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# Ireland In A Week (7 nights/8 days) *Private travel*

Private chauffeur touring exploring Dublin & Southern Ireland highlight locations

# **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

Discover Ireland's capital city of Dublin, the home of Guinness and the best "craic" from the locals to the natural beauty of Wild Atlantic West coast of Ireland.





### Day One – Welcome to the Emerald Isle!

On arrival into Dublin airport, your private driver will be waiting to transfer you to Galway on the west coast. Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring the city. Galway, the gateway to the west coast is hard to resist with it's bohemian charm and friendly locals ready to give you a true Irish welcome. Why not visit one of the shops selling the traditional Claddagh Rings for you to take home or stop for a Guinness in one of the local pubs where you will most certainly always be greeted with lively trad music being as you enter. Overnight in Galway.



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#### Day Two – Connemara and The Wild Atlantic Way

Leave the city behind you as you explore one of Irelands most beautiful National Parks, Connemara. Here you will find mountains, woodlands and even traces of historic settlements such as megalithic tombs dating back 4,000 years!



Whilst here you will visit Kylemore Abbey, built in the 1800's nestled in the heart of Connemara. During your visit you will learn about the history of the abbey and why it is still home to the Benedictine Nuns, as well as discovering Irelands largest walled garden. Before returning to the city you'll get the chance to visit Killary Sheep Farm, a traditional working mountain farm where you will get the chance to watch a live sheep dog demonstration learning all about the importance of Sheepdogs. Overnight Galway.

#### Day Three - Coastlines and Cliffs!

Today with your private driver-guide journey south to explore the world-famous Cliffs of Moher. En-route you will travel through The Burren, a completely contrasting scenery to the rest of Ireland with its vast limestone landscape dotted with caves, fossils and rock formations, it's as if you're on the moon! It's time to go from land to sea, the best way to see the spectacular Cliffs of Moher is by boat. On the boat tour you'll get a chance to really appreciate the scale of the cliffs at over 700 feet high, keep a look out as you may even see Puffins if it's the right season. Overnight Killarney.

#### Day Four - Ring of Kerry

Killarney is a small buzzing town and the gateway to the Killarney National Park. Here you will find every type of terrain Ireland has to offer in one spot! The Ring of Kerry a 179km loop, home to Irelands tallest mountain, majestic waterfalls, lakes, ancient forests, rolling hills and in the heart of it all - Muckross House & Gardens. The 19th century mansion that once had Queen Victoria stay as a guest in 1861, is in a truly magical setting looking out over the shores of Muckross Lake. You'll get to experience a traditional Jaunting Car ride, a unique way to explore the grounds and Muckross Abbey before finishing the day. Overnight Killarney.



### Day Five - Onwards to the Ancient East

Continuing with your private driver-guide head east, stopping at your first port of call for the day, Cobh. Here you will enjoy a short walking tour of Cobh; the Titanic's last port of call, as you learn about its rich maritime heritage and emigration history. Make a stop at the world-famous Jameson Distillery Midleton, home of the world's largest pot still, during your distillery tour you'll learn about the field-to-glass process and have the chance to enjoy three whiskey tastings. All warmed up from the whiskey your day will finish in the "Marble City" of Kilkenny. This medieval city is packed with colourful characters a 12th century castle and is full of charm. Overnight in Kilkenny.

#### Day Six - Wicklow Mountains to the capital....

Your private driver-guide will pick you up this morning from your hotel for a full day journey to Dublin via the Wicklow Mountains. Stopping at Glendalough, home of an early medieval monastic site in the Wicklow Mountains National Park. Enjoy dramatic mountains scenery as you cross the national park to Dublin. Overnight Dublin.



#### Day Seven – Hello Dublin!

Meet your driver guide in the hotel lobby for a private full day tour of Dublin, Ireland's capital city. Your private guide will introduce you to everything Dublin has to offer. You'll have time to enjoy a leisurely lunch at one of Dublin's infamous pubs for some local food & drink as well as time to visit one or two essentials whilst in Dublin, such as the Guinness Storehouse and Trinity College. Enjoy your evening at The Merry Ploughboy with a traditional dinner along with Irish entertainment, ending your trip in true Irish style.

#### Day Eight –Safe travels home......

After a hearty Irish Breakfast at the hotel, take your last walk in the city centre, take some photos and feel the energy of 1000 years of history before you say goodbye to Ireland's magical capital city. Your private driver will transfer you from the hotel to the airport.

## INCLUSIONS

- o Private Airport Transfers (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- Six Full Days of Private Tours with driver-guide (Mercedes Viano or similar)
- o Kylemore Abbey Entrance Ticket
- Shared Sheep Dog Demo
- Cliffs of Moher Shared Boat Cruise
- Muckross Estate Jaunting Ride
- o Cobh Titanic Trail Walking Shared Tour
- o Jameson Distillery Shared Tour
- Trinity College Entrance Ticket
- Guinness Storehouse Entrance Ticket
- Merry Ploughboys' Shared Dinner & Show
- o 2 nights accommodation at The Galmont Hotel Galway (4\*) or similar
- o 2 nights accommodation at Killarney Royal Hotel (4\*) or similar
- o 1 night accommodation at Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel (4\*) or similar
- 2 nights accommodation at O'Callaghan Davenport Hotel Dublin (4\*) or similar
- o Daily Irish Breakfast

This itinerary can be fully customized.