

## Killarney & the Ring of Kerry



Gap of Dunloe

*Still our most popular Irish tour offering a 4 star hotel in the centre of Killarney, nightly entertainment, a traditional jaunting car ride & lake cruise, and the spectacular Ring of Kerry.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Take the ferry from South Wales to Rosslare, and overnight in Wexford or Waterford.

**Day 2:** Allow time to explore the Viking City of **Waterford** with its impressive collection of museums and the visitor centre at Waterford Crystal, or head west into Co. Cork, with the chance of a tipple at Old Jameson's Whiskey Distillery, a taste of Titanic history at Cobh Harbour, or a kiss of the Blarney Stone, before arriving in **Killarney** for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Of the many highlights to enjoy on a free day in Killarney, a **traditional jaunting car ride** through the National Park followed by a **scenic lake cruise** are two of the best. A regular winner of Ireland's Tidy Town competition, Killarney is a great place to explore, whilst nearby Muckross House, a handsome hunting lodge with a royal history, is well worth a visit.

**Day 4:** For many visitors, the **Ring of Kerry** is the highlight of this tour. Formed during the last ice age, this picturesque peninsula with its traditional villages, lush countryside and ocean views, makes it a wonderful coastal drive.

**Day 5:** From Killarney it's possible to visit the beautiful thatched cottages at Adare, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park or the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens, before arriving in Dublin for your final overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Catch the morning ferry from Dublin to Holyhead, and complete the journey home.



### Killarney Towers Hotel

★★★★★

A superbly appointed hotel occupying a prime position in Killarney.

- 182 Bedrooms
- Lift

Exclusive to Action Tours

## Delightful Dingle Bay with Dolphins



*A return of this tour to Co. Kerry combining entertainment with exciting day tours including a unique boat cruise and dolphin watching experience around Dingle Bay.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel by ferry from South Wales to Rosslare, and head on to Waterford for an overnight stay at Dooley's Hotel located on the quayside in the centre of town.

**Day 2:** Travel on to Co. Cork, home of legendary Blarney Castle where it's possible to kiss the Blarney Stone in search of the gift of eloquence. Continue into **Co. Kerry** and on to the market town of **Castleisland**, your base for the next 3 nights.

**Day 3:** Today the choice is yours. Spend the day in Killarney with its many excellent tourist attractions, or if the sun's shining discover more of Co. Kerry's beautiful scenery. The Ring of Kerry and Beara Peninsula are both well worth exploring.

**Day 4:** A full day on the **Dingle Peninsula**. Enjoy a scenic clockwise tour of this precious Irish landscape with ancient beehive huts surrounded by an intricate coastline - a region that has captivated poets, writers and filmmakers for generations. This afternoon there's a special treat in store: a **scenic boat tour and dolphin-watching excursion** around Dingle Bay.

**Day 5:** From Kerry, travel up to **Dublin** with time to get a good taste of Ireland's cosmopolitan capital with excellent sightseeing, museums and galleries, shops and cafes to enjoy. Take a final overnight stay close to the city centre.

**Day 6:** Catch the morning ferry from Dublin to Holyhead, and continue your journey home.



### River Island Hotel ★★★★★

A family-run hotel at the heart of Castleisland, a typical Kerry market town.

- 52 Bedrooms
- Lift

Exclusive to Action Tours

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Dingle Bay Boat Cruise & Dolphin Watching Experience
- Nightly entertainment (Castleisland)
- Free drink with dinner (Castleisland)

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £389**

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £309**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £339**

## Shannon Surprise & River Cruise



Lough Derg Cruise

*Explore timeless Tipperary and the Shannon Region on a guided river cruise plus day tours to Limerick and Clare, with traditional Irish storytelling, live music & local entertainment included.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Ferry from South Wales to Rosslare and on to an overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Discover Co. Tipperary, with its historic walled towns, fabulous fortresses and riverside scenery. Explore **Cahir**, a small heritage town with its own castle built on an island in the River Suir, or the dramatic **Rock of Cashel** that overlooks the Plains of Tipperary. Continue to the Lakeside Hotel in Killaloe, your base for the next 3 nights.

**Day 3:** Visit Co. Limerick with a visit to the **Foynes Flying Boat Museum**, a unique chapter in the country's aviation history. Enjoy the attached Maritime Museum and if it's to your taste why not sample a traditional Irish Coffee, which was actually invented here at Foynes. This afternoon board the Spirit of Killaloe for a **scenic cruise on lovely Lough Derg**, part of the River Shannon's extensive water course.

**Day 4:** Discover Co. Clare, starting at **Bunratty** with its beautifully preserved medieval castle & adjoining folk park, Blarney Woollen Mills and Ireland's oldest pub. Continue to the coast to discover the mighty Cliffs of Moher, standing 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean and if time allows there's the Burren National Park.

**Day 5:** Time for a look at **Limerick City** this morning, birthplace of Sir Terry Wogan and Richard Harris and that famous 5 line poem! Or head straight on to Dublin for the chance to explore Ireland's capital before a final overnight stay within easy reach of Dublin port.

**Day 6:** Ferry from Dublin to Holyhead, and home.



### Lakeside Hotel ★★★★★

A stunning family run, independent hotel in Killaloe, with landscaped gardens on the edge of Lough Derg.

- 43 Bedrooms
- Ground floor bedrooms
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Nightly entertainment (Killaloe)
- Lough Derg Cruise ➤ Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £389**

## The Wonders of West Cork



**NEW!**



Kinsale

*Based in the pretty town of Rosscarbery in West Cork, this hotel is ideally placed to explore this beautiful corner of Ireland.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Ferry from South Wales to Rosslare and onto an overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Travel to Co. Cork with a visit to **Cobh**, the final port of call for the Titanic before she met her fate in 1912. Continue to Rosscarbery your base for the next 3 nights.

