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The journey of a lifetime awaits along this southern coastal road on the Wild Atlantic Way. Read on to discover all the ways you can immerse yourself in this unforgettable part of the world. Starting along the Haven Coast with its World-class cuisine, ancient tombs, and serene shores for days. Where else but the Wild Atlantic Way's most southerly coastline would you find sumptuous cuisine, thrilling wildlife, dreamlike landscapes and fun-loving locals all in one inspiring, relaxed place? From Kinsale to Skibereen, it's the perfect place to unwind. The Southern Peninsulas sees the jagged arms of south Kerry wrap into West Cork's lush woodland, providing the perfect setting for fresh-air pursuits such as hiking, coastering and sea kayaking. This delightful region's long and rich history has given rise to an engaging culture and a one-of-a-kind character that keeps visitors coming back time and again. The jagged edges of counties Clare, Galway and Kerry make up the jaw-dropping Cliff Coast. Here, where the land falls away to the waves, the Wild Atlantic Way really begins to work its magic, and from Ballybunion to Doolin you'll discover a region defined by its love of creativity, community, and colossal natural wonders that will keep you coming back.

Arrive and Depart from Shannon Airport

Day 1 - Castle Day Tour (Shannon to Kinsale)

Touring Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle (Kiss the Blarney Stone) Cobh & Charles Fort.

Day 2 - Touring West Cork & Beara Peninsula (Kinsale to Kenmare)

Touring Charles Fort, Franciscan friary of Timoleague, Clonakilty, Drombeg Stone Circle, Glandore, Union Hall, Bantry House & Gardens & Beara Peninsula

Day 3 - Touring Ring of Kerry Coast to Dingle (Kenmare to Dingle)

Touring Derrynane House, Staigue Fort, Waterville, Kerry Cliffs and Skellig Michael, Valentia Island, Sheep-dog demonstration at Caitins & Dingle

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Touring Dingle Town (Dingle Crystal, Dingle Aquarium/Fungi & Dingle Distillery), Sleah Head Ring (Dunbeg Fort, Beehive Huts, The Blasket Centre, Gallarus Oratory & Kilmalkedar Church), Conor Pass & Ardfert Cathedral.

Day 5 - Touring Loop Head, Cliffs of Moher & Burren (Ballybunion to Doolin)

Touring Bromore Cliffs, Loop Head Lighthouse, Cliffs of Moher. traditional music town of Doolin, The Burren Centre & Perfumery and Poul nabrone Portal Dolmen Tomb.

Day 6 - Depart Shannon Airport

TRANSPORT

6 x Days Chauffeured Guided Tour & Transfers in Deluxe Mercedes Vehicle with leather trim, wifi and air con. Fuel, Tolls, Ferry crossings and driver/guide expenses all included. Your knowledgeable chauffeur will guide you to the best restaurants and local bars as well as informing you on all the historical facts and fables.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation can be mixed and matched between 4 and 5 Star if need be.

4 STAR ACCOMMODATION

1 x Night @ Trident Hotel, Kinsale, Co. Cork. A four star hotel, spectacularly located on the water's edge overlooking Kinsale Harbour, with the Pier One Restaurant, the only waterfront restaurant in the Gourmet Capital of Ireland, and the new Foredeck bar area, where you are closer to the sea than you would be on board a boat. The Wharf Tavern and Terrace which has been a welcoming meeting place for golfers, sailors, locals and holidaymakers for decades. The Trident Hotel has it all from quality, location, service and vistas.

1 x Nights @ Brook Lane Hotel, Kenmare, Co. Kerry. Enjoy your stay at Kenmares only luxury boutique hotel. This family run hotel is truly unique for quality, location, service and elegance. Indulge your taste buds at Caseys Bar and award winning restaurant with only locally sourced freshest ingredients to make the tastiest of dishes.

1 x Night @ Benners Hotel, Dingle, Co. Kerry. Situated in the centre of Dingle Town, its old world charm and elegance will captivate you from the moment you arrive. Dingle's Benners Hotel is one of the most luxurious Dingle hotels, offering you the best of both worlds - traditional Irish warmth and comfort coupled with the best of modern facilities.

