

Ireland & Northern Ireland

The Irish already know how good Ireland is, but now it's your turn to discover this fabulous country! Layered with thousands of years of history, dressed in magnificent scenery and inhabited by the friendliest people, Ireland is a destination not to be missed from your tour programme. UK citizens visiting Ireland will continue to enjoy free movement in accordance with the Common Travel Area arrangements in place, which means that passports are NOT required when travelling to Ireland by sea.



Kylemore Abbey



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Grand Tour of Ireland

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Killarney

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 Giant's 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 breathtaking 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.

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.

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



3 star tour Includes:

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

4 star tour Includes:

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

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £589
May to Sep: Prices from: £654

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £624
May to Sep: Prices from: £714

The Best of Northern Ireland



Titanic Belfast

Our popular five day tour to Northern Ireland brings you Belfast, the birthplace of Titanic; the Giant's Causeway; Antrim Coast scenic drive and the delightful scenery of Co. 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 fairy tales.

Day 4: Begin your day tour of Co. Down with a drive through the **Ards Peninsula**. We have included a visit to the beautiful **Mount Stewart House & Gardens** before continuing to Portaferry for the quick ferry crossing to Strangford. From here it's a short drive to **Downpatrick** where you could visit the **St Patrick 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 ➤ Giant's Causeway
- Guided Belfast City Tour ➤ Mount Stewart House & Gardens

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £359
May to Sep: Prices from: £369

Northern Ireland's Tapestries & Thrones



Hillsborough Castle

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: £349
May to Sep: Prices from: £356

Antrim's Coast & Castles



NEW!

Antrim Coast

A real treat lies in store with this new tour on the spectacular Antrim Coast. Enjoy excellent cuisine and stunning scenery in the comfort of a converted castle.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Catch the ferry from Cairnryan to Belfast, and head on to the Ballygally Castle Hotel for a 4 night stay.

Day 2: Regarded as one of the finest coastal drives in Europe, the Antrim Coast Road passes spectacular scenery centred round the nine Glens of Antrim. Intense volcanic activity created the unique landscape of intricately shaped basalt columns at **Giant's Causeway**, whilst a more romantic legend is that the giant Finn MacCool laid a path across the sea to his lady-love in Scotland. Lunch can be taken here before continuing to **Bushmills**, to visit the oldest distillery in the world.

Day 3: Head south to **Carrickfergus Castle**, one of Northern Ireland's most striking monuments and whether you approach it from land, sea or air, it greets all visitors with its strength and menace. Continue to Belfast, situated at the mouth of the River Lagan which is a handsome city. A tour of the city will take in such sights as the Botanical Gardens, Queen's University and the Waterfront Hall.

Day 4: A rare treat today with a visit to the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland, **Hillsborough Castle**. After a guided tour of this elegant mansion, morning tea will be served, before time to enjoy the stunning grounds or explore Hillsborough town itself with its Georgian architecture. Head south into the Ards Peninsula with winding roads and white cottages, before continuing to Portaferry, a little fishing village at the tip of the peninsula, opening to **Strangford Lough**. Take the ferry to Strangford and onto **Downpatrick**, home to a dedicated visitor centre reflecting the life of Ireland's patron saint, with his grave reputed to be in the grounds of the adjoining Cathedral.

Day 5: Travel to Belfast for the ferry to Stranraer.

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Giant's Causeway ➤ Carrickfergus Castle
- Hillsborough Castle – guided tour and morning tea ➤ Return Ferry



Ballygally Castle Hotel

★★★★

Beautifully located on the Antrim Coast, this unique hotel dates back to 1625 and has its own resident ghost.

- 54 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Eastern Ireland Explorer – Castles and Kings



IRELAND'S ANCIENT EAST
Wonder Through Time

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

May, Jun & Sep: Prices from: £439
Jul & Aug: Prices from: £444

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £339
May to Sep: Prices from: £349

Ireland's Ancient East including Dublin



Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens

This tour is based at the stunning Johnstown Estate. It is ideally situated from which to explore Ireland's capital city of Dublin and some hidden gems, the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens, Malahide Castle, Belvedere House, plus Irish whiskey tasting!

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel on the ferry to Dublin, and onto Enfield for a 4 night stay.

