



Proposed Itinerary - 2025

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EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY - 2025

The Southwest of Ireland is renowned for its breathtaking scenery from the unique Burren and the Cliffs of Moher along the Wild Atlantic way to the Ring of Kerry and Corks rugged peninsula coastline. Set against this landscape are some of the most acclaimed links courses in the world revered by the games greats including Watson, Palmer, Stewart, Michelson, Woods etc. With a warm welcome that is tradition for the locals, golfers will relish every moment of their stay. Indeed the locals are more than a little knowledgeable when it comes to golf and visitors can expect pre round tips from the locals to help them on their way. Many of the courses have been created or remodelled by some of the world's most celebrated architects, most notably Tom Simpson, Old Tom Morris, Dr. Alister MacKenzie, Robert Trent Jones and Tom Fazio to name but a few.

Golf

Day 1 - Doonbeg GC

Day 2 - Lahinch GC

Day 3 - Ballybunnion GC Old Course & Cashen Course

Day 4 - Tralee GC

Day 5 - Dooks GC

Day 6 - Waterville GC

Day 7 - Old Head of Kinsale GC

Accommodation

1 x Night @ Trump International Doonbeg Resort, Doonbeg, Co. Clare. 1 x 4 bedroom Ocean View Suite
After Golf relax and unwind in the Members Bar where you can marvel at the spectacular sunset views or take a Spa treatment. Marvel at the fine cuisine in the Ocean View Restaurant. Enjoy these 5 star cottages which have a shuttle service to and from the main resort hotel.

2 x Nights @ Teach De Broc Guesthouse, Ballybunnion, Co. Kerry. 4 x Superior Double Rooms 4 star
Guesthouse located opposite the famed Ballybunnion Golf Club. Enjoy the hearty full Irish breakfast or relax and unwind after golf in the bar. Take a short stroll to Ballybunnion golf club where you can marvel at the spectacular sunset views from the clubhouse restaurant or lounge bar.

2 x Nights @ Carrig Lake Country House, Carrig Lake, Co. Kerry. 4 x Superior Lakeview Double Rooms If you are looking for the perfect hideaway which offers peace, tranquility, plus a wonderful restaurant on the lake, Carrig House on the Ring of Kerry and Wild Atlantic Way is the place for you. The beautifully appointed bedrooms, drawing rooms and The Lakeside Restaurant, overlooking Caragh Lake and surrounded by Kerry's Reeks District mountains, rivers and lakes create the perfect getaway.

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2 x Nights @ Perryville House, Kinsale, Co. Cork. 4 x Superior Double Rooms 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.

Transport

4 x Couples (4 golfers & 4 non golfers) 8 x Days Chauffeured Guided Tour & Transfers in Deluxe Mercedes Bus 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 historical facts and fables.

Touring Details

Day 1 - Tuesday - Doonbeg GC

Arrive at Shannon Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide. Travel to Trump International Resort. **Golfers** play the Greg Norman designed and Martin Hartree remodelled Trump Doonbeg Golf Club. In line with Norman's philosophy of 'least disturbance', the most natural route was taken in laying the course out through the sand dunes but still offers views of the Atlantic from 16 of the 18 holes. **Non golfers** enjoy a Spa treatment upon arrival and settle in to the resort. After golf relax and unwind and indulge in the fine dining in the Restaurant.



Golf: Trump Doonbeg GC (Est 1892) Par: 71 Men's & Ladies

Length: Black Tees 6,785 yards / White Tees 6,239 yards / Ladies Tees 5,181 yards

Accommodation: 5 Star Doonbeg Resort, Doonbeg

Day 2 - Wednesday - Lahinch GC

Golf at Lahinch GC. Touring Cliffs of Moher, traditional music town Doolin, The Burren Centre & Perfumery, Poulbrone Portal Dolmen Tomb.