1 x Nights @ Teach De Broc / 19th Lodge, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry. 4 star Guesthouses located opposite the famed Ballybunion Golf Club. Enjoy the hearty full Irish breakfast or relax and unwind after your day in the bar. Take a short stroll to Ballybunion Golf Club where you can marvel at the spectacular sunset views from the clubhouse restaurant or lounge bar.

1 x Night @ Ballinalackin Castle, Co. Clare. A beautifully restored 18th century manor house hotel with adjoining 15th Century Castle ruin of O' Brien Clan, this is a unique 4 star Co Clare property. A warm welcome, an award winning culinary experience using local produce and luxurious accommodation awaits you, with spectacular panoramic views of the Aran Islands, Cliffs of Moher and Galway Bay. Ballinalackin Castle tour daily at 6pm.

5 STAR ACCOMMODATION

1 x Night @ Perryville House, Kinsale, Co. Cork. Perryville House, right in the heart of picturesque Kinsale, in the Gourmet Capital of Ireland. This 200 year old town house provides a touch of luxury combined with a homely charm. Decorated in tasteful muted shades it has evolved into a beautiful Guest House, overlooking Kinsale Harbour. Perryville House evokes the sense of old world elegance and relaxed intimacy you cannot help but fall in love with.

1 x Nights @ The Park Hotel, Kenmare, Co. Kerry. The Kenmare Park Hotel is one of the finest luxury old world hotels Ireland has to offer, perfectly located adding Kenmare Golf Club and Kenmare town, set in mature garden grounds. A Condé Nast Traveller Award Winner, this proud family-owned hotel offers a warm and welcoming retreat for guests in search of exceptional comfort with all of those little extra touches.

1 x Night @ Pax House, Dingle, Co. Kerry. Set against an idyllic sea view backdrop, life at Pax House enjoys a pace, rhythm and calmness of its own, that embodies the serenity and physical beauty of Dingle. The smallest of pampering touches, thoughtful service and stunning art, creating the warmth, cosyness and friendliness of a bed and breakfast but also the professionalism of a boutique hotel.

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1 x Night @ The Wild Honey Inn, Co. Clare. A charming family run Victorian Inn, with tremendous character and beautiful rooms. With Irelands first One Star Michelin Pub, combining refined bistro cooking with the ambience and warmth of a traditional country inn. Its about elegance thats never affected and about fine with the informality of country hospitality.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Castle Day Tour (Shannon to Kinsale)

Arrive at Shannon Airport on morning flight arrival to be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide at arrivals in the Airport. After a quick freshening up embark on a tour of the Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle (Kiss the Blarney Stone) and onto the Haven Coasts Cobh & Charles Fort.

Depart Shannon Airport and travel via the **Rock of Cashel** for a tour. The Rock of Cashel is one of Ireland's most visited sites, and is a spectacular and archaeological site. A collection of medieval ecclesiastical buildings



set on an outcrop of limestone in the Golden Vale. The 12th-century round tower is of the oldest surviving building on the Rock, also include a high cross, and the ruins Romanesque chapel - Cormac's Chapel is one of the earliest, and finest churches built in the Romanesque style. The 13th-century Gothic cathedral is a large cruciform Gothic church without aisles built between 1230 and 1270. Also a 15th-century castle and the Hall of the Vicars is the entry point to the ecclesiastical enclosure. The Hall houses the museum where the original Cross of St. Patrick can be found.

Travel onwards to Blarney to tour **Blarney Castle and Gardens**. The historic Blarney Castle near Cork City is perhaps most famous for the Blarney Stone but it's also a great destination for the whole family. According to legend, the stone has the power to give anyone who kisses it the 'gift of the gab' (or the ability to be a smooth talker), so for those who dare, a climb to the battlements to reach the famous stone could be well worth it. For a more relaxing experience, take a stroll through the Blarney Castle Gardens and Rock Close—an attractive destination in their own right.