**Day 3:** A leisurely morning before a guided walk of **Rosscarbery** town with tea/coffee and biscuits on arrival back at the hotel. The remainder of today could be at leisure or you could head to the popular harbour town of Bantry.

**Day 4:** Visit the vibrant city of **Cork** for shopping and sightseeing amongst the colourful buildings on the banks of the river. In the afternoon drive to **Kinsale**, a medieval fishing port and one of the most picturesque in the country. Join your **included boat cruise** for the spectacular view of the beautiful natural harbour with tea & biscuits served during your cruise. Free time will be given to explore the town before returning to the hotel.

**Day 5:** Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way towards your last overnight. A stop can be made in **Blarney**, home to Blarney Woollen Mills, which offers the best range of genuine Irish products. For the more adventurous a visit could be made to the nearby castle, and the famous Blarney Stone, where you could take part in the long-standing tradition of kissing the stone to receive 'the gift of eloquence'.

**Day 6:** After breakfast catch the morning ferry to South Wales and complete your journey home.



### Celtic Ross Hotel ★★★★★

Superbly situated overlooking Rosscarbery Bay and just a few minutes' walk from the town centre, this hotel offers a great standard of accommodation.

- 66 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Guided walk of Rosscarbery and refreshments
- Entertainment on 1 night in Rosscarbery
- Leisure and Spa facilities ➤ Boat cruise in Kinsale

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £309**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £329**



## Carlow & Kilkenny Cracker



*A perfect short break at Celtic Carlow's excellent Seven Oaks Hotel, with Altamont's garden delights, a road-train trip & beer tour in Kilkenny and musical entertainment on three nights!*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel by ferry to Dublin, before a short journey to Carlow for a 3 night stay.

*Tonight's Entertainment: Traditional Irish Music in the hotel bar.*

**Day 2:** Time to explore **Carlow**, a peaceful riverside town boasting a strong Celtic heritage, with its cathedral, courthouse, museum and Visual Arts Centre. After lunch discover **delightful Altamont Gardens**, one of the most romantic settings in Ireland. It's a charming blend of formal and informal styles, with an impressive rose collection and a parade of ancient oaks leading to an Ice Age Glen.

*Tonight's Entertainment: Free admission to the hotel's dancing club.*

**Day 3:** For many people **Kilkenny** is the greatest city in Ireland, a medieval time capsule built around its magnificent castle and recently named Ireland's Tidiest Town. Get your bearings and see the sights aboard the **local road train** before a memorable visit to **Smithwicks Brewery** for a tour and tasting of this favourite Irish beer.

*Tonight's Entertainment: Candlelit Dinner Dance at the hotel.*

**Day 4:** Leaving Carlow today, either spend time exploring the many highlights of Co. Kildare or travel on to Dublin for a day in Ireland's absorbing capital city. Indulge in sightseeing, shopping or the many museums and galleries on offer before heading on to your final overnight stay close to the city.

**Day 5:** Catch the morning ferry back to Holyhead and head for home.



### Seven Oaks Hotel ★★★★★

A lovely, independently-owned hotel retaining its old world character.

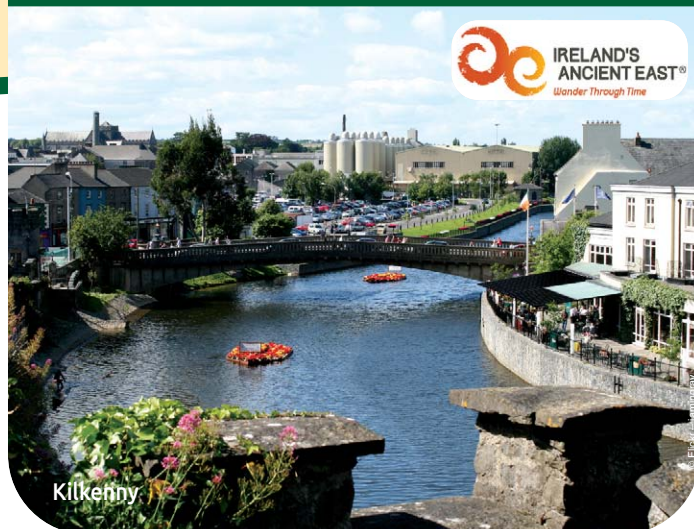
- 89 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Kilkenny Road Train
- Altamont Gardens ➤ Smithwicks Brewery
- Entertainment on 3 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £299**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £309**

## Waterford's Triple Crown inc. Kilkenny & Co. Wexford



*A short break to Ireland's South East for three of the best with Viking Waterford, the Dunbrody Famine Ship and the cobbled streets and medieval town of Kilkenny.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to South Wales for the ferry crossing to Rosslare, and travel to Waterford for a 4 night stay at the Dooley's Hotel.

**Day 2: Waterford** was established by the Vikings in the 9th Century and has become the capital of Ireland's sunny South East. Enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic city, visit the city's museums and the world-famous Waterford Crystal and its visitor centre. Alternatively, take the Copper Coast route through a national Geo-park with fine ocean views and fishing villages, whilst the walled gardens at Lismore Castle and the Jameson Whiskey Experience near Midleton may also tempt you!

**Day 3: Co. Wexford** has so much to discover. The JFK Arboretum is a permanent memorial to America's assassinated president with a wonderful collection of trees and shrubs. In nearby **New Ross**, you will find the **Dunbrody Famine Ship** and the Ros Tapestry which is an intricately woven history of Ireland's past and a fascinating curiosity.

**Day 4: Kilkenny** is a well-preserved medieval town, popular with tourists and with many original features. The best way to initially explore Kilkenny and its historic sights is on an included ride on a **Kilkenny Road Train**. Sit back and relax as it makes its way through the narrow streets to reveal the abbey, cathedral and many other highlights. This afternoon, explore the town, the castle and for a unique and fascinating tour, why not visit Smithwick's Brewery.

