture of Donegal as you pass through its rugged mountains and thriving natural views
- Experience the haunting beauty of the remote Glenveagh National Park, home to a stunning Scottish castle

You make your way to Derry in the morning, the fabulous 17th century walled city that boasts seven ornate gates. Designated as UK City of Culture for 2013, it offers museums, galleries and excellent markets for the curious traveller. Explore the old city before returning south to the Republic of Ireland. From here, you head to one of the most remote and unspoilt areas in the country, County Donegal, which offers stunning scenery and inimitable Gaelic culture. Passing through the romantically haunting Glenveagh National Park and the soaring peak of Mount Errigal, you come to the traditional fishing villages of the area. These offer plenty of opportunities for good food, sights and to soak up the local atmosphere before stopping in Donegal for the night.

## DAY 3

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- Wander amongst the ancient standing stones of Carrowmore, beneath the dramatic mountain scenery of Ben Bulbin
- Range over the bogs and misty moors of County Mayo, with its unbeatable views across to distant mist-drenched hills
- Gaze in awe at the magnificent sea cliffs of Achill Island

In the morning, you pass south along the coast near Donegal and into County Sligo. Home to the burial site of famed poet WB Yeats, the land here offers dramatic views of the mountainous Ben Bulbin, ideal for photos. Outside Sligo Town lies Carrowmore and the largest collection of megalithic tombs in Ireland, some of which date back over 6000 years. Moving westwards, you enter County Mayo, an area ravaged in the past by the Great Potato Famine. Winding roads curve through the picturesque farmlands, bogs and open moors, offering views of distant hills and the Atlantic coast, where you'll visit the dramatic Achill Island. Right on the edge of Europe, the steeply rugged sea cliffs give way to the peaceful beauty of the interior of the island. After this, you head to Westport, your home for the next two days.

## DAY 4

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- Stroll through the superb grounds at Kylemore Abbey
- Connemara National Park opens up for you, from verdant marshes to the awesome Diamond Hill, the 500m high centrepiece of the park
- In Clifden, the site of the first transatlantic flight landing, you'll find densely packed beauty and history amidst the delightful castle and first-rate views
- Enchanting vistas along the Sky Road offer a seemingly infinite blend of earth and sunset amongst the clouds
- Prepare to be stunned by the legendary Twelve Bens, the famously jagged mountain range in Connemara

Galway lies on the edge of Connemara, the area you are exploring today. Alternatively, you can visit the magnificently restored 12th century Cong Abbey. From here, you continue through the heart of Connemara for a visit to the beautiful house and grounds at Kylemore Abbey, where the grand structures and magnificent man-made gardens are a treat for the eye and soul.

Your journey then continues to Connemara National Park, where abundant wildlife resides amongst the ancient tombs and intimate woodland paths. You will view the truly magnificent Diamond Hill, a 500m peak that rivals any summit in Europe, and then on to Clifden, famous home of the first transatlantic flight landing. Here you enjoy the unbroken and infinite majesty of the Sky Road, as well as the sharp peaks of the Twelve Bens of Connemara. This distinctive mountain range offers an excellent photo opportunity, before you head down and back for the night to your cosy residence in Westport.

## DAY 5

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- See the iconic locations from "The Quiet Man" on the scenic shores of Lough Corrib

Travelling inland through the Maam Valley to the village of Cong, you come upon the shore of Lough Corrib. Famously the setting for the film classic "The Quiet man", you are free to tread the halls of the excellent local museum devoted to the movie. You will be dropped off at your accommodation in Galway before the first tour returns to Dublin. The afternoon and evening are free to explore this lively university city. You will be collected from your accommodation the following morning by your new tour driver-guide.

## DAY 6

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- **Roam the Burren, a national treasure of Ireland, beautiful and mysterious in equal measure and home to some of Ireland's most profound spiritual and natural experiences**
- **Marvel at the steep Cliffs of Moher and the stunning 700ft drop into the waves of the Atlantic Ocean**
- **Unwind with traditional Irish music in the atmospheric pubs and bars of Killarney**

A short drive along the coast from Galway City lies the Burren, one of Ireland's national treasures. A region of broad limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient stone monuments, this elemental reserve is home to one of the earliest Christian settlements in Ireland. After a thorough exploration, you travel to Kilfenora, the "town of the crosses" and its fabulous ancient cathedral and superb collection of religious artifacts. After lunch in a charming village, you head to the incredible Cliffs of Moher, which drop nearly 700ft into the fierce Atlantic Ocean. Walk the stunning cliff trails as seabirds swoop through the clear air above you. Learn more about the unique ecosystem here in the award-winning environmental exhibition nearby. The tour then moves south through County Clare, passing its famous golf course on the way to the picturesque beach at Lahinch. From here, you board a pretty ferry across the Shannon Estuary to the lakeside town of Killarney. This energetic and charming town will be your base for the next three nights, so take your time sampling the fine collection of traditional pubs and music.