Travel onwards to the Haven Coast of Wild Atlantic Way and **Cobh**. Cobh Heritage Centre presents the Emigration & Maritime Story a dramatic exhibition of the origins, history and legacy of Cobh. Retrace the steps of the two and a half million adults and children who emigrated from Ireland via Cobh on coffin ships, early steamers and finally on the great ocean liners. Explore the conditions on board the early emigrant vessels, including the dreaded coffin ship and experience life on board a convict ship leaving Cobh for Australia in 1801. You can also learn of Cobh's special connections with the ill fated Titanic, which sank on her maiden voyage, located in the original White Star Line Ticket Office in the centre of Cobh town (formally known as Queenstown), in what was the departure point for the final 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic. You can also relive the horror of World War I and the sinking of the Lusitania off Cork Harbour with the loss of 1,198 lives. Another attraction to visit in Cobh is the grandiose neo-Gothic building of St Colman's Cathedral. It took 47 years to build and finally opened in 1911. Its spire stands 100m tall and the tower houses 42 bells, comprising the largest carillon in Ireland.

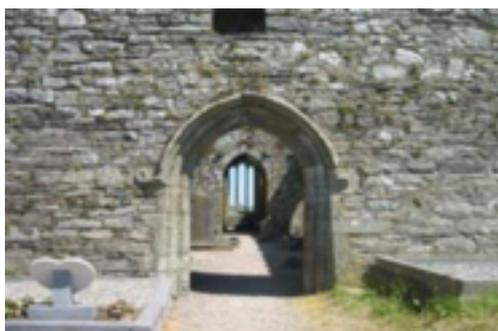


Travel towards Kinsale for a tour of **Charles Fort**. This star-shaped military fortress was constructed between 1677 and 1682, during the reign of King Charles II, to protect the town and harbour of Kinsale in County Cork. William Robinson, architect of the Royal Hospital in Kilmainham Dublin, and Superintendent of Fortifications, is credited with designing the fort. As one of the largest military forts in the country, Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history. These include the Williamite War in 1690 and the Irish Civil War of 1922 - 23. Charles Fort remained garrisoned by the British army until 1922.

Accommodation: Trident Hotel / Perryville Guesthouse, Kinsale

Day 2 - Touring West Cork, Beara Peninsula & Mizen Head (Kinsale to Kenmare)

Touring Franciscan friary of Timoleague, Clonakilty, Drombeg Stone Circle, Glandore, Union Hall, Bantry House & Gardens, Beara Peninsula & Mizen Head.



Tour of the **Franciscan friary of Timoleague** which was founded in the late-13th or early-14th century and today, extensive ruins remain in the village, which is located in County Cork, just 10km east of Clonakilty. Visitors can explore the long church, nave, transept, cloister and tower. They can also find a bullaun stone and fine windows. It's believed that either Donal Glas MacCarthy or William Barry founded the friary, which survived until it was burnt by English soldiers in 1642. Travel

onwards to Clonakilty for a quick stop in this harbour town.

Travel to **Drombeg Stone Circle**, or as it is locally known as the Druid's Altar, which is located on the edge of a rocky terrace overlooking the sea about a kilometre away, in Glandore County Cork. This is a circle of 17



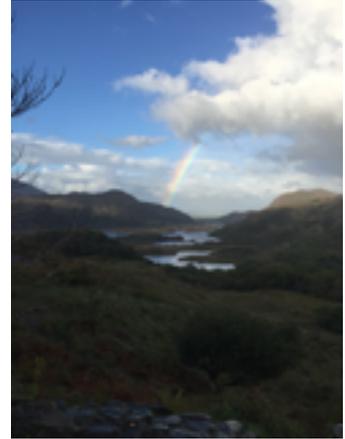
standing stones which on excavation showed that there had been an urn burial in the centre. It has been dated to between 153 BC and 127AD. Excavations in 1957 and 1958 revealed cremated bones in a deliberately broken pot wrapped with thick cloth and buried near the centre of the circle along with 80 other smashed sherds, four bits of a shale and a collection of sweepings from a pyre. After Drombeg travel onwards via the spectacular picturesque fishing villages of Glandore and Union League at the end of the Haven Coast.