Day 2: Head to the **Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens** - from horses to horticulture, this is one of Ireland's true treasures. Continue to the seaside resort of Malahide for an included visit of **Malahide Castle & Gardens** for a 45 minute guided tour (keep an eye out for the ghosts) and Lord Milo Talbot's magnificent walled garden.

Day 3: Excursion to Ireland's capital city of **Dublin**, steeped in history and buzzing with energy. Explore some of its many attractions including the cathedral, castle, museums and art galleries, parks, cafes, restaurants and many shops. This afternoon, why not visit the Guinness Storehouse, home to Ireland's famous stout and the country's number one visitor attraction. Visitors are treated to a free drink in the rooftop Gravity Bar with its panoramic views of the city.

Day 4: Travel to **Belvedere House & Gardens**, a magnificent 160 acre lakeside estate with a fully restored Georgian Villa, Victorian Walled Garden and 18th century parkland, before a visit to the **Slane Castle**. We include a visit to the on site 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.

Day 5: Head to Dublin for the sailing to Holyhead and home.

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Live music in the bar on 1 night ➤ Guided tour of Malahide Castle & Gardens ➤ Guided tour of the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens ➤ Entrance to Belvedere House & Gardens ➤ Guided tour of Slane Castle Distillery & tasting ➤ Return Ferry

May to Sep: Prices from: £399

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 Estate, 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.



Royal Hotel ★★★

A delightful hotel situated in the heart of the Victorian seaside resort of Bray.

- 124 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 4 nights DBB ➤ Complimentary tea/coffee & biscuits on arrival
- Live entertainment on 1 night
- Complimentary glass of wine with dinner on final night
- Coastal rail journey ➤ Tour Guide & tea/scones ➤ River Liffey cruise
- 6 singles - no supplement (excluding Jul & Aug)
- Leisure facilities ➤ Return Ferry

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

Carlow & Kilkenny Cracker

Waterford's Copper Coast inc Kilkenny



Kilkenny Castle



Copper Coast

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 **Smithwick's 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 ➤ Smithwick's Brewery
- Entertainment on 3 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

Suggested Itinerary:

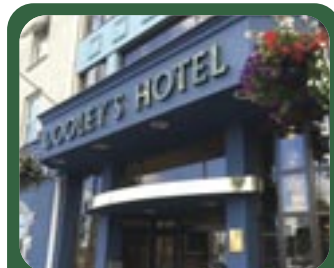
Day 1: Travel to South Wales for the ferry crossing to Rosslare, and travel to Waterford for a 4 night stay at the Dooley's Hotel.

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 international 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.



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

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £319
May to Sep: Prices from: £339

May to Sep: Prices from: £289

Ireland's Coast to Coast



Cliffs of Moher

This two-centred coast to coast tour explores the south east and west of Ireland, including Waterford, Kilkenny, Foynes Flying Boat Museum and Galway.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Fishguard for the ferry to Rosslare and continue to Waterford for a 3 night stay - includes a welcome drink.

Day 2: Head to the well-preserved medieval town of **Kilkenny**, overlooking the River Nore. The **Kilkenny road train** is the best way to explore, so sit back and relax as it makes its way through the narrow streets to reveal the abbey, cathedral and other highlights.

Day 3: Free day to explore **Waterford**, the oldest city in Ireland, founded by the Vikings and home to the world famous Crystal Factory and the Museum of Treasures.

Day 4: Travel to the West Coast of Ireland. Enjoy a visit to the **Foynes Flying Boat Museum**, which recalls the nostalgic era when Foynes became the centre of the aviation world between 1937 and 1945, followed by an Irish coffee. Continue to the Falls Hotel, Ennistymon for the next 3 nights where you have a drink with dinner.

Day 5: Enjoy the hotel's excellent leisure facilities or take a stroll through the grounds that include a delightful cascading waterfall. There are also numerous options from a cruise under the Cliffs of Moher to the official **Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre** for breath taking views above the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 6: Full day to **Galway City**, once a humble fishing village but now Western Ireland's adopted capital or a full day tour of the **Burren**. Explore the Burren Visitor Centre where the natural history of this enchanting region is revealed; visit Doolin, before following the dramatic coastal route around Ballyvaughan Bay and returning via Lisdoonvarna.

Day 7: Head to Dublin for the ferry to Holyhead and home.

