

IRELAND SELF DRIVE TOURS DAILY DEPARTURES



The visits mentioned are suggestions and for information only according to the self-drive itinerary chosen.

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3 CENTRE TOUR OF IRELAND

This is just a summary of the day to day itinerary. You will be provided with a considerably more comprehensive daily itinerary upon booking your Ireland vacation package. This 3 Centre Tour is perfect for the traveller who prefers to explore the countryside from a number of bases rather than switch accommodation every night or two. The tour will allow the customer a greater amount of time to get to know the areas in which they are residing and of course the locals that reside in those locations. One of the greatest advantages of the 3 Centre Tour is that you will undoubtedly feel considerably more rested at the end of the tour than someone who has taken the alternative 11 day tour where they stay in each location for just one or two nights.

The tour will enable you to visit Ireland's most famous sights including Trinity College and Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin, Powerscourt House & the Waterford Crystal Factory in the South East, Blarney Castle and the Cobh Heritage Centre in Cork, Killarney and the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and the 'Burren Landscape' of County Clare and Ireland's most visited attraction, the ancient Megalithic Tombs at Newgrange, just 45 minutes north of Dublin.

OVERNIGHTS FOR THIS TOUR:

Kilkenny 3 nights /Kerry 4 nights /Dublin /Galway 3 nights

PRICE PER PERSON IN CAD \$, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, FROM:

2022	B&B's	3* Hotels	4*Hotels & Manor Houses	Combination	Car upgrade to automatic
Jan-Mar and Nov-Dec	1435	1929	2519	1939	120
April and October	1435	2239	2859	2029	120
May-June	1615	2349	3319	2380	250
July -September	1780	2509	3489	2549	250
Single Supplement	920	1979	3069	2089	Double it

Prices are per person based on 2 persons in each room with full Irish breakfast and taxes included.

- The Combination package includes 3 nights in 3*hotels, 4 nights in Luxury Manor House hotels and 3 nights in our hand-picked B&B's.
- Your accommodation and car rental package rate includes an economy class car (eg. Opel Corsa or Fiat Punto - Manual transmission).

Included with your rental is all compulsory insurances - Collision Damage Waiver insurance (CDW with an excess/deductible), theft protection insurance, location fee of €30, Road tax, sales tax at 13.5%, unlimited free mileage, third party liability insurance, 24 hour peace of mind breakdown coverage.

ITINERARY: 3 CENTRE TOUR OF IRELAND – 11 DAYS

DAY 1 DUBLIN TO KILKENNY

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DAYS 2-3 KILKENNY

There are a number of exceptional day trips to be experienced from Kilkenny and all within easy reach. These include a trip to The Rock of Cashel and Cahir Castle in the neighbouring County of Tipperary. Cashel was once the seat of the Kings of Munster and capital of this southern province. The Rock of Cashel, which rears above the plain, dominated the land routes southwards. Kings of Ireland as well as Munster came to the Rock of Cashel and St. Patrick is known to have preached on the rock. Cahir Castle, once an important stronghold of the powerful Butler family, retains its impressive keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure and is one of Ireland's largest and best-preserved castles. You can then travel on to Waterford where you will see the Waterford Crystal factory. An alternate route would be to visit the county of Wexford to the south east. This would allow visits to the Irish National Heritage Park, the 13th Century Tintern Abbey, Hook Lighthouse, Dunbrody Abbey, the Kennedy Homestead, ancestral home of JFK and finally the Dunbrody Famine Ship. An interactive exhibition re-enacts life on the Dunbrody as she carried her passengers from New Ross to the US and Canada 150 years ago. Visitors will experience life on board an emigrant ship as they explore the authentically recreated decks of the ship. The original Dunbrody was a three-masted barque built in Quebec, Canada, for the Graves family of New Ross, Co. Wexford in 1845.

DAY 4 KILKENNY TO COUNTY OF KERRY

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DAYS 5 TO 7 KINGDOM OF KERRY

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Kerry includes visits to colourful villages, ancient heritage sites dotted around the peninsula including Skellig Michael just off the Kerry coast and Staigue Fort. The Dingle Peninsula has more interesting antiquities, historic sites and varied mountain scenery than any other part of Ireland. The main town Dingle is the most westerly in Europe and attracts large numbers of visitors each year, many of whom come to learn the Irish language in the surrounding Irish speaking district. Also in the area are An Dún Beag Promontory Fort from 800 BC as well as the Blasket Islands and Gallarus Oratory. Gallarus Oratory was built between the seventh and eighth century and is the best preserved early Christian church in Ireland. On to Brandon Creek from where legend has it that St. Brendan discovered the North American continent in the 6th century. Alternative routes include day trips to Blarney Castle and the Titanic Train in Cork or the northern route to the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren region of County Clare including Bunratty Castle. If you wish to stay closer to Killarney, take a wonderful walk or pony and trap through the Gap of Dunloe, returning to Killarney by boat across the Lakes of Killarney.

