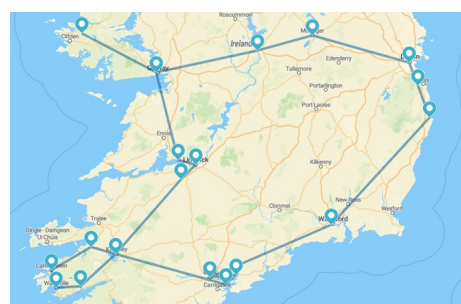




Ireland, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Emerald Isle Western and Southern Route I

The 'Emerald Isle Western and Southern Route I' is a fascinating journey dotted with historic castles, elegant mansions, deserted monasteries surrounded by nature, breathtaking waterfalls, picturesque villages, untouched landscapes offering a place to retreat and meditate, stretches of unspoiled beaches, century-old pubs, age-old museums, Viking and Norman remains and legendary locations that have witnessed a passionate history. From the cosmopolitan capital Dublin to the beautiful gardens of the southeast and the incredible west coast, exploring Ireland by car is a pleasure for the senses in every way. With so much to see and do, it's no wonder that the Emerald Isle attracts visitors from all over the world every year. You'll be walking lands which have, for years, seduced Hollywood filmmakers and appeared in blockbusters such as *Braveheart* and *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Our route will take in the stunning County Wicklow, otherwise known as the Garden of Ireland thanks to its natural beauty, as well as towns and cities such as historic Waterford, food-focused Cork, medieval Limerick and the lively university city of Galway. And that's just the start. On your road trip you'll marvel at sublime landscapes such as the Ring of Kerry, the striking Cliffs of Moher and the gorgeous Connemara region. Get behind the wheel and discover unique places like Powerscourt Estate & Gardens and Belvedere House, the magnificent natural harbour in Cobh, the imposing Blarney, Bunratty and Aughnacloy castles, the ruined monastery of Clonmacnoise and the stunning Kylemore Abbey. All along the route you'll share delicious cuisine and an intriguing folk culture with the friendly Irish people, the true protagonists in a legendary story.



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Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till July 2027

From: London

Travel details

● 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 - ENNISKERRY - WICKLOW - WATERFORD

Drive your rental car to the south of Dublin, specifically to County Wicklow, otherwise known as the Garden of Ireland for its natural beauty. This driving route crosses stunning landscapes, defined by the lush Wicklow hills, spectacular valleys, attractive ravines, breathtaking waterfalls and idyllic lakes... Our first stop will be the beautiful village of Enniskerry, where you'll have the chance to visit the Powerscourt Estate, a 16th century country home, and its wonderful gardens. There you'll find one of the best collections of ornamental trees and flowers in Europe and the highest waterfall in Ireland. There are yet more beautiful landscapes to enjoy though. Our route will now take us to the Wicklow Mountains National Park and the Glendalough monastic settlement. The route continues through the Sally Gap, Rathdrum and Arklow. And don't forget Wicklow itself! Along the route you'll find remote locations, stretches of unspoiled beaches and a passionate history. In the past, these green-carpeted mountains hid Irish rebels. Enjoy this natural and scenic place, and find out why County Wicklow has been seducing Hollywood film stars for years. The beautiful landscape here has featured in blockbusters such as Braveheart, The Count of Monte Cristo and P.S.I Love You. This part of our journey will end in Waterford.

Founded by the Vikings in the 9th century, it is the oldest city in Ireland. You'll see the three museums in the city centre known as the Waterford Treasures and you'll try some of its craft beer such as Metalman Irish Craft Beer, as well as sumptuous blaas, local bread rolls made with white flour...

Overnight stay in Waterford.

● DAY 3 · WATERFORD - CORK AND SURROUNDINGS (MIDLETON/THE JAMESON EXPERIENCE IN THE MIDLETON DISTILLERY) - COBH - BLARNEY CASTLE - KILLARNEY