Dooley's Hotel ★★★

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

113 Bedrooms • Lift

Falls Hotel ★★★

Former manor house overlooking the river.

• 144 Bedrooms • Lift
• Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 6 nights DBB (3 in Waterford + 3 in Ennistymon) ➤ Return Ferry
- Entertainment on two evenings (1 in each hotel)
- One free drink per person with dinner on first evening (both hotels)
- Kilkenny Road Train ➤ Foynes Flying Boat Museum inc. an Irish coffee

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £409
May to Sep: Prices from: £419

Rails, Sails & Secret Gardens – an Irish Coastal Corker



Waterford & Suir Valley Railway

Ireland's South Coast in all its glory with a scenic train ride to Mount Congreve Gardens, visit to 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 Middleton 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.



Middleton Park Hotel

★★★★★

Only ten miles from Cork City, the Middleton 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: £389
May to Sep: Prices from: £399

Shannon's Flying Boats & Whiskey Floats



Old Midleton Distillery

NEW!

An Irish break to the Tipperary and Shannon regions packed with inclusions - Waterford, Old Midleton Distillery, Bunratty Castle, Foynes Flying Boat Museum, a scenic lake cruise and Dublin.

Suggested Itinerary:

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

Day 2: Journey along the south coast to the **Old Midleton Distillery**, established in the 17th Century and still producing today. Tour this beloved heritage site and take the taste challenge to distinguish between Irish, Scottish & American whiskies. Pop into **Cork**, before continuing to the Lakeside Hotel in Killaloe, your base for the next 3 nights.

Day 3: Travel into Co. Clare to find **Bunratty**, where options include a visit to its fabulous medieval castle and 19th Century folkpark where costumed actors bring the museum to life, Dirty Nelly's pub and the Blarney Woollen Mills. Follow the north shore of the Shannon to Killimer for the ferry to Tarbert and continue to the fabulous **Foynes Flying Boat Museum** for an absorbing chapter in aviation history, and a new Maritime Museum exploring the River Shannon past and present. Irish coffee was invented here, so we have included a coffee before we head back to the hotel.

Day 4: Spend the morning exploring the city of **Limerick** with its galleries, museums and King John's Castle. This afternoon board the Spirit of Killaloe at nearby **Lough Derg for a scenic cruise on Ireland's 'pleasure lake'**, part of the River Shannon watercourse and whose shores lie in three counties: Clare, Galway and Tipperary.

Day 5: Travel via Nenagh and Kildare to **Dublin** for plenty of time to explore the sights and shop for essential souvenirs. Overnight close to the city centre.

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
- Old Midleton Distillery ➤ Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- Lough Derg Cruise ➤ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £399
May to Sep: Prices from: £419

The Wonders of West Cork



Cobh

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 on to 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.

Day 5: Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way towards your last overnight. A stop could 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 ➤ Boat Cruise in Kinsale
- Guided walk of Rosscarbery and refreshments
- Entertainment on 1 night in Rosscarbery ➤ Leisure and Spa facilities

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

Bantry & the Gulf Stream Coast



Garnish Island Italian Garden

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 between Dungarvan and Tramore 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 and Garnish Island
- Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £329
May to Sep: Prices from: £359

Killarney & the Ring of Kerry



Jaunting Cars Killarney

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 tippie 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 with a great reputation and occupying a prime position in Killarney.

- 182 Bedrooms
- Lift

Exclusive to Action Tours

Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Nightly entertainment (Killarney)
- Jaunting car ride ➤ Lake cruise ➤ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £349
May to Sep: Prices from: £399

Delightful Dingle Bay



Dingle Peninsula

A return of this tour to Co. Kerry combining entertainment with exciting day trips including a boat cruise 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.

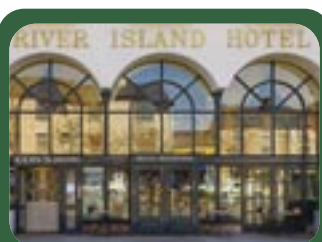
Day 2: Travel on to Co. Cork, home of legendary Blarney Castle where it's possible to kiss the Blarney Stone in search of the gift of eloquence. Continue into **Co. Kerry** and on to the market town of **Castleisland**, your base for the next 3 nights.