DAYS 8 KERRY TO DUBLIN

From Kerry take the N18 to one of Ireland's prettiest village, Adare, just before Limerick city. After Limerick, head towards Dublin and, time permitting, you can visit the National Stud in Kildare east of the capital. The National Stud comprises three separate attractions. The 1,000 acre Farm at Tully has been in use as a Stud Farm since 1900 when it was owned by Col. William Hall-Walker. It is home to some of Ireland's finest thoroughbreds. There's a Horse Museum tracing the history of the horse in Ireland using artifacts as well as the Japanese Gardens which are situated in the grounds of the Stud Farm and were created between 1906 and 1910. From here continue to Dublin. Dublin city centre is a compact area, with all points of interest being easily accessible on foot. As a result, you will find a large number of walking tours available, the most popular of which include the "Historical Walking Tour" and the "Literary Pub Crawl". You may, of course, wish to visit many of the sights in your own time either on foot or with the Hop-On-Hop-Off bus service that stops at all of the major attractions, including Dublin Castle, Trinity Castle & the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, the National Museum of Ireland and The Guinness Storehouse, to name just a few.

DAYS 9 -10 DUBLIN

Continue your sightseeing in Dublin for the next 2 days visiting the many historical and modern attractions that this cosmopolitan city has to offer. Other attractions include Christ Church Cathedral which was founded in the year 1030 by Sitric, King of the Dublin Norsemen, the James Joyce Centre & the Dublin Writers Museum. Of course, you may wish to take time out to shop in Grafton Street or any one of a number of narrow and quaint streets that the café strewn city centre has to offer. This evening, why not spend some time in the Temple Bar area? This small area boasts a dazzling choice of restaurants, cafes, bars and shops to suit all tastes and pockets, all within easy walking distance of Temple Bar's many cultural centres and galleries. Its narrow cobbled streets are pedestrianised and are ideally suited to a leisurely stroll through the quarter. There is also the opportunity to experience an evening's entertainment at The Abbey Tavern or the more intimate Irish House Party where good food combined with exception traditional music and dance are the order of the day.

DAY 11 END OF TOUR

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BEST OF IRELAND TOUR

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The Best of Ireland Tour, our most popular tour, can be accessed using any of the Irish Airports and is an 8 night tour based on Ireland's most famous sights including Trinity College and Kilmainham Gaol in Dublin, Powerscourt House and the Waterford Crystal exhibition in the South East, Blarney Castle and the Cobh Heritage Centre in Cork, Killarney and the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, the Cliffs of Moher and the 'Burren Landscape' of County Clare as well as the Aran Islands and Connemara in County Galway and Ireland's most visited attraction, the ancient Megalithic Tombs at Newgrange, just 45 minutes north of Dublin.

OVERNIGHTS FOR THIS TOUR:

Waterford or Kilkenny 1 night /Cork 1 night / Kerry 2 nights /Galway 2 nights /Dublin 2 nights

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2022	B&B's	3* Hotels	4*Hotels & Manor Houses	Combination	Car upgrade to automatic
Jan-Mar and Nov-Dec	1180	1535	1960	1589	100
April and October	1180	1760	2239	1680	100
May-June	1340	1935	2585	1975	230
July -September	1490	2080	2735	2120	230
Single Supplement	740	1699	2350	1729	Double it

Prices are per person based on 2 persons in each room with full Irish breakfast and taxes included.

- The Combination package includes 4 nights in 3* hotels, 2 nights in Luxury Manor House hotels & 2 nights in our hand-picked B&B's.
- Your accommodation and car rental package rate includes an Economy class car (e.g. Opel Corsa or Fiat Punto, manual transmission).