Golfers travel to play the Old Tom Morris designed and Dr. Alister MacKenzie & Martin Hartree remodelled Lahinch GC and discover the Ireland of yore in this unique authentic links with famous holes such as the Clondyke and the Dell. Play golf in the midst of the famous resident goats that roam free on the course. After golf relax and unwind at the clubhouse bar and restaurant with its panoramic view of the course and the Wild Atlantic Way. Be whisked away for a leisurely drive to Ballybunion across the River Shannon via a Ferry. Indulge in the traditional Irish cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Ballybunion.



Golf: Lahinch GC (Est 1892) Par: 72 Men / 74 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,950 yards / White Tees 6,613 yards / Ladies Tees 5,502 yards



Non Golfers travel onwards 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.

Accommodation: 4 Star Teach De Broc Lodge Guesthouse, Ballybunion

Day 3 - Thursday - Ballybunion GC Old & Cashen Courses

Golf at Ballybunion. Touring Ballybunion by the Sea, Carrigfoile Castle & Literary Listowel.

Golfers play Ballybunion's signature 18 hole Old Course believed by many to be designed by the Golf Gods and remodelled by Tom Simpson, Tom Watson, Martin Hawtree & Graeme Webster. Made world renowned by Tom Watson, follow in the footsteps of the greats of the game to have played there including Watson, Trevino, Faldo, Nicklaus, to O' Meara, Stewart, Woods & Michelson. In 1982 Tom Watson made his famous off the cuff eulogy after accepting the Claret Jug at Royal Troon: "Nobody can call himself a golfer until he has played at Ballybunion; you would think the game originated there!". After your round have a few beverages in the bar and lunch while sampling the magnificent view from the clubhouse perched on a sand dune looking over the eighteenth and the Wild Atlantic Ocean.



Golf: Ballybunion GC Old Course (Est 1893) Par: 71 Men / 74 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,802 yards / White Tees 6,366 yards / Ladies Tees 5,475 yards

Ballybunion GC Cashen Course

Enjoy an afternoon game at the Robert Trent Jones Senior designed Cashen Course. Marvel at the magnificent views as this course weaves through some of the biggest sand dunes in Ireland & Europe. Opened in 1984 this course requires acute precision especially off the tee as fairways frequently disappear around corners. Course management is at a premium and the single figure golfer may enjoy the course more off the blue tees. After your round have a few beverages in the bar and lunch while sampling the magnificent view from the clubhouse



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Golf: Ballybunion GC RTJ Cashen Course (Est. 1984) Par: 72 Men & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,318 yards / White Tees 5,945 yards / Ladies Tees 5,055 yards



Non Golfers explore **Ballybunion by the Sea** on the Wild Atlantic Way. Take a stroll on the Golden Mile Beach which is a beautiful stretch of golden sand, surrounded by rocky headlands and high cliffs overlooked by a picture perfect castle, Fitzmaurice Castle. The striking 30 foot wall of this 16th century castle stands proudly in the enclosure of a promontory fort, the Castle Green and has prime location with magnificent views the main beach, cliffs and Atlantic Ocean in its home at Ballybunion. Walk the famous Cliffs of Doonen with the Nine Daughters Hole, Pookeen Ruins, Virgin Rock and view of the Shannon Estuaries Dolphins bathing.

Travel onwards to Ballylongford and **Carrigafoyle Castle**. Carrigafoyle Castle is a very fine example of 15th century building. The illustration in Pacata Hiberna shows the unique features of this castle. The castle was strongly built and ingeniously situated. Standing on the edge of the Shannon estuary on what was originally an island, Carrigafoyle Castle rises to five storeys with vaults over the second and fourth storeys. Carrigafoyle Castle was the main stronghold of the O Connor Kerry, the principal chieftain of this barony named after him. For 400 years they were an important part of the ever changing political and military jigsaw of those times.