We'll leave Waterford having seen the Viking and Norman remains in the narrow streets and the walls which once surrounded the Viking Triangle, as well as the famous Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark where visitors can enjoy 25 kilometres of coastline dotted with cliffs, coves and rocky peaks. On with our journey. This day will be a chance to explore some of the most fascinating corners of the Emerald Isle. After two hours in the car we'll arrive in Cork, one of Ireland's gastronomic heartlands. You may hear talk about the 'People's Republic of Cork' here. Welcome to a place where people are proud of their roots and, with tongue in cheek, display their rivalry with the cosmopolitan capital, Dublin. Make the most of your trip by going to its renowned classical concerts and opera and ballet performances, and by visiting the English Market (1788). In the city and surrounding area, including the three islands in Cork Harbour, you'll find an abundance of history, culture and landscapes. If time allows, we recommend three trips to the outskirts of the city. The first is to the town of Midleton, where you can get The Jameson Experience in the Midleton distillery; the second is to the town of Cobh, where you can explore one of the world's largest natural harbours, and the third is to the striking Blarney Castle. After lunch we'll head one and a half hours down the road to Killarney, one of the most touristy spots in the south. Located between spectacular mountains and lakes, it's famous for its unique natural charm. Overnight stay in Killarney.

● DAY 4 · RING OF KERRY (KILLARNEY - KILLORGLIN - CAHERSIVEEN - WATERVILLE - DERRYNANE - SNEEM - KILLARNEY)

We'll now go to explore the compelling Ring of Kerry, one of the most picturesque and attractive tourist routes that can be done by car. Awaiting us is a circular route beginning and ending in Killarney and which combines boundless natural beauty with sumptuous cuisine and a sense of immersion in the region's curious heritage. The locals say that these lands enjoy some of the best weather that the country has to offer. Our driving route covers hundreds of kilometres of road running parallel to the sea between a series of emerald-green fields, cottages, national parks, quaint fishing villages, breathtaking viewpoints over the Atlantic, landscapes scattered with castles, abbeys and monasteries, beautiful beaches and mountains draped in mist... Let's go! Set off and, on the way to Killorglin, contemplate the awe-inspiring MacGillycuddy's Reeks mountain range. The route will take you along the attractive Atlantic coastline and through the charming towns and villages of Cahersiveen, Waterville and Derrynane. Awaiting you will be truly photogenic sights, such as the view of Skellig Michael rising up out of the Atlantic. On the way to Sneem, we recommend stopping at the beautiful Derrynane Beach and Staigue Fort. End this intense day by tucking into the excellent seafood on offer in the region and having a drink in Killarney's traditional pubs. Overnight stay in Killarney.

● DAY 5 · KILLARNEY - ADARE - LIMERICK - BUNRATTY CASTLE - CLIFFS OF MOHER - GALWAY

First thing in the morning, we'll set off in the car towards Galway.

After passing through the pretty village of Adare, we'll arrive in Limerick, a stylish medieval city founded by the Vikings and where visitors are entertained by a lively nightlife and appetising cuisine which can be sampled either in restaurants or in markets such as 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. Another 20 minutes down the road we'll arrive at Bunratty Castle, one of the most attractive in Europe. Our next stop will be the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher (County Clare). 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 facing the sea and topped by green meadows, the cliffs are one of the most photographed locations in the country. 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 6 · GALWAY - CONNEMARA REGION - 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'll 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. 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 day's main attractions will be 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 7 · GALWAY - CLONMACNOISE MONASTERY RUINS - ATHLONE - BELVEDERE HOUSE (WESTMEATH) - DUBLIN

Get ready to enjoy the last stage of this intense journey! Stretching around 220 kilometres, the road connecting Galway to Dublin conceals heritage treasures that are worth taking the time to find. Our first stops will be at 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 its 13th century Norman castle and its illustrious favourite sons, such as John McCormack. If you want to take a break from driving, you can take a small boat and sail down the River Shannon. And about 80 kilometres from Dublin, we find the historic Belvedere House! Located near Mullingar in County Westmeath, this idyllic spot is the perfect place to take a stroll and enjoy the stunning landscape on the shores of Lough Ennell. 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 Waterford.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Waterford.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Killarney.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Killarney.
- ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Galway.
- ✓ Selected meal plan in Galway.
- ✓ Rent-a-car.
- ✓ Insolvency protection.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

Destinations Visited

Dublin



Enniskerry



Wicklow



Waterford



Cork



Midleton





Cobh



Killarney



Killorglin



Caherciveen



Waterville



Sneem



Adare



Limerick



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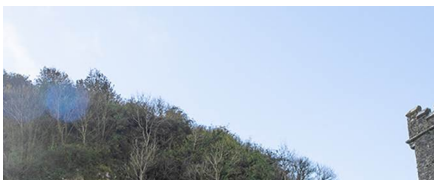
Connemara National Park



Athlone



Mullingar





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 as 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.