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- **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002**: 23 years of experience are distilled into every itinerary.
- **TOTALLY LOCAL**: Family-owned with local Irish tour guides and staff plus independent hotels.
- **WORLD'S BEST**: We won a TRAVEL + LEISURE
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Tour Type DRIFTWOOD - RELAXED PACE Tour Direction COUNTER-CLOCKWISE Tour Vehicle **COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS** Pickup / Dropoff Location **GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN** Departure Day & Time 8.10AM SUNDAY Return Day & Time 5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY Gentle Pace, Castles, Culture & History **Compare Tour Styles** 

#### Stay Longer, See All of Ireland!

All aboard for a fantastic 15 day, fully-guided tour of Ireland. Circle the entire island, including **Northern Ireland's coastline** and the best of the spectacular **Wild Atlantic Way**, from **Donegal** to **Cork**.

Get to know Irish people and culture on our longest tour itinerary ever. Enjoy a gentle tour pace and 2 night stays in the charming rural towns of **Dingle** and **Westport**.

Meander along the stunning **Causeway Coast** followed by the rugged beauty of **Mayo**, **Galway**, **Clare**, the famous **Cliffs of Moher** and the natural wonderlands of **Connemara**, **Kerry** and **The Burren**.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

# Tour Map 15 Day All Ireland Tour

Venture north to **Belfast** first and the stunning **Causeway Coast**, followed by **Derry/Londonderry**. Follow the **Wild Atlantic Way** along Ireland's west coast all the way from **Donegal** to **Cork** via Mayo, **Connemara**, **Clare** and Kerry.





This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction around Ireland





Savour quality time with 2 night stays in both **Westport** and **Dingle**, soaking up live music and eating delicous local food.



Enjoy a castle hotel stay in the heart of **Connemara**, complete with a champagne reception.



Marvel at two different UNESCO Heritage Sites; the stunning **Giant's Causeway** and the spectacular **Skellig Islands**.



Tick the **Cliffs of Moher**, **Blarney Castle** and **Killarney National Park** off your Ireland bucket list.



Meet friendly locals and feed baby lambs during a guided **sheep farm tour** and sheepdog demonstration.



Explore the breathtaking — but little visited — coastal beauty of Northern Ireland.



Patrol the 400 year old city walls of <u>Derry/Londonderry</u>, Ireland's only walled city — and home to the Derry Girls.



Reach out and touch ancient ruins, ringforts and dolmens that connect you Ireland's incredible heritage and ancient past.



Select from flexible activity options, such as a boat trip to **Garnish Island** and a visit to **18th century Bantry House**.



Experience the very best of Ireland with a hand-picked mix of must-see sights and off the beaten track highlights.





Escape to this historic hotel in the seaside village of Carnlough in Northern Ireland.

Average Driving **3 HOURS 30 MINUTES** 

#### Belfast Tour & Celtic Crosses



**GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM** 

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.10am. Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

Crane your neck to view the finest — and tallest — **Celtic high crosses** in Ireland, at Monasterboice.

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required).

We'll roll into **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of Northern Ireland.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C):**

- A. Take a highly recommended Black Cab Tour, explaining the history of the Troubles era.
- **B.** Or a self-guided visit to the **Titanic Centre**.
- C. Alternatively, explore Belfast at your own pace.





Bishop's Gate Hotel is perfectly positioned within the historic city walls at the heart of Derry/Londonderry's Cathedral Quarter.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



CARNLOUGH, ANTRIM to DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Cameras at the ready! You're about to experience one of the most spectacular coastal drives; Northern Ireland's <u>Causeway Coastal</u> Route.

40,000 hexagonal basalt columns make up the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included), a **World Heritage Site**.

Choose to walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool on a steep 1.6km (1 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow an accessible path to the Giant's Causeway viewing point.

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit **Bushmills**, the oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world, for a tasting (Optional Extra).