Included with your car is all compulsory insurances - Collision Damage Waiver insurance (CDW with an excess/deductible), theft protection insurance, location fee of €30, Road tax, sales tax at 13.5%, unlimited free mileage, third party liability insurance, 24 hour peace of mind breakdown coverage

ITINERARY: BEST OF IRELAND – 9 DAYS

DAY 1 DUBLIN TO KILKENNY

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DAY 2 KILKENNY TO KINSALE, COUNTY OF CORK

Your first stop today is the Rock of Cashel in County Tipperary. Cashel was once the seat of the Kings of Munster and capital of this southern province. The Rock, which rears above the plain, dominated the land routes southwards. Kings of Ireland as well as Munster came to this spot and St. Patrick is known to have preached on the rock and converted the local King, Aenghus, here in the 5th century. Just 10 miles further is Cahir Castle, once an important stronghold of the powerful Butler family, which retains its impressive keep, tower and much of its original defensive structure. It is one of Ireland's largest and best-preserved castles. Just east of Cork City is the harbour town of Cobh, situated on one of the world's largest natural harbours it was the last port of call for the ill-fated Titanic in 1912 and was the closest port to the site of the sinking of the Lusitania in 1915. The Cobh Heritage Centre sympathetically recounts these events and tells the story of emigration from Ireland to the United States and Australia from the time of the famine in 1847 up to the 1950s, known as the Queenstown Story. As well as being a charming coastal fishing harbour, Kinsale's International Museum of Wine tells the romantic story of the Irish emigrants who colonised the wine trade through the world after being forced to leave their own shores. Also in Kinsale is the 17th century Desmond Castle that was turned into a prison. The Charles Fort is also close by.

DAY 3 KINSALE TO KILLARNEY

Today you have the option of the scenic but longer coastal route or the shorter route via Blarney Castle. The longer route includes visits to Mizen Head, the southernmost point in Ireland, as well as Bantry House and Gardens and the French Armada Centre. From Bantry, you will be heading north to Killarney, via the Healy Pass. Have your cameras ready for some breathtaking scenery across the Caha Mountains that divide Cork from Kerry. After the mountain pass, you come to the town of Kenmare. The town was founded in 1670 by Sir William Petty and has a history of lace making, demonstrations of which can be seen at the town's Heritage Centre. The alternative route for today's journey is a shorter one. First stop is the famed Blarney Castle where a climb to the ramparts to kiss the Blarney Stone is said to bestow the gift of eloquence, otherwise known as "the Gift of the Gab". From there it is straight to Killarney. With its three famous lakes and majestic mountain ranges, Killarney has been the inspiration of poets and painters over many centuries. The Killarney National Park is internationally renowned both for its scenic beauty and scientific interest. There are many walks and trails around Killarney including a 2-hour tourist trail around the town itself. You will also have a chance to visit Ross Castle, the Gap of Dunloe or simply take a stroll through the streets of this quaint town to enjoy the great pubs and enjoy the traditional Irish music.

DAY 4 KILLARNEY, THE RING OF KERRY AND MUCKCROSS HOUSE

You have a number of touring options today. Most famous amongst these is the Ring of Kerry driving tour. The Ring of Kerry is a journey through some of the country's most outstanding scenery around the Iveragh Peninsula. Stunning mountain and coastal scenery combined with colourful towns and villages will make this one of the highlights of your tour. For those who wish to take a break from driving we can arrange a bus tour through this route. Following the peninsula drive, you then arrive at Muckcross House. Muckcross House is a magnificent Victorian mansion completed in 1843 for Henry Arthur Herbert. The location of the House is spectacular, close to the eastern shore of Muckcross Lake and set beneath the impressive backdrop of Torc and Mangerton Mountains. As an alternative to the Ring of Kerry tour you may prefer to take a wonderful tour by pony and trap that takes you through the Black Valley in the Gap of Dunloe. After a snack at Lord Brandon's Cottage, you will return to Killarney by boat, via the beautiful lakes of Killarney.

DAY 5 KILLARNEY TO GALWAY

One of your longest but most dramatic days of your tour brings you from Killarney along the west coast to Galway City, Ireland's festival capital. First stop will be the village of Adare in County Limerick. Adare is regarded by many a seasoned traveller as Ireland's prettiest village with its charming thatched cottages, manicured public park and ancient church. From Adare continue along the N20 towards Limerick City of "Angela's Ashes" fame and home to King Johns Castle. Shortly after this, you arrive at Bunratty Castle. Built in 1425, this majestic castle was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. Within the grounds of the Castle is Bunratty Folk Park where 19th century Irish life is vividly recreated. Continue on to the magnificent "Cliffs of Moher". The majestic Cliffs of Moher are without doubt one of Ireland's most spectacular sights and overlook the Atlantic Ocean on the coast of West Clare. You then arrive at the village of Doolin. Doolin is world-famous for its wealth of Irish folk music and in recent years has been attracting crowds to spontaneous sessions in any one of its excellent pubs. Then on to Galway via the lunar like Burren Region and the ancient Poulnabrone Dolmen Tombs.

