

Ireland Walking & Hiking: The Northern Coast

Starting at **C$7,245***

Explore Ireland’s cliffs and castles on a small-group walking and hiking tour, limited to just 16 guests.

Hike along the awe-inspiring Slieve League cliffs, discover the wild beauty of Glenveagh National Park, and marvel at the Giant’s Causeway. This scenic journey through Donegal, Derry, and Antrim includes guided visits to monastic ruins on Devenish Island, the folk traditions of Glencolmcille, and the storied ruins of Dunluce Castle. You’ll balance active discovery with meaningful sightseeing and cultural encounters — making it the perfect way to experience Ireland’s northern wonders, up close and on foot. Ideal for active travelers, with up to 5 hours of scenic walking daily (2–6 miles) on mostly gentle paths and hill trails. Expect occasional muddy or rough sections and climbs up to 1,500 feet. A special feature of our walking and hiking tours are that they are all small groups - never more than 16 people!

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

Tour end
Dublin

9	8	20
Days	Nights	Meals

* Prices listed are in Canadian dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of $1,995



Trip Highlights:
- Discover the Monastic Heritage of Devenish Island
- Trek the Slieve League Cliffs
- Hike the Causeway Coast Way
- Explore the Giant's Causeway
- Experience Traditional Irish Life at Glencolmcille
- Hike Glenveagh National Park & Visit the Castle
- Visit Grianán of Aileach, an Ancient Stone Fort
- Walk the Historic Derry City Walls
- Discover the Medieval Town of Carlingford

Hotels:
- The Mont Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- Shandon Hotel
- Maiden City Hotel Derry
- Iveagh Garden Hotel

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin

At 2:30 PM, depart from your hotel for a walking tour of Dublin, taking in sights such as the River Liffey, Georgian architecture, historic pubs, and hidden gems as your guide provides insight into the character of this city, known for its wit and humor. In the evening, enjoy a welcome drink with your group followed by dinner at a popular Dublin restaurant. Walk details: about 2 hours 2 miles (4 km) (D)

Day 2 Donegal & Devenish Island

Depart for County Donegal, stopping along the way in the picturesque town of Enniskillen for a traditional and hearty pub lunch. Embark on a scenic boat ride to explore Devenish Island, home to a monastic site dating back to the 6th century. Discover the rich history of the island, where 1,500 scholars once lived, as you wander among its church ruins, stone crosses, and round tower. Continue on to Donegal town for dinner at your hotel with your group. Walk details: about 1 hour 25 minutes 2 miles (4 km) (B, L, D)

Day 3 Slieve League & Glencolmcille

Marvel at the breathtaking Atlantic views as you stand atop the soaring Slieve League cliffs, the highest sea cliffs in Europe. Continue hiking through Glencolmcille, rich in lush greenery and ancient stone structures in unspoiled landscapes. Enjoy a packed lunch outdoors before visiting the Glencolmcille Folk Village. This open-air museum offers a fascinating glimpse into traditional rural life with meticulously reconstructed cottages; learn about the customs, crafts, and daily life of the local people of the past. Your evening is free to dine independently in Donegal town. Walk details: about 3 hours 6 miles (10 km) (B, L)

Day 4 Glenveagh National Park

Hike through the breathtaking wilderness of Glenveagh National Park, with its rugged mountains, serene lakes, and dense woodlands. Enjoy a packed lunch along the trail. In the heart of the park, visit Glenveagh Castle, an opulent 19th-century mansion offering a glimpse into the grandeur of Ireland's old ruling class. See the grand halls, beautifully furnished rooms and lush gardens before visiting the charming tearoom for a traditional snack of tea and scones with clotted cream and homemade jam. Dine at your hotel this evening. Walk details: about 2 hours 30 minutes 5 miles (8 km) (B, L, D)

Day 5 Horn Head

Embark on a scenic hike along Horn Head, a rugged peninsula that juts into the Atlantic Ocean near Dunfanaghy. As you traverse the coastal paths, you'll be treated to stunning vistas of towering cliffs, sweeping sandy beaches, and the azure waters below. Keep an eye out for seabirds overhead and seals basking on the rocky shoreline. After your invigorating hike and packed lunch, enjoy a leisurely afternoon at your own pace and dine independently in Dunfanaghy. Walk details: about 2 hours 30 minutes 5 miles (8 km) (B, L)

Day 6 Inishowen Peninsula & Derry City

Experience the stunning beauty of the Inishowen Peninsula today. Visit Grianán of Aileach, an ancient stone fort – a witness to history for centuries – offering hilltop vistas over the glistening waters of Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly. Continue along the peninsula, exploring Donegal's sandy beaches and savoring fresh local seafood. Visit Derry for a fascinating walking tour along the historic Derry Walls, with sweeping views of the city and the scenic River Foyle. These well-preserved 17th-century fortifications offer a unique insight into the city's rich heritage. Dine at your hotel this evening. Walk details: about 2 hours 4 miles (6 km) (B, L, D)

Day 7 Causeway Coast & Giant's Causeway

Embark on a hike along the dramatic Causeway Coast Way, with soaring cliffs, sandy beaches, and rocky coves. Explore the intriguing basalt pillars of the iconic Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and hear the legends that surround these stone columns sweeping into the sea. End your adventure at Dunluce Castle, a medieval ruin perched high on the ocean cliffs and echoing with history. Its wild beauty and storied past capture the essence of the island's natural and historical magnificence. Dine with your group at a local restaurant this evening. Walk details: about 3 hours 6 miles (9 km) (B, L, D)

Day 8 Carlingford & Dublin

Depart Antrim and head back to Dublin. Along the way, stop in the historic town of Carlingford, known for its fresh seafood, scenic views, and leprechaun folklore. Stroll through the charming town center, exploring the medieval streets lined with colorful shops and pubs, then have lunch in a local café. Continue on to Dublin and bid farewell to your guide. Your evening is free to dine and explore as you wish. Walk details: about 1 hour 2 miles (3 km) (B, L)

Day 9 Tour Ends in Dublin

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

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