**Day 5:** Morning ferry back to South Wales and head for home.

**Please see page 15 for a new 'Wonders of Waterford' tour in March, April & October.**



### Dooley's Hotel ★★★

A very popular, family-run hotel offering excellent service in the centre of Waterford.

- 113 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Welcome drink
- Musical entertainment on one night ➤ Dunbrody Famine Ship
- Kilkenny Road Train

**May to Sep: Prices from: £269**



## Dublin & Wicklow 'River & Rail'



*Our popular themed break to the East Coast brings you an exciting look at Ireland's seaside, city and countryside with a guided scenic rail journey, river cruise and entertainment.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Holyhead for the ferry to Dublin, and on to Bray for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** A day exploring Co. Wicklow could start with a visit to the lovely village of Enniskerry and Powerscourt House and Gardens, considered one of the world's greatest gardens, with international collections, ornate statuary, inspired designs and magnificent views of Sugarloaf Mountain. Continue through the Wicklow National Park to the enchanting monastic site at Glendalough.

**Day 3:** Begin today with a journey on **Ireland's oldest railway**, following the coast from Bray to Dublin. Accompanied by a local tour guide you'll enjoy a panorama of city, coast and countryside as the DART train carries you to the seaside resort of Malahide, where tea and scones will be served. This afternoon, you could include a visit to Malahide Castle.

**Day 4:** What better place to begin your day in **Dublin** than on the River Liffey, with a **boat cruise through the heart of the capital**. A detailed commentary brings the city's history to life as you discover some of the major landmarks including Ha'penny Bridge and Customs House. Enjoy a free afternoon in Dublin's many galleries, museums, shops and cafes.

**Day 5:** Wave goodbye to Ireland on the morning ferry back to Holyhead, and home.

**This itinerary can also be based at the Royal Hotel in Bray – call us for package details and prices.**



### Esplanade Hotel ★★

A seafront hotel located in Bray and restored to its Victorian elegance.

- 94 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Seasonal welcome drink
- Entertainment on 1 night
- Irish coffee after dinner on the last night ➤ Coastal rail journey
- Tour Guide & tea/scones ➤ River Liffey cruise ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £309**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £319**

## Eastern Ireland Explorer – Castles and Kings



Trim Castle

*Castles and kings, Hollywood heroes, battles and a Dublin guided tour all feature in this lovely short break.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel by Ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and continue on to Co. Meath for a 3-night stay at the Trim Castle Hotel.  
*Welcome drink upon arrival.*

**Day 2:** Step back into Ireland's past today starting with a visit to the **Boyne Valley & Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre**, on the site where a brutal encounter between King James II and William of Orange in 1690 forged the country's future. Head down the coast to **Malahide Castle**, a 12th Century fortress and family home shrouded in mystery and reputedly haunted by five ghosts.

**Day 3:** Today we head to **Slane Castle**. Enjoy a **guided tour** and learn about the heritage and history of the Conyngham family and the building, before heading to the Jack Daniel's owned **Slane Distillery**. Included is a **guided tour of the distillery** before experiencing the taste of the signature, triple-casked blend, Slane Irish Whiskey. Return to **Trim** with time to explore this heritage town with its impressive Norman castle featured in the Hollywood blockbuster Braveheart.  
*Entertainment this evening is a lighthearted but professional lesson in playing the Irish Tin Whistle.*

**Day 4:** Head into Dublin for free time for sightseeing or shopping before overnighing south of the city centre.

**Day 5:** Catch the morning ferry back to Holyhead and home.

**Please note that extended 4 night stays can also be arranged at the Trim Castle Hotel.**



### Trim Castle Hotel ★★

A relaxing, modern hotel in the centre of Trim heritage town overlooking the castle.

- 68 Bedrooms • Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Welcome drink
- Entertainment on 1 night ➤ Malahide Castle
- Guided tour of Slane Castle ➤ Guided tour of Slane Distillery
- Boyne Valley & Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £319**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £329**

## Ireland's Grand Parade - St Patrick's Day Specials



Join the festival atmosphere on the biggest day in Ireland's calendar, **St Patrick's Day**, on 17th March when the nation revels in all things Irish. Pageantry, carnivals and free entertainment are on show across Dublin and do not miss the crowning event, the St Patrick's Festival Parade. You will be entertained by an awesome display of creative talent as the parade snakes its way through the centre of the city. International and Irish marching bands join performers, dancers and street theatre to present a wonderful spectacle.

**If you prefer, celebrate the occasion in other Irish destinations, including Waterford and Killarney. Call us for details and prices.**

### Esplanade Hotel ★★

A seafront hotel in Bray restored to its Victorian elegance.

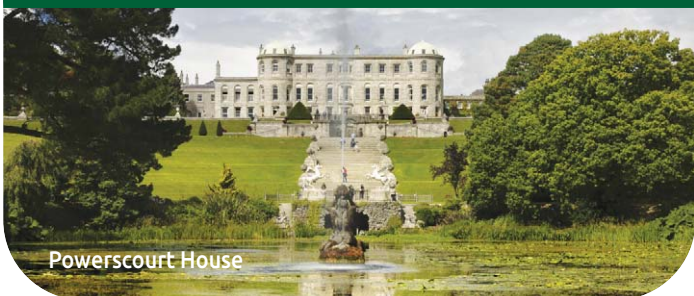
- 94 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB
- Return Ferry
- Welcome drink
- Traditional Irish dinner
- Entertainment on 2 nights

Mar: Prices from: £286

## Ireland's Great Gardens



Powerscourt House

Visit Co. Wicklow, known as the 'Garden of Ireland', where centuries of gardening expertise have created treasured gardens from the decorative to the wild and exotic, including Powerscourt, Mount Usher, Kilruddery, the Japanese Gardens at Kildare and the National Botanic Gardens.