DAY 6 GALWAY AND THE CONNEMARA REGION

Today, the hauntingly beautiful Connemara Region awaits you. Just west of Galway, situated on the most western seaboard of Europe, this unspoilt region boasts breathtaking scenery. The characteristic features of Connemara include its rugged, unpolluted coastline, dramatic mountains, and numerous lakes, rivers and woodlands and, finally, the renowned Connemara National Park. Visit Kylemore Abbey and the Lough Inagh Valley as well as the spectacular Sky Road near the town of Clifden. You can also visit the fishing village of Roundstone and see how a 'Bodhran' (traditional Irish Drum) is made. Alternatively, you may prefer to take the ferry to the Aran Islands. Aran will take you back to an Ireland of Celts and Early Christians. Take a pony and trap, or a guided tour from the pier up the island to the stone fort of Dun Aengus. Dún Aengus is located on top of a 300ft high sea cliff and is one of the finest prehistoric monuments in Western Europe. This evening, head back to the Quays area of the city for some of the best traditional entertainment in the country.

DAY 7 GALWAY TO DUBLIN VIA CLONMACNOISE

Today's journey to Dublin takes in some of Ireland's most historical landmarks. First of these is the ancient monastic settlement at Clonmacnoise. This is an early Christian site founded by Saint Ciaran in the 6th century, on the banks of the River Shannon and includes the ruins of a cathedral, eight, two round towers, three high crosses and a large collection of early Christian grave slabs. From here, we travel either to Dublin or take a slight detour to the megalithic tombs of Newgrange. One of the great wonders of the ancient world, Newgrange is older than Stonehenge, Mycenae or even the Pyramids of Egypt and is foremost among the passage-tombs of Europe. From here, we travel south to Dublin City. Dublin city centre is a compact area, with all points of interest being easily accessible on foot. As a result you will find a large number of walking tours

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DAY 8 DUBLIN CITY CENTRE AND TRINITY COLLEGE

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IRISH PUB & FOLK

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Irish pubs are known throughout the world for the friendliness and warmth of their hospitality and also for being the meeting place for like-minded souls who find themselves in search of quality conversation, humour, music and food. Of course, let's not forget that your typical Irish publican has also been known to occasionally provide the odd drink or two. While the Irish pub is indeed a focal point for so much of the Irish social scene, there are a number of locations that simply seem to have more than their fare of excellent watering holes. To this end, the Irish Pub & Folk Tour takes you to towns that offer numerous great pubs renowned for their atmosphere, food and superb traditional music. As you travel between these towns in the east, south and west of Ireland, you will also have the opportunity to see some of the most beautiful & picturesque landscapes that Ireland has to offer. Combine that with the history of the regions that you are passing through, and you have the makings of an unforgettable vacation.

OVERNIGHTS FOR THIS TOUR:

Kilkenny 2 nights / Killarney, County of Kerry 2 nights / County of Clare Galway 1 night / Dublin 2 nights

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ITINERARY : IRISH PUB & FOLK - 8 DAYS

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DAY 5 KILLARNEY TO COUNTY OF CLARE

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DAY 6 COUNTY OF CLARE TO DUBLIN

Travel from Doolin to Dublin via Limerick. This would be the best possible route for your journey today. You can take the main route along the N7 to Dublin. Dublin city centre is a compact area, with all points of interest being easily accessible on foot. As a result you will find a large number of walking tours available, the most popular of which include the "Historical Walking Tour" and the "Literary Pub Crawl". You may of course wish to visit many of the sights in your own time either on foot or with the Hop-On-Hop-Off bus service that stops at all of the major attractions including Dublin Castle, Trinity Castle & the Book of Kells, Kilmainham Gaol, the National Museum of Ireland and The Guinness Storehouse to name just a few.

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ATTRACTIONS ALONG THE ROAD

Below, you will find a list of just some of the major touring attractions that exist in the areas of Ireland that you will be travelling through. While these attractions are on your tour route, the beauty of our self-drive tours is that you can choose which of the attractions you wish to see and which you choose to miss out on – and this can be decided upon on the day itself. If there are attractions that you wish to include on your tour of Ireland but are not listed below, make sure to mention this to your dedicated tour advisor.