Travel onwards and into the Wild Atlantic Ways Southern Peninsula Coast to tour **Bantry House & Gardens**, which is the ancestral home of the Earls of Bantry which is situated overlooking Bantry Bay in West Cork. The title lapsed in 1891 but the house is still owned and lived in by the direct descendants of the 1st Earl of Bantry. Since 1946 the House and Garden has been open to the

public. The House has an important collection of art treasures mainly collected by the 2nd Earl of Bantry on his Grand Tour. The garden was inspired by travels of the 2nd Earl. It is laid out in the Italian style over seven terraces, with the house sitting on the third terrace. A Parterre facing south surrounding a wisteria circle which again surrounds a fountain was also created. From there rise the famous Hundred Steps, a monumental staircase built of local stone, set amidst azaleas and rhododendron.



Travel onwards via the **Beara Peninsula** taking in Glengarriff, Adrigole, Castletownbere, Allihies, Eyeries, Ardgroom and Lauragh. The Beara Peninsula route covers wild seascapes, amazing scenery and equally amazing visitor attractions such as Garinish Island, Dzogchen Beara Retreat Centre and Allihies Copper Mine Museum. On this route you will pass through colourful villages and the major fishing port of Castletownbere. Dursey Island is located at the extreme south westerly tip of the Beara Peninsula and access is by way of cable car.



Travel onwards to the beautiful town of **Kenmare** on the Ring of Kerry. Nestling peacefully at the mouth of the Kenmare Bay is Kenmare one of Ireland's loveliest Heritage Towns. From its origins in 1678 the town of Kenmare, Co Kerry, was special. Kenmare is a haven of tranquillity, gourmet food, superb accommodation and breathtaking scenery, in one of the most natural, unspoilt environments in Europe. Tour Kenmare Art Gallery to see how this innovative gallery focuses on contemporary Irish art and, in particular, on the artists of the Beara Peninsula. Visit the Kenmare Lace and Design Centre which hosts an antique lace exhibition, lacemaking demonstrations, lace for sale, lacemaking materials and general haberdashery.

Accommodation: Brook Lane Hotel / The Park Hotel

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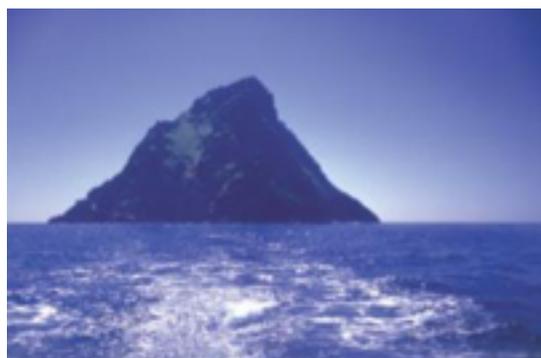


Travel onwards via the photographic Wild Atlantic way coastline to **Derrynane House**. This was the ancestral home of one of Ireland's most famous historical figures, Daniel O'Connell, lawyer, politician and statesman. Situated on 120 hectares of parklands on the scenic Kerry coast, the House displays many relics of O'Connell's life and career as a museum in his honour. The main street in Dublin, O'Connell Street is called after him. Derrynane National Historic Park, plantations and garden walks were laid out in the 18th and 19th Centuries, principally north and west of the house. Some features of the demesne are strongly associated with Daniel O'Connell, including the old summer house.

Travel onwards to **Staigue Fort**. This one of the largest and finest ring forts you are likely to see in Ireland. The fort consists of a massive circular rampart surrounded by an external bank. The wall is up to 5.5m (18ft) high and 4m (13ft) thick, surrounding a circular area of 27.4m (90ft) in diameter. Staigue fort shows great skill and craftsmanship in the area of stone building. The technique of dry-walling so well demonstrated here has a long tradition in Ireland. The survival of so many early structures throughout the Irish countryside is partly due to the mastery of the craft of interlocking stones to achieve total stability, even in large building works like Staigue fort. Travel onwards to seaside town of Waterville.



Travel onwards off the beaten track of the Ring of Kerry via the spectacular **Kerry Cliffs**. The Kerry Cliffs offer spectacular views of the Skellig Islands and Puffin Island, over 1,000 feet (305 meters) high. The cliffs were formed over 400 million years ago. Located just 3km from Portmagee village, high above the wave lashed cliffs



of Kerry Head at the most westerly point of the headland once stood two stone built forts, today all that survives is a stone wall a few feet high with sheer 60ft cliffs behind them and acres of wild wind blown bog land in front. The Skelligs are world famous, each in its own right and recently were made even more famous on the big screen by the Star Wars Movie. **Skellig Michael** is known throughout the world of archaeology as the site of a well preserved monastic outpost of the early Christian period, now designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Small Skellig is equally renowned in matters of ornithology as the home of some 27,000 pairs of gannets, the second largest colony of such sea birds in the world.

