



Ireland Walking Tour

10 days | 12 days with County Wicklow extension

Explore Ireland from the ground up on a walking tour through the country's small cities and most dramatic landscapes. From the Cliffs of Moher to the tip of the Dingle Peninsula, you'll discover the natural beauty that separates Irish landscapes into a league of their own. And in Galway, West Cork, and Kinsale, you'll stroll right through history (and hopefully, into a few pubs too).



Your tour package includes

- 8 nights in handpicked hotels
- 8 breakfast
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 9 sightseeing tours
- 6 guided walks
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Connemara National Park
- Kylemore Abbey
- Cliffs of Moher
- Killarney National Park
- Dingle Peninsula
- Skibbereen Heritage Centre
- Sheep's Head
- Old Head of Kinsale

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 3 hours daily across uneven terrain, including dirt paths and unpaved trails, with some hills and steep stairs.

Group size

12-22

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.

Galway → 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Dublin & sightseeing tour of Galway

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Ireland! Transfer to Galway and discover the local energy and living traditions of Ireland's third-largest city alongside your Tour Director.

- Stroll past Lynch's Castle, the Druid Theatre Company and the broad expanse of Eyre Square
- View the city's medieval walls and Spanish Arch
- Peruse authentic Claddagh rings in a local shop

Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Connemara National Park & Kylemore Abbey

Included meals: breakfast

Set out to explore the surrounding scenery and historic sights with a local guide today.

- Amble past the stunning lush valleys, majestic mountains, and mystical lakes of Connemara National Park on a walking tour
- Enter the palatial Kylemore Abbey, a sprawling estate originally built by Mitchell Henry in the 1800s as a gift for his new bride

Spend a free evening in Galway or add an excursion.

+ An Evening in Galway: Pub Dinner & Music

County Kerry → 3 nights

Day 4: Cliffs of Moher & transfer to County Kerry

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Journey south of Galway today to the Cliffs of Moher passing through the Burren, an expansive limestone plateau where fields of rock are dotted with wildflowers. Get to know the region on a guided walk.

- Walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the majestic Cliffs of Moher, which rise to heights of 600 feet above the Atlantic Ocean
 - Soak in the views from Hag's Head, the southernmost point of the cliffs
 - Enjoy free time to enter the visitor center
- After, travel to County Kerry and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 5: Killarney National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Transfer to Killarney National Park, Ireland's first national park, which has grown to 25,000 acres of diverse ecological landscapes.

- Take a guided walking tour through Killarney National Park's most magnificent landscapes around Muckross Lake
- Walk along Muckross Peninsula, which separates Muckross Lake from Lough Leane
- Try to spot the red squirrels, red deer, lush ferns, and green moss throughout Reenadinna Wood
- Stop at the 200-year-old Dinis Cottage and stroll along a short path that leads to the Meeting of the Waters, where Killarney's Upper Lake flows down to join the lower loughs
- Visit the stately Tudor-style Muckross House, donated to the Irish state in 1932

Day 6: Dingle Peninsula

Included meals: breakfast

Explore the western tip of Ireland on a guided walk along the Dingle Peninsula.

- Enjoy breathtaking views of the Blasket Islands as you wander past secluded harbors and seaside cliffs
- Admire the varied scenery of Clogher Beach, Sleah Head, Mount Brandon, and Mount Eagle
- Head to Dingle Town where you'll have free time to eat lunch and shop

West Cork → 2 nights

Day 7: West Cork via Skibbereen

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Travel to West Cork, stopping in the colorful town of Skibbereen.

- Join a local guide for a tour of the Skibbereen Heritage Centre
 - Learn about the Great Famine, the Irish diaspora, and genealogy
 - Visit the Skibbereen Famine Graveyard, where over 8,000 unnamed people who died due to the Great Famine are buried
 - Enjoy free time to eat lunch and shop
- Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 8: Sheep's Head

Included meals: breakfast

Pass gravel boreens, grassy paths, and heathery hills as you travel along Sheep's Head peninsula. Then, explore the coastal area on a guided walk along Dunmanus Bay.