Enjoy a self-guided tour at clifftop **Dunluce Castle** (Fee Included) before passing through historic gates to enter the city of **Derry/Londonderry**.





#### Overnight Stay ARNOLDS HOTEL



At the heart of Dunfanaghy village, family-owned Arnolds Hotel overlooks spectacular scenery in Donegal.

Average Driving
2 HOURS 30 MINUTES



DERRY/LONDONDERRY to DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL

Start the day with a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only fortified city, **Derry/Londonderry** (Fee Included).

Cross the border back into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

Visit <u>Grianán of Aileach</u>, a reconstructed **stone ringfort** with wonderful views that is marked on Ptolemy's 2nd century world map.

See pristine panoramas in lakeside <u>Glenveagh National Park</u>. Watch out for wild deer and eagles. Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of Glenveagh Castle (Optional Extra).

Stop on the shores of Sheephaven Bay to check out <u>16th century Doe</u> <u>Castle</u>, traditional home of the Sweeney Clan.





## Overnight Stay GATEWAY LODGE DONEGAL



Nestled amid the enchanting landscapes of Donegal is this beacon of hospitality and tranquility.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



DUNFANAGHY, DONEGAL to DONEGAL TOWN

Today, we'll further explore **Donegal**; one of Ireland's most remote and beautiful regions.

With verdant valleys, golden sand beaches and rolling hills as far as the eye can see, we'll start the day with a scenic drive.

Eddie Doherty's hand-loomed tweed is inspired by his native Donegal landscape. Enjoy a **handweaving demo** in this artisan craft studio.

At Slieve League, choose one of these options:

- Admire these magnificent 600m/2000ft cliffs from a viewing platform.
- Board a 12 person capacity boat for a scenic 2 hour trip under the cliffs (Optional Extra). Weather dependent.







Mount Falcon Estate & Spa is always a guest favourite on our tours visiting Mayo and the northwest.

Average Driving **3 HOURS** 

### Explore Donegal Town & Sligo



DONEGAL TOWN to BALLINA, MAYO

This morning, enjoy a late checkout in Donegal town with free time to browse local shops and crafts.

Time permitting, take a self-guided tour of 15th century **Donegal Castle** (Optional Extra)

Watch shepherd and dog working perfectly in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included). On some departures, this experience can happen later in the itinerary.

After lunch, recite the magical verse of WB Yeats at Glencar Waterfall. This outstanding area of natural beauty inspired the Nobel Prize winning poet.

This evening we stay at Mount Falcon Estate, take your pick from:

- A splash in the hotel pool/hot tub
- A guided falconry experience (Optional Extra)





WYATT HOTEL WESTPORT



Relish the central location and high quality boutique hotel finish at the Wyatt.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### Magnificent Mayo



**BALLINA, MAYO to WESTPORT, MAYO** 

Magnificent Mayo awaits! Today you'll explore from Ballina to Westport.

First up is the dramatically remote <u>Wild Nephin Ballycroy National</u>

Park. Learn about the importance of boglands in Ireland and how they are being restored.

Time-permitting, we may explore **Achill Island**. This was a key filming location for the Oscar-nominated movie, The Banshees of Inisherin.

Conclude your magical Mayo expedition with a beautifully scenic drive along the shores of **Clew Bay**.







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#### Average Driving

#### WESTPORT, MAYO

Today is your chance to recharge. Relax with some quality downtime and all of Westport's charming attractions within easy reach.

Explore the many charming shops, art galleries and restaurants of this small Mayo town. **Westport** regularly wins 'best place to live in Ireland' accolades.

Learn the history of this beautiful heritage town and get the inside scoop on the best the town has to offer on a guided walking tour (Optional Extra).

Step into the enchanting world of **Westport House Estate**. Enjoy the natural beauty of forest trails and and stunning grandeur of an historic building.

This evening, catch some live traditional music in **Matt Malloy's Pub**, an iconic music venue, owned by the flautist of legendary group, The Chieftains.



