



# Self Drive - Elegant Ireland

Starting at \$1,878\*

## Explore Ireland's seaside beauty

Take a deep dive into Ireland's gorgeous western coast, including West Cork, and its charming seaside towns. Enjoy four- and five-star accommodations—including a castle stay, while you craft your own daily itinerary.

## Trip details

Tour start  
**Dublin**

Tour end  
**Dublin**

**10** ☀  
Days

**9** 🌙  
Nights

**9** 🍴  
Meals

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## Trip Highlights:

- Trinity College and the Book of Kells
- Kinsale
- Dingle Peninsula
- Clonmacnoise Monastic Site
- Lough Corrib Cruise
- Cliffs of Moher
- Kylemore Abbey

## Hotels:

- Radisson Blu St Helen's Hotel - Dublin
- Salthill Hotel
- Old Ground Hotel
- Aghadoe Heights Hotel
- Maritime Hotel
- Dunboyne Castle Hotel

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## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Tour Starts in Dublin

Arrive at Dublin Airport and continue into the city. Your day is free to explore independently. Use your prepaid vouchers for an open-top bus tour of central Dublin or visit one of Dublin's prime attractions such as Guinness Storehouse, Teeling Distillery, Epic Ireland or General Post Office Museum.

### Day 2 Clonmacnoise Monastic Site | Galway

Take a taxi with your included voucher to pick up your car. Journey across the rolling pastures to visit Clonmacnoise, a monastic settlement founded in 544 AD and set on the banks of the River Shannon. Take a walking tour of Galway with a local guide. See the Claddagh, once a fishing village, where the famous ring originated. (B)

### Day 3 Lough Corrib Cruise | Connemara

Embark for a cruise on Lough Corrib to enjoy the scenery and sip an Irish coffee while enjoying an Irish dancing demonstration. Drive through scenic Connemara. At Kylemore Abbey, visit elegant rooms and the charming lakeside church. Enjoy lunch and more views of Connemara before returning to Galway, where the evening is free to explore. (B)

### Day 4 Cliffs of Moher | Ennis

Watch trained dogs herd sheep and enjoy tea and homemade scones. Travel through the Burren to view the Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy a walking tour of Ennis, dating back to the 11th century, with narrow streets and quaint shops. (B)

### Day 5 Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum | Killarney

Cross the River Shannon Estuary on a short ferry and drive along the shore to Foynes to visit the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum. Stop in Listowel to explore and lunch on your own before heading to picturesque Killarney. (B)

### Day 6 Dingle Peninsula | Gallarus Oratory

Explore the scenic Dingle Peninsula for views of heathery mountains, sandy beaches, and rocky headlands. Visit Gallarus Oratory, a stone chapel that was also a shelter for pilgrims. Stop in Dingle to explore and have lunch on your own. Return to your hotel in Killarney. (B)

### Day 7 Killarney's Jaunting Car | Cork Coastline

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride through Killarney National Park and along the shores of Lough Leane. Stop at Ross Castle and Kenmare Estate to admire the unspoiled scenery. Drive to Kenmare to have lunch and explore on your own. Continue along the County Cork coast and through Bantry and Skibbereen before arriving in Rosscarbery. (B)

### Day 8 Charles Fort | Historic Kinsale

Travel along the West Cork coast to view Timoleague Franciscan Friary, founded in 1240, with picturesque ruins of the church and living quarters. Head to Kinsale, renowned since medieval times for seafaring trade. Join a local guide at the star-shaped Charles Fort before taking a gentle stroll through town. (B)

### Day 9 Blarney Stone | Dunboyne Castle

Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or enjoy a stroll through the castle grounds. Shop for quality Irish-made products at the Blarney Woollen Mills. Arrive at your luxurious castle hotel near Dublin. (B)

### Day 10 Tour Ends at Dunboyne Castle

Your tour ends after breakfast. (B) B: Breakfast



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