- Walk past rocky outcrops and Lough Akeen to the Sheep's Head Lighthouse, located at the tip of the headland
- Admire views of the cliffs over Bantry Bay
- Enjoy a scone and cup of tea at a local shop at the end of the trail

Spend a free evening in West Cork or add an excursion.

+ West Cork Farm Visit & Dinner

County Dublin → 1 night

Day 9: Dublin via Kinsale

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Travel south and take a guided walk along the Old Head of Kinsale.

- Snap photos of the towering sea cliffs, lush headlands, and coastal views around every bend
- View the Old Head Lighthouse, which sits on the southern tip of the Old Head Golf Links
- See where the RMS Lusitania sunk after being torpedoed by German forces during World War I

Continue on to the harbor town Kinsale and enjoy free time to eat lunch and walk along the narrow, winding streets lined with artsy shops, lively bars, and delicious restaurants. Then, head to nearby star-shaped Charles Fort for a guided tour.

After, head to Dublin and celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner.

Flight Home

Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Dublin airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit County Wicklow.

+ County Wicklow extension

Castles, cheese, coastal landscapes. Yeah, County Wicklow has it all. Extend your stay in Ireland to explore a region that's known to have some of the wildest and most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland. After a visit to a cheese farm and the charming town of Kilkenny, enjoy time to explore the region at your leisure or see some of that said scenery alongside your Tour Director.

County Wicklow → 2 nights

Day 10: County Wicklow via cheese farm & Kilkenny

Included meals: breakfast

Make several stops to discover the the region's cuisine and castles as you travel to County Wicklow.

- Stop at a cheese farm in County Tipperary
- Learn how the farm promotes animal welfare, community engagement, and waste reduction
- Learn about cheese production and enjoy a tasting
- Continue to Kilkenny, Ireland's best-preserved medieval town
- Pass by the Gothic, 13th century St. Canice's Cathedral
- Tour the imposing 12th-century Kilkenny Castle and soak in views of the River Nore

Then, continue on to County Wicklow.

Day 11: Free day in County Wicklow

Included meals: breakfast

Spend a free day in County Wicklow or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

+ Glendalough Walking Tour & Powerscourt

Flight Home

Day 12: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Dublin airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.ca/WEI | 1-800-754-5066

Day 3: An Evening in Galway: Pub Dinner & Music

\$69CAD/\$79CAD* (3 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Tonight, head to a local pub in Galway to do as the Irish do and enjoy an evening filled with food, beer or wine, and music. As you enjoy a three-course dinner you'll listen to traditional Gaelic music. Raise a glass and shout sláinte (that's how the Irish say cheers) as you enjoy the evening with your group.

Day 8: West Cork Farm Visit & Dinner

\$145CAD/\$155CAD* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon, dinner included)

Make your way to a family-run dairy farm in West Cork to learn about some of Ireland's most well-known culinary exports. You'll meet the family who owns and operates the farm and tour the grounds to hear how they produce products like milk and cheese. Discover how this region grew to become one of the country's principle food destinations, after being impacted by the potato famine in the mid-1800s. Then, head to the award-winning Celtic Ross Hotel in Rosscarbery for a three-course dinner featuring flavorful, local produce.

Extension excursion options

Day 11: Glendalough Walking Tour & Powerscourt

\$109CAD/\$119CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning)

Travel to Glendalough today, passing through Wicklow National Park, home to some of the most spectacular mountain scenery in Ireland. Head over to the visitor center to discover the history behind this ancient monastic site, which became famous throughout Europe as a center of Christian learning. With your Tour Director leading the way, set out to explore this storied site on foot. Pass by the Round Tower, stone churches, and decorated crosses as you make your way along the Upper Lake. Finally, take time to explore an abandoned mining site before continuing on to the picturesque village of Enniskerry. You'll visit Powerscourt, an elegant country mansion with the finest formal gardens in the country. Enjoy free time to explore the grounds surrounding the Palladian-style estate and the Italianate garden, which was voted one of the best in the world by National Geographic. Please note: This excursion involves a substantial amount of walking. Travelers should be prepared to walk between three to five miles.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms