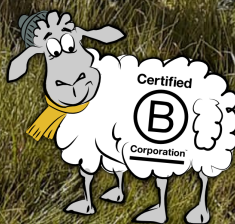




8 Day Vagabond Wild Irish Rover Tour



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Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 22 years of experience are distilled into every itinerary.
- ★ **TOTALLY LOCAL:** Family-owned with local Irish tour guides and staff plus independent hotels.
- ★ **WORLD'S BEST:** We proudly won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 1,800+ 5-Star reviews across **TRIPADVISOR** and **TRUSTPILOT**.
- ★ **AWESOME TOUR GUIDES:** Meet our highly-trained, passionate and well-supported **VagaGuide team**.
- ★ **FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING:** Avail of a free 7 day seat hold, flat-rate deposit and convenient notice period.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on maintaining our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... That's why we're a **B CORP!**

*The Secret is
in Our Team!*

Our amazing team go above and beyond to deliver outstanding travel experiences for every guest.





8 Day Vagabond Wild Irish Rover Tour

Tour Type

VAGABOND - ACTIVE PACE

Tour Direction

COUNTER-CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

CHUNKY 4X4 TOUR VEHICLE

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.20AM SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM SUNDAY



*Get Active with Hikes,
Bikes & Kayaks*

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Go Wild On This Active Adventure Tour

We take the word 'wild' seriously at Vagabond. Explore the outer reaches of the west and southwest of Ireland in a 4x4 Mercedes mini-coach.

Experience a stay in a castle hotel, an e-bike tour in wildest Connemara, Stone Age forts, Atlantic sunsets, hikes in Kerry and a boat trip around the Skellig Islands.

Find out why National Geographic honoured this itinerary with a 'Tours of a Lifetime' award.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRAS', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

THIS IS THE COUNTER-CLOCKWISE ITINERARY: [VIEW CLOCKWISE ITINERARY HERE](#)

Tour Map

8 Day Vagabond Wild Irish Rover Tour



Head west from **Dublin** to **Galway**. Explore the remote **Connemara** region followed by the Cliffs of Moher in **Clare** and 2 nights in **Dingle**. In Kerry, you'll see **Killarney National Park** and the **Skellig Islands** before returning to Dublin via **Cork**.



This tour travels in a counter clockwise direction around Ireland

[View Tour in Opposite Direction](#)

Highlights

8 Day Vagabond Wild Irish Rover Tour



- ★ **Connemara to Clare; Kerry to West Cork**, this tour visits highlights of the southwestern **Wild Atlantic Way** touring route.
- ★ Take a guided, open ocean boat trip around the **Skellig Islands** to experience wildlife and an ethereal monastic story.
- ★ Get blown away by the beauty of three National Parks; Connemara, Killarney and the Burren.
- ★ Flexible adventure options abound, such as **horseback-riding**, sea kayaking, trail biking and even coldwater surfing.
- ★ Discover secluded and **secret destinations**, such as Annascaul, a remote glaciated valley on the beautiful **Dingle peninsula**.
- ★ Experience bucket-list attractions like the **Cliffs of Moher**, the **Rock of Cashel** and the **Blarney Stone**.
- ★ Prepare to wonder at the depth of **Irish history**. Stand inside ancient stone circles, castle ruins and celtic-era ring forts.
- ★ Catch traditional Irish music performances in lively and authentic towns like **Kenmare**.
- ★ **TOUR DIRECTION:** This is the counter-clockwise tour itinerary. It also runs in a **clockwise direction** around Ireland.

Day 1: Sunday

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Overnight Stay

ABBEYGLEN CASTLE HOTEL
CONNEMARA



The romantic Abbeyglen Castle Hotel is steeped in charm and located near Clifden in Connemara.

Average Driving

5 HOURS

Connemara Castle Hotel & Hike



GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN to CLIFDEN, GALWAY

Meet your VagaGuide and fellow Vagabonds at reception of the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin** at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.20am. Board your 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle and hit the road!

Kickstart your Irish odyssey in epic style with a **guided e-bike tour** of the wild **Connemara** region (Optional Extra).

You'll be exploring quiet, back country roads around **Lough Mask** on pedal-assist electric bikes. Expect to cycle 25km in distance and for up to 2.5 hours in duration. The terrain is mostly flat. Some cycling experience is required.

The e-bike tour is completely optional. For those who prefer two feet to two wheels, you can explore scenic woodlands near Lough Mask on a local hike.