**Highlights include:** Powerscourt House & Gardens, a world champion The riverside splendour of Mount Usher Gardens • Afternoon Tea at the hotel • Guest lecture/show on either gardening or flower arranging followed by coffee and biscuits at the hotel • Complimentary Irish Coffee on the last night at the hotel

### Esplanade Hotel ★★

A seafront hotel in Bray restored to its Victorian elegance.

- 94 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Return Ferry
- Inclusions as above

Jun to Sep: Prices from: £309

## Killarney Seasonal Specials



Muckross House

Just the ticket for a great value Irish tour. **Killarney** is one of the most popular resorts in Ireland with a very friendly atmosphere and surrounded by magnificent scenery. Staying in the centre of town at the fabulous 4 star Killarney Towers Hotel with lovely leisure facilities, a free drink with dinner and nightly entertainment, this certainly is a break to savour. Excursions could include the Ring of Kerry; Tralee & the Dingle Peninsula, Jaunting Car Ride & Lake Cruise (included in your tour), Muckross House, Gardens & Traditional Farm, Kenmare & the Beara Peninsula.

### Killarney Towers Hotel

★★★★

An excellent hotel in the heart of Killarney.

- 182 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Free Drink with dinner each night (Killarney)
- Jaunting car ride & lake cruise
- Entertainment & Leisure facilities (Killarney)

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £299

## Wonders of Waterford - a fabulous new seasonal short break



**NEW!**

Waterford

Staying in the historic city of Waterford you'll discover hidden gems in this lovely part of Ireland. To make the most of your stay we have included a guided tour of Waterford and a visit to Waterford Crystal. Visit Kilkenny, which is for many people the greatest city in Ireland. It is a medieval time capsule built around its magnificent castle and to help you get your bearings and see the best of the city we have included a trip aboard a local road train.

**Hotel inclusions:** Glass of wine, beer or soft drink with dinner each night • Musical Entertainment on 2 nights

### Dooleys Hotel ★★

A very popular family run hotel offering excellent service in the centre of Waterford.

- 113 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB
- Return Ferry
- Guided Tour of Waterford
- Waterford Crystal
- Kilkenny Road Train
- Hotel inclusions as above

Mar, Apr & Oct: Prices from: £279



## Rails, Sails & Secret Gardens – an Irish Coastal Corker



*A new look at Ireland's South Coast in all its glory with a scenic train ride to Mount Congreve Gardens, elegant Fota House and the heritage harbour towns of Cobh and Kinsale.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to South Wales for the afternoon ferry to Rosslare. Travel to Waterford for an overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Join the **Waterford & Suir Valley Railway** for a journey along the banks of the River Suir. Arrive at **Mount Congreve**, one of the world's largest private gardens whose owner Ambrose Congreve won 13 gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. Why not include a whiskey tour at the Jameson Experience before 3 nights at the Midleton Park Hotel, Co. Cork.

**Day 3:** Discover **Fota House**, a Regency-style great country house surrounded by its own arboretum, a beautiful orangery and formal walled gardens. Then head to **Cobh**, a tiny fishing village with a big history made famous as the last port of call for RMS Titanic.

**Day 4:** Enjoy the spectacular scenery and pretty towns of the Gulf Stream Coast, sculptured by the Ice Age and lapped by the warm waters of the Gulf Stream. Include **Kinsale**, Ireland's 'gourmet capital' and a popular centre for sailing overlooked by historic Charles Fort.

**Day 5:** Another impressive scenic drive along the Copper Coast, a protected Geo Park with sweeping ocean views. Visit the historic town of **Dungarvan** or continue to **Waterford** for free time exploring Ireland's oldest city before a final overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Following breakfast, travel to Rosslare for the return ferry crossing to South Wales, and home.



**Midleton Park Hotel** ★★★★★  
Only ten miles from Cork City, the Midleton Park Hotel is elegant and welcoming.

- 79 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- Mount Congreve Gardens
- Fota House & Gardens

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £379**

## Bantry and the Gulf Stream Coast



*Explore West Cork's coast and countryside while staying in the charming harbour town of Bantry. Take a boat trip to Garnish Island and visit Mizen Head, Ireland's southernmost point.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Catch the afternoon ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and stay overnight close to the city.

**Day 2:** Head down to **Bantry** via Co. Kildare with its rich pastures and record-breaking racehorses, and Co. Tipperary with its heritage towns and historic sites. Enjoy a 3 night stay at the Maritime Hotel in the centre of Bantry, perfectly placed for exploring the region's highlights.

**Day 3:** **Bantry** is a popular fishing harbour renowned for its mussels and watched over by the Georgian splendour of Bantry House with its panoramic views of the bay. Take the pretty drive down to the coast at **Mizen Head** and try to spot Fastnet Rock, known as 'Ireland's Teardrop'.

**Day 4:** The gorgeous scenery of **Beara Peninsula** is steeped in myth and legend. The Ring of Beara coastal route passes traditional fishing villages and sandy bays round to Bantry Bay. At Glengarriff catch the **ferry to Garnish Island** to find its idyllic Italianate garden.

**Day 5:** Discover more of Ireland's southern shores as you travel east via Cork and Youghal towards Waterford. If time allows follow the Copper Coast route via Dungarvan for more superb ocean views. From Waterford head on to Wexford for an overnight stay conveniently situated within easy reach of Rosslare Port.

