



The Grand Ireland Tour – An 11 day Irish Extravaganza

It's the big one! The chance to see Ireland from top to bottom, from the Antrim Coast & the Giants Causeway, Donegal and Galway to fabulous Killarney & the Ring of Kerry. Begin in Belfast and finish in Dublin or Wexford, with 3* & 4* packages available.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Head to **Belfast** for a 2 night stay, 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 born. (Coach hire can be added here to create an extra driver's free day.)

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 Co. 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: Next to **Sligo**, the 'Land of Heart's Desire' according to local poet WB Yeats, then into Co. Mayo where there's time to visit the Marian Shrine at Knock, before arriving in Galway for a 2 night stay.

Day 6: Galway, known as the 'City of Tribes', has a fascinating cultural and maritime history. Spend time exploring the city, board the Corrib Princess for a lake cruise, discover the Connemara National Park, or head into Co. Clare to discover the Cliffs of Moher and The Burren National Park.

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. Foynes Flying Boat Museum is well worth a visit 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 take a pleasure cruise on Lough Leane. Muckross House is delightful, and once played host to Queen Victoria. (Driver's free day.)

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 be easily reached from Killarney.

If you require a Weekly Rest Period for your driver during this tour, we can organise coach hire to cover the Ring of Kerry trip on Day 9. 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 **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 the city centre.

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.

3★ Tour Includes:

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

4★ Tour Includes:

- ▶ 10 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Porterage
- ▶ Full Irish breakfast
- ▶ 3 Course/3 Choice dinner & tea/coffee
- ▶ Entertainment (Killarney)
- ▶ Leisure facilities (Letterkenny, Killarney)

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£525**
May to Sep: Prices from: **£567**

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£549**
May to Sep: Prices from: **£611**





Giants Causeway



Hillsborough Castle

The Very Best of Northern Ireland

Our popular tour to Northern Ireland takes you to Belfast, a thriving capital city, the Giants Causeway, the spectacular Antrim Coast 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 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 why not visit 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. A visit to 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, museum and impressive cathedral, the official burial site of Ireland's Patron saint, or discover the Mountains of Mourne and Slieve Donard, the country's highest peak.

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

Stormont Hotel

- 4★ • 105 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

A stylish hotel opposite the grounds of the Parliament Building.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Guided Belfast City Tour
- ▶ Giants Causeway

Northern Ireland's Tapestries & Thrones

Includes a unique invitation to morning tea & scones at Hillsborough Castle, an absorbing Irish Linen tour, Glenarm Castle Gardens or the Giants Causeway, and a free day in Belfast.

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 and scones will be served in one of the staterooms. Then explore Hillsborough town itself with its Georgian architecture and visitor's centre with an original courtroom exhibit. Finish the day with a tour of **Thomas Fergusons Irish Linen at Banbridge**, producers of the finest damask table linen as used in Buckingham Palace.

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, HMS Caroline, the Albert Memorial Clock, the Big Blue Fish, 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. If preferred you could include a visit to the **Giant's Causeway** instead.

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

Dunadry Hotel

- 4★ • 83 Bedrooms
- Ground floor bedrooms
- Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Hillsborough Castle - guided tour and morning tea
- ▶ Thomas Ferguson Irish Linen
- ▶ Glenarm Castle Gardens or Giant's Causeway
- ▶ Entertainment
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£299** May to Sep: Prices from: **£307**

Jul to Sep: Prices from: **£283** Oct: Prices from: **£273**



The Causeway Coaster

A fine tour to the very north of Ireland combining the beautiful scenery of the Inishowen Peninsula, the Walled City of Derry and a classic coastal rail journey to the Giants Causeway.

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. Then head 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: Spend today exploring **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 existed 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 beautiful beaches, through Ireland's longest railway tunnels and past historic landmarks. The **Giants Causeway**, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is then just a short drive away. Complete the route to Belfast for an overnight stay.

