



HEART OF IRELAND: 7-DAY ITINERARY

At Ancient Ireland Tourism, our motto is: “From ancient east to Atlantic way, visit Ireland your way.” Besides our small group departures and self-drive packages, we specialize in custom itinerary planning offering our clients exceptional service and an outstanding experience filled with many wonderful memories when visiting Ireland. All of our itineraries can be customized and structured for any size of group. [Contact us](#) for custom itinerary or private tour pricing.

An Ancient Ireland Tourism client on her 10-day Ireland Tour

“Our recent trip was a phenomenal success. The pre-trip process was very easy. Because we had enough to fill the entire bus, our tour director worked very closely with us to help design a custom tour, and it went off without a single issue. That's impressive. Once in Ireland we were guided by our guide and driver. He's an Irishman's Irishman. He's got the knowledge, personality, sense of humor and driving skills that makes him the best driver we could have asked for. I promise if you use Ancient Ireland Tourism, you will have a great trip. “

Pricing from: €1699 (Est. \$1939) for 8-Day excursion led by an expert guide

(Also available as a private guided charter or self-drive package. [Contact us for details](#))

Includes:

- Airport Transfers in Ireland
- 24x7 support during your visit with us in Ireland
- Daily transport to scheduled attractions, hotel and scheduled meals
- Double occupancy accommodations (single supplement available)
- Knowledgeable and Professional Guide as well as local guides at selected attractions
- Admission tickets to all scheduled sites and attractions
- Breakfast each day (with exception of day of arrival)
- Snacks and beverages (water, soft drinks) during the day

Tour Highlights:

Day 1 - Arrival at Dublin Airport, Athlone, Sean's Bar, oldest in Europe, Galway

Day 2 - Aran Islands, Galway

Day 3 - Cliffs of Moher, Poul nabrone Dolman, Doolin Village

Day 4 - Bunratty, Torc Waterfall, Ross Castle, Killarney

Day 5 - Sleah Head Drive, Dingle, Great Blasket Center, Killarney

Day 6 - Rock of Cashel, Dungarvin

Day 6 - Dublin City

Day 7 - Breakfast, Departure from Dublin Airport



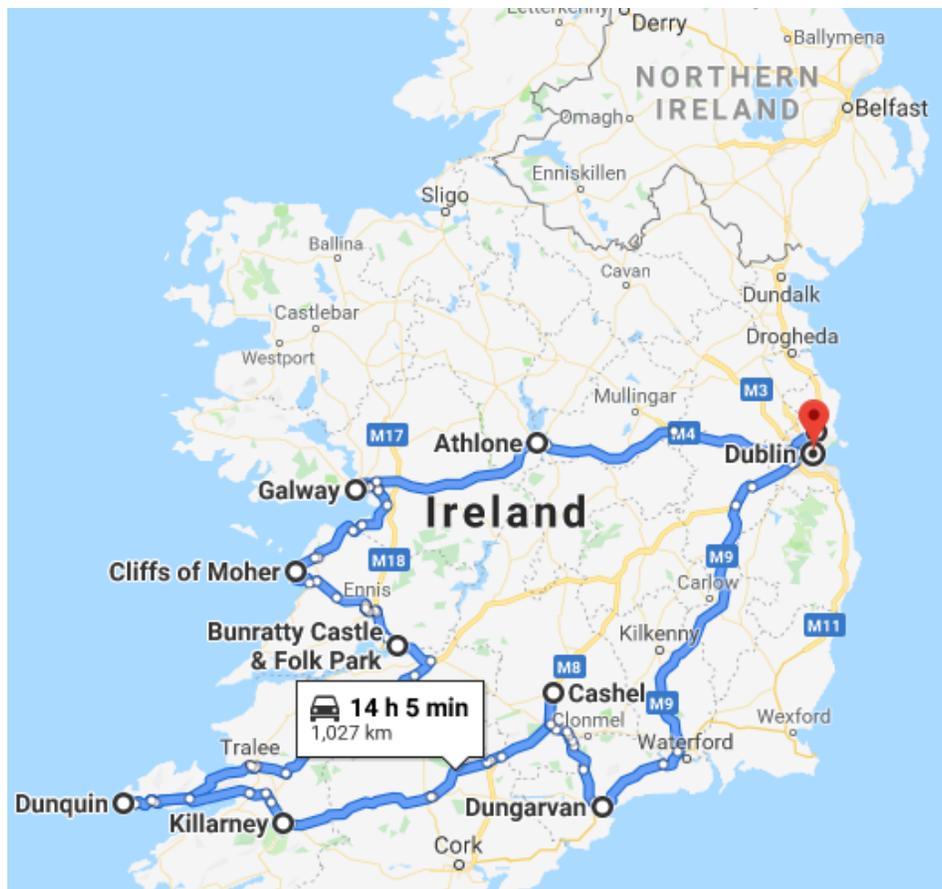
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WHY BOOK THIS TOUR?

This tour delivers a healthy sampling of popular sites from the heart of Ireland as well as the stunningly beautiful Atlantic Way. On this unique and intimate excursion, our group departure size is limited to a maximum of 16 persons. (No limit for private charters) Arriving in Dublin, venture through the heartlands to Galway, The Aran Islands, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dingle and Cashel and Ireland's Copper Coast before concluding for a full day exploring Dublin.

This tour is a perfect choice for a first time visitor to Ireland!

TOUR MAP



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DAY 1: ATHLONE AND GALWAY

Your adventure begins when you meet your guide at Dublin Airport. Once all are gathered, your group heads out across the Irish Midlands with the first stop of the day in Athlone.