**Day 6:** Catch the morning ferry to South Wales and complete your journey home.

**Please note that space is also available at the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry.**



**Maritime Hotel** ★★★★★  
This hotel offers stylish, contemporary accommodation overlooking Bantry Bay.

- 110 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Bantry Bay boat trip & Garnish Island
- Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £319**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £349**



# Ultimate Ireland – the 11 day Grand Tour



*A once in a lifetime visit to the Emerald Isle! Enjoy the opportunity to see Ireland from top to bottom, from the Antrim Coast & the Giants Causeway, Donegal and Galway to fabulous Killarney & the Ring of Kerry (3\* & 4\* packages available).*



## Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Head to **Belfast** for a 2 night stay, either via Holyhead & Dublin or from Cairnryan.

**Day 2:** We recommend a Guided City Tour to explore Northern Ireland's buzzing capital city that stands on the banks of the River Lagan, and where history's most famous ship, RMS Titanic, was built.

**Day 3:** Drive the breathtaking **Antrim Coast Road** to the world-famous **Giant's Causeway**. Continue along the scenic north coast and then down via Derry to Donegal for 2 nights.

**Day 4:** Either enjoy a free day in **Donegal** town with its castle, abbey ruins, traditional shops and boat trip around the bay, or drive through glorious Glenveagh National Park to the Atlantic Coast.

**Day 5:** Leave Donegal and our journey pauses at Mullaghmore where Lord Mountbatten died in a bomb explosion in 1979. Continue into **Galway** with a short stop to explore the city known as the 'City of Tribes' which has a fascinating, cultural and maritime history, before arriving in Ennistymon, Co. Clare for your next 2 nights.

**Day 6:** Today discover the **Cliffs of Moher** and the **Burren**. You could include a Cliffs of Moher Cruise or visits could be made to the Burren Visitor Centre and the official Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre for breath taking views 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

**Day 7:** You'll find the medieval masterpiece of Bunratty Castle en route to **Limerick**, birthplace of broadcasting legend Terry Wogan and actor Richard Harris or visit **Adare** and the Foynes Flying Boat Museum before reaching Killarney, your base for the next 3 nights.

**Day 8:** Enjoy a free day in **Killarney**, where you can ride on a traditional jaunting car and a pleasure cruise on Lough Leane. Muckross House is delightful, and once played host to Queen Victoria.

**Day 9:** The **Ring of Kerry**, with its magnificent coast and countryside, is the best known scenic drive in Ireland. The Beara and Dingle peninsulas offer excellent alternatives and the scenery is equally spectacular; each can easily be reached from Killarney.

If you require a Weekly Rest Period for your driver during this tour, we can arrange coach hire. Call us for details and prices.

**Day 10:** It's a short drive to **Co. Cork**, with the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone or visit Cobh Harbour, the final port of call for RMS Titanic. Head north to Co. Tipperary, with its imposing fortress, the Rock of Cashel, and on to the Fair City of Dublin with a host of landmarks, shops and eateries to suit all tastes and appetites. Enjoy a final overnight close to Dublin.

**Day 11:** All aboard the Dublin ferry for your return journey to Holyhead, and home.

**OPTION:** If South Wales is your preferred route home, why not spend your final overnight in Wexford instead, allowing more time to explore Ireland's southern coast - the choice is yours.



Rock of Cashel

## 3 star tour Includes:

- 10 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Porterage
- Full Irish breakfast ➤ 3 Course / 3 Choice dinner & tea/coffee
- Entertainment (Donegal, Killarney)

## 4 star tour Includes:

- 10 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Porterage ➤ Full Irish breakfast
- 3 Course / 3 Choice dinner & tea/coffee
- Entertainment and Leisure facilities (Donegal, Killarney)

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £549**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £599**

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £589**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £679**



## Outstanding Northern Ireland



Giants Causeway

*Our popular five day tour to Northern Ireland brings you Belfast, birthplace of Titanic, the Giants Causeway, Antrim Coast scenic drive and the delightful scenery of County Down.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel from either Cairnryan or Holyhead, and make your way to Belfast for a 4 night stay at the Stormont Hotel.

**Day 2:** Northern Ireland's capital **Belfast** has become increasingly popular as a touring destination for groups. Begin with a **guided tour through the city's four 'quarters'**, taking in the many highlights including City Hall, Queens University, the Opera House and the Botanic Gardens. This afternoon either enjoy free time to explore the city for yourself, or pre-book a visit to one of the leading local attractions such as Crumlin Road Gaol, Titanic Belfast or the Ulster Folk & Transport Museum.

**Day 3:** For one of the most remarkable ocean drives take the **Antrim Coast Road** with its unspoilt views of the Irish Sea and Glens of Antrim. Arrive at the **Giant's Causeway**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** famous for its unique volcanic stone pillars and shrouded in folklore and fairytales.

**Day 4:** Begin your day tour of Co. Down with a drive through the **Ards Peninsula**. Mount Stewart House & Gardens is recommended, or head straight down to Portaferry for the quick ferry crossing to Strangford. Spend time in **Downpatrick** visiting the **St Patricks Centre** and the cathedral, the official burial site of Ireland's Patron saint, or carry on to the Mountains of Mourne.

**Day 5:** Time for the return ferry either from Belfast or Dublin, and your journey home.



**Stormont Hotel ★★★★★**

A stylish hotel in Belfast, opposite the grounds of the Parliament Building.

- 105 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Giants Causeway
- Guided Belfast City Tour

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £329**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £339**

## Northern Ireland's Tapestries & Thrones



Glenarm Castle Garden

*A rare opportunity to take tea at Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence, explore delightful Glenarm Castle Gardens, discover Belfast and uncover the history of Irish linen.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Catch the ferry from Holyhead or Cairnryan, and head on to the Dunadry Hotel near Antrim for a 4 night stay.