ARAN ISLAND

The Aran Islands are a group of three islands located at the mouth of Galway Bay, on the west coast of Ireland. The largest island is Inishmore; the middle and second-largest is Inishmaan and the smallest and most eastern is Inisheer. Irish is a spoken language on all three islands, and is the language used naming the islands and their villages and townlands. Take a short ferry ride to Inis Mor, the largest of the three Aran Islands, and island rich in the language, culture and heritage of Ireland, unique in its geology and archaeology and in its long tradition of gentle hospitality. Here is a place to sense the spirit of Gaelic Ireland, to touch the past, but with all the comforts and facilities of the present



BUTLERS CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE



Visit the Butlers Chocolate Experience - the ultimate chocolate discovery tour in Ireland! Learn about the history of chocolate as you watch the Butlers chocolate movie in the private cinema, wander around the chocolate museum and enjoy the aroma from the chocolate gallery as you see Butlers Chocolates being made in the factory below. See up close the techniques of chocolate decoration in the experience room and then try your own hand at decorating a chocolate novelty to bring home as a treasured souvenir! Afterwards, enjoy an award winning hot chocolate in the onsite Butlers Chocolate Café or relax in the picnic area. A visit to the home of Butlers

Chocolates is an experience not to be missed!

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Christ Church Cathedral in Dublin is the elder of the city's two medieval cathedrals, the other being St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is officially claimed as the seat (cathedra) of both the Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic archbishops of Dublin. In practice it has been the cathedral of only the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, since the Irish Reformation. Though nominally claimed as his cathedral, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin uses a church elsewhere, St Mary's in Marlborough Street in Dublin, as his pro-cathedral (acting cathedral). Christ Church Cathedral is located in the former heart of mediaeval Dublin, next to Wood Quay, at the end of Dame Street.



CONOR PASS

The Conor Pass is the highest mountain pass in Ireland. It is situated on the Dingle Peninsula in County Kerry, on the road that crosses the peninsula between Dingle Town and the coast the other side. The Mountains the Pass



crosses are the Brandon Mountains and contain Ireland's second highest peak Brandon Mountain at 3127 ft. From Dingle Town the road runs some 4½ miles rising to 1500 ft. as it winds its way to the pass. There are wonderful views of the coast. At the Pass there is a car park where you are confronted with this magnificent sight. The road then carries on down towards Brandon Bay past cliffs, a waterfall and lakes.

DINGLE PENINSULA

There are so many things to see, to do, to explore, to experience on the Dingle Peninsula . . . from almost 2,000 archaeological sites, to more walking than you could fit into a year, to Fungie, a bottlenose dolphin who's been living at the mouth of Dingle Harbour since 1984. There is no other landscape in Western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as the Dingle Peninsula. This mountainous finger of land which just into the Atlantic Ocean has supported various tribes and populations for almost 6,000 years. Because of the peninsula's remote location, and lack of specialised agriculture, there is a remarkable preservation of over 2,000 monuments. It is impossible to visit the Dingle Peninsula and not be impressed by its archaeological heritage.



DUBLIN



Dublin is both the largest city and capital of Ireland. It is located near the midpoint of Ireland's east coast, at the mouth of the River Liffey and at the centre of the Dublin Region. Founded as a Viking settlement, the city has been Ireland's primary city for most of the island's history since medieval times. Today, it is an economic, administrative and cultural centre for the island of Ireland and has one of the fastest growing populations of any European capital city. The city has a world-famous literary history, having produced many prominent literary figures, including Nobel laureates William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Samuel Beckett.

DUBLIN CASTLE

Dublin Castle (Irish: Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath) off Dame Street, Dublin, Ireland, is a major Irish governmental complex, formerly the fortified seat of British rule in Ireland until 1922. Most of the complex dates from the 18th century, though a castle has stood on the site since the days of King John, the first Lord of Ireland. The Castle served as the seat of English, then later British government of Ireland under the Lordship of Ireland (1171–1541), the Kingdom of Ireland (1541–1800), and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland (1800–1922). Upon establishment of the Irish Free State in 1922, the complex was ceremonially handed over to the newly formed Provisional Government led by Michael Collins.



DUBLINIA



Dublinia, located at the crossroads of the medieval city at Christchurch, is history brought to life in an exciting way for all to engage, learn and share. Go back to Viking times in Dublin –what was life really like on board a Viking warship? See their weaponry and the skills of being a Viking warrior. Try on Viking clothes, become a slave and stroll down a noisy street. Visit a smoky

and cramped Viking house. Learn of the myths and the mysteries surrounding the Vikings and their legacy.