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Day 2: Monday

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Cliffs Of Moher & The Burren



CLIFDEN, GALWAY to SPANISH POINT, CLARE

Overnight Stay

THE ARMADA HOTEL



Located right on the Atlantic Ocean in Clare, the Armada is one of our favourite hotel stops.

Average Driving

4 HOURS

Take a guided tour of 16th century **Aughnanure Castle**, ancestral home to the ferocious O'Flaherty clan (Fee Included).

The City of the Tribes — **Galway** — nestles on the Atlantic Ocean and makes for an atmospheric urban experience.

Spot red-sailed traditional boats and picturesque **Dunguaire Castle** in the village of Kinvara, on Galway Bay.

Next is the bewitching beauty of the **Burren National Park**. This region boasts a limestone lunar landscape and uniquely rich flora.

Hold onto your hat! It's the **Cliffs of Moher** (Fee Included). You'll be dazzled by these majestic 700ft high sea cliffs.



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Day 3: Tuesday

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Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Or...

CEANN SIBEAL HOTEL



Stay at Europe's most westerly hotel in the heart of the Gaeltacht on stunning Sleat Head

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Hiking, Surfing & Sheep Farm Tour



SPANISH POINT, CLARE to DINGLE, KERRY

Surf's up! Take a **surf lesson** (Optional Extra) in Spanish Point. Or simply absorb the serenity at one of Ireland's most gorgeous beaches.

Look out for low-flying dolphins as we take a ferry across the mouth of the **Shannon** - the longest river in Ireland - to arrive in 'The Kingdom' of Kerry (Fee Included).

Visit a working Irish sheep farm with charming old-style cottages for a live **sheepdog demo** and **guided farm tour** (Fee Included).

Climb the steep, glaciated valley of **Annascaul**. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes. Expect rough terrain and stunning views.

Refresh yourself with an ice cold drink at the **South Pole Inn**. Relive the extraordinary life of its one-time landlord, Antarctic explorer, Tom Crean.

Dingle awaits... Revel in a wealth of dinner and entertainment options in this bustling little town. There's a pub for every 40 residents!



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Day 4: Wednesday

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Horseback Riding Or Kayaking



DINGLE, KERRY to SLEA HEAD, KERRY (and return)

Overnight Stay

DINGLE SKELLIG HOTEL



Soak in a rooftop hot tub with views over a spectacular bay at the Dingle Skellig Hotel.

Or...

CEANN SIBEAL HOTEL



Stay at Europe's most westerly hotel in the heart of the Gaeltacht on stunning Sleah Head

Average Driving

1 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Today is yours to design. Soak up the charms of **Dingle**, with quality downtime or a choice between the following activities.

Experience **Slea Head**, one of the most beautiful drives in Ireland. Rugged beauty and knife edge cliffs are guaranteed. Look out for the **Blasket Islands** and the holy **Mount Brandon** among the patchwork fields and picture-perfect cottages.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- **A.** Go **horseback-riding** on a beach or up a mountain.
- **B.** Take a gentle **boat trip** around spectacular Dingle Bay.
- **C.** Guided **sea kayaking** on Dingle Bay.
- **D.** Guided **rowing experience** in a traditional Naomhóg boat.
- **E.** Guided **sea safari** around the Dingle Peninsula in a high speed rib. Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes.
- **F.** Golfers will enjoy Dingle's excellent links course. This is an all day activity.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 5: Thursday

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Killarney National Park



DINGLE, KERRY to PORTMAGEE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

THE MOORINGS HOTEL



Located harbourside in the picturesque village of Portmagee, the Moorings Guesthouse is the perfect base for exploring the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Roam the spectacular lakeside meadows and native oak woodlands of **Killarney National Park**. Your visit may include:

- Sightings of rare red deer
- The stately 19th century **Muckross House & Gardens**
- A short but scenic hike to **Torc Waterfall**
- A magical, centuries-old **yew tree** growing at the centre of a ruined medieval abbey
- Idyllic lakeside and mountain views

If it's a clear night, look up... Kerry is an **International Dark Sky Reserve**. The night sky here offers crystal clear views of the Milky Way.



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Skellig Islands Cruise Or Island Hike



PORTMAGEE, KERRY to KENMARE, KERRY

Overnight Stay

COACHMAN'S TOWNHOUSE



Feel right at home when you stay at this family-run townhouse in Kenmare near the Ring of Kerry.

Average Driving

2 HOURS

Today is your chance to experience Ireland's island treasures; the **Skelligs**.

