



## Ireland, the Classic Drive

Ideal for the first-time visitor to Ireland, this self drive tour covers all of the highlights of the south of Ireland. Relax and enjoy the countryside, knowing that your accommodation awaits each evening.



YOUR  
ADVENTURE  
AWAITS

8 days/7 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Dublin

Arrive at Dublin Airport today, pick up your hire car & transfer to your hotel. According to the time of arrival, enjoy a tour of the highlights of Dublin, which could include a visit to Trinity College to view the beautifully illuminated Book of Kells and the National Museum of Ireland (entry free of charge). Overnight: Dublin area.

#### Day 2: Dublin - Galway

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Dublin today. You could visit St-Patrick's Cathedral, Ireland's largest church, where Jonathan Swift, author of "Gulliver's Travels" was once Dean. Stop off at the Old Jameson Distillery (optional), situated in the old markets area of the city, Smithfield. An audio-visual tour explains the process by which whisky is made and this is followed by a whisky tasting by all in the "Ball o' Malt Bar". A special tasting is organised to compare the most popular Irish whiskies with bourbon and scotch whisky. This afternoon depart Dublin for your next stop, County Galway. Overnight: Galway area.

#### Day 3: Connemara

Spend today exploring the country of the "Quiet Man" and "The Purple Taxi", Connemara. This is an area full of contrast, Granite Mountains populated only by sheep with hundreds of lakes forming a fisherman's paradise. Its stone walls, small farms, thatched cottages in isolated splendour with its heather covered hills create an unforgettable scene for all its visitors. The route takes us from Galway to the lake dotted centre of Connemara at Maam Cross. The road continues through the colourful town of Clifden and on through the Irish speaking low-lying part of Southern Connemara with its countless beautiful lakes. Overnight: Galway area.

#### Day 4: Galway to Kerry

Depart for Kerry this morning, and travel through the heart of County Clare - the Burren Region. The Burren is a geological paradise boasting over 2,000 plants and many rare flowers. Continue along the coast of Clare to view the spectacular Cliffs of Moher (option) which form a 200m wall that plunges into the Atlantic Ocean, from which you can see Galway Bay. Continue through the farming countryside of Limerick to Kerry. Overnight: Kerry area.

#### Day 5: Ring of Kerry

A superb tour of the Iveragh Peninsula (170 kms), taking in spectacular scenery - mountains, peat bogs, lakes and magnificent views of the Atlantic Ocean as one travel along the coast road. Leaving Killarney you travel through Killorglin, famous for its Puck Fair, then to Glenbeigh where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Dingle Bay. Continue to Cahersiveen, the birth place of National hero, Daniel O'Connell, drive through the peat bogs to the sea town of Waterville. Continue to Sneem Village, famous because of its brightly coloured houses. The road continues with superb views of the famous Lakes of Killarney. Overnight: Kerry area.



#### Day 6: Dingle Peninsula & Limerick

Depart for a tour of the Dingle Peninsula, where films such as "Ryan's Daughter" and "Far and Away" have been made. The Peninsula has an extraordinary number of ring forts, high crosses and other ancient monuments. The area west of Dingle has the greatest concentration of ancient sites in Kerry. This area is also a genuine Irish-speaking area. The landscape here is dramatic and there are striking views of the Blasket Islands from Sleat Head. Overnight: Limerick area.

#### Day 7: Limerick to Dublin

Return to Dublin and explore the city or to do your last minute shopping. Overnight: Dublin area.

#### Day 8: Depart Dublin

Drive to Dublin airport to turn in your rental car and depart to your next destination or to return home. We're sure you'll take away many incredible and unforgettable memories of your time spent in Ireland.

We can arrange for nights of accommodation in Dublin before and/or after this self-drive, should you want more time to explore this lively and historic city. Accommodation ranges from hostels, B&B/guesthouses, all categories of hotels up to castle stays. Please inquire.