# Day 8: Sunday 15 Day All Ireland Tour



# Overnight Stay ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL CONNEMARA



The romantic Abbeyglen Castle Hotel is steeped in charm and located near Clifden in Connemara.

Average Driving 2 Hours

#### Connemara Castle Hotel Stay



WESTPORT, MAYO to CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA

Lose a sin with every step on the holy mountain of **Croagh Patrick**. Nearby lies the ruined 16th century Murrisk Abbey and the National Famine Memorial.

Take a deep breath... Next is the **Doolough Valley**, one of Ireland's most scenic driving routes.

What's the classic postcard image of Ireland? We think you'll find it this afternoon amid the savage beauty of **Connemara**.

Take a self-guided tour of the beautiful **Kylemore Abbey** (Fee Included). Wander the wonderful walled garden — bananas were grown here in the 1800s! — or admire the enchanting neo-Gothic church.





THE ARMADA HOTEL



Located right on the Atlantic Ocean in Clare, the Armada is one of our favourite hotel stops.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### The Burren & Cliffs Of Moher



**CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA TO SPANISH POINT, CLARE** 

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included).

We're aiming for <u>Galway</u> next. The City of the Tribes is bohemian and buzzy.

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Next is the bewitching beauty of **The Burren**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the world famous <u>Cliffs of Moher</u> (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700 ft (215m) high sea cliffs.



# Day 10: Tuesday 15 Day All Ireland Tour





**DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL** 



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES





SPANISH POINT, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Drive along the **Clare** coastline with uninterrupted ocean vistas.

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in 'The Kingdom' of Kerry (Fee Included).

Tour a working Irish **sheep farm** with charming old-style cottages for a live **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included). On some departures, this activity may occur on Day 5.

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive the extraordinary deeds of its one time landlord, Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean.

**Dingle** awaits... Revel in a wealth of dinner and entertainment options in this bustling little town. There's a pub for every 40 residents!



DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

## Average Driving 1 HOURS 30 MINUTES



**DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)** 

Today is yours to design. This morning, soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following relaxed activities.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A, B or C):**

- A. Take a **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **B.** Savour a guided **craft tour** of the Dingle Crystal studio.
- **C.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.

This afternoon, you have the option to experience **Slea Head**, one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed. Look out for the **Blasket Islands** and the holy **Mount Brandon** among the patchwork fields and picture-perfect cottages.

Whatever you do in **Dingle**, don't miss an Irish traditional music session or a stroll around the town's plentiful art galleries and craft studios.



# Day 12: Thursday 15 Day All Ireland Tour





THE MOORINGS HOTEL



Located harbourside in the picturesque village of Portmagee, the Moorings Guesthouse is the perfect base for exploring the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

#### Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

Start the day with a scenic drive along the coast of the **Dingle Peninsula**, with a photo stop and a stroll along the beach at Inch
Strand.

Take a **horse-drawn carriage ride** around **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extra).

Your visit to **Killarney National Park** may also include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- 19th century Muckross House & Gardens
- A short walk to scenic **Torc Waterfall**
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

After lunch we'll stop at **Cahergall**, an ancient Irish stone fort built in the 7th century.

Good heavens! Kerry is a certified **International Dark Sky Reserve** with virtually no light pollution and often crystal clear night skies.







Feel right at home when you stay at this family-run townhouse in Kenmare near the Ring of Kerry.

## Average Driving

### Island Boat Trip & Ring Of Kerry



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

Today is your chance to experience Ireland's island treasures; the Skelligs.

Take a **guided boat trip** around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extra). This cruise lasts 2 hour 30 minutes.

This is an ocean crossing. Departures are seasonal (mid-May to mid-September). The 12 person capacity boats are small. The cabin conditions are rough and wet; sea legs are required. Your departure is weather dependent and, as such, occasionally subject to late cancellation.

Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Visit the Skellig **Experience** to learn all about Ireland's unique island treasures (Optional Extra).