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

Inishowen Gateway Hotel

3★ • 80 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

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



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



Fabulous Fermanagh Lakelands

Revive your senses and enjoy Ireland's great lakes with our popular Fermanagh tour staying in an elegant 18th Century manor house, and with a sunset dinner cruise on Lough Erne.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Take the afternoon ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and an overnight close to the city.

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: 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 evening enjoy one of the highlights of the tour, a sunset dinner cruise on lovely Lough Erne.

Day 4: Take a scenic drive through the beautiful surroundings of the **Fermanagh Lakelands** - a favourite holiday destination for the Irish themselves. Head along the shores of Lough Melvin and Lough Macnean to **Florence Court**, a fine 18th century stately home and gardens overlooked by the magnificent Cuilcagh Mountains.

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

4★ • 81 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

A former manor house combining traditional elegance with modern facilities.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Sunset dinner cruise
- ▶ Entertainment on 1 night
- ▶ Ulster American Folk Park
- ▶ Florence Court
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£271** May to Sep: Prices from: **£311**

May to Sep: Prices from: **£339**



Ireland's Coasts & Castles

Capture the unique beauty and history of Ireland with our tour of the north combining the fabulous coastal scenery from Antrim to Donegal, with great castles and excellent hotels.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Ireland from Holyhead or Cairnryan and complete the journey to your very own castle by the sea, for 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 down 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 the hotel for dinner.

Day 5: From Letterkenny head to Enniskillen which was built on a natural island between Upper and Lower Loch Erne. Continue to Trim, crowned by its striking Norman Castle that featured prominently in the film 'Braveheart'. Head on to Dublin and a final overnight close to the city.

Day 6: Morning ferry to Holyhead and complete your journey home.

Clanree Hotel

4★ • 120 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Giants Causeway
- ▶ Glenveagh National Park Visitor Centre, castle tour and transfers
- ▶ Leisure facilities



Donegal, Glenveagh & a Musical Medley

A tour based in the heart of Donegal town with visits to Glenveagh National Park, the Atlantic Coast and Ireland's oldest pottery, plus generous entertainment including live Irish music.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: 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 on to 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. *Tonight: enjoy a welcome drink followed by traditional Irish music at the hotel.*

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. *Tonight: bingo in the hotel followed by live music.*

Day 4: A full day excursion around Co. Donegal begins with a scenic drive through **Glenveagh National Park** to the Atlantic Coast. Ireland's 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 in Dungloe that celebrates his record-breaking career. The surrounding coastal scenery is breathtaking including some of the world's tallest sea cliffs. *Tonight: a candlelit dinner awaits followed by live musical entertainment.*

Day 5: Head to **Dublin**, Ireland's capital city, for 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

3★ • 115 Bedrooms
• Lift

Family-run hotel overlooking the main square in Donegal.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Belleek Pottery
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Entertainment on 3 nights
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£315** May to Sep: Prices from: **£335**

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£289** May to Sep: Prices from: **£299**



Slieve League

Wild Atlantic Way - Northern Shores

Our new tour to Ireland's North West offers a slice of the Wild Atlantic Way in Co. Donegal, including the chance to stand on top of Ireland and visit Europe's tallest sea cliffs.

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**, then head on into Co. Donegal and the attractive town of Ballybofey, for a 3 night stay at the lovely Kees Hotel.

Day 3: Head west around the Blue Stack Mountains and down to **Donegal Bay**. At Teelin join a **scenic tour up to the viewpoint on Slieve League** for panoramic views of these sensational sea cliffs, standing nearly 2000 feet above the Atlantic. Then why not visit the folk village at Glencolumbkille for a taste of traditional Irish life, or spend free time in Donegal town with the chance of a boat trip around the bay.

Day 4: Travel up to the **Inishowen Peninsula** today to stand on top of Ireland at **Malin Head**, a striking feature of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. History, ocean views and pretty countryside combine beautifully. Why not combine this with a visit to the Walled City of Derry.

(This day can also be done as a guided tour – please ask for details)

Day 5: Travel down the west coast and through Yeats Country to Sligo, or inland via Omagh and the fascinating Ulster American Folk Park, before heading on to Dublin for a final overnight stay.

