













Join the Chris Robinson Travel Show on Ireland: The Wild Atlantic Way

with County Kerry & County Limerick extension

## Rugged natural beauty awaits along Ireland's western shores.

The western coast of Ireland is home to some of the Emerald Isle's most astounding scenery. After exploring historic Belfast, set out to discover the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way, from Donegal to the Cliffs of Moher. Between the breathtaking views of stunning seascapes and green landscapes, you'll step off the beaten path to get a feel for Ireland's quieter side in its small towns and villages.

DAYS
14 with extension
September 22-October 1, 2018

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**10** DAYS 14 with extension



#### YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

8 nights in handpicked hotels 8 breakfasts

4 three-course dinners
2 guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach

#### **INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS**

Titanic Belfast Museum, Glenveagh National Park, Slieve League cliffs, Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, Achill Island, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher

#### TOUR PACE

On this guided tour, you'll walk for about 2 hours daily across uneven terrain, including dirt paths and unpaved trails, with some hills and steep stairs.

### **Itinerary**

#### Overnight flight | 1 NIGHT

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Belfast today.

#### County Antrim | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 2: Arrival in Belfast

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to the Emerald Isle! Settle in, then gather with your Tour Director and fellow travellers at tonight's welcome dinner.

#### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Belfast

Included meals: breakfast

Start your day with a guided tour of Northern Ireland's capital.

- $\bullet$  Glimpse the copper-domed City Hall
- View the Grand Opera House and Parliament Buildings
- Pass the shipbuilding docks where the Titanic was constructed and learn about the ship's ill-fated journey at the Titanic Belfast Museum

 $Enjoy\,a\,free\,evening\,in\,County\,Antrim\,or\,add\,an\,excursion.$ 

+ Castles of Northern Ireland & Afternoon Tea

#### County Donegal | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 4: Donegal via Giant's Causeway & Glenveagh National Park

 $Included \, meals: break fast, \, dinner$ 

 $Depart \, Northern \, Ireland \, and \, cross \, into \, the \, Republic \, of \, Ireland, \, where \, you'll \, travel \, through \, the \, dramatic \, scenery \, along \, a \, portion \, of \, the \, Wild \, Atlantic \, Way.$ 

- Pay a visit to the rugged Giant's Causeway, a series of naturally formed basalt columns that are 60 million years old
- Stop in the city of Derry, where you'll enjoy free time for lunch
- Visit Glenveagh National Park, where you'll enter Glenveagh Castle and admire the park's waterfalls, lakes, and mountains
- $\bullet \ Continue \ through \ the \ beautiful \ Irish \ countryside \ to \ Donegal$

#### Day 5: Slieve League

Included meals: breakfast

Head west to see the highest cliffs in Europe today.

- Pay a visit to the Slieve League Cultural Centre
- Continue on to the Slieve League cliffs for incredible panoramic views from nearly 2,000 feet above sea level
- Visit the village of Glencolmcille and stop to enjoy free time in the picturesque village of Ardara on your way back to Donegal

#### County Mayo | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 6: County Mayo via Drumcliffe & Sligo

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Journey south along the Wild Atlantic Way and through the landscapes immortalized by the poetry of William Butler Yeats.

- Stop at Mullaghmore Head to snap photos of Classiebawn Castle, an estate built during the 19th century
- · Pay your respects at Yeats' grave in the Drumcliffe churchyard
- · Enjoy free time for lunch in the town of Sligo
- Step back in time during a visit to the Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery
- · Arrive in the village of Westport in County Mayo

#### Day 7: Achill Island

Included meals: breakfast

Make your way to Achill Island, an idyllic destination along the Wild Atlantic Way.

- Pass by many blanket bogs en route to the charming village of Dooagh
- Walk through the landscapes surrounding Keem Bay and visit Keem Beach
- Cross the Michael Davitt Bridge on your way back to Westport

Enjoy a free afternoon in County Mayo or add an excursion.

+ Glen Keen Farm & Dinner

#### County Clare | 2 NIGHTS

#### Day 8: County Clare via Connemara National Park & Galway

Included meals: breakfast

Venture down the coast to County Clare, making several scenic stops en route.

