



Irish Odyssey Self-Drive

Starting at **\$2,930***

The ultimate Irish journey

Explore gorgeous scenery and intriguing culture as you drive around the entire Ireland on this comprehensive tour. Visit Kylemore Abbey, the Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast, and enjoy a stay at the luxurious Cabra Castle.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin



Tour end
Dublin

12 ☀️
Days

11 🌙
Nights

18 🍴
Meals

* Prices listed are in US dollars, and are per-person, double-occupancy. If you would prefer a single room, there is a single-room supplement of \$915



Trip Highlights:

- Belleek Pottery
- Giants Causeway
- Kylemore Abbey
- Titanic Belfast
- Dublin Sightseeing
- Walled City Brewery - CIE Tours Exclusive
- Taylors Three Rock Pub
- Dublin Bus Tour
- Dublin Sightseeing

Hotels:

- Herbert Park Hotel
- The River Lee Hotel
- Killarney Plaza Hotel
- The Galmont Hotel & Spa
- City Hotel, Derry
- Grand Central Hotel Belfast
- Cabra Castle Hotel

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin Sightseeing

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 Sightseeing | Taylors Three Rock Pub

Today you will be totally free to explore the city as you wish, continuing to use your Hop-On, Hop-Off bus ticket. You will also have a voucher you can use to visit your choice of one of these top attractions: Guinness Storehouse: This spectacular seven-story attraction tells the tale of Ireland's most iconic brew. Teeling Distillery: Tour one of Dublin's newest distilleries to experience the sights, sounds and smells of whiskey production. Established in 2015, Teeling is located in the Liberties, the historic heart of old Dublin. EPIC The Irish Emigration Museum: The world's only fully digital museum tells the story of the 10 million people who emigrated from Ireland over the centuries, and how they changed the world. GPO Museum: Dublin's General Post Office played a key role in one of the most pivotal moments of Irish history: the Easter Rising of 1916. The museum in the GPO brings this era to life. In the evening, head to Taylor's Three Rock for dinner and entertainment. (B, D)

Day 3 House of Waterford Crystal | Cork

Pick up your Hertz rental car, and begin your driving adventure by heading south. At the House of Waterford Crystal, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, experience a tour of the factory and watch skilled artisans cut crystal into sparkling masterpieces. Continue along the coast to Cork, Ireland's second-largest city, where you will dine in your riverside hotel. (B)

Day 4 Blarney Castle | Kenmare | Killarney

Perhaps stroll through Cork's English Market, where vendors have been selling local and artisanal foods since 1788. 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 Jaunting Car Ride | Dingle Peninsula

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car ride to Ross Castle and Kenmare Estate and see Lough Leane, the largest of Killarney's lakes. 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 7 Connemara Drive | Kylemore Abbey | Lough Corrib Cruise

Take a drive through Connemara for sweeping views of misty mountains and shimmering lakes. Stop at Kylemore Abbey for a walk through this elegant mansion, set beside a tranquil lake. Return to Galway to take a scenic cruise on Lough Corrib and sip some creamy Irish coffee (seasonal). Spend the rest of the day enjoying Galway as you wish, and dining independently. 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 9 Giant's Causeway | Walled City Brewery

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 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 6 Cliffs of Moher | Galway

Drive to the Cliffs of Moher, soaring 700 feet above the Atlantic. 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 8 Belleek Pottery | Derry

Visit Belleek Pottery for a tour of the factory that creates this distinctive fine china beloved by collectors worldwide. Follow the Atlantic Shore to Donegal town, where you might 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. Dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

Day 10 Belfast | Titanic Belfast

Head to Belfast and visit Titanic Belfast to learn the story of the ill-fated ocean liner, in the city where it was built. The rest of the day is free to explore and dine as you please in this exciting, historic city. (B)

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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