Day 6: Return ferry from Dublin to Holyhead and home.

Kee's Hotel

3★ • 53 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

Family-owned since 1892, this award-winning hotel offers style, character and great service



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Slieve League Cliffs Tour
- ▶ Welcome reception
- ▶ Entertainment on 3 nights
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£295** May to Sep: Prices from: **£307**



Wild Atlantic Way - Western Isles

Experience the untamed majesty of Ireland's West Coast with striking seascapes, maritime history, and an island adventure with a day trip to the largest of the Aran Islands, Inis Mor.

Suggested Itinerary:

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

Day 2: Drive through the heart of Ireland to **Athlone** situated on the banks of the River Shannon, Ireland's longest waterway. Continue into **Galway** for a 3 night stay at the Menlo Park Hotel.

Day 3: Explore one of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way today with a **trip to the mystical Aran Islands**. Take the ferry from Rossaveal to Inis Mór, the largest of the three islands but with less than 1000 inhabitants. A minibus tour explores the island with its fabulous coastal scenery, ruins of early Christian monasteries and **Dun Aengus**, the finest example of a stone fort in Europe which stands on a cliff edge. Time to visit the Aran Sweater Market and Museum, featuring the islands most famous export, before returning to the mainland.

Day 4: Choose from other **Wild Atlantic Way** highlights such as the magnificent Cliffs of Moher and precious Burren National Park, the wonderful wilderness of Connemara National Park or a day trip to bohemian Galway with its maritime history, galleries and museums.

Day 5: To toast your tour why not visit the Kilbeggan Distillery Experience for a tour and tippie of traditional Irish Whiskey, or head straight to Dublin for time in this grand capital city before a final overnight stay.

Day 6: Ferry from Dublin to Holyhead and home.

Menlo Park Hotel

4★ • 70 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

An excellent hotel combining old-fashioned hospitality with a delightful modern touch.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Aran Islands Day Tour: includes ferry crossing, guided mini-bus tour of Inish Mor and admission to Dun Aengus Fort

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£313** May to Sep: Prices from: **£349**



Westport House

Westport: An Irish Favourite

Award-winning Westport, one of Ireland's most beautiful towns, stands on the edge of Clew Bay combining magnificent scenery with great day tours and excellent entertainment.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Afternoon ferry from Holyhead to Dublin and overnight close to the city centre.

Day 2: Travel west via Mullingar and Longford, possibly breaking the journey at Strokestown Park House, a 19th century estate containing the Irish National Famine Museum and a charming walled pleasure garden. Continue to the Castlecourt Hotel in Westport for a 3 night stay.

Day 3: Take a scenic drive through Co. Mayo past **Croagh Patrick (the Holy Mountain)** and down through eerie Doo Lough Valley. At Killary Harbour why not enjoy a picturesque cruise on the sheltered waters of Ireland's only fjord or continue to **Connemara National Park**. Return home mid-afternoon to spend time exploring Westport or enjoying the hotel's leisure facilities.

Day 4: Begin today with a visit to **Foxford Woollen Mills**, traditional wool manufacturers since 1892. Then head past Clew Bay to **Achill Island**, a region of ancient forests and boglands that emerges at the Atlantic coast to dramatic effect. Immense cliffs shelter nesting seabirds, and the sea views are magnificent.

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

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

Full entertainment programme at the Castlecourt Hotel: includes live music each evening plus other events such as cookery demonstrations, historical talks, quizzes and bingo.

Castlecourt Hotel

- 4★ • 148 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Daily entertainment & activities at the hotel
- ▶ Foxford Woollen Mills
- ▶ National Museum of Country Life
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£293** May to Sep: Prices from: **£331**



Galway, Connemara & a Lake Cruise

Our classic tour to Galway combines the artistic 'City of Tribes' with the precious 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 City**, 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 then head on to the thriving town of Clifden. Idyllic **Kylemore Abbey**, a neo-gothic castle with immaculate Victorian walled garden, makes an excellent addition to the day.

