



Best of Ireland South Self-Drive

Starting at **\$1,920***

Ireland's finest attractions in a week-long trip

See many of Ireland's most amazing attractions, including the stunningly beautiful Dingle Peninsula. Visit the Irish National Stud and see the regal thoroughbreds, kiss the Blarney Stone, and take a jaunting car ride. Stay in Dublin, Killarney, and Newmarket-on-Fergus.

Trip details

Tour start
Dublin

8 
Days



Tour end
Dublin

7 
Nights

12 
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 \$390



Trip Highlights:

- Blarney Castle
- Dingle Peninsula
- Jaunting Car Ride in Killarney
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- Dublin Sightseeing
- Dublin Bus Tour

Hotels:

- Talbot Hotel Stillorgan
- Scotts Hotel
- The Inn at Dromoland
- Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport
- Grand Canal Hotel

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Trip Itinerary

Day 1 Dublin Sightseeing

Pick up your Hertz car upon arrival at the airport. Head into the city center, where your trip begins with a day of independent touring in Dublin. Take a Hop-On, Hop-Off bus tour, and see all the city's highlights with the freedom to stop off to explore further as you please. Plus, 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; or the GPO Museum, innovatively detailing the fascinating story of the 1916 Rising, the pivotal event that led to Ireland's independence. Your evening is free to explore Dublin's pubs and restaurants as you wish.

Day 2 Dublin Sightseeing

Continue sightseeing in Dublin. If you still have vouchers, you can continue exploring the city. Or visit some of the charming coastal villages and seaside suburbs: Dalkey, Malahide, Dun Laoghaire, and Howth are all worth a visit, with plenty of fantastic seafood restaurants, historic castles, and amazing vistas awaiting you. Enjoy dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 3 Blarney Castle | Killarney

Meet your expert driver/guide at your hotel today. You'll drive south through the agricultural midlands to County Cork, to visit Blarney Castle. Climb the winding staircase to kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or stroll through the acres of tranquil gardens. Travel through Macroom and into County Kerry where the scenery becomes more mountainous. Arrive in the charming town of Killarney, where you will enjoy dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 4 Dingle Peninsula | Traditional Irish Dinner at Muckross Schoolhouse

Discover the glorious Dingle Peninsula, made famous in the movies "Ryan's Daughter" and "Far & Away," which showcased the wonderful scenery found here. Travel to Slea Head at the westernmost tip of the peninsula for awesome views of the Atlantic Ocean, and stop for awhile in charming Dingle town. Or you may choose to do the Ring of Kerry, perhaps Ireland's best known scenic drive. Either way, you'll experience spectacular seascapes and charming villages, with plenty of photo stops along the way. Visit Muckross Schoolhouse, a replica schoolhouse from times past, for a fun evening of traditional entertainment over dinner. (B, D)

Day 5 Jaunting Car Ride | Adare

Take a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car through the Killarney National Park to Ross Castle and Kenmare Estate. You might choose to visit Moriarty's in the Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Head to the pretty village of Adare, and check out the charm of its thatched cottages and colorful gardens. Proceed to County Clare. Visit an authentic castle for a medieval-style feast, where lords and ladies will serenade you with music and songs from days of yore. (B, D)

Day 7 Irish National Stud | Dublin

Enjoy the scenic Irish countryside on your way to Kildare where you'll visit the home of equine royalty, The Irish National Stud. Here you'll see impeccably bred stallions alongside protective mares, frolicking foals, and athletic yearlings. Stroll around the delightful grounds to explore St. Fiachra's Garden, including its miniature Japanese Gardens. Continue on to Dublin, where you'll say farewell to your dedicated driver/guide. Dine at your choice of one of the many restaurants or pubs scattered throughout the city. (B)

Day 6 Cliffs of Moher | Galway

Travel along the coast of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, which soar almost 700 feet above churning Atlantic swells. Walk along the top of the cliffs to O'Brien's Tower for great views of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. Drive north to Galway to explore this lively, artistic city. Walk through its medieval streetscape, listen to the buskers performing, enjoy its many shops and cafes. Return to Clare to have dinner in your hotel. (B, D)

Day 8 Tour Ends in Dublin

Your tour ends after breakfast today, when you are transferred from your hotel to Dublin Airport. (B) B: Breakfast; L: Lunch; D: Dinner >



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