Travel onwards to **Valentia Island**. The western part of the island is dominated by the barren, dramatic cliffs of Bray Head which command spectacular views of the Kerry coastline while the mild effect of the Gulf Stream results in Valentia's balmy climate and lush, colourful vegetation. Valentia was the eastern terminus of the first commercially viable transatlantic telegraph cable. This vast endeavour resulted in commercially viable transatlantic telegraph communications from Foilhommerum Bay to Heart's Content, Newfoundland in 1866. Transatlantic telegraph cables operated from Valentia Island for one hundred years. The Tetra pod footprints were found on the northern part of the island. These magnificent imprints of history are thought to date from Devonian times between some 350 to 370 million years ago. An important quarry on the northern part of the island which opened in 1816 still flourishes today. The famous Valentia Slate has been used in many prominent buildings including the British House of Commons in London. View one of the Great Lighthouses of Ireland, Valentia Island Lighthouse on Cromwell Point was built on the site of a 17th century fort and has stood against sea and invader for hundreds of years.





Travel to the **sheep-dog demonstration at Caitins** which is one of the most unusual – and popular – sights on the Ring of Kerry. Local farmer Brendan Ferris will introduce you to his sheep dogs. In the distance, a flock of sheep can be seen widely dispersed on the side of the mountain behind him. Brendan then gives a fascinating demonstration of how sheep dogs are used to bring in the sheep on real farms. Responding to Brendan's whistled commands, the dogs guide the sheep downwards. Miraculously, by the end of the demonstration all the sheep are calmly gathered in a pen beside you.

Enjoy the scenic drive along the Wild Atlantic Ways Dingle Peninsula to Dingle Harbour Town.

Accommodation: Benners Hotel / Pax Guesthouse, Dingle

Day 4 - Touring Dingle Peninsula (Dingle to Ballybunion)

Touring Dingle Town (Dingle Crystal, Dingle Aquarium/Fungi & Dingle Distillery), Sleah Head Ring (Dunbeg Fort, Beehive Huts, The Basket Centre, Gallurus Oratory & Kilmalkedar Church), Conor Pass & Ardfert Cathedral.



Tour of **Dingle Aquirium**. Gaze in wonder as you get up close and personal with the magnificent marine life inhabitants. Submerge yourself in the wonderful enchanted underwater world! Come face-to-face with the most fearsome creatures of the sea: sharks. Gain exclusive access to Sandtiger Sharks! Meet the delightful Polar Penguins and gets hands-on experience at the Touch Tank where you can stroke the friendly Rays and even hold a Starfish. Time allowing why not get up and close with the natural wildlife in Dingle Bay by going on a boat cruise to see the famous **Fungie the Dolphin**. In 1983, an extraordinary and curious visitor decided to visit Dingle Harbour. This amazing Dolphin befriended the local fishermen while they were fishing in Dingle harbour and Bay. They named him "Fungie" the Dingle Dolphin. This wild bottlenosed dolphin has remained and has become Dingles most famous resident. Fungie has never been fed by humans in order to induce him to stay or to perform. He thrives on playing around with the Boats that go out on tours to see him, or with any other small craft that comes his way to play. He is approximately 13ft in length and weighs over 250lbs.



Dingle Crystal are a family business specialising in hand-cut Irish crystal. Each piece is handmade by master craftsman Sean Daly at his workshop in Dingle, Co. Kerry. Sean's unique celtic designs are inspired by the rich heritage and breathtaking landscape of Ireland's west coast. All of our crystalware is designed, cut and polished by hand, using traditional techniques. With every step of the production process being carried out in Ireland, Dingle Crystal is a true embodiment of Irish craft. No two pieces are exactly the same and each piece is personally signed by Sean. This is how Sean guarantees a unique and individual piece of Irish crystal to each of his customers. The **Dingle Whiskey Distillery** is not in the business of creating megabrands, nor do they distil for anyone else. Their scale is modest, their approach to what they make is essentially artisan and they have rekindled the tradition of independent distilling in Ireland. Two hundred years ago, this small island had over a hundred officially recognised distilleries; by the turn of this century there were two. The Dingle Distillery welcomes visitors to enjoy a tour of their facility where the entire production process, for all their products, are explained and a gin/vodka sample is provided. The distillery tour will give you an introduction into Irish whiskey and into the Dingle Distillery.