### Details

**Group Size:** Min. 1

#### 2017 Departures:

Low season: 01 October to 15 December

High season: 16-31 December

#### 2017 Pricing:

##### Low season:

B&B accommodation

US\$595 - twin

US\$915 - single

3\* Hotel accommodation

US\$559 - twin

US\$995 - single

Manor House Hotel

US\$1,015 - twin

US\$1,570 - single

Shoulder season

B\*B accommodation

US\$889 - twin

US\$1,370 - single

3\* Hotel accommodation

US\$965 - twin

US\$1,565 - single

Manor House Hotel

US\$1,467 - twin

US\$2,189 - single

##### High season:

B\*B accommodation

US\$1,080 - twin

US\$1,670 - single

3\* Hotel accommodation

US\$1,095 - twin

US\$1,800 - single

Manor House Hotel

US\$1,599 - twin

US\$2,425 - single

Prices are shown in US\$ per person based on two people sharing a twin room and one person in a single room. Prices are approximate US\$ equivalent of the Euro rate and will vary depending on currency conversion of the Euro at the time of payment of your deposit and re-calculated at the time of final payment. CA\$ rates are also available on request. You may choose to lock in the US\$ or CA\$ rate by paying in full when you make your reservation.

#### Trip Code:

009615 - W20



## INCLUDED

- 7 nights of accommodation in category chosen, all with private washroom facilities
- Full Irish breakfast daily at accommodation
- 8 day Category E, economy automatic vehicle rental (VW Up or similar) including unlimited mileage, basic CDW, 3rd Party Liability, Theft Protection, VAT 13.5%, location service charges
- Heritage Island Touring Guide and Explorer Coupon

## NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Dublin
- Extra nights of accommodation in Dublin
- Meals not specified
- Upgrade of vehicle to larger size, one-way fees, additional insurance coverage, fuel, tolls, traffic tickets, rental of GPS, optional add-ons as required
- Optional local tours
- Gratuities to driver/guide on optional tours
- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature

## TOUR NOTES

### Vehicle rental:

Category E, Economy automatic – VW Up or similar  
Category C, Compact automatic – Ford Focus or similar  
Category S, Standard automatic – VW Jetta or similar  
Category I, Luxury automatic – BMW 5 Series or similar  
Category T, Standard automatic – VW Touran or similar

### Accommodation:

Check-in time: Please check-in to your B&B, hotel or manor house accommodation no later than 6:00 pm, to avoid your room being released. If you are going to be later than 6:00 pm please contact the property in advance and advise them you are on your way.

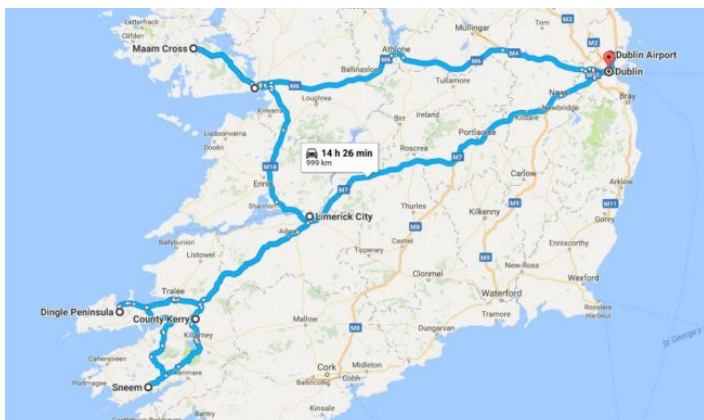
B&B – The Bed & Breakfast properties may be located in towns or in the area, out in the countryside.

3\* Hotels – Maldron Newlands Cross in Dublin; 4\* Clayton Hotel in Galway; Brandon Hotel in Kerry; Limerick City Hotel in Limerick; or similar.

Manor Houses, all 4\* – Fitzpatrick Castle House in Dublin; Ross Lake House Hotel in Galway; Parknasilla Resort Hotel in Killarney; Dunraven Arms in Limerick; or similar.

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