**Day 2:** There's a treat in store today with a rare visit to the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland, **Hillsborough Castle**. After a guided tour of this elegant mansion and gardens including the majestic throne room, morning tea will be served in one of the staterooms. Explore Hillsborough town itself with its Georgian architecture and visitor centre with an original courtroom exhibit. Finish the day with a tour of **Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum**, a short distance away in Lisburn.

**Day 3:** A day in the fascinating and industrious city of **Belfast** offers a wide range of attractions to suit all tastes. Choose from City Hall, the Botanical Gardens, Ulster Museum, Titanic Belfast, Crumlin Road Gaol and the National Trust owned Crown Liquor Saloon and many more.

**Day 4:** Head up through the Glens of Antrim to visit the delightful **Walled Garden at Glenarm Castle**. Originally designed to supply produce for the castle table, the garden is now filled with exciting flowers and specimen plants adding great colour to this charming setting. Continue along the Antrim Coast Road for magnificent sea views.

**Day 5:** Ferry from Belfast or Dublin, and complete the journey home.



**Dunadry Hotel ★★★★★**

Once home to paper and linen mills, this elegant hotel has a fascinating past.

- 83 Bedrooms
- Ground floor bedrooms
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Hillsborough Castle – guided tour and morning tea
- Irish Linen Centre & Lisburn Museum ➤ Glenarm Castle Gardens
- Welcome tea/coffee & shortbread at hotel ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £329**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £336**



## The Causeway Coaster



*This exciting tour to the Northern shores of Ireland includes Michael Palin's coastal rail journey to the Giants Causeway, plus guided tours of Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel from Holyhead to Dublin, and overnight accommodation.

**Day 2:** Drive north through the counties of Meath, Louth and Monaghan to Tyrone. Enjoy the beauty of the lake scenery that surrounds Enniskillen or the wooded landscape of The Sperrins before arriving in Buncrana for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Today's guided tour starts with a scenic drive around the **Inishowen Peninsula** to Malin Head, the northernmost point in Ireland. Next to **Derry** on the banks of the River Foyle, the only completely walled city in Ireland and enjoying its recent status as UK City of Culture.

**Day 4:** Explore Donegal, beginning with a trip through the **Glenveagh National Park** under the shadow of imposing Mount Errigal. The county is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on three sides, providing spectacular sea views as you drive along its coastline. The west of Donegal has a significant Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) region where customs, traditions, skills and language have been preserved for centuries.

**Day 5:** Michael Palin described the **train journey from Londonderry to Coleraine** as "one of the most beautiful rail journeys in the world". The track runs alongside stunning beaches, through Ireland's longest railway tunnels and past historic landmarks. The **Giants Causeway**, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is just a short drive away. Head to Belfast for an overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Catch the ferry to Cairnryan, and home.



### Inishowen Gateway Hotel

★★★

A modern hotel with panoramic sea views over Lough Swilly and the fabulous beach.

- 80 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Full Day Guided Tour of Inishowen & Derry
- Scenic Rail Journey (Derry to Coleraine) ➤ Giants Causeway
- Entertainment on 2 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

## Ireland's Hidden Treasure - Fermanagh Lakelands



*This landscape of crystal clear lakes adorned with islands and peninsulas makes the perfect retreat. Stay in an elegant 18th Century manor house and enjoy a sunset dinner cruise.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Take the afternoon ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and continue onto your overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Spend this morning exploring **Dublin** before heading north through the ancient landscapes of Navan and Cavan, to the lakeland county of Fermanagh for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** This morning we head to the fabulous **Blessingbourne Country Estate** for a guided tour of the house and gardens with its fascinating history, by the lady of the manor. We finish the tour with tea and homemade scones. This evening, enjoy one of the highlights of the tour, a sunset dinner cruise on lovely Lough Erne.

**Day 4:** Relax in the hotel before a visit to the **Ulster American Folk Park**, one of the country's major museums. Here you'll experience the epic story of Ireland's emigration from the thatched cottages of Ulster to the American Frontier, brought to life through costumed re-enactments. This afternoon visit **Belleek Pottery**, Ireland's oldest pottery having produced delicate Parian china for over 150 years.

**Day 5:** **Enniskillen** is built on a natural island between Upper and Lower Lough Erne. Include a visit to its prominent castle, home to the Royal Fusiliers, or discover a collection of arts and crafts boutiques in the Buttermarket. Travel back to Dublin for a final overnight.

**Day 6:** Catch the morning ferry from Dublin back to Holyhead and home.



### Manor House Country Hotel ★★★★★

A former manor house combining traditional elegance with modern facilities in Killadeas.

- 81 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Sunset dinner cruise
- Entertainment on one night ➤ Belleek Pottery
- Ulster American Folk Park
- Blessingbourne Estate (including tea & scones) ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £299**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £339**

**May to Sep: Prices from: £379**



## Donegal Bay



*A tour based in the heart of Donegal town with visits to Glenveagh National Park, the Atlantic Coast and Ireland's oldest pottery.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Lunchtime ferry to Dublin and an overnight stay close to the city.

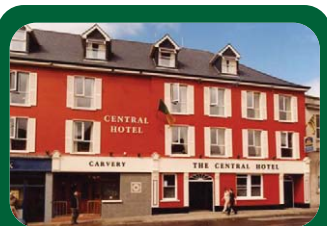
**Day 2:** Head through historic Co. Meath, home to the High Kings of Ireland in the 12th Century, and onto Enniskillen. Continue to **Belleek Pottery** for a tour of the factory that has produced delicate Parian china since 1857. Arrive in Donegal for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Spend a day in **Donegal** exploring the ruined Abbey of the Four Masters and Donegal Castle on the banks of the River Eske, or try on some Irish tweeds at Magee's. After lunch why not take a scenic cruise around Donegal Bay.