Day 5: From Galway travel across to your final overnight in Dublin, breaking your journey at Athlone, home to the famous Irish tenor John McCormack and its historic Norman castle. Here it's also possible to take a scenic river cruise on Ireland's longest waterway - the River Shannon.

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

Menlo Park Hotel

- 4★ • 70 Bedrooms
- Lift • Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Lough Corrib Cruise
- ▶ Kylemore Abbey

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£299** May to Sep: Prices from: **£335**



Western Ireland's Coastal Delights

Enjoy the best of the west including a sea cruise under the mighty Cliffs of Moher, scenic drives around Black Head and through the The Burren, and a trip to glorious Galway.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel by ferry from Holyhead to Dublin, and overnight accommodation 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 'Durtu Nellies', before arriving in Ennistymon, Co. Clare for a 3 night stay.

Day 3: A truly memorable day begins with a **Cliffs of Moher Cruise**, sailing beneath the sheer faces of these colossal cliffs that are home to the country's largest seabird colony and have become an iconic image for Ireland's West Coast. Then head over to the **official visitors centre** for breathtaking views 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean. This afternoon take the wonderful ocean drive past the Aran Islands as you head around Black Head and on to Ballyvaughan Bay.

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' originally 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

3★ • 144 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

This former manor house overlooking the river provides a haven of peace and tranquillity.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome drink with dinner
- ▶ Entertainment on 1 night
- ▶ Burren Visitors Centre
- ▶ Cliffs of Moher Cruise
- ▶ Cliffs of Moher Visitors Centre
- ▶ Leisure facilities



Loch Derg Cruise

Tales of Tipperary & a River Cruise

Explore timeless Tipperary & 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 Waterford for an overnight stay.

Day 2: Discover **Co. Tipperary** today, with its historic walled towns, fabulous fortresses and riverside scenery. Find Cahir, a delightful heritage town or explore the dramatic Rock of Cashel. Continue to the Lakeside Hotel in Killaloe, your base for the next 3 nights.

Day 3: Visit the unique **Foynes Flying Boat Museum** in Co. Limerick, 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, invented here at Foynes. This afternoon **board the Spirit of Killaloe at the hotel's private jetty** for a scenic cruise on lovely Loch Derg. Before dinner, why not take a stroll around the hotel's pretty garden with its panoramic mountain views.

Day 4: **Co. Clare** has so much to recommend it, starting at Bunratty with its beautifully preserved medieval castle & adjoining folk park, and Blarney Woollen Mills for shopping and refreshments. 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 or the spa town of Lisdoonvarna, famous as the venue for the country's very own Matchmaking Festival!

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 to **Dublin** for the chance to explore Ireland's capital before a final overnight stay.

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

Lakeside Hotel

3★ • 43 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

A family run, independent hotel with leisure facilities and landscaped gardens on the edge of Lough Derg.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome reception
- ▶ Entertainment on 3 nights
- ▶ Lough Derg Lake Cruise
- ▶ Foynes Flying Boat Museum
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£281** May to Sep: Prices from: **£323**

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£313** May to Sep: Prices from: **£329**



Delightful Dingle Bay with Dolphins

A return of this popular 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 Fishguard to Rosslare and head on to **Waterford** for an overnight stay at Dooleys Hotel, located on the quayside in the centre of town.

Day 2: Travel on to Co. Cork, home of legendary Blarney Castle where folklore dictates it's possible to kiss the Blarney Stone and inherit the gift of eloquence. Continue into **Co. Kerry** and on to the market town of **Castleisland**, your base for the next three 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**. Take a scenic drive through 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. If time allows why not take a scenic boat trip along the River Liffey. Finish your tour with a final overnight stay just north of the city centre.

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

River Island Hotel

3★ • 52 Bedrooms
• Lift

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



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: **£273** May to Sep: Prices from: **£313**



Killarney & the Ring of Kerry

If you are looking for just one tour to Ireland, make it Killarney: a thriving holiday destination surrounded by spectacular scenery, many exciting day trips and plenty of great entertainment.