Situated on the River Shannon, Athlone has been a major crossing point from Neolithic times, through the Viking and Medieval periods to the present day. Defending this ancient river crossing was Athlone Castle, and here, the exhibitions tell you the story of this long and eventful history, culminating in a 360° exhibition on the Great Siege of Athlone.

After your castle tour, and some great photo opportunities, take in a stop at Sean's Bar, the oldest pub in Europe.

Leaving Athlone, your journey continues to Galway, the cultural heart of Ireland. Here, you check into your hotel, perhaps freshen up and take a short rest before heading out to explore the town, do a little shopping, or perhaps enjoy one of the many street performers, or duck into a pub for a traditional music session. Your guide will be happy to give you ideas and recommendations.

Exhausted after your first day, be sure to get a good night's rest before continuing your adventure in the morning.



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DAY 2: ARAN ISLANDS

After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, take a short ride to catch the ferry to Inis Mór, largest of the Aran Islands. (The name means "Big Island" in Irish.) On a clear and calm day, you may be able to see The Cliffs of Moher at a distance from the ferry.

The day is free to explore Inis Mór. Take a walking tour, connect with one of the local guides meeting the ferries, or perhaps a horse drawn tour around the island. You will also find bicycles for rent. One site you should not miss is the Black Fort, reachable on a 3-5 hour walk along the southern half of the island through ancient rock walls and curious sheep who come out to greet you along the way.

Catch the ferry back to Galway in the late afternoon and once back on the mainland, the evening is yours to enjoy Galway for one last night before heading out in the morning to the next stop on your adventure.



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DAY 3: CLIFFS OF MOHER AND DOOLIN

Leaving Galway, enjoy the scenic drive through The Burren along the way to the spectacular Cliffs of Moher. Rising to a height of over 200 meters and running 14 kilometers along the coast, the cliffs are one of the most visited and photographed sites in Ireland.

Your visit to the cliffs offers spectacular views, walks along the cliffs, a visitor center with exhibitions and a multi-media journey flying you over the cliffs. There is plenty of time at this stop to enjoy all the cliffs have to offer and to grab some great photographs.

Leaving the cliffs, you head over to Poul nabrone Dolmen, one of Ireland's largest dolmens and portal tombs. The dolmen is over 6000 years old and believed to be built in the Neolithic period and when excavated, contained the remains of 33 persons. Although much of the original grandeur is now lost, the monument is still quite impressive and well worth the stop.

The day concludes in the charming town of Ennistymon where you will find many traditional pubs and other activities for the evening.



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DAY 4: BUNRATTY, KILLARNEY

Today, you are on your way to Killarney, but not before a stop at the Woolen Mills and tea time with fantastic views and photo opportunities of Bunratty.

Upon arriving in Killarney, you will find much to do. A visit to Ross Castle is a popular option, as is Muckross House and Gardens. Prefer nature? Ladies View in Killarney National Park is a must see, along with Torc Waterfall. Your guide will be available to offer suggestions about the many activities and sites Killarney has to offer.



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DAY 5: DINGLE

After your day in Killarney, you head out to explore Dingle before returning to Killarney for the evening.

The Dingle Peninsula is one of the most popular destinations on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, and your journey will take you through Conor Pass and Slea Head Drive for some spectacular views, (be sure to get photos from both directions), before arriving at Dunquin.

Walk down the steep and crooked road to Dunquin Pier and on a clear day, you will be able to enjoy an excellent view of the Skelligs. Look out across the bay to Great Blasket Island, made famous by many a book about native Irish language and culture, notably, "On an Irish Island," and stop by the Great Blasket Heritage Center where the story of native Irish life and personal stories of those who once lived on the islands is preserved.

Your day includes a stop in Dingle town for some free time before returning to Killarney for the evening.



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DAY 6: CASHEL, DUNGARVAN

Departing Killarney, your adventure takes you to the seat of the Kings of Munster, The Rock of Cashel, a spectacular group of Medieval buildings set on an outcrop of limestone including the 12th century round tower, High Cross and Romanesque Chapel, 13th century Gothic cathedral, 15th century Castle and the restored Hall of the Vicars Choral. Attractions include an audio-visual show and exhibitions. Although the royal seat of Munster is open for debate, The Rock of Cashel is considered the traditional seat of the high kings of Munster. There is definitely something much more ancient here beneath the Medieval church.

After touring The Rock of Cashel, your day concludes along Ireland's "Copper Coast" in the charming seaside town of Dungarvin. Stroll along the waterfront, or perhaps visit Dungarvan Castle, and Anglo-Norman castle dating to 1185 with much history, once serving as a Garda station until 1987 and previously held by the IRA during the Irish Civil War in the 1920's. In Dungarvan, you will find many excellent dining options along with local pubs, many with live music.



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DAY 7: DUBLIN

No visit to Ireland can be complete without a stop in Dublin. Today, you leave Dungarvan and head to Ireland's vibrant capital city where your choices of activities are endless and sure to please.

Some favorites include Trinity College and the Book of Kells, EPIC Irish Emigration Museum, St Stephen's Green, shopping along Grafton Street, the historical areas along the River Liffey which include the Four Courts, O'Connell Street and the GPO, Temple Bar Kilmainham Gaol, Guinness Storehouse, or Phoenix Park.

Your guide will be available to answer questions and offer many more suggestions upon arrival at your hotel. Scheduled time for departure to Dublin airport in the morning will also be announced at this time.



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DAY 8: DUBLIN AND DEPARTURE



Start the day with a full Irish breakfast before gathering your things and heading to the airport.

We bid you farewell and as we say in Ireland, “Slán Abhaile,” have a safe journey home.

Be sure to arrive at Dublin airport at least three hours before flights bound for the USA as passengers must clear [US Preclearance](#) at Dublin airport. Group transport will be provided from your hotel this morning allowing sufficient time for check-in, security

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