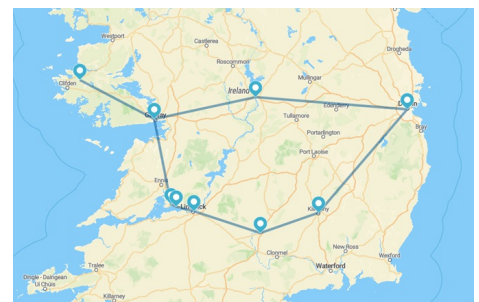




Ireland, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

## Emerald Isle East to West Route and Irish Treasures

Explore this spectacular route in your car and at your own pace, taking in Ireland's most picturesque landscapes and natural settings, which have been a source of inspiration for many poets and filmmakers. 'East to West Route and Irish Treasures' will take you to incredibly beautiful cities such as cosmopolitan Dublin, fun and lively Galway and medieval Limerick. Immerse yourself in the history and traditions of this great country by going to charming towns such as Athlone and Kilkenny. Bask in a unique atmosphere! The itinerary covers in depth some of the places that best capture the essence of Ireland. Jump in and discover the treasures of this green land! There's the elegant Belvedere House estate with its beautiful scenery on the shores of Lough Ennell and the magnificent ruins of the Paleochristian monastery in Clonmacnoise (6th century AD), one of the most prominent religious sites and centres of thought in Europe at the time. There's Connemara National Park, with attractions like Lough Inagh, the remains of Aughnanure Castle (16th century) and Kilemore Abbey (1868). There are the spectacular Cliffs of Moher, stretching for eight kilometres as they stand defiant overlooking the sea and reaching up to 214 metres tall at their highest point. There's the magnificent Bunnratty Castle and the Rock of Cashel, former seat of the kings of Munster and one of the most visited historical sites in the country. These unique places will be just a few of the calling points on our unforgettable journey. And all along the way you'll be sharing, with the cheerful people of Ireland, sumptuous cuisine and interesting cultural and leisure activities that can be adapted to all tastes and budgets. Come and explore Ireland by car, and learn why it's one of the prettiest corners of Europe!



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**From:** London

### Travel details

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## DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - DUBLIN

Flight departure from the city of origin to Dublin and rental car pick-up. This fascinating road trip through Ireland begins in its lively capital city. Dublin is one of Europe's oldest cities and strikes a perfect balance between a great medieval and Georgian heritage and modern buildings, fine cafes, cutting-edge restaurants and interesting art and design attractions. You'll have the rest of the day free to get a feel for the city; enjoy the local cuisine and try an authentic Irish coffee, walk in the footsteps of important writers such as James Joyce and Oscar Wilde, and discover unique places like Dublin Castle, the legendary Trinity College, the historic Christ Church and St. Patrick Cathedrals and the Bank of Ireland... At Dublin City Hall, the old Royal Exchange, you can take in the 'Story of the Capital' exhibition, a fascinating display which will immerse you in the city's history. In the late afternoon, cross the Ha'penny Bridge and explore the fabled Temple Bar area on the banks of the River Liffey. Check out the nightlife of this universal city by popping into its historic pubs and savouring a dark and bitter Guinness beer. Overnight stay in Dublin.

## DAY 2 · DUBLIN - BELVEDERE HOUSE - CLONMACNOISE RUINS - ATHLONE - GALWAY

We'll now leave the capital to head for the lively city of Galway. Ahead of us will be around 220 kilometres full of surprises. Our first stop will be the historic and elegant Belvedere House estate. Located near Mullingar in County Westmeath, this idyllic spot is the perfect place to take a stroll and enjoy a stunning landscape on the shores of Lough Ennell. Before crossing the River Shannon, we can visit the ruins of the Paleochristian monastery in Clonmacnoise (6th century AD), one of the most prominent religious sites and centres of thought in Europe at the time, and the magnificent town of Athlone. The busiest place in the central region, Athlone seduces visitors with gems like its 13th century Norman castle. If you want to take a break from driving, you can sail on a small boat down the River Shannon. This intense and beautiful stage of our journey ends in the lively city of Galway, a stunning university and coastal town full of picturesque cottages and blessed with a splendid beach and gorgeous buildings such as Lynch's Castle and St Nicholas Collegiate Church. You'll be surrounded by serene landscapes of green countryside, leafy forests and idyllic lakes which have been a source of inspiration for artists and romantics alike. This city will amaze you with its artistic creativity and its bohemian and festive style which is so typical of the mentality in western Ireland. The Galway calendar is jam-packed with festivals and other events... Overnight stay in Galway.