**Day 4:** A full day excursion around Co. Donegal, starts at **Glenveagh National Park** with a visit to its romantic lakeside castle and gardens. The North West contains an official Gaeltacht region with proud cultural traditions and a strong musical heritage. Local artists include Clannad, Enya, Westlife and Daniel O'Donnell who has a visitor centre celebrating his record-breaking career. The surrounding coastal scenery is breath taking with some of the world's tallest sea cliffs.

**Day 5:** Head back down to Dublin, Ireland's capital city, for free time shopping, sightseeing or more live entertainment from the street performers and buskers at Temple Bar. Overnight nearby.

**Day 6:** Morning ferry to Holyhead, and home.



**Central Hotel** ★★  
Family-run hotel overlooking the main square in Donegal.

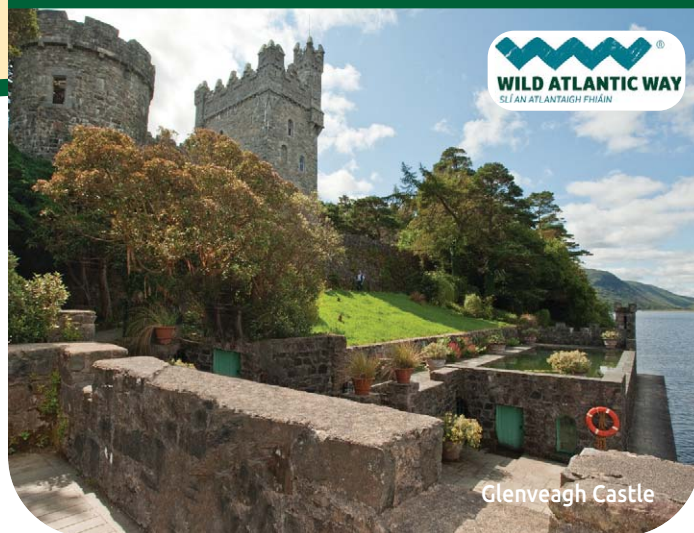
- 115 Bedrooms
- Lift

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Glenveagh Castle & Gardens
- Belleek Pottery ➤ Nightly entertainment
- Leisure facilities (Donegal)

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £309**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £319**

## Ireland's Coasts & Castles



Glenveagh Castle

*Explore Ireland's magnificent northern coastline from the cliffs and coves of Co. Antrim to the spectacular seascapes of Co. Donegal, together with some truly romantic castles!*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel to Ireland from Holyhead or Cairnryan and complete the journey to your very own castle by the sea and an overnight stay at the Ballygally Castle Hotel.

**Day 2:** Begin today with one of the most rewarding coastal drives in Ireland as you travel up the Antrim Coast to the legendary **Giants Causeway**. Discover Dunluce Castle, precariously perched on a cliff edge, before heading to Co. Donegal for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** A day in **Donegal** can include a visit to the well-preserved castle, abbey ruins or the shops and cafe's in the town's 'Diamond', followed by a water-bus boat trip around the bay. Alternatively head to Co. Sligo, eulogised in the poetry of WB Yeats.

**Day 4:** Discover the delightful coast and countryside of Co. Donegal, beginning with a trip to **Glenveagh Castle**. It lies half hidden in woodland at the edge of a lake in a protected national park that is home to the largest herd of red deer in Ireland. Head on to the dramatic west coast then down through the Blue Stack Mountains before returning to Letterkenny.

**Day 5:** Take the opportunity to visit Belleek Pottery, the oldest working pottery in Ireland, before arriving in Enniskillen on the edge of Upper and Lower Loch Erne. Head to Trim crowned by its striking Norman Castle used in the film 'Braveheart' and continue to the outskirts of Dublin for your overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Morning ferry to Holyhead, and home.



**Clanree Hotel** ★★  
A modern hotel on the outskirts of the commercial centre of Letterkenny.

- 120 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Giants Causeway
- Glenveagh National Park Visitor Centre, castle tour & transfers
- Leisure facilities (Letterkenny)

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £359**



## Westport, Galway & Charming Connemara



Kylemore Abbey

*Award-winning Westport on the edge of Clew Bay is surrounded by magnificent scenery and provides excellent opportunities for day tours including a trip to Galway City with a boat cruise.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and onto your overnight.

**Day 2:** Travel west via Mullingar, Longford and Strokestown Park House, a 19th century estate containing the Irish National Famine Museum. Continue to the Castlecourt Hotel in **Westport** for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Scenic day tour to **Connemara** via Louisburgh for breath taking views of the islands and Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain. Continue through the haunting beauty of the Doo Lough Valley, to the picturesque village of Leenane. Take the coast road to Killary Harbour, at the start of Ireland's only fjord. Close by is **Kylemore Abbey** a neo-gothic castle mirrored in its own lake, which was originally owned by a millionaire and is now run by Benedictine nuns.

**Day 4:** Make your way to **Galway City**, famous for its maritime history. This afternoon enjoy one of the highlights of the tour, a lovely lake cruise aboard the **Corrib Princess**, with full commentary and tasty tea and scones.

**Day 5:** From Westport, call in at the **Museum of Country Life** with its modern exhibition galleries set in the grounds of Turlough Park House and surrounded by magnificent gardens. Complete the journey to Dublin with time to take in the city sights.

**Day 6:** Morning ferry from Dublin back to Holyhead, and then home.

**Entertainment at the Castlecourt Hotel includes live music each evening plus other events such as cookery demonstrations, historical talks, quizzes and bingo.**



### Castlecourt Hotel ★★★★★

A family-run hotel in Westport, well known for its great facilities and entertainment.