Further along the Ring of Kerry, visit Derrynane, historic home to Daniel O'Connell (Optional Extra). Ramble to the golden sands of Derrynane beach.

Catch authentic traditional Irish music and outstanding local food tonight in lively **Kenmare**.







Located in a serene valley in Cork, Gougane Barra Hotel is a long-standing favourite with our guests.

#### **MACROOM CASTLE HOTEL**



Expect a warm Irish welcome at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in the village of Macroom in Cork.

Average Driving **3 HOURS** 



KENMARE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

Expect rugged roads and superb scenery as we explore the remote Beara Peninsula.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors and has the feeling of true wilderness.

Take a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the Beara Peninsula.

Look out for seals on a scenic **boat trip** to **Garnish Island**. Once landed, explore the wonders of the Italian-style formal gardens (Optional Extra).

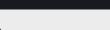
Visit stately **Bantry House & Gardens**, a grand Irish home built in the 18th century (Fee Included).

There's one more drive today, a coastal ride that snakes along Bantry Bay before cutting inland.





Average Driving



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Before we say goodbye —  $sl\acute{a}n$  in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

We'll trace the valley of the **River Lee**, crossing stone bridges and passing through picturesque countryside.

Then it's time to kiss the **Blarney Stone** (Fee Included). Afterwards, explore the extensive grounds and lush, landscaped gardens of **Blarney Castle**.

We'll stop at monumental **Cahir Castle** (Fee Included) for a guided tour. Gaze in awe at the imposing walls, keep and tower of one of Ireland's largest medieval fortresses. It's a fitting way to end our Irish castle odyssey.

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new travel buddies!





No two Vagabond or Driftwood tours are the same. Group preferences may alter the order or composition of this itinerary, which is a suggested outline rather than a rigid schedule. Orange/Red weather advisories (e.g. coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to activity cancellations at short notice. We will always attempt to find suitable alternative activities where safe to do so.

There's no need to book optional extras in advance of your tour (with the exception of the **Skellig Islands Landing** on the 12 Day Tour). Your VagaGuide will discuss options with you on tour and book accordingly. If there is something that you want to do or see, let us know. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

#### **DAILY ITINERARY OPTIONS PRICING**

Activities marked **OPTIONAL EXTRA** on the day-by-day descriptions carry an additional cost, but are optional.

Black Cab Tour\*\* - £20.00

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00

Slieve League Boat Trip\*\* - €25.00

Falconry at Mount Falcon Estate - €25.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €10.00

Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride\*\* - €20.00

Derrynane House - €5.00

Titanic Experience - £24.95

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Westport Walking Tour - €12.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

Skellig Islands Cruise - €50.00

Garnish Island Boat Trip - €19.00

Please note, this tour has stops in both the Republic of Ireland (EU) and Northern Ireland (UK). You will require both Euro (€) and Sterling (£) cash.



<sup>\*</sup> All details of prices and suppliers contained in this itinerary are correct at the time of publication. Our tour prices will not change as the season progresses. However, our suppliers occassionally increase prices at short noice. We will do our utmost to update you of major price changes as they occur.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.





#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 15 full days on tour
- 14 nights' accommodation
- 14 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- A 1 night castle stay at majestic Abbeyglen Castle Hotel
- Guided Irish sheep farm/sheepdog experience
- Guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- Guided tours of 18th century Bantry House and Aughnanure Castle
- Entrance into Kylemore Abbey, Dunluce Castle, the Giant's Causeway, Cahir Castle and Blarney Castle & Gardens
- Shannon ferry tickets
- Most daily activities and essential attractions

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Please be aware that there may be unscheduled alterations to the listed accommodation. Rest assured that any alternate hotels will match or be superior to the standard of our listed accommodation.

NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

#### **TOUR PRICING**

Apr Departures: €4,194.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €730.00

May to Sep Departures: €4,660.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €770.00

Apr 2026 Departures: €4,194.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €810.00

May to Sep 2026 Departures: €4,660.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €850.00



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