Travel onwards to **Literary Listowel**. Tour the beautifully restored 19th century Georgian Seanchaí – Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre which portrays the lives of North Kerry's famous writers in a unique audio-visual experience. Writers featured include John B. Keane, Bryan MacMahon, Brendan Kennelly, George Fitzmaurice and Maurice Walsh. Learn about the places, people, traditions and customs that influenced the writers in their works. Listen to Ireland's master ' Seancha i' Eamon Kelly tell of the great oral tradition that influences the writers and experience the memories of Writers' Week Literary Festival that nurtures the talent of many great Irish Writers. Tour Listowel Castle which dates

to the 13th century but the present castle was probably built in the 15th century by the FitzMaurices. The castle stands on an elevation on a steep bank, overlooking the river Feale, above the location of a strategic ford. A substantial part of the front of the castle survives consisting of two large, square towers of four storeys, standing almost to the original height of 15.3 metres, connected by a wall of the same height and linked together by an arch on one side. the Lartigue Monorail offers visitors of all ages the opportunity to experience a unique form of rail travel. The original steam-powered monorail (designed by Frenchman Charles Lartigue) ran for nine miles between Listowel and the seaside resort of Ballybunion. Operating from 1888 to 1924, it carried passengers, livestock and freight along a rail supported on A-shaped trestles. It occupies a special place in railway history as the only monorail of its type to operate successfully on a commercial basis. During its lifetime the original Lartigue Monorail was an object of much interest, curiosity and amusement. Nowadays, your visit includes a short demonstration journey on a full scale diesel powered replica of the original monorail.



Accommodation: 4 Star Teach De Broc Guesthouse, Ballybunion

Day 4 - Friday - Tralee GC

Golf at Tralee GC. Touring Rattoo Round Tower, Ardfert Cathedral and Tralee Wetlands.

Golfers travel to Arnold Palmer designed Tralee Golf Club which was instituted in 1896, and opened its present Arnold Palmer-designed course for play at Barrow in October, 1984. Marvel at the wonderful views and look down on the beach where “Ryan’s Daughter” was filmed off the 1st and 2nd holes. After golf enjoy the panoramic views from Tralee’s clubhouse before being whisked to Waterville to check into your the luxurious Butler Arms Hotel. Indulge in International cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Waterville.



Golf: Tralee GC (Est. 1896) Par 71 Men’s & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,975 yards / White Tees 6,678 yards / Ladies Tees 5,481 yards

Non Golfers touring. Found near the village of Ballyduff, the **Rattoo Round Tower** stands on the grounds of an ancient monastery. It’s thought to have been founded by Bishop Lughach, one of the first Christian evangelists in County Kerry. The round tower, which dates from about 1100, is very well preserved and features unique moulding with a curvilinear design. There is also a fascinating sheela-na-gig, an ugly, explicit carving used as a protective symbol. It is the only example found in an Irish round tower. Additionally, the site boasts the ruins of a 15th-century church, whose structure includes stones from an earlier house of worship.



Travel to **Ardfert 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.

Travel onwards to the town of Tralee and the **Tralee Wetlands**. Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre is equipped with not only scenic views from the 20 metre Viewing and Observation Tower but also with full visitor facilities, including the Ballyseedy at the Wetlands Cafe, An Interactive Wildlife Exhibition, Guided Nature Boat Tours, Bird Hides, and for the more energetic the light Watersports and Activity Lake! Vibrant on the one hand, tranquil on the other, Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre is really a fantastic place to visit with facilities and activities to cater for all ages making your visit a uniquely individual experience. Take in the scenic drive to Fenit on way back to Tralee Golf Club.



Accommodation: 4 Star Carrig Country House, Carragh Lake, Killorglin

Day 5 - Saturday - Dooks GC

Golf at Dooks GC. Touring sheep dog demo @ Caitins and Gap of Dunloe.

Golfers Travel to the Royal Horse Artillery designed and Anthony Brown & Martin Hawtree remodelled Dooks Golf Club on the Ring of Kerry. Enjoy golf on this hidden gem, one of the 10 oldest clubs in Ireland. After golf enjoy a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before travelling back to Killarney. Indulge in International cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Killarney.