## DAY 3 · GALWAY - CONNEMARA REGION - LOUGH INAGH - KYLEMORE ABBEY - AUGHNANURE CASTLE - GALWAY

We recommend taking today to explore the stunning region of Connemara, one of Ireland's wildest areas. Awaiting us will be an intense day of beautiful scenery and old traditions. You will feel as though you're visiting one of the ends of the earth! As we travel along small roads which wind through this stunning mountainous land, we will see ferns, lunar landscapes, beaches devastated and ravaged by waves, vast lakes scattered with dozens of islands and expansive moors of fuchsia and red... In the bays along the ragged coastline are Gaelic-speaking villages whose residents carry traditional slings and often fill their pub evenings with traditional flute and piccolo music. It's not for nothing that this region is often described as the heart of Irish culture. This is a wild, rugged and romantic place situated right on the edge of Europe. The inland landscape is dominated by the Twelve Bens mountain range, which contains the spectacular Connemara National Park, and the stone walls. Just at the entrance to the park you will find parking and the trailhead that takes you to the fascinating Visitor Centre. We recommend you visit because, through its exhibitions, you'll learn about the ancient history of the region going back 10,000 years. Among the main attractions today will be Lough Inagh, the ruins of the 16th-century Aughnanure Castle and Kylemore Abbey, a stunning neo-gothic palace dating back to 1868 and embedded into the surrounding nature. In the evening, we will return to lively Galway. Once we're there we will wander its streets and stop off in its fabled pubs where we will try Ireland's famous beer and one of the region's specialities, oysters. Overnight stay in Galway.

#### ● DAY 4 · GALWAY - CLIFFS OF MOHER - COUNTY CLARE - BUNRATTY CASTLE - LIMERICK

Your journey will now continue via Galway towards the beautiful County Clare. This county is awash with outstanding landscapes, from the wild charms of an Atlantic coastline battered by waves and wind to the famous River Shannon and Lough Derg. The perfect waves here make the extensive coastline a haven for surfers from all around the world, but surfers are not the only ones to be seduced by Ireland's west coast. County Clare is a place to come and enjoy nature and landscapes, pubs that hold concerts with traditional music and extraordinary places like Loop Head Lighthouse on the Loop Head peninsula. Today will be a day when you see spectacular cliffs, evocative landscapes and some of Ireland's most typical small towns and villages. One of our compulsory stops will be at the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's principle tourist attractions. The cliffs stretch out over 8 kilometres and stand at 214 metres tall at their highest point. Get ready to see one of the most beautiful and striking locations on the trip! With vast walls of grey stone standing defiant at the edge of the sea and topped by green meadows, the cliffs are one of the most photographed locations in the country. On the way to the medieval city of Limerick, you can contemplate the magnificent Bunratty Castle. Overnight stay in Limerick.

#### ● DAY 5 · LIMERICK - CASHEL (ROCK OF CASHEL) - KILKENNY

We'll continue to explore Limerick, a stylish medieval city founded by the Vikings in the 9th century and where visitors are met with a lively atmosphere and appetising cuisine that they can enjoy both in restaurants and markets, one of which is the Milk Market. Declared Ireland's first National City of Culture in 2014, it boasts a wealth of culture with gems such as the Hunt Museum, the Limerick City Gallery of Art, beautiful Georgian architecture and rugby-loving locals. Stroll unhurriedly around King's Island, the city's medieval heart, and visit King John's Castle, one of the best preserved in the country. On the way to Kilkenny, we recommend stopping off in Cashel and visiting the famous and imposing Rock of Cashel, the ancient seat of the kings of Munster and one of the country's most visited historical locations. Standing on an imposing rock, this holy place is a medieval masterpiece and an enduring symbol of Irish history. Our last stop for today will be Kilkenny, one of Ireland's most beautiful medieval cities. Its churches, palaces, narrow streets and stone bridges tell tales of a legendary past and bring to life an atmosphere reminiscent of times gone by. Overnight stay in Kilkenny.

#### ● DAY 6 · COUNTY CLARE - CASHEL - KILKENNY

You'll now head towards the centre of the country in your rental car. On the way you'll pass through small towns and classic Irish villages. We recommend stopping off at Cashel, where we recommend you pay a visit to the famous and imposing Rock of Cashel, an ancient fort dating back to the 12th or 13th century which was the throne of the Great Irish Kings before the arrival of the Normans. The castle sits majestically on a hill and is one of the finest examples of Celtic and medieval architecture. It is also said that this is the place where the King of Munster was converted to Christianity by St Patrick in the 5th century. We'll then continue on to the town of Kilkenny, famous for its medieval buildings and local craftwork. Overnight stay in Kilkenny.

#### ● DAY 7 · KILKENNY - DUBLIN

We'll continue exploring Kilkenny, taking in attractive places including Kilkenny Castle, one of the town's main symbols, St Canice's Cathedral, location of the burial vault of the famous Butler family, the Black Abbey, home to one of Ireland's most spectacular rose windows with over 10,000 pieces of ruby and sapphire-coloured glass, and the bustling Parliament Street which is lined by elegant Elizabethan houses... Make the most of your time in the city to visit colourful workshops where you can buy quality artisan products and try the famous local red ale. Don't leave without getting the Smithwick's Experience. You will learn all the secrets of the original St Francis Abbey brewery. Round off your trip by savouring a nice pint, you will be thirsty after such a long walk through history! We will then travel around 130 kilometres to Dublin. Upon our return to Dublin, we will experience its authentic nightlife and historic pubs. A fun way to end an intense and unforgettable trip. Overnight stay in Dublin.

#### ● DAY 8 · DUBLIN - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

## Your trip includes

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- ✓ Return flight.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Dublin.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Dublin.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Galway.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Galway.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Limerick.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Limerick.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kilkenny.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Kilkenny.
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### Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

## Destinations Visited

Dublin



Athlone



Galway



Connemara National Park



Shannon



Bunratty



Limerick



Cashel



Kilkenny



## Important remarks

- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far

the possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.
- This itinerary has been developed in collaboration with the Irish Tourist Office.