Suggested Itinerary:

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

Day 2: Why not allow time to explore the Viking City of Waterford with its impressive collection of museums and Waterford Crystal. Alternatively head straight on to 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** is the pick of the bunch. A regular winner of Ireland's Tidy Town competition, Killarney makes a great place to explore, or you could include nearby Muckross House, a handsome hunting lodge with a royal history that is well worth a visit.

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

Day 5: From Killarney it's possible to visit the beautiful thatched cottages at Adare, Bunratty Castle & 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 port to Holyhead, and complete the journey home.

Looking for a 3 hotel? The same package at the Holiday Inn, Killarney, starts from £289.*

Killarney Towers Hotel

4★ • 182 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

A superbly appointed hotel with a great reputation, occupying a prime position in Killarney.



Tour Includes:

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

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£293** May to Sep: Prices from: **£339**



Bantry & the Wonders of West Cork

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

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Ferry 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.

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** where it is possible to visit the signal station, and try to spot Fastnet Rock, known as 'Ireland's Teardrop' as it symbolised the final piece of Ireland visible to those who emigrated by sea.

Day 4: The gorgeous scenery of **Beara Peninsula** is steeped in myth and legend. From colourful Kenmare the Ring of Beara coastal route passes traditional fishing villages and sandy bays from Kenmare Bay round to Bantry Bay. At Glengarriff catch the **ferry to Garinish 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, then on into Co. Wexford to find the Dunbrody Famine Ship, the JFK Arboretum or even enjoy a scenic river cruise. Take an overnight stay close to **Wexford**, conveniently located for Rosslare Port.

Day 6: Ferry to South Wales, and head for home.

Looking for a 3 hotel? The same package at the Westlodge Hotel, Bantry, starts from £275.*

Maritime Hotel

4★ • 110 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

This hotel offers stylish, contemporary accommodation overlooking Bantry Bay.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Bantry Bay boat trip
- ▶ Garinish Island
- ▶ Leisure facilities

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£289** May to Sep: Prices from: **£327**



Irish 'Rails, Sails & Secret Gardens'

Ireland's South Coast in all its glory with a scenic train ride to the rediscovered gardens at Mount Congreve, Regency splendour at Fota House, plus Cobh, Kinsale & much more.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Head to South Wales for the afternoon sailing to Rosslare. Travel the short distance to **Waterford** for overnight accommodation.

Day 2: Join the **Waterford & Suir Valley Railway** for a pretty 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 through his exhibitions 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 dramatic Charles Fort.

Day 5: Another impressive scenic drive along the **Copper Coast**, a protected Geo Park with sweeping ocean views. Visit the seaside resort of Tramore or continue to **Waterford** for free time in 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.

If preferred, the itinerary can be changed to allow a return via Dublin Port – ask us for details.

Midleton Park Hotel

3★ • 79 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Waterford & Suir Valley Railway
- ▶ Mount Congreve Gardens
- ▶ Fota House & Gardens

Apr: Prices from: **£295** May to Sep: Prices from: **£335**



New Ross

Waterford & the Copper Coast

Take an ocean drive along the Copper Coast, explore Waterford with its classic crystal and Museum of Treasures, and take to the water on a river cruise with afternoon tea.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel from South Wales to Rosslare, and continue on to Waterford for a 4 night stay.

Day 2: Spend the morning in **Waterford**, home of the Museum of Treasures and internationally-famous Waterford Crystal. After lunch, head over to nearby **New Ross** for a **scenic river cruise with afternoon tea** served on board.

Day 3: Begin with a visit to the resort of **Tramore** with its miles of flat sandy beaches, before driving along the magnificent **Copper Coast** – a protected national Geopark with wide ocean views, curious rock formations and home to traditional fishing villages. From the market town of **Dungarvan** carry on to the heritage town of **Lismore** with its prominent castle that overlooks the River Blackwater and where you can visit its 17th Century walled gardens.