Golf: Dooks GC (Est. 1889) Par 71 Men's / 72 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,586 yards / White Tees 6,327 yards / Ladies Tees 5,379 yards



Non Golfers tour of 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.

The **Gap of Dunloe** is a narrow mountain pass between Macgillycuddy's Reeks (west) and Purple Mountain (east) in County Kerry, Ireland. A popular form of transport for tourists is the horse-drawn trap, a cart where up to four occupants sit facing each other. This place was used as a filming location in the Irish film *The Crying Game*. The road through The Gap from Kate Kearney's Cottage, down to Lord Brandon's Cottage, is about 11 kilometers long, climbing and descending about 200 metres altogether. Nestled at the entrance to the world famous Gap of Dunloe is Kate Kearney's Cottage, a 150 year old family-run establishment. After a day's sightseeing, you can stop by for the famous pub grub and a drink in Kate's pub with its open fire. In the restaurant, a full a la carte menu is provided and groups, small functions, individual diners and couples are catered for. There's also a craft shop here which stocks a wide range of local gifts and produce.



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Day 6 - Sunday - Waterville GC

Golf at Waterville GC. Touring Ring of Kerry off the beaten track tour to Valentia Island, Kerry Cliffs and Skellig Michael, Waterville & Staigue Fort.

Golfers travel along the breathtaking Ring of Kerry to the Eddie Hackett designed and the Tom Fazio remodelled Waterville Golf Club and marvel at the wonderful views. Pose for a picture beside a statue of Payne Stewart who was a regular visitor to Waterville for golf & fishing. After golf enjoy a snack and beverage at Waterville Clubhouse before returning back to Waterville. Indulge in International cuisine in a local restaurant and enjoy the Irish Craic in one of the many bars in Waterville.



Golf: Waterville GC (Est. 1896) Par 72 Men's / 73 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,378 yards / White Tees 6,810 yards / Ladies Tees 5,360 yards

Non Golfers travel onwards off the beaten track of the Ring of Kerry 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 onwards 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 build forts, today all that survives is a stone wall a few feet high is with sheer 60ft cliffs behind them and acres of wild wind blow 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 via **Waterville** 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 Kinsale.

Accommodation: 4 Star Perryville House, Kinsale

Day 7 - Monday - Old Head of Kinsale

Golf Old Head of Kinsale. Touring Kinsale, Charlesfort & Blarney Castle.

Golfers be whisked away to play the Old Head of Kinsale GC. Occupying a stunning and unique headland reaching out over two miles into the Atlantic Ocean, the Old Head of Kinsale is home to the most spectacular world-class golf course. Enjoy its breathtaking views and marvel at the sheer cliff top drops into the Wild Atlantic Ocean. After golf enjoy a snack and beverage at the Terrace taking in the cuisine and views.



Golf: Old Head of Kinsale GC (Est. 1896) Par 72
Men's / 73 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,378 yards / White Tees 6,810 yards / Ladies Tees 5,360 yards

Non Golfers tour Kinsale and sample the culinary and scenic delights of this harbour town.



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.

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.



Accommodation: 4 Star Perryville House, Kinsale

Day 8 - Tuesday - Depart Shannon Airport

Depart Kinsale and head for Shannon Airport for your flight home.

PROJECTED COST - touring party 8 (4 Golfers)

Description	Quantity	Cost
Transport, Golf and Accommodation	8	€ 31,750
Total		€ 31,750
Cost Per Couple (golfer + non golfer)	8	€ 7,938
Deposit due asap (to be paid)		€ 9,750
Balance due August 1st, 2025 (to be paid)		€ 22,000

Terms & Conditions

Costs may fluctuate upon the time of year and availability cannot be guaranteed on all courses.
Full payment of tour required 2 months in advance of the tour date. Both are 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.
Golf green fees are included but any other activities are not included.
Tips are not included but encouraged.