- 148 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Daily activities & entertainment at the hotel ➤ Kylemore Abbey
- Boat cruise in Galway Bay including tea & scones
- National Museum of Country Life ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £389**

## Co. Donegal's Cliffs & Coasts



**NEW!**



*This new tour to Ireland's North West offers a slice of the Wild Atlantic Way. Staying in the seaside resort of Bundoran, explore this region including Lissadell House and Europe's tallest sea cliffs at Slieve League.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and onto your overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Drive up through Cavan and Navan into the fabulous Fermanagh Lakelands before arriving in the beautiful seaside resort of Bundoran for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Today we begin with a visit to **Lissadell House**, an elegant Regency mansion with striking interiors and galleries set in beautiful grounds offering sweeping views of Sligo Bay. Continue to Sligo, crowned the 'Land of Heart's Desire' by WB Yeats, and the beauty of this region explains why he displayed such passion for his homeland. Free time in **Sligo** to explore this pretty town on the banks of the Garravogue River, with its art galleries and literary heritage.

**Day 4:** Make your way to **Donegal** with free time to explore this lovely town. Why not visit the ruined Abbey of the Four Masters, Donegal Castle on the banks of the River Eske, or try on some Irish tweeds at Magee's. Enjoy the highlight of your tour with a trip up to the viewpoint on **Slieve League** to see these incredible sea cliffs soaring 2000ft above the Atlantic – a truly wild and wonderful sight!

**Day 5:** Make your way back to Dublin via Carrick on Shannon, where a leisurely river cruise could make a delightful finale to your tour. Continue to the capital for an overnight stay.

**Day 6:** Morning ferry from Dublin, and home.



### Holyrood Hotel ★★★★★

This attractive and recently refurbished family-run hotel is in a stunning location overlooking the Atlantic Ocean in the centre of Bundoran.

- 78 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Lissadell House
- Slieve League Tour ➤ Leisure facilities
- Tea/coffee and scones on arrival in Bundoran
- Nightly live music and dancing in Bundoran

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £319**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £359**



## Galway and the Aran Islands



*From the bustling city of Galway with its medieval history and cosmopolitan atmosphere, to the woodland paradise of Connemara National Park and the ancient Aran Islands, this hotel offers a perfect base for your tour.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel by ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and on to an overnight stay.

**Day 2:** Arrive in **Galway** before lunch with ample time to explore this cosmopolitan city. Founded by medieval merchants, the city is known as the City of Tribes, a bustling trading and fishing port since the 16th Century and a popular staging post for exhibitions and festivals. From here continue the short distance to the Menlo Park Hotel, situated on the outskirts of the city, and your base for the next 3 nights.

**Day 3:** A wonderful day trip to the **Aran Islands**, located at the mouth of Galway Bay, begins by ferry to Kilronan on Inis Mor. Minibuses then escort you around this ancient island, taking in fantastic sea views and ancient ruins.

**Day 4:** Enjoy a scenic tour of **Connemara National Park**, which consists of 300 hectares of mountains, grasslands and forests. As you explore this wilderness, there are many unique and rare species to discover from orchids to red deer and Connemara ponies.

**Day 5:** From Galway retrace your steps to Dublin breaking your journey in Athlone, home to the famous Irish tenor John McCormack. From here continue onto your last overnight hotel.

**Day 6:** After breakfast, travel by ferry from Dublin to Holyhead and head for home.



**Menlo Park Hotel ★★★★★**  
This award-winning hotel combines old-fashioned hospitality with a modern touch.

- 70 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Excursion to the Aran Islands including return ferry between Rossaveal to Kilronan, and a scenic tour of Inis Mor by minibus

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £349**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £369**

## Western Ireland's Coastal Delights inc. Galway



*The West of Ireland in all its glory including a sea-cruise under the mighty Cliffs of Moher, an ocean drive, a visit to Galway, and the changing landscapes of the Burren.*

### Suggested Itinerary:

**Day 1:** Travel by ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and an overnight stay near the city.

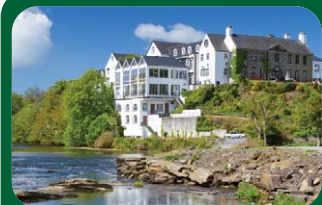
**Day 2:** Head through the rich pastures of Kildare, home to the Irish National Stud, lyrical Limerick and Bunratty, home to Ireland's oldest pub Durty Nelly's, before arriving in **Ennistymon** for a 3 night stay.

**Day 3:** Morning at leisure to enjoy the excellent leisure facilities at the hotel or take a stroll through the attractive grounds that include a delightful, gently cascading waterfall. After lunch, there's a real treat in store with a **Cliffs of Moher Cruise**. Lasting about an hour, the cruise travels beneath these mighty sea cliffs which stand over 700 feet above the ocean. They are home to the largest colony of nesting sea birds in Ireland, including puffins, guillemots and razorbills. Don't forget to keep an eye out for the diverse range of marine life including seals, dolphins and even basking sharks.

**Day 4:** First stop is the **Burren Visitor Centre**, where the natural history of this enchanting region is revealed. Drive through the park to discover prehistoric limestone landscapes sheltering rare species of flora and fauna. Then on to **Galway**, for free time exploring the 'City of Tribes' founded by medieval merchants.

**Day 5:** From Co. Clare it's not a long way to Tipperary and a visit to Cahir heritage town with its well-preserved castle built on a rocky island on the River Suir. Continue to Waterford for time in Ireland's oldest city before a final overnight close to Wexford.

**Day 6:** Ferry from Rosslare to South Wales, and home.



**Falls Hotel ★★★★★**  
This former manor house overlooking the river provides a haven of peace and tranquillity.

- 144 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

### Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry ➤ Welcome drink with dinner
- Entertainment on 1 night ➤ Cliffs of Moher Cruise
- Burren Visitor Centre ➤ Leisure facilities

**Apr & Oct: Prices from: £309**  
**May to Sep: Prices from: £349**