



Ireland by Road and Rail

Starting at **\$2,269***

Try a fresh twist on touring

Get a different perspective on this Irish tour, which helps you see the island on modern coaches, historic rail lines, leisurely boat cruises and a vintage double-decker bus.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

8 
Days

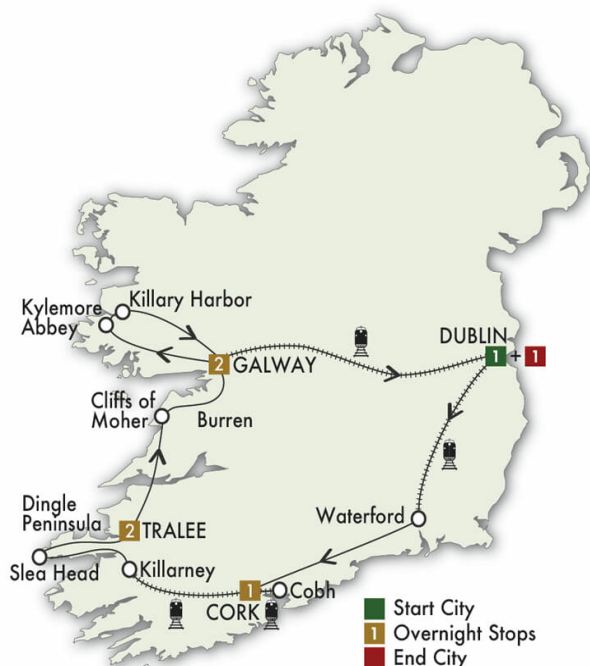


Tour end
Dublin

7 
Nights

13 
Meals

* Prices listed are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$500.



Trip Highlights:

- Vintage Bus Tea Tour
- Hazel Mountain Chocolate Factory
- Dingle Peninsula
- Titanic Cobh Walking Tour
- Kylemore Abbey
- House of Waterford Crystal
- Trinity College & Book of Kells
- Kylemore Abbey

Hotels:

- Ashling Hotel
- Kingsley Hotel
- Ballygarry Estate Hotel & Spa
- Galway Bay Hotel

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin | Little Museum

Your tour of Ireland begins at 2:00 PM at your hotel. Take in Ireland's capital on a panoramic Dublin tour, seeing its 18th century Georgian buildings, lively streetscapes, and the Liffey flowing through the center. Arrive at the Little Museum of Dublin for an after-hours exclusive visit and welcome drink. In the evening, you are free to dine at one of Dublin's many restaurants and pubs.

Day 2 Waterford | House of Waterford Crystal

This morning, head to historic Heuston Station, built in 1846 of granite and designed to look like an Italian palazzo. Board the train to head south for historic Waterford. Take a guided walking tour of the fascinating core of this port city - one of Ireland's oldest, founded by Vikings in 914 AD. Enjoy lunch on your own before proceeding on to the House of Waterford Crystal to see master craftsmen create sparkling cut crystal. Later, travel on to Cork, where you will dine in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Titanic Walking Tour | Irish Night

Set out on one of Ireland's most scenic and historic rail journeys to Cobh, a port town that was the last sight of Ireland for millions of Irish emigrants in the 19th and 20th centuries. Your train journey will follow the same route many of those emigrants took. It was also the last port of call for the Titanic; take a guided walking tour to explore the story of the ill-fated ocean liner and its connection with the town. Enjoy lunch independently in colorful Cobh. Later, travel on to Killarney and enjoy an evening of Irish entertainment over dinner. (B, D)

Day 4 Dingle Peninsula | Sheepdog Demonstration

Discover the glorious Dingle Peninsula, made famous in the movies Ryan's Daughter and Far & Away, which showcased the rugged beauty of its mountainous coast. Stop in to Murphy's Ice Cream for a private visit with a talk and tasting—you might want to try the delicious brown bread or caramelized honeycomb flavors. Travel to Sleat Head at the westernmost tip of the peninsula for awesome views of the Atlantic Ocean, and visit Inch Beach for 3 miles of spectacular views of sand and blue-flag water. Visit a farm for a demonstration of highly skilled sheepdogs herding sheep. You'll have some free time to explore Dingle on your own before returning to your hotel in Tralee for dinner. (B, D)

Day 5 Cliffs of Moher | Hazel Mountain Chocolate Factory

Set sail on a ferry across the River Shannon, enjoying beautiful views on your way to Clare and travel on to visit the magnificent Cliffs of Moher, soaring almost 700 feet above the churning Atlantic swells. Travel through the starkly beautiful limestone landscape of the Burren, stopping at Hazel Mountain Chocolate Factory, one of the smallest and most remote chocolate factories in the world. You'll have a special tour and tasting where you'll learn from the local Irish owners what makes this bean-to-bar chocolate so special. In the evening, proceed to your hotel in Salthill, a seaside suburb of Galway city. (B, D)

Day 6 Killary Cruise | Kylemore Abbey

Cruise along Killary Harbor, a fjord located in the west of Ireland, for views of its stunning bay and rugged coastline. Proceed on to Kylemore Abbey, a beautiful lakeside castle built in 1867 that became a Benedictine abbey in 1920. Tour the Abbey to learn its history and then delight in the large, walled Victorian garden. Have lunch in this elegant setting before returning to your hotel. There will be free time to either dine independently at your leisure in the hotel or take our free transfer into Galway and soak in the buzzing atmosphere of this lively, artistic town. (B, L)

Day 7 Book of Kells | Vintage Tea Tour

Admire the changing scenery as you travel by rail across the country from the small farms and stone walls of the West across the lush middle of the country and on to urban Dublin. On your arrival you'll board a vintage double-decker bus for a stylish tour of the city as you enjoy tea or coffee with lunch. Visit Trinity College for a tour and a visit to The Old Library and the beautifully illustrated Book of Kells—crafted by monks in the 9th century, it's perhaps Ireland's greatest cultural treasure. Enjoy time for exploring and dining in Dublin as you wish. (B, L)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Dublin

Your program ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner



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