Day 4: The choice is yours today: why not travel north to Kilkenny, Ireland's foremost medieval city with cobbled streets and traditional 'slip' alleyways filled with shops and cafes, and many landmarks that can be discovered at ease aboard the local tourist road train. Alternatively why not head west into Co. Cork with the opportunity to visit the heritage town of Cogh and its historic harbour and the Old Middleton Distillery for a taste of triple-distilled Irish whiskey.

Day 5: Following breakfast, travel back to Rosslare Port for the return crossing to South Wales and home.

Dooleys Hotel

3★ • 113 Bedrooms
• Lift

A family-owned, modern hotel well positioned on the city's waterfront.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Scenic river cruise & afternoon tea
- ▶ Entertainment on 1 night

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£219** May to Sep: Prices from: **£239**



Kilkenny castle

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 this 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** which winds its way through the city, before a refreshing 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 discovering 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 home.

Seven Oaks Hotel

3★ • 89 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

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



Tour Includes:

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

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£233** May to Sep: Prices from: **£271**



Dart Railway

Dublin & Wicklow 'River & Rail'

Our popular themed break to the East Coast brings you an exciting look at Ireland's city, seaside and countryside with a guided scenic railway 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 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 or head through the Wicklow National Park to the enchanting monastic site at Glendalough. Avoca Handweavers, Ireland's oldest mill established in 1723, is also well worth visiting.

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 who brings the history of the region to life. 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 or head into Dublin for time in the city.

Day 4: What better place to begin a 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 past 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

3★ • 94 Bedrooms
• Lift

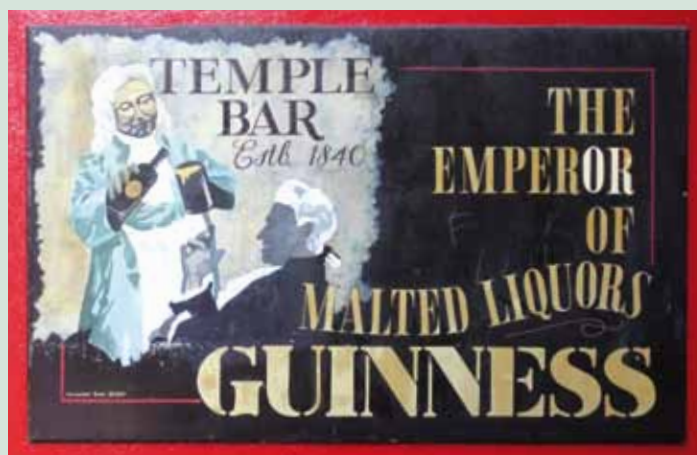
A seafront hotel located in Bray and restored to its Victorian elegance.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Welcome drink
- ▶ Irish coffee on final night
- ▶ Entertainment on 2 nights
- ▶ Coastal rail journey
- ▶ Tour guide & tea/scones
- ▶ River Liffey cruise
- ▶ Hotel table quiz

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£273** May to Sep: Prices from: **£295**



The Dublin Tour & Canal Cruise

"Three Cheers" for Dublin with this popular short break to Ireland's capital, including a guided city tour and a picturesque two hour canal cruise on a traditional Guinness barge.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Holyhead for the afternoon ferry to Dublin, and on to the Regency Hotel for a 3 night stay on bed & breakfast basis.

Day 2: Get your bearings in **Dublin** with a **guided tour of the major landmarks** and highlights of this bustling city, including Kilmainham Gaol, the Millennium Spire and Trinity College. Established by the Vikings next to its main water source, Ireland's capital became known as 'Dub-Linn' or 'Black Pool'. Nowadays liquid refreshment is enjoyed in the form of the 'Black Stuff', and Guinness' popularity at home and abroad is incredible. If it's to your taste, why not visit the **Guinness Storehouse**, Ireland's most popular tourist attraction, which tells the story of this success with guided tours, interactive exhibitions and all those famous advertisements. There are panoramic views of the city from its rooftop Gravity Bar.

Day 3: There's a treat in store, when you board a traditional Guinness barge for an extended scenic cruise along the Dublin Canal. It follows the route taken by these vessels in the 18th Century as they transported their precious cargo of Guinness from brewery to port and on to thirsty customers overseas. Enjoy a commentary and complimentary tea/coffee on board. Afterwards there's plenty of free time to see the sights or shop for essential souvenirs.

Day 4: Head to Dublin Port for the return ferry to Holyhead and continue your journey home.

If preferred, we can quote this package using other hotels in and around Dublin, or on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis, so please call us for details and prices.

Regency Hotel

3★ • 282 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

Recently refurbished hotel with modern facilities just north of the city centre.



Tour Includes:

- ▶ 3 nights BB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Guided City Tour of Dublin
- ▶ 2 hour canal cruise & tea/coffee

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£183** May to Sep: Prices from: **£205**



Killarney Spring Special

A special spring break in enchanting Killarney surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery in Ireland; explore the coast and countryside by day, and enjoy nightly entertainment.

Highlights include

- The Ring of Kerry or Dingle Peninsula
- Jaunting car ride
- Lake cruise on Lough Leane
- Killarney Town

Killarney Towers Hotel

4★ • 182 Bedrooms
• Lift

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Mar: Prices from: **£275** Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£285**



Waterford House Party 2018

A new seasonal short break with a spin on the 'house party' theme. Staying in Waterford you'll discover hidden gems at the House of Waterford Crystal, uncover fascinating history at

elegant Wells House & Gardens, then enjoy a drink 'on the house' at the new Smithwicks Experience in Kilkenny. That's what we call a 'full house'!

Dooleys Hotel

3★ • 113 Bedrooms
• Lift

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Apr & May: Prices from: **£231**



Northern Ireland's Maritime Legends

Our new themed tour sails you to Belfast. Visit award-winning Titanic Belfast for the fascinating and moving story of RMS Titanic. Then climb aboard the new arrival HMS

Caroline, a beautifully restored C-Class light cruiser and the sole surviving vessel from the Battle of Jutland in 1916. City, countryside and coast combine beautifully.

Park Avenue Hotel

4★ • 56 Bedrooms
• Lift • Coach parking

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£277** May to Sep: Prices from: **£283**



Ireland's Ancient East

Castles and kings, Hollywood heroes, ghosts, great gardens and a Dublin guided tour all feature in this short break, plus Irish entertainment & a welcome drink at your 4* hotel.

Highlights include

- Boyne Valley Battle Site
- Malahide Castle and Gardens
- A Day in County Kildare
- Guided city tour of Dublin

Trim Castle Hotel

4★ • 68 Bedrooms
• Lift

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£257** May to Sep: Prices from: **£263**



South Coast Roller Coaster

Our new themed tour explores Southern Ireland from Waterford & Killarney to Dublin & Wicklow, combining classic transport heritage, coastal scenery and first rate Irish hospitality.

Highlights include:

- Waterford scenic railway
- Mount Congreve Gardens
- Jaunting car ride & lake cruise
- The Ring of Kerry
- Foynes Flying Boat Museum

River Island Hotel

3★ • 52 Bedrooms
• Lift

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 5 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Apr & Oct: Prices from: **£299** May to Sep: Prices from: **£337**



The Great Gardens of Ireland

Visit County Wicklow, the 'Garden of Ireland', where centuries of exceptional skill & soil have created a treasure trove of sensational gardens from the delicate to the wild & exotic.

Garden visits include:

- Powerscourt Gardens
 - Mount Usher Grdens
- Why not also add in the National Botanic Gardens, the Japanese Gardens in Kildare, or Kilruddery?*

Esplanade Hotel

3★ • 94 Bedrooms
• Lift

Tour Includes:

- ▶ 4 nights DBB
- ▶ Return ferry
- ▶ Inclusions as above

Jun to Aug: Prices from: **£279**