DUN AENGUS

Dún Aengus is the most famous of several prehistoric forts on the Aran Islands, of Co. Galway, Ireland. It is located on Inishmore at the edge of a 100-metre high cliff. Dún Aengus is an important archaeological site that also offers a spectacular view. It was built during the Bronze Age and dates from 1,000 B.C. or before. It has been called "the most magnificent barbaric monument in Europe." The name "Dún Aengus" meaning "Fort of Aengus" refers to the pre-Christian god of the same name described in Irish mythology. The fort consists of a series of four concentric walls of dry stone construction. Surviving stonework is four metres wide at some points. The original shape was presumably oval or D-shaped but part of the cliff and fort has since collapsed into the sea.



GAP OF DUNLOE



The Gap of Dunloe is a beautiful glacial valley in the Macgillacuddy Reeks mountain range, which dominate the skyline of Killarney. Here you may enjoy an energetic walk or cycle its rough path. The scenery all around the famous Lakes of Killarney is breath-taking and there are many viewing points around the lakes as you see above. The three main lakes of Killarney occupy a broad valley stretching south between the mountains. The three lakes and the mountains that surround them are all within the Killarney National Park. The Lower Lake is nearest to the town; it is studded with islands and has Muckross Abbey and Ross Castle on its eastern shore. Why not take the Gap of Dunloe Trip, by horseback or pony and trap through the Gap, and then by boat across the Killarney lake to Ross Castle.

GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

The Guinness Storehouse is located in the heart of the St. James's Gate Brewery in Dublin, and is, according to the Guinness Storehouse Web site, Ireland's No. 1 international visitor attraction. Since opening in November 2000, Guinness Storehouse has attracted over 4 million visitors from every corner of the globe. The Storehouse is laid out over seven floors surrounding a glass atrium taking the shape of a pint of Guinness. On the ground floor the massive exhibit introduces you to the four ingredients; water, barley, hops and yeast, all of which combine together to make a pint of Guinness. Visitors are also introduced to the fifth and vital ingredient, Arthur Guinness himself.



KILLARNEY



This little town is world-famous due to its exquisite location beside lakes and mountains. Take a horse-drawn jaunting car ride through the grounds of the Killarney National Park to Muckross House and Gardens. Tour the house with a local guide to learn about the history and lifestyles of previous owners and perhaps stroll through the gardens on the shores of Muckross Lake. As well as being a perfect location from which to explore the south western region of Ireland, for centuries the Killarney Valley has been recognised far and wide as Ireland's most beautiful destination - being aptly titled as "Heaven's Reflex". It inspired Poet Laureate Alfred Austin to write - "If mountain, wood and water harmoniously blend, constitute the most perfect and adequate loveliness that nature presents, it surely must be owned, that it has, all the world over, no superior".

KILMAINHAM GAOL

Kilmainham Gaol (Irish: Príosún Chill Mhaighneann) is a former prison, located in Kilmainham in Dublin, which is now a museum. It has been run since the mid-1980s by the Office of Public Works (O.P.W.), an Irish Government agency. Kilmainham Gaol has played an important part in Irish history, as many leaders of Irish rebellions were imprisoned and some executed in the jail. The jail has also been used as a set for several films. When it was first built in 1796, Kilmainham Gaol was called the 'New Gaol' to distinguish it from the old jail it was intended to replace - a noisome dungeon, just a few hundred metres from the present site.



MUCKROSS HOUSE, GARDENS & TRADITIONAL FARMS



This nineteenth century Victorian mansion is set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. The house stands close to the shores of Muckross Lake, one of Killarney's three lakes, famed worldwide for their splendour and beauty. As a focal point within Killarney National Park, Muckross House is the ideal base from which to explore this landscape. Muckross House was built for Henry Arthur Herbert and his wife, the water-colourist Mary Balfour Herbert. This was actually the fourth house that successive generations of the Herbert family had occupied at Muckross over a period of almost two

hundred years.

RING OF KERRY

Admire breath-taking vistas of mountains, cliffs and beaches on Ireland's most popular drive, the 100-mile Ring of Kerry. Starting from Killarney, heading around the Iveragh Peninsula and passing through Kenmare, Sneem, Waterville (favourite holiday spot of Charlie Chaplin that now has a statue of him to commemorate his love of the place), Cahersiveen and Killorglin. Popular points include Muckross House (near Killarney), Staigue stone fort and Derrynane House, home of Daniel O'Connell. Just south of Killarney, Ross Castle, Lough Leane, and Ladies View (a panoramic viewpoint), all located within Killarney National Park, are major attractions located along the Ring.



