



# Auld Ireland Travel

## Magical Tours of Ireland

Introducing our Special 10 day Tour of  
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## Itinerary

**Day 1. Overnight:** Flight between USA East Coast and Shannon Ireland.

### **Day 2. The Cliff Coast:**

Welcome to Shannon Ireland. Meet your Driver/Guide and start your tour of the Wild Atlantic Way. You will be treated to a hearty Irish breakfast after which you will be ready to see The Cliff Coast. This starts your adventure of the Wild Atlantic Way. It's a place for cliff top walks, island-hopping and soul-stirring views. Rainbows in the ocean spray along the Loop Head Drive, colonies of puffins on the sheer Cliffs of Moher. View Kerry's Cliffs of Dooneen from Clare's Loop Head.



This is where the island's most improbable landscapes meet. Some were shaped by the Ice Age, others resemble the moon and all are worthy of a pilgrimage. Take in the views of the Cliffs of Moher, Aran Islands and The Burren, in their entire weather-beaten splendor, raw beauty and timeless traditions. Looking west across the great sweep of Galway Bay you can watch the sun go down behind the Gaeltacht Aran Islands before spending a night in the City of the Tribes itself. **Coach 4 hrs. Walking: strenuous.**

### **Day 3. Bay Coast:**



Where the wild fringes of Galway give way to Mayo's feel-good shores. You'll find the Bay Coast connecting Galway to Erris' pristine shores. This heart-stopping beauty is a coastal stretch strewn with rural villages, beaches, coves and islands, with more artists, musicians and storytellers than you can shake a stick at. The "savage beauty" of much-loved Connemara with the Wild Atlantic Way skimming north around some impressive bays to the crystal waters of distant Erris. The largest of these – Clew Bay – is said to have 365 islets and islands, one for every day of the year. Connemara means "inlets of the sea" in Irish, and here water and land merge in a lacy shoreline of loughs, coves, islands and sea-swept blanket bogs. Most people think of Ireland as being a small country, but remember, the Wild Atlantic Way is 2750 km in length. **Coach: 5 hrs. Walking: light.**

### **Day 4. Surf coast:**

From remote islands and jagged strands to miles of open road, the Surf Coast of Mayo and Sligo is easily one of the Wild Atlantic Way's most picturesque stretches. From Erris to the adventure hub of Donegal Town, its diverse offerings please both the solitude seeker and the thrill lover alike against a backdrop of rich history and mystifying legends.

**Coach: 4 hrs. Walking: moderate.**



## Day 5. Northern Headlands:



Delve into the Wild Atlantic Way's most far-flung corners on these Northern Headlands through southwest Donegal and encounter hidden bays, secluded beaches and towering cliffs. Untouched and virtually unexplored this ruggedly beautiful remote region lies at the far north of the Wild Atlantic Way. Nature is spectacular and bracing here, from the sheer granite walls of some of Europe's highest sea cliffs, at Sliabh Liag (Slieve League), to the Northern Lights dancing in clear winter skies. **Coach: 3 hrs. Walking: light.**

## Day 6. Waterford on the way South (overnight)

**Coach: 5 hrs. Walking: moderate**

## Day 7. Edge of the World:

Unwind along this serene, southernmost stretch of the Wild Atlantic Way zigzags gently from dreamy Kinsale through Skibbereen and on to Bantry Bay. You will pass gardens lush with sub-tropical plants between hedgerows thick with fuchsia and monbretia. Hundreds of inlets, tiny coves, safe harbors and Blue Flag beaches make up the thrill of the Edge of the World.

**Coach: 5 hrs. Walking: moderate**



## Day 8. Edge of the World:



Memorable experiences in Ireland's beautiful far South West – where the ancient Kingdom of Kerry meets wild West Cork with five great peninsulas and mountainous spines stretching miles out into the ocean. This is great walking country, with long-distance trails and circular routes across the region. Hugging the coast, or crossing Ireland's highest mountains with breathtaking views unfolding at every turn. **Boat: 1 hr. Coach: 5 hrs. Walking: moderate.**

## Day 9. Southern Peninsula:

It's the furthest west in all Ireland: "next parish Manhattan" as they say here. There's a distinctly edge-of-the-world feel to the southern peninsulas, as both the mainland and everyday life are left far behind. One of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way, the Dingle Peninsula (Corca Dhuibhne) culminates in the Irish mainland's western most point. In the shadow of sacred Mt Brandon, a maze of fuchsia-fringed boreens (country lanes) weaves together an ancient landscape of prehistoric ring forts and beehive huts, early Christian chapels, crosses and holy wells, picturesque hamlets and abandoned villages. But it's where the land meets the ocean – whether in a welter of wave-pounded rocks, or where the surf laps secluded sandy coves.