Depart Dingle and travel to Mount Eagle on the Dingle peninsula to view **Dunbeg Fort** which is an impressive promontory stone fort. The fort has suffered a lot of damage due to erosion but is still very impressive. Inside the fort is a circular Beehive hut or Clochan with a square interior. The fort has four outer defensive banks and a souterrain about 16 metres long, leading from the front of the outer defenses to the interior. Travel onwards via the Wild Atlantic Way along the Sleah Head Drive. Stop to tour the **Beehive Huts**, the most common surviving house type in Corca Dhuibhne during the Early Medieval period was the clochán (or Beehive Hut as known locally), a round house built using local stone, and roofed either in stone, using the corbelling technique. Many examples can be found in the Ceann Trá area, particularly near Sleah Head and they date from the 6th to the 10th or 11th centuries AD. These structures are found either singly, conjoined or three together. These were the houses in which people lived, be they of moderate or even high status, or monks within monasteries. Sometimes underground passages known as souterrains are found associated with them.



Travel onwards to the **Blasket Centre**. This is a fascinating heritage & cultural centre/museum honouring the unique community who lived on the remote Blasket Islands until their evacuation in 1953. The Centre details the community's struggle for existence, their language and culture, folklore & customs, and their extraordinary literary legacy – with classics such as 'The Islandman', 'Twenty Years A-Growing' and 'Peig'.



Travel onwards to **Gallarus Oratory**, which is the best preserved early Christian church in Ireland. Gallarus Oratory, was built between the seventh and eighth century and is the best preserved early Christian church in Ireland. It represents the apogee of dry-stone corbelling, using techniques first developed by Neolithic tomb makers. The stones were laid at a slight angle, lower on the outside than the inside to allow water to run off. Travel onwards to tour **Kilmalkedar**. Kilmalkedar is a spectacular early-Christian and medieval ecclesiastical site. The ruins are spread across an area of 10 acres. Among them, visitors will enjoy examining the fine 12th-century Hiberno-Romanesque church and several fascinating artefacts, such as an alphabet stone, holed Ogham stone, sundial and large stone cross.



Travel onwards over the spectacularly breadth taking drive through the **Conor Pass to Ardferd Cathedral**. In the 6th century, St Brendan The Navigator founded a monastery at this site near Tralee in County Kerry. Today, visitors can see three medieval churches, an ogham stone, and a number of early Christian and medieval grave slabs. The oldest building is the cathedral, which dates from the 12th to the 17th centuries. It has a Romanesque west doorway, a magnificent 13th-century east window and a spectacular row of nine lancets in the south wall. One of the two smaller churches is a fine example of the late Romanesque style and the other is a plain 15th-century structure with interesting carvings.

Upon arrival in the Cliff Coast town of Ballybunion take an evening stroll along the Golden Mile Beach and the spectacular Cliffs of Doonen viewing the ruins of the Bunyan Castle, Nine Daughters Hole and Virgin Rock.

Accommodation: Teach De Broc / 19th Lodge Guesthouse, Ballybunion

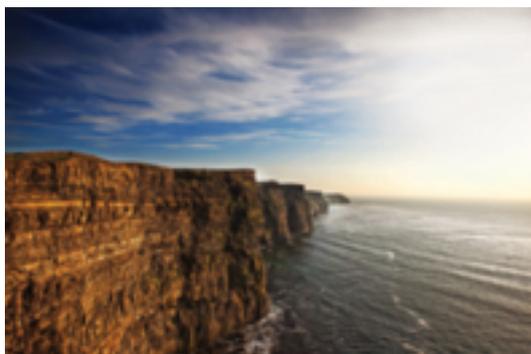
Day 5 - Touring Loop Head, Cliffs of Moher & Burren (Ballybunion to Doolin)

Touring the Cliff Coast of Bromore Cliffs, Loop Head Lighthouse, Cliffs of Moher, traditional music town of Doolin, The Burren Centre & Perfumery and Poulnabrone Portal Dolmen Tomb.