TITANIC WALK



The Titanic Trail is a guided tour around the streets and environs of Cobh, revealing locations and incidents directly connected to the Titanic and many other aspects of the port's history. The actual building in which the White Star Line Cobh Cork Office is visited. The very pier where Titanic passengers departed is seen. St. Colman's Cathedral, the Holy Ground, and the site of the landing of Lusitania victims are all pointed out to the visitor and interspersed with a multitude of emigrant, military and maritime history. The trail brings the whole era of Sailing Ships, departing emigrants (almost 3 million left from Cobh) and great military fleets to life in a way that leaves a lasting impression on the visitor.

TRINITY COLLEGE & BOOK OF KELLS

Trinity is located in the centre of Dublin, Ireland, on College Green opposite the former Irish Houses of Parliament (now a branch of the Bank of Ireland). The campus occupies 190,000m² (47 acres), with many buildings, both old and new, ranged around large courts (known as "squares") and two playing fields. The Library of Trinity College is a copyright library for Ireland and the United Kingdom, containing over 4.5 million books and significant quantities of maps, manuscripts and music. The Library of Trinity College is the largest research library in Ireland. As a result of its historic standing, Trinity is a legal deposit library (as per Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003) for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and has a similar standing in Irish law.



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When you collect your rental vehicle you will be asked to sign the rental agreement.

DRIVER REQUIREMENTS:

Age Requirements: The minimum age to rent a vehicle is 23 years and for 23/24 years of age, only for car groups A,B & E. A young driver surcharge of Euro 26 per day will be applied and damage excess will be in the amount of Euro 1,600. There is a maximum age limit of 79 years. Clients aged 76 to 79 years inclusive must have the following documentation

- (1) Note from their doctor stating that they are in full health.
- (2) Note from their insurer's stating that they have not been involved in any accidents in the past 5 years.

License Requirements: Drivers must produce a valid, full, unendorsed, (Note: certain minor endorsements may be acceptable, please call us regarding these prior to booking) driving license at the commencement of rental that has been valid for at least 24 months prior to the rental pick up date. Only the renter or drivers that have been added to the rental agreement are permitted to drive the vehicle. Customers with a new UK Photocard Driver's License must produce both the Photocard and its paper counterpart. Visitors from overseas must produce a driving license issued in their country of permanent residence, along with a translation into English (where appropriate). Holders of US , Canadian, Australian and All EU member states are NOT required to supply an International Driving License (IDL). An International Driving License (IDL) is required if your national driver's license is not in Roman script. International driver's licenses MUST BE accompanied by the original domestic license of the driver. (This is clearly stated on the international license).

Driver Assessment: You may be required to complete a Driver Safety Assessment Form. Please be advised that a daily surcharge may apply depending on the outcome of the risk assessment. If in the opinion of the car rental agency staff, you are deemed a risk, it is possible that a car will not be provided. This decision will be at the sole discretion of the car rental agency staff.

Additional named drivers: Additional drivers can be added to your rental agreement at the

rental desk when you collect your vehicle for €9.50 per day. All additional drivers must conform to the Drivers License and Age Requirements shown above. Only drivers included in the Rental Agreement may drive the rental car.

INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Collision Damage Insurance (CDW): This option limits your financial liability for damage to the Hertz Car Rentals vehicle, its parts and accessories provided the vehicle is used in accordance with the terms and conditions of the rental agreement. The cover is subject to an insurance excess - (see details under the heading CDW Excess - Excess Liability).

CDW Excess - Excess Liability: For rates that are inclusive of CDW insurance, a CDW Excess will apply at all times. All rentals are subject to liability excess, ranging from EURO 1,200 to EURO 2,000 (depending on the vehicle group rented) for which you are responsible in the event of damage to the Hertz Car Rentals vehicle during the rental. In the event that you do not take out the additional SDW as outlined in the next paragraph, Hertz car rentals may charge an amount to your card equivalent to the excess of your particular car type.

Super Damage Waiver Insurance (SDW): Super Cover takes the excess to '0' (SDW) : Clients must be 30 years plus & pay by credit card to purchase Super Cover. Tyres, wheels, keys & fuel are not covered. Rates are subject to change. Subject to terms & conditions. EUR 10 per day - for groups A, B & E. EUR 12 per day for groups C, D & F. EUR 16 per day for groups G, P, S, M, N, T & W. EUR 19 per day - for groups I & Y

Personal Accident Insurance: Personal Accident Insurance (PAI) and baggage protection is available for EURO 5.50 per day on all vehicles. This insurance covers the driver for personal injuries or fatality. **3rd party liability & Theft Protection** : These are included in your rental rate.

