

# Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way Starting at \$2,695\*

## See Ireland's glorious Atlantic coast

Discover the untamed nature and rich cultural heritage of Ireland's western coast, with its spectacular ocean vistas, enchanting towns, and craftsmanship deeply rooted in tradition.

### Trip details



\* 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 \$690



#### **Trip Highlights:**

- Westport House
- Strokestown Park
- Blakes of the Hollow Pub (CIE Tours Exclusive)
- Blarney Castle
- Slieve League Cliffs
- Sheepdog Demonstration
- A night in Dublin at The Abbey Tavern
- Belleek PotteryGalway Walking Tour
- Experience Glasnevin

#### Hotels:

- Clontarf Castle Hotel
- Mill Park Hotel
- Knockranny House HotelFitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel
- Manor West Hotel
- Herbert Park Hotel

# 2024 Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way - 9 Days/8 Nights

# **Trip Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Dublin City Tour | Experience Glasnevin | Clontarf Castle

Your tour departs at 2:00 PM from the Clontarf Castle Hotel lobby, a short ride from Dublin Airport and a few miles north of Dublin city center. Discover central Dublin with a local guide, viewing elegant Georgian squares, public buildings, and monuments. Visit Experience Glasnevin at Ireland's national cemetery – it's a fascinating "who's who" of modern Irish history. Join your group for a welcome drink followed by dinner in the castle hotel. (D)

#### Day 3 Slieve League Cliffs | Triona Design | Nancy's Bar

Head to Teelin to reach the best viewing point of the Slieve League sea cliffs, the highest in Europe. Enjoy a CIE Tours exclusive experience: sip an Irish coffee as you take in the view from these impressive cliffs. Travel up through beautiful views of Donegal to reach Triona Design Donegal Tweed Center in Ardara, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner, where spinners and weavers will demonstrate their crafts. Soak in the atmosphere and enjoy dinner at Nancy's Bar in Adarar before returning to your hotel in Donegal town, a busy little town that was once a Viking port. (B, D)

#### Day 2 Strokestown Park | Blakes of the Hollow Pub | Donegal

At Strokestown Park, hear compelling stories of the Great Irish Famine, brought to life in state-of-the-art exhibits at the National Famine Museum; then tour the grand Strokestown House to understand the human impact during this darkest chapter in Ireland's past. Stroll the park to see the walled gardens and woodlands. Next, a CIE Tours exclusive: visit Blakes of the Hollow Pub, a Victorian bar that retains many features original to its founding in 1887. Famed author John McGahern, a regular visitor, described it as "one of the happiest and most beautiful bars in the whole of Ireland". Take a photo by its official "Game of Thrones" door highlighting the series' sixth season. Continue your travels north to Donegal. With its windswept hills where only sheep can thrive, Donegal is renowned for woolen production and tweeds. (B, D)

#### Day 4 Belleek Pottery | Westport

Discover the secrets that have made Belleek Pottery one of the most enduring success stories of Irish craftsmanship. Tour behind the scenes to see how this world-famous fine china is made. Travel on to Westport for a guided tour of Westport House. This privately owned manor home is a treasure trove of history, built on castle foundations that once belonged to Grace O'Malley, Ireland's "Pirate Oueen". The evening is yours to dine and explore as you wish.. (B)

#### Day 5 Sheepdog Demo | Galway Walking Tour

Visit a traditional farm to see highly skilled sheepdogs show off their talents at minding their herd. Continue on to Galway, for a walking tour of this vibrant city's medieval heart. Take free time to explore before heading to Adare, where you'll dine in your hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 7 Ring of Kerry

Embark on a tour of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most famous and popular scenic drive. Stop at Moriarty's in the beautiful Gap of Dunloe, a CIE Tours preferred shopping partner. Continuing on the scenic drive, pause for panoramic mountain views at Moll's Gap. Visit Killarney for free time to explore before returning to Tralee, where you may dine as you wish. (B)

#### Day 9 Your Tour Ends in Dublin

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

#### Day 6 Adare | John B. Keane's | Dingle

Take a walking tour to explore the charm of Adare. With its many thatched cottages, it's known as one of Ireland's most picturesque towns. Drive to Listowel for tea and scones at John B. Keane's, a pub once owned by one of Ireland's most notable playwrights; many of his masterpieces were written in a room behind the bar. Continue on to Dingle; visit Murphy's Ice Cream to taste some of their distinctly Irish flavors made with local ingredients, and then take free time to explore this friendly little town. Dine at your hotel this evening. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Blarney Castle | Abbey Tavern

Visit Blarney Castle to kiss the famous stone or take a walk through the lovely parklands and colorful gardens. At the Abbey Tavern, enjoy an evening of traditional Irish cuisine and entertainment. (B, D)



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