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 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 we include a **scenic boat cruise 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
- Nightly entertainment (Castleisland)
- Free drink with dinner (Castleisland)

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

Western Ireland's Coastal Delights inc Galway



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: Ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and onto your overnight hotel.

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 or head to the **Cliffs of Moher Visitor Centre** for breath taking views above the Atlantic Ocean. After lunch, there's a real treat in store with a **Cliffs of Moher Cruise**, which travels beneath the mighty sea cliffs standing 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: Full day tour to **Galway City**, once a humble fishing village and now Western Ireland's adopted capital. Enjoy the buzzing cafe culture in Eyre Square, visit the cathedral and museums or watch the salmon fishermen on Lough Corrib.

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 in Ennistymon.

- 144 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

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

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

Galway & Connemara



NEW!



Lough Corrib Cruise

This classic tour to Galway combines the vibrant, artistic 'City of Tribes' with the wilderness of Connemara, elegant Kylemore Abbey and a relaxing lake cruise on Lough Corrib.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel by ferry to Rosslare, and on to an overnight stay in the centre of Waterford.

Day 2: If time allows why not include a quick visit to the Waterford Crystal Visitors Centre or the Museum of Treasures that charts the city's fascinating history from the Viking invasion. Then travel north via Tipperary and Limerick to Galway for a 3 night stay at the Menlo Park Hotel, on the outskirts of the city.

Day 3: Spend free time in **Galway**, famous for its maritime history and boasting a full calendar of festivals and events. This afternoon, enjoy one of the highlights of the tour, a lovely **lake cruise aboard the Corrib Princess**, with a full commentary and tasty tea and scones.

Day 4: Explore **Connemara National Park** with its wild ponies and mountain scenery and head on to the thriving town of **Clifden**. Visit the idyllic **Kylemore Abbey**, a neo-gothic castle with an immaculate Victorian walled garden, which makes an excellent addition to the day.

Day 5: From Galway travel east across Ireland, breaking your journey at Athlone, home to the famous Irish tenor John McCormack or head to Dublin for free time in the city before continuing to your last overnight stay on the outskirts of Dublin.

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



Menlo Park Hotel ★★★★★

This award-winning hotel in Galway combines old-fashioned hospitality with a modern touch.

- 70 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Lough Corrib Cruise
- Kylemore Abbey

May to Sep: Prices from: £399

Charming Connemara inc Westport & Achill Island



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Achill Island

Award-winning Westport on the edge of Clew Bay is surrounded by magnificent scenery and provides excellent opportunities for tours to Connemara, Galway City and stunning Achill Island.

Suggested Itinerary:

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

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

Day 3: Scenic day tour to **Connemara** 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, overlooking Killary Harbour and at the start of Ireland's only fjord. You could visit **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 or at **Killary Harbour**, enjoy a picturesque cruise on the sheltered waters.

Day 4: Enjoy a full day excursion around Magical Mayo. Travel to the **Foxford Woollen Mills** where a self-guided tour recounts the amazing tale that brought a thriving woollen industry to the town. Follow the shores of Lough Conn and Lough Cullen onto Achill, Ireland's largest island. This is a rugged, unspoilt and spectacular region of Ireland dominated by Slievemore Mountain that rises dramatically to the north. At Achill Sound join the famous circular 'Atlantic Drive' which is a stunning journey.

Day 5: From Westport, call in at the **National Museum of Country Life** set in the grounds of Turlough Park House and surrounded by magnificent gardens. Complete the journey to Dublin for an overnight stay.

Day 6: Morning ferry from Dublin 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 ➤ Foxford Woollen Mills
- Daily activities & entertainment at the hotel
- National Museum of Country Life ➤ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £349
May to Sep: Prices from: £399

Sligo & the Wild Atlantic Way



Slieve League

Our tour to Ireland's North West offers a slice of the Wild Atlantic Way at Sligo and Donegal including magnificent Lissadell House and Europe's tallest sea cliffs at Slieve League.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Ferry crossing from Holyhead to Dublin and an overnight stay close to the city.

Day 2: Drive up through Cavan and Navan into the fabulous Fermanagh Lakelands before arriving in **Sligo** for a 3 night stay. Free time to explore this pretty town on the banks of the Garravogue River, with its art galleries and literary heritage.

Day 3: Sligo was 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. 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, then finish with a drive around Lough Gill to find Parkes Castle.