## DAY 7

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- **Traverse the Dingle Peninsula, famous for its natural scenery and as a bastion of Gaelic culture**
- **Wander ancient forts and religious sites of the past at Sleah Head, whilst walking Ireland's easternmost point**
- **Stroll the beautiful length of Inch Beach on your way to Dingle, with its views of offshore islands and the powerful mountains of Kerry**

The tour navigates the fabulous Dingle Peninsula today, the scenic heartland of Gaelic culture and tradition. Your first stop is Inch Beach, a vast expanse of sand stretching out into the Atlantic that's popular with extreme sports fans. Venturing down the narrow roads away from the beach leads you through the town of Dingle, popular for its dolphin tours. You pass on towards Sleah Head, a promontory loaded with ancient forts and millennia-old dwellings. Captivating views of the nearby Blasket Islands rising dramatically from

the sea make this an excellent space for photos. If the weather stays pleasant, you can ramble along the beaches and cliff tops to fully appreciate the incredible vistas. A landscape steeped in Gaelic literature; you have the chance to learn about its influence on Irish literary culture.

Arriving back amidst the brightly coloured houses and jolly harbour of Dingle, you spend the remainder of the afternoon enjoying delicious seafood in this idyllic setting. In the evening, you head back to Killarney, with time for an evening stroll in the National Park that borders the town.

## DAY 8

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- **Tour the world-renowned Ring of Kerry, hailed globally for its incredible scenery and cultural significance. Spectacular photo opportunities abound!**

Today you tour the Ring of Kerry, a spectacular route through some of Ireland's most historically and visually incredible areas. You head out in the morning for over 100 miles of unbeatable scenery, stopping first at Ireland's highest mountain Carrauntoohil. After snapping some shots of its imposing size, you join the scenic coast road through Glenbeigh and Kells on the way to Cahersiveen. Possible stops include the site of "The Liberator of Ireland" Daniel O'Connell's birthplace and an impressive ring fort outside Portmagee, your stop for lunch. This quaint fishing village offers a chance to relax whilst indulging in the local seafood. Alternatively, you can head to the island of Valentia for a visit to the Skelling Experience, where you learn about the ancient community of monks who made the outcrop of rocky islands their home.

In the afternoon, there's a photo stop in Charlie Chaplin's favourite holiday "home away from home" of Waterville before a trip to the very top of Coonmakista pass and the divine views it offers. Winding down from the peaks, you head to sea level on the way to Derrynane House, home of the family O'Driscoll, whose most famous son Daniel O'Driscoll holds a special place in Irish hearts as an emancipating force from colonial rule. Stroll in the scenic gardens here, as well as exploring the main house where so much Irish history was forged. Continuing along the Ring, you stop at Moll's Gap and the Ladies View, offering two stunning sights perfect for memorable pictures. Stroll a short way to the Torc Waterfall before heading back to Killarney.

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## DAY 9

- Kiss the famed **Blarney Stone amidst the walls of the medieval stronghold of Blarney Castle**
- Roam **Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres**

Heading east through the mountains of West Cork, you weave along the Lee Valley until you reach Blarney Castle, the impressive medieval fortress that lies on the outskirts of Cork. You have time to take in the castle grounds and wander its woodland trails. Visiting the nearby village, you may even get the chance to kiss the famous Blarney Stone and receive the *"gift of the gab"*!

After this, you visit the Jameson Whiskey Distillery. Here you have a chance to learn the history, find out how the drink is made, and taste a little yourself. In the afternoon, you change driver-guide and pass along the beautiful coastline south of Cork before arriving in Kinsale. This charming little fishing village is your overnight stop, so you can take in the delights of the "gourmet capital of Ireland", with its first-rate local restaurants and lively pubs. Savour your free evening whilst exploring the narrow streets and brightly coloured houses around your accommodation.

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In the late afternoon, you travel north away from Waterford and over to Kilkenny, a vibrant city with an impressive castle and parklands where you stay for the evening. With riverside trails, the National



Craft Centre and a thriving pub and restaurant culture, you are certain to see why it was voted Ireland's friendliest city!

## DAY 11

- Roam **Kilkenny Castle and its impressive craft centres**
- Traverse the **Wicklow Mountains and the majestic national park, known as "the Garden of Ireland"**
- Witness the ancient structures at **Glendalough, from the distinct high crosses to the 6th century monastic site**

In the morning, you have free time in Kilkenny and its superb castle. Match the calm pace of life in the charming town centre and its fine craft centres. You then head north into the Wicklow Mountains, where the National Park will impress you with its steep granite mountains and captivating green paths. The famous valleys open up before you, carved by ancient glaciers. You follow winding paths that lead to Glendalough, site of an awe-inspiring 6th century monastery at the heart of the park's woodland trails. This offers a perfect opportunity for photography, from the verdant natural setting to the much-admired round tower of the monastery. After this, you head through the centre of the National Park to cross the famous Sally Gap, before descending the short distance to Dublin.