Option 1: Take a **guided boat trip** around both **Skellig Islands** to experience seabirds and amazing history (Optional Extra). This cruise lasts 2 hour 30 minutes.

This is an ocean crossing. Departures are seasonal (mid-May to mid-September). The 12 person capacity boats are small. The cabin conditions are rough and wet; sea legs are required. Your departure is weather dependent and, as such, occasionally subject to late cancellation.

Option 2: Landlubbers can still experience the Skelligs. Hike to the historic signal tower on Bray Head for amazing views of the islands (1 hour 30 minutes). The trail combines well-worn farm track and open hillside.

Catch authentic traditional Irish music and outstanding local food tonight in lively **Kenmare**.



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Day 7: Saturday

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Beara Peninsula Wilderness



KENMARE, KERRY to GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK

Overnight Stay

GOUGANE BARRA HOTEL



Located in a serene valley in Cork, Gougane Barra Hotel is a long-standing favourite with our guests.

Or...

MACROOM CASTLE HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in the village of Macroom in Cork.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

You're about to feel true wilderness. Expect rugged roads, superb scenery and livestock-induced traffic jams on the remote **Beara Peninsula**.

Of the four peninsulas in Ireland's southwest, the Beara receives the least amount of visitors. It's a cliché; but the Beara is truly off the beaten track.

One of our favourite pastimes is dancing around **ancient stone circles**. Astrology? Aliens? Sacrifice? No one truly knows what the circles were for. Let your imagination run wild!

Take a spin over either the **Caha** or **Healy Pass**, both dramatically scenic mountain roads on the Beara Peninsula.

There's one more drive today, a coastal ride that snakes along **Bantry Bay** before cutting inland.



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Day 8: Sunday

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Blarney Stone & Rock Of Cashel



GOUGANE BARRA or MACROOM, CORK to GRAND CANAL, DUBLIN

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Before we wave goodbye — *slán* in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

We'll first trace the valley of the **River Lee** downstream, crossing stone bridges and passing through postcard-pretty countryside.

Then it's time to — hygienically — kiss the famous **Blarney Stone** to gain the gift o' the gab. You also have the option explore the lush, landscaped gardens around **Blarney Castle** (Fee Included).

Take a self-guided tour of the **Rock of Cashel** (Fee Included). Saint Patrick converted the King of Munster here. Brian Boru was crowned High King of Ireland here. We think it's a fittingly epic place to draw your Irish odyssey to a close.

You'll disembark your VagaTron 4x4 tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new travel compadres.



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Options

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No two Vagabond or Driftwood tours are the same. Group preferences may alter the order or composition of this itinerary, which is a suggested outline rather than a rigid schedule.

Orange/Red weather advisories (eg Coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow)) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to cancellations at short notice. We will always attempt to find suitable alternative activities where safe to do so.

There's no need to book optional extras in advance of your tour (with the exception of the **Skellig Islands Landing** on the 12 Day Tour). Your VagaGuide will discuss options with you on tour and book accordingly. If there is something that you want to do or see, let us know. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

DAILY ITINERARY OPTIONS PRICING

Activities marked **OPTIONAL EXTRA** on the day-by-day descriptions carry an additional cost, but are optional.

Guided E-Bike Tour Connemara - €60.00**

Horseback Riding in Dingle** - €50.00

Sea Kayaking Dingle - €60.00

Dingle Sea Safari - €65.00

Skellig Islands Cruise - €50.00

Surf Lesson in Spanish Point** - €35.00

Boat Trip in Dingle Bay - €10.00

Traditional Rowing** - €35.00

Golf in Dingle - Variable

* All details of prices and suppliers contained in this itinerary are correct at the time of publication. Our tour prices will not change as the season progresses. However, our suppliers occasionally increase prices at short notice. We will do our utmost to update you of major price changes as they occur.

** Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.



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Pricing

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- An off the beaten track adventure in 4x4 VagaTron tour vehicle
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 8 full days on tour
- 7 nights' accommodation
- 7 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and visits (see Optional Extras)
- Live like lords and ladies with a one night stay in a castle
- Entrance into the magnificent Blarney Castle and Gardens
- Entrance into the epic Rock of Cashel
- A working sheep farm experience
- Shannon ferry tickets

PLEASE NOTE

Please be aware that there may be unscheduled alterations to the listed accommodation. Rest assured that any alternate hotels will match or be superior to the standard of our listed accommodation.

NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

TOUR PRICING

Oct Departures:
€2,196.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €420.00

May to Sep Departures:
€2,440.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €430.00

Mar, Apr and Oct 2025 Departures:
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