**DINGLE'S BEAUTY TRULY REVEALS ITSELF! Coach: 4 hrs. Walking: moderate.**



## Day 10. Slán Abhaile (Safe Home)

Farewell breakfast then on to Shannon airport for your return home to the USA

***Itinerary subject to change.***

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### **Proposed Accommodations**

Victoria Hotel Galway, First night.

Wyatts Hotel Westport, Second and third night.

Railway Hotel Letterkenny, Fourth and fifth nights.

Dooleys Hotel Waterford, Sixth night.

West Lodge Hotel Bantry. Seventh night.

Randells Court Hotel Killarney. Eight and ninth night.

## **What's included?**

Round trip flights from the US East Coast if required.  
Accommodations, dinner + B&B, touring and visits as per the itinerary and airport transfers in Ireland

**Tour Cost with flight: from \$3275.00**

**Tour Cost Land only: from \$2275.00**

***At the currency exchange rate prevailing at time of deposit and final payment. €=\$***

\$500.00 per person deposit required with booking. (non refundable)

### **Included**

- *Coach transportation with the services of a qualified driver/guide.*
- *Accommodation, Breakfast & Dinner each day except where otherwise stated on the itinerary*
- *A traditional evening of song, dance and music with a 4-course meal*
- *Entrance to Monastic or Historical sites and other visits per itinerary.*
- *Gratuities to all porters, dining room and hotel staff*

### ***Daily Activity Key***

- **Light** = 2-4 miles of mostly level walking throughout the day.
- **Moderate** = 2-6 miles walking throughout the day with some hills and stairs.
- **Strenuous** = 2-8 miles walking throughout the day with lots of hills, stairs or uneven terrain

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## ***Welcome to Auld Ireland Travel***

### **Ireland**

*At the edge of the world there lies an emerald green island. An island deeply rooted in myth and legend. An island of gentle mist, and powerful storm. It is a place of grand tradition and ancient custom; of poems songs and stories. The landscape whispers with heritage that tells gorgeous tales of troubled past and forgotten peoples.*

*A place of the druids, of beheaded kings, warrior queens, pursued lovers, a place of fairy forts, of hidden treasures, of rainbows.*

*A place the ancients called Eriu - a place we know and love as Ireland.*

*Ireland of the welcomes, Ireland of the music – a nation that pulses with tradition and passion. An Island of breathtaking beauty with purple mountain, sliver stream, golden sand and vibrant green.*

*An Island of living culture and changing character. Ireland of the hurl and puck. Of the million-stoned walls. Ireland of the hungry earth and bloody history that turfed its people to the world. Ireland who homed the Viking vagabond and heard the footfalls of foreign invader echo through her centuries.*

*Ireland of cliff, keep and clochan. Ireland of mural, mountain and monk. Of passage tomb and 40 shades of green. Of cobbled street and shining spires. Ireland of Gael, Saxon and Pole. Ireland of the welcomes. Ireland of culture. Island of character. Let **Auld Ireland Travel** show you Ireland's rich tapestry.*

As one of Ireland's home-grown companies, our goal is to provide the best in luxury travel in Ireland. All the coaches are modern touring coaches with safety features that go well beyond the safety standards set down by the DOT. Our driver/guides are knowledgeable and experienced and take great pride in showing our country to others.

We offer a variety of carefully planned tours of Ireland. Our tours have been designed around some of the finest destinations that Ireland has to offer. Each package contains a comfortable balance between planned sightseeing and free time, ensuring that you are not over-tired each evening. All accommodations are only at hotels that meet the high standards that we demand and you deserve. We provide only the best in luxury coach travel.

### *Made to Order Specials*

If you have a special interest group or a family occasion that you'd like to combine with an Auld Ireland Travel tour, feel free to tailor-make your own itinerary Auld Ireland Travel will be delighted to help you put it together.

Do you have Irish heritage and are you looking to trace family history? Maybe it's wildlife you're interested in, or poetry, archaeology, storytelling or photography. Auld Ireland Travel can help.

Irish born and raised but now based in Florida, we consistently provide individuals, families and private groups from across the US with the ultimate Irish tour!



*Here is a little about ourselves...*

*I was born and grew up near the small town of Millstreet in County Cork Ireland.*

*I have been in the Tourism Management business since 1992 and for fourteen years I ran a tour business from Ireland. In 2011 we moved the business to Florida following our marriage in Chicago in 2010.*

*Leslie was born and grew up in Chicago IL and proudly served the people of the Chicago area as a police officer until retirement in 2010.*

*Each year, Leslie and Con host a limited number of tours to Ireland. One or both of us will accompany you on your journeys around Ireland. You can be sure we can give you the Irish tour of a lifetime!*

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