

Irish Odyssey Self-Drive

Starting at **C$3,645***

The ultimate Irish journey

Explore gorgeous scenery and intriguing culture as you drive around the entire Ireland on this comprehensive tour. Enjoy a stay at the luxurious Cabra Castle in Dublin and a dinner with a flight of craft beers at Walled City Brewery in Derry. All of our self-drive Classic Itinerary tours include your hotel stays, a hop-on bus ticket and a voucher for a Dublin attraction, and an entertainment experience; other attractions mentioned are suggestions.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

Tour end
Dublin

12	11	18
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 C$1,845



Trip Highlights:
- Walled City Brewery — CIE Tours Exclusive
- Dublin Bus Tour
- Dublin Sightseeing
- Giant's Causeway
- Kylemore Abbey and Gardens
- Titanic Belfast

Hotels:
- Herbert Park Hotel
- Clayton Hotel Cork
- The River Lee Hotel
- Killarney Plaza Hotel
- Radisson Red Galway Hotel
- City Hotel, Derry
- Grand Central Hotel Belfast
- Cabra Castle Hotel

2026 Irish Odyssey Self-Drive - 12 Days/11 Nights

Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin

Welcome to Dublin. Today, you'll use your vouchers to tour Dublin on a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour. See all the sights of this vibrant city, including its Georgian squares, Christchurch cathedral, Grafton Street shops, the River Liffey, stopping off when and as often as you wish.

Day 2 Dublin

Today you can explore the city as you wish, continuing to use your Hop-On, Hop-Off bus ticket. You will have a voucher to admit you to one of Dublin's top attractions: the Guinness Storehouse, a seven-story attraction telling the story of Dublin's iconic beverage, complete with a pint at the Gravity Bar on the top floor; Teeling Distillery, the first new whiskey distillery to open in Dublin in 125 years; EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum, telling the story of the people who left Ireland and how they shaped the world; the GPO Museum, innovatively detailing the fascinating story of the 1916 Rising, the pivotal event that led to Ireland's independence; or Jameson Distillery Bow St., the original home of Jameson Irish Whiskey since 1780. (B)

Day 3 Cork

Pick up your Hertz rental car, and begin your driving adventure by heading south. Your destination is Cork, Ireland's second-largest city. Along the way, you might choose to stop off in Kilkenny or Waterford, or visit the picturesque Rock of Cashel. You'll dine tonight in your riverside hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Killarney

Perhaps stroll through Cork's English Market, where vendors have been selling local and artisanal foods since 1788. You might take a short drive to visit Blarney Castle, where you can climb the winding stairs to kiss its famed stone, or stroll the gardens. Head to Kenmare, a tranquil country town of art galleries, craft shops, and gourmet eateries. Continue on your way to Killarney, stopping at Moll's gap to enjoy the splendid views. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 5 Killarney

You might choose to visit Moriarty's family-owned gift store, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe. Travel to the scenic Dingle Peninsula for views of heathery mountains, sandy stretches of beach, and rocky headlands. You might choose to drive the Slea Head loop to enjoy more spectacular scenery, or spend some time in charming Dingle Town. Alternatively, you could do the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most famous scenic drive. Dine independently today. (B)

Day 6 Drive to Galway

Today you'll drive to Galway, a thriving city with a great arts scene. You may choose to go via the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. You could check out the visitor center and then walk along the top of the cliffs, enjoying the dramatic views across to Connemara and the Aran Islands. Drive through the austere limestone beauty of the Burren, continuing on to the vibrant city of Galway. Browse the shops along the pedestrianized High Street, visit the City Museum or the Galway Arts Centre, or people-watch as you sip coffee on Quay Street. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 7 Galway

Take a drive through Connemara for sweeping views of misty mountains and shimmering lakes. Perhaps you'll top at Kylemore Abbey for a stroll through the gardens or a walk through this elegant mansion, set beside a tranquil lake. Return to Galway for the evening; the city is known for its many great restaurants and pubs, and if you're interested in traditional music you're sure to find some. (B)

Day 8 Derry

Drive north on your way to Derry today. You might choose to follow the Atlantic Shore to Donegal town, where perhaps you'll visit CIE Tours preferred shopping partner Triona Design. Continue on through the majestic Barnesmore Gap to Derry, a city known for its turbulent history but now home to a thriving arts scene. You might stop into the Derry Visitor Information Centre to discover their resources; perhaps consider the Visit Derry Pass, which covers 10 city center attractions. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 9 Derry | Walled City Brewery

You might choose to explore the Giant's Causeway, huge hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago. Local lore says legendary giant Finn McCool built the causeway as his path to battle a Scottish enemy. Back in Derry, take a walk across the Peace Bridge, which unites two areas historically divided by identity. Dine at the Walled City Brewery Restaurant, a family-owned gastropub in a historic former army barracks; enjoy a drink with your dinner and a flight of 4 of the brewery's beers to taste. (B, D)

Day 10 Belfast

Head to Belfast to explore and dine as you please in this exciting, historic city. (B)

Day 11 Cabra Castle Hotel

Travel to Kingscourt and your castle hotel, built in 1760 and situated on 100 acres of gardens and parklands. You might want to arrive in the afternoon to have time to enjoy this luxurious property. Dine in the Court restaurant this evening. (B, D)

Day 12 Tour Ends in Kingscourt

After breakfast, depart for the airport to drop off your rental car. (B) B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner>

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