

# Day Vagabond World Tour of

# Ireland





WE WANT YOU TO LOVE IRELAND AS MUCH AS WE DO

NEED TO PRINT THIS?

CLICK FOR PRINT FRIENDLY VERSION

rVagabond



# Why Book with Vagabond?

- **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002**: 22 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 proudly won a **TRAVEL** + **LEISURE**WORLD'S BEST AWARD in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- 1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS: Read any one of our 1,800+5-Star reviews across TRIPADVISOR and TRUSTPILOT.
- **AWESOME TOUR GUIDES**: Meet our highly-trained, passionate and well-supported <u>VagaGuide team</u>.
- FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING: Avail of a free 7 day seat hold, flat-rate deposit and convenient notice period.
- **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES**: No expense is spared on maintaining our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST**: We respect the planet and support our community... That's why we're a <u>B CORP!</u>









Tour Type
VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction
COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle
CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location
GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN
View Location

Departure Day & Time 8.20AM SUNDAY

Return Day & Time 5:00-6:00PM SATURDAY



### How Much Fun Can 7 Days in Ireland Be?

Strap yourself in for a wild and adventurous tour of the west and southwest of Ireland.

If you have 7 days in Ireland, then our World Tour is perfect. You'll travel in style, laughing all the way. And, because this is a **Vagabond Cultural Adventure**, expect fresh air and physical activity alongside unforgettable history and culture.

Expect 7 days of challenging hikes, surf, sea kayaks and horseback-riding. Not forgetting the Cliffs of Moher, a cruise around the Skellig Islands, ancient ring forts, Killarney National Park and two nights of live music and pubs in Dingle.

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 7 Day Vagabond World Tour of Ireland



Head west from **Dublin** to **Galway** followed by the Cliffs of Moher in **Clare** and 2 nights in **Dingle**. In Kerry, you'll see **Killarney National Park** and the **Skellig Islands** before getting to know wonderful west **Cork**.



This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction around Ireland

View Tour in Opposite Direction





Explore dramatic coastal scenery along the **Wild Atlantic Way** touring route, not least the majestic **Cliffs of Moher**.



Flexible adventure options like a **guided bike tour**, a **sea safari**, **cold water surfing** or **guided sea kayaking**.



Mix off the beaten track destinations, like **Valentia Island**, with must-see sites, like the **Blarney Stone**.



Deep dive into **Irish history** at castle ruins, ring forts, battle sites and mysterious Stone Age stone circles.



Hop on a boat tour around the spectacular **Skellig Islands**, one of Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



See two of Ireland's most distinctive National Parks; **Killarney** and **The Burren**.



Catch traditional Irish music performances in lively and authentic towns like **Dingle** and **Kenmare**.



# Overnight Stay THE ARMADA HOTEL



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

Average Driving



**GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to SPANISH POINT, CLARE** 

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the Grand Canal Hotel, **Dublin** at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am. Board your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle and hit the road!

We're steering for **Galway** this morning. The City of the Tribes nestles on the Atlantic Ocean and makes for an atmospheric urban experience.

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 **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700ft high sea cliffs.





DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



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

#### ()r... CEANN SIBEAL HOTEL



Stay at Europe's most westerly hotel in the heart of the Gaeltacht on stunning Slea Head

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



SPANISH POINT, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Surf's up! Take a <u>surf lesson</u> (Optional Extras). Or simply absorb the serenity at one of Ireland's most gorgeous beaches.

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).

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live **sheepdog demo** and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included). On some departures, this activity may happen on Day 1.

Climb the steep, glaciated valley of **Annascaul**. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes. Expect rough terrain and stunning views.

Refresh yourself with an ice cold pint at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive its extraordinary 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!









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

#### Or... CEANN SIBEAL HOTEL



Stay at Europe's most westerly hotel in the heart of the Gaeltacht on stunning Slea Head

#### Average Driving



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

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

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.

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

- A. Go horseback-riding on a beach or up a mountain.
- **B**. Take a gentle **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- C. Guided sea kayaking on Dingle Bay.
- **D**. Guided **rowing experience** in a traditional Naomhóg boat.
- E. Guided sea safari around the Dingle Peninsula in a high speed rib. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.
- **F**. Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.





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



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

It's a swift morning start for a guided cycling tour of **Killarney National Park** (Optional Extras). Expect a mix of paved road and forest trails. Duration 3 hours approx. Cycling ability is required.

Biking not your thing? You're free to roam this magnificent parkland. Highlights of Killarney National Park for both bikers and hikers may include:

- Sightings of rare red deer herds in native oak forest
- The stately 19th century **Muckross House & Gardens**
- A short but scenic hike to Torc Waterfall
- A magical, centuries-old **yew tree** growing at the centre of a ruined medieval abbey
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

If it's a clear night, look up... Kerry is an **International Dark Sky Reserve**. The night sky here offers crystal clear views of the Milky Way.





**COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE** 



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

### Average Driving

#### Skellig Islands Boat Tour Or Island



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

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

**Option 1:** Take a **guided boat trip** around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extras). 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.

**Option 2:** Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Hike to the historic signal tower on Bray Head for amazing views of the islands (1 hour 30 minutes). The trail combines well-worn farm track and open hillside.

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.

### *Or...*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 30 MINUTES



KENMARE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

You're about to feel true wilderness. Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams on the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors. It's a cliché; but the Beara is truly off the beaten track.

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Aliens? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

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





Average Driving



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Before we wave goodbye — *slán* in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

We'll first trace the valley of the **River Lee** downstream, crossing stone bridges and passing through postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab. You also have the option explore the lush, landscaped gardens around **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. We think it's a fittingly epic place to draw your Irish odyssey to a close.

You'll disembark your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new travel compadres.





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. Inclement weather may lead to cancellations at short notice, particularly for water-based activities such as boat trips, sea kayaking and surfing. We always attempt to find suitable alternative activities.

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.

Surf Lesson in Spanish Point\*\* - €35.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €10.00

Traditional Rowing\*\* - €35.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

Skellig Islands Cruise - €50.00

Horseback Riding in Dingle\*\* - €50.00

Sea Kayaking Dingle - €60.00

Dingle Sea Safari - €65.00

Bike Hire in Killarney\*\* - €40.00



<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

- An off the beaten track adventure in 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 7 full days on tour
- 6 nights' accommodation
- 6 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Optional Extras)
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle and Gardens
- Entrance into the epic Rock of Cashel
- A working sheep farm experience
- Shannon ferry tickets

#### **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 and Oct Departures: €1,867.50 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €295.00

May to Sep Departures: €2,075.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €300.00

Mar, Apr and Oct 2025 Departures: €1,867.50 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €295.00

May to Sep 2025 Departures: €2,075.00 Per Person Sharing Single Room Supplement: €300.00

