

Wild Atlantic Way



A journey through Ireland's spectacular coastal route and Northern Ireland - the perfect way to explore the 'real' Ireland.

Our self-drive tour is ideal for all age groups, taking in a mixture of breath-taking landscapes, memorable moments, and rich heritage. Cram-packed with sightseeing, there is also ample time for exploration and relaxation. This is the perfect itinerary to enjoy the emerald isle's diverse cities, countryside, culture and history.

Itinerary

Day 1	Arrive in Ireland
Day 2	Dublin Sightseeing
Day 3	Belfast Sightseeing
Day 4	Ballycastle - Giant's Causeway
Day 5	Belfast - Lough Neagh - Londonderry
Day 6	Northern Headlands
Day 7	The Bay Coast
Day 8	The Cliff Coast
Day 9	Southern Peninsulas
Day 10	Killarney National Park
Day 11	The Haven Coast
Day 12	Dungarvan - Waterford
Day 13	Kilkenny Sightseeing
Day 14	Wicklow Mountains National Park
Day 15	Departure

Highlights

- Trinity College
- Guinness Storehouse
- Titanic Belfast
- Kylemore Abbey
- Cliffs of Moher
- Muckross House and Gardens
- Torc Waterfall
- Ross Castle
- Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre
- Lismore Castle
- Wicklow Mountains National Park
- Irish evening

Full Itinerary



Day 1: Arrive in Ireland

Welcome to Ireland! Arrive into Dublin Airport, collect your car hire and check-in to your accommodation and spend some time exploring the cosmopolitan city. Stroll around the iconic five Georgian Squares and discover Phoenix Park, the largest public park in Europe. Finish the day off by grabbing a bite to eat in Dublin's trendy Temple Bar district.



Day 2: Dublin Sightseeing

Spend the morning shopping on exclusive Grafton Street at stores such as Brown Thomas or The North Face before taking some time to visit the oldest University in Ireland, Trinity College. It was founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth 1st and you can view the famous and wonderful 'Book of Kells', a 9th century Gospel manuscript in Latin.



By now you will be working up an appetite so head to the Guinness Storehouse which offers an interesting insight into the history and brewing process of the world famous beverage. Refuel at one of the 2 restaurants and finish up with a sunset drink at the Gravity Bar on the 7th floor which offers panoramic views of the city skyline.



Day 3: Belfast Sightseeing

Exploring the city of Belfast which has undergone considerable expansion and regeneration in recent years, notably around Victoria Square. Visit the famous Titanic Belfast, a 'must see' attraction and take an eye opening tour around the famous Belfast murals, find out what it was like living through 'The Troubles.'



Day 4: Ballycastle - Giant's Causeway

Drive along the Causeway Coast, the views along this coastline are spectacular; no wonder it is one of the most visited destinations in Europe. Stop at the famous Giant's Causeway. This incredible UNESCO World Heritage Site dates back to a volcanic age. Legend says it was built for love by the Irish giant Fionn and his Scottish rival Angus.



Day 5: Belfast - Lough Neagh - Londonderry

Begin the day with a stop at Lough Neagh, the largest freshwater lake in the UK & Ireland where you will find a variety of activities from crafts to walking and boating. There are islands to explore and an abundance of wildlife. Your next stop is Londonderry, home to a number of museums, galleries and theatres, as well as thriving musical and literary scenes.



Day 6: Northern Headlands

Explore the Northern Headlands of the Wild Atlantic Way Route, from the dramatic cliffs of Malin Head to the 15th century Donegal town. With breath-taking scenery, golden beaches, rugged islands and a vast array of wildlife, this northern stretch of the Wild Atlantic Way is an absolute essential.



Day 7: The Bay Coast

Discover the Bay Coast, from the crystal waters of distant Erris to the "savage beauty" of much-loved Connemara. Connemara National Park covers 7,000 acres and is world famous for its lakes, rivers, bogs and mountains. As the afternoon approaches make sure to stop at the spectacular Kylemore Abbey which was built in 1868 as a romantic gift.

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Day 8: The Cliff Coast

Spend today driving along the Cliff Coast - a place for clifftop walks, island-hopping and traditional pubs. Visit Ennis, a historic market town known as the home of traditional Irish music, it has narrow winding streets full of character. Your final stop of the day is the truly spectacular Cliffs of Moher, Ireland's most visited natural attraction.



Day 9: Southern Peninsulas

Explore the Southern Peninsulas, laying from South Kerry to West Cork. This is great walking country, with long-distance trails and circular routes across the region. Try paddle-boarding, landing on a deserted archipelago, taking a cable car with the ocean crashing below, visiting an abandoned copper mine, or star-gazing under Ireland's darkest skies.



Day 10: Killarney National Park

Visit the Killarney National Park nestled around the lakes of Killarney at the foot of McGillicuddy's Reeks, the highest mountain range in Ireland. Explore Muckross House & Gardens, Muckross Abbey, Torc Waterfall and Ross Castle, all nearby, before heading to the town of Kenmare, famous for its Golf Courses, gourmet food, tranquillity and breath-taking scenery.



Day 11: The Haven Coast

Enjoy The Haven Coast with a visit to colourful Kinsale. The picturesque heritage town boasts narrow, winding streets lined with irresistible artsy shops, buzzing bars and gourmet restaurants, all set in a beautiful harbour full of bobbing fishing boards and pleasure yachts.



Day 12: Dungarvan - Waterford

Start your day at Lismore Castle, built in the 13th Century in a Gothic style by King John. Head to the coastal town and harbour of Dungarvan before making your way to Ireland's oldest city, Waterford. It was founded by the Vikings over 1,100 years ago and is home to the legendary Waterford Crystal Visitor Centre, a world leader in the manufacture of crystal.



Day 13: Kilkenny Sightseeing

Discover the true beauty of Ireland on this trip to the monastic site of Kilkenny, home to the Anglo-Norman 12th century Kilkenny Castle on the River Nore. Follow Ireland's Medieval Mile through the town from the riverside castle park to the 13th century cathedral. After exploring indulge in the town's offering of contemporary shops or vibrant restaurants.



Day 14: Wicklow Mountains National Park

Return to Dublin via the natural beauty of the Wicklow Mountains National Park. Enjoy the rolling hills featured in many blockbuster movies and visit St. Kevin's which will provide you with an insight into the workings of an early Christian monastery. Back in Dublin, end your trip with a bang and enjoy a typical Irish show (3 course meal, dance and music show).



Day 15: Departure

Unfortunately, it is now time to leave Ireland. Return to the airport and join your flight home.