Damage to Vehicles: A damage report must be completed by the driver for any damage to the vehicle, however minor it is. If a collision occurs, a Garda (police) report and case number must also be supplied when returning the vehicle. We strongly advise clients to contact us immediately in the event of any damage. If this procedure is not followed, the insurance cover could become invalidated, leaving clients liable for all damage

VEHICLE INFORMATION:

Car Types Available: Hertz Rentals operates a car rental fleet with many different makes and models of cars. Whilst every effort will be made to supply the reserved model, we reserve the right to supply a suitable alternative.

Fuel Policy: For your convenience we are pleased to offer you the convenience of the Prepaid Fuel Option. You may now purchase your initial tank of fuel from Hertz at the time of rental at a price that is very competitive with local fuel stations. This method eliminates the need for you to refill the tank before returning your rental vehicle. In the event that you return the car with a full tank of fuel, you will be refunded what you paid for your fuel at the time of collection. If however, you return the car with less than a full tank of fuel, no refunds will be made for any unused fuel.

Baby Seats: Child / Baby Seats are Mandatory in Ireland. Child Seats and Baby seats are available by prior notification at an additional cost of EURO 40 per rental week and in the event that the seat is not returned at the end of the rental a fee of 100 Euro will be charged to your card. NEW EU CHILD SAFETY PROTECTION LAWS HAVE COME INTO FORCE making it compulsory for all children to travel in the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion. Notes: Where safety belts have been fitted they must be worn. Children under 3 years of age must not travel in a car or goods vehicle unless restrained in the correct child seat. Children aged 3 years or over who are under 150cms in height and weighing less than 36 kilograms (i.e. generally children up to 11/12 years old) must use the correct child seat, booster seat or booster cushion when travelling in cars or goods vehicles. Children over 3 years of age must travel in a rear seat in vehicles not fitted with safety belts. Rearward-facing child car seats must NEVER be used in the front passenger seat of cars with an active airbag. Drivers have a legal responsibility to ensure passengers aged under 17 use the correct seat, booster seat, booster cushion or seatbelt.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

A Credit Card Processing Fee (TPF) of €5.00 will be levied on collection.

Barrier Free Motoring: Payment for toll charges incurred by car rentals crossing the M50 toll bridge will now be paid by Hertz and directly charged to the rental. Our entire fleet is registered with eflow and toll charges will be paid on a daily basis. It is important to note that if you cross the M50 Toll Bridge and post pay the toll, you will be charged twice. Hertz has no way of knowing who has paid tolls. Toll Charge is €4.50 (including €2 Administration charge).

Speeding - Parking and other Endorsements: Fines for Speeding /Parking Fines and tolls are the responsibility of the hirer in full. Hertz Rentals accepts no responsibility for any fine or payment and may charge an administration fee for any penalties that are not settled before the end of the rental. The renter is obliged to inform Hertz Car Rentals of any fines or parking tickets issued whilst the renter is using the vehicle.

Satellite Navigation Devices: In the event the device is lost or damaged, the renter is liable for the full replacement cost of the unit. Reservation of GPS unit is subject to availability at counter and is not guaranteed.

OTHER RENTAL TERMS:

Delayed Arrivals: Please be advised that in the event of a delayed arrival Hertz Car Rentals will make every effort to hold your reserved vehicle for as long as possible however where a flight no. has not been provided and we have not been contacted we will regard the booking as a no-show 2 hours from the collection time on the reservation and the vehicle may be released subject to requirements.

After Hours Rates: 50 Euro fee applies to after hour pick-ups

Grace Period: Hertz Car Rentals allows a 29 minute grace period at the end of your rental. This means on the final day of your rental we allow 29 minutes free rental time. Please note that the starting rental time and date indicated on your rental agreement determines the start of your rental. The grace time is counted from that time not the time you actually sit in the rental car and leave our facility. Daily charges apply should the car be returned after the free grace period.

PLEASE NOTE:

Vat is 13.5% in the Republic of Ireland (subject to change). Your car rental quotation includes VAT. However VAT is applicable on all items not included in the basic car rental cost.

Foreign Currencies: You will be charged for your car rental in Euro - please be advised that foreign currency conversions on our quotation page are given for comparison purposes only.

DISCLAIMER:

Hertz Car Rentals reserve the right to decline a renter at any stage without recourse.