Begin your tour of the Cliff Coast at **Bromore Cliffs** which is an enchanted kingdom less than a mile from the popular seaside resort of Ballybunion in County Kerry. Bromore from the Irish Bru mhór, meaning a large gathering place, has it all with an ancient promontory fort, that couldn't be more strategically more perfect, surrounded by 200' sheer drops into the sea on three sides and rolling fairy wind meadows to the landward. The sea and the elements have carved out huge caves where mermaids have been spotted combing their hair while waterfalls thunder down from the fields, crashing onto the beaches below. It's a geologists and a storytellers dream with stories, beautifully depicted on information plaques at each of the viewing points which run along the old prehistoric road that linked the various forts and castles from Beale to Ballyheigue.

Travel via the Tarbert-Kilimer Ferry to Kilrush and via **Loop Head Drive** to Kilkee. Loop Head is at the western tip of County Clare, peaceful roads and deserted beaches stretch out along the Loop Head Drive. The cliff-girt headland that separates the sheltered water of the Shannon Estuary from the fury of the Atlantic Ocean. The tip of the head is occupied by a graceful lighthouse, the land is level and bright with wild flowers, pink thrift, yellow vetch and white campion. You can climb the Loop Head Lighthouse for panoramic views - from Kerry to the Cliffs of Moher. To the north there are four great promontories and cathedral-sized caverns. Out at the very end of the peninsula, the white letter E-I-R-E are cut into the grassy cliff top, a relic from the Second World War, to be seen from the air.



Travel to Ireland's most visited natural attraction, the **Cliffs of Moher**. They stretch for 8km (5miles), as the crow flies, along the Atlantic coast of County Clare in the west of Ireland and reach 214m (702feet) at their highest point at Knockardakin just north of O'Brien's Tower. At the southern end of the Cliffs of Moher stands Hags Head a natural rocky promontory that resembles a seated woman when viewed from the north. In the ancient Gaelic language, the word Mothar means "ruined fort" and a 1st century BC fort stood where Moher tower now stands. Therefore the Cliffs of Moher means the cliffs of the ruined fort and although there is no trace remaining of this two thousand year old fort it has given name to the cliffs which are visited annually by almost one million visitors. The

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience is located almost midway along these spectacular cliffs and is home to; an environmentally friendly visitor centre set into the hillside, O'Brien's Tower – a 19th century viewing tower, and 800metres of protected cliff side pathways, viewing areas and steps. Travel onwards to **Doolin Village** for lunch in one of the many traditional Irish musical pubs. Sample the great atmosphere in this village that is steeped in the history of traditional Irish music.

COMPANY NAME: IRELAND TRAVEL LINKS

Discover the unique magic of this 'Bhoireann' or 'stony place' region in the **Burren Centre**. This visitor centre lies at the heart of the historic village of Kilfenora. It boasts a fantastic exhibition, an audio-visual theatre, local crafts shop and tea room. The audio visual film, narrated by famous environmentalist Eamon de Buitlear, traces the formation of the Burren 320 million years ago and explains why Alpine, Artic and Mediterranean plants grow side by side in this unique limestone world. Understand how ancient man left his mark on the landscape in the form of the Dolmen Tombs and burial chambers, which still stand today as stone sentinels to the Burren's heritage. Travel onwards to visit the famous **Poulnabrone Portel Dolmen Tomb**.



Accommodation: Ballinalackin Castle / Wild Honey Inn, Doolin

Day 6 - Depart Shannon Airport

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Terms & Conditions

Costs may fluctuate upon the time of year and availability cannot be guaranteed on all accommodations.

25% Deposit required to secure the booking of Accommodation and Transport. Non refundable upon payment.

Full payment of tour required 1 month in advance of the tour date. Non refundable upon payment.

Please note Accommodation includes Bed & Breakfast only.

All lunch and evening meals are not included, but the finalised itinerary will have suggested local restaurants.

Activity costs are not included unless requested.

It is advised to take out travel insurance to cover every eventuality.

Tips are not included but encouraged.