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. This afternoon we 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: From Sligo 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 to Holyhead, and home.



Sligo Park Hotel ★★★★★

This superb and elegant hotel is located just 2km from Sligo town.

- 136 Bedrooms • Lift
- Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 5 nights DBB ➤ Return Ferry
- Lissadell House
- Slieve League Tour ➤ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £369
May to Sep: Prices from: £389

Co. Donegal's Cliffs & Coasts on the Wild Atlantic Way



Lissadell House

This 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 to Holyhead, 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 ➤ Tea/coffee and scones on arrival in Bundoran
- Leisure facilities ➤ Nightly live music and dancing in Bundoran

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £329
May to Sep: Prices from: £369

Delightful Donegal Bay



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Glenveagh National Park

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: Ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and an overnight stay close to the city.

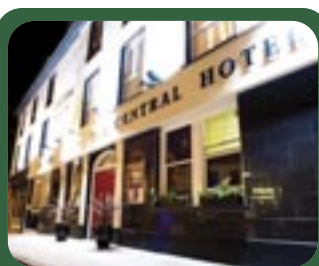
Day 2: Head through historic Co. Meath, home to the High Kings of Ireland in the 12th Century, and onto Enniskillen. Continue to **Belleek Pottery** for a tour of the factory that has produced delicate Parian china since 1857. Arrive in Donegal for a 3 night stay.

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. 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 from Dublin 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: £329
May to Sep: Prices from: £339

Ireland's Hidden Treasure – Fermanagh Lakelands

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Blessingbourne Estate

This landscape of crystal clear lakes adorned with islands and peninsulas makes the perfect retreat, whilst staying in an elegant 18th Century manor house and enjoying 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 lovely **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 cakes. 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 stunning hotel which was 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
- Blessingbourne Estate (including tea & scones)
- Ulster American Folk Park ➤ Leisure facilities

May to Sep: Prices from: £429

The Causeway Coaster



Giant's Causeway

This exciting tour takes you to the top of Ireland and the stunning Northern shores where we have included Michael Palin's coastal rail journey to the Giant's 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 Giant's 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) ➤ Giant's Causeway
- Entertainment on 2 nights ➤ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £329
May to Sep: Prices from: £359

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 **Giant's 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 cafes 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 from Dublin 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 ➤ Giant's Causeway
- Glenveagh National Park Visitor Centre, castle tour & transfers
- Leisure facilities (Letterkenny)

Apr & Oct: Prices from: £359
May to Sep: Prices from: £379

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.

Royal Hotel ★★ ★

A delightful hotel situated in the heart of the Victorian seaside resort of Bray.

- 124 Bedrooms
- Lift

Tour Includes:

- 3 nights DBB
- Return Ferry
- Welcome drink
- Entertainment on 1 night
- Leisure facilities

Mar: Prices from: £299

Wonders of Waterford - a fabulous off season short break



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 and musical entertainment on two 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

Mar, Apr & Oct: Prices from: £279

Letterkenny Winter Warmer



Replace the winter blues on this off season northern coastline special to Co. Donegal and explore everything this wonderful corner of Ireland can offer, whilst staying at the excellent 4* Clanree Hotel at Letterkenny.

Highlights include: Welcome drink • Glass of wine or soft drink with dinner each night • Live musical entertainment on 2 nights.

Clanree Hotel ★★ ★★

A modern hotel on the outskirts of the commercial centre of Letterkenny.

- 120 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 or 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- Leisure facilities
- Return Ferry

Feb, Mar, Oct & Nov: Prices from: £239

Deck the Halls in Co. Donegal



Enjoy a festive themed Turkey & Tinsel break in the spectacular seascapes of Co. Donegal, where you'll find stunning scenery and lots of Irish charm.

Highlights include: Welcome arrival with Mulled wine and mince pies followed by Christmas Eve buffet dinner • Christmas Day with a late brunch and Christmas dinner with all the trimmings • New Year's Eve with a gala night starting with a Champagne reception and festive evening meal • Nightly entertainment • Complimentary sea view rooms

Inishowen Gateway Hotel

A modern hotel with panoramic sea views over Lough Swilly.

- 80 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- 3 or 4 nights DBB
- Inclusions as above
- Leisure facilities
- Return Ferry

Nov & Dec: Prices from: £219