- Visit the charming village of Leenane
- Spot Ireland's only fjord in Killary Harbour, then soak in views of the Maumturk mountain range en route to Connemara National Park
- Enter Kylemore Abbey and take time to explore its Victorian walled garden
- Drive through the picture-perfect landscapes of Connemara, stopping at the Inagh Valley and Maam Cross
- $\bullet\ Arrive\ in\ Galway, where\ you'll\ follow\ your\ Tour\ Director\ on\ a\ guided\ walking\ tour$
- Continue on to your hotel in County Clare

#### Day 9: The Cliffs of Moher

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

Walk along the mesmerizing coastline of the Cliffs of Moher, which rise 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean.

Spend the afternoon exploring County Clare on your own or add an excursion.

+ Rupratty Castle & Folk Park

This evening, celebrate your trip with your group at a farewell dinner.

#### Day 10: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

 ${\bf Transfer} \ to \ the \ Shannon \ airport \ for \ your \ flight \ home \ or \ continue \ on \ to \ County \ Kerry.$ 

#### Post-tour extension

#### County Kerry | 3 NIGHTS

#### Day 10: Killarney National Park

Included meals: breakfast

Make your way from County Clare to County Kerry today. Then, spend the afternoon exploring Killarney National Park. Take a walk through the park, stopping for a photo at Ross Castle. Then, step inside Muckross House and stroll through its beautifully manicured gardens.

#### Day 11: Free day in County Kerry

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in County Kerry or add an excursion.

+ The Ring of Kerry

#### Day 12: Free day in County Kerry

Included meals: breakfast

 $Spend\ another\ free\ day\ exploring\ County\ Kerry\ on\ your\ own\ or\ add\ an\ excursion.$ 

+ Dingle Peninsula

#### County Limerick | 1 NIGHT

#### Day 13: Transfer to County Limerick

Included meals: breakfast

Travel from County Kerry to County Limerick for a series of guided visits today.

- Tour of the 13th-century King John's Castle, located on King's Island in Limerick's city centre
- Head to the Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, where you'll learn about the history of aviation and passenger travel in the region
- · Get a taste of Irish coffee, a traditional local treat

This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.

#### Day 14: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the Shannon airport for your flight home.

Extension is available on select departure dates. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travellers is required.

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# Customize your experience

Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save \$10\* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour:

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#### Day 3: Castles of Northern Ireland & Afternoon

**Tea** | \$119\* (5 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Travel outside of Belfast to visit Hillsborough Castle for a guided tour of the State Rooms and gardens.
The property, which was built in the 18th century, sits on 100 acres of sprawling green space and is an example of Georgian-style architecture. Then, enjoy some afternoon tea before visiting Castle Ward.
Overlooking Strangford Lough, the castle grounds are used as a filming location for the hit HBO series Game of Thrones. On the tour you'll see some of the sites featured in the show including the farmyard at Winterfell.

Please note: This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 7: Glen Keen Farm & Dinner | \$155\*(5.5)

hours, evening with dinner)

Glen Keen Farm is one of the largest sheep farms in Ireland and while here, you'll learn about sheep farming while soaking in the natural beauty that defines the area. First, watch an interactive sheep herding demonstration followed by a guided walk to a nearby ring fort. These fortified settlements can be found all throughout Ireland and most were built during the Bronze Age. Then, head back to the farm for a traditional dinner of Glen Keen Farm Lamb Stew, dessert, coffee, and tea.

Please note: Vegetarian options are available for the included dinner. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.

#### Day 9: Bunratty Castle & Folk Park | \$49/\$59\*(4.5

 $hours, \, departs \, in \, the \, afternoon)$ 

Make your way to the medieval Bunratty Castle in County Clare today. You'll enjoy a self-guided tour of the castle, which is full of art, tapestries, and furnishings that date back to the 15th century. Afterward, take a stroll through the nearby Bunratty Folk Park to experience what traditional village life was like a century ago. Explore streets lined with buildings, shops, and homes that have been recreated to represent what was typical in 19th century Ireland.

#### **Extension optional excursion**

Day 11: The Ring of Kerry | \$59/\$69\* (8 hours,

departs in the morning)

Set out to see some of Ireland's most spectacular scenery on the Ring of Kerry, a 112-mile coastal route. You'll begin your drive on the north side of the Iveragh Peninsula, looking out to Dingle Bay. Pass rugged landscapes dotted with sheep and take in sweeping coastal views. Keep an eye out for the rocky Skelling Islands and picturesque rural villages as you continue on, stopping for plenty of photos along the way. Then, finish your journey in Killarney National Park, where you'll view two of the beautiful Lakes of Killarney, Muckross Lake, and Lough Leane.

Day 12: Dingle Peninsula | \$59/\$69\* (8 hours,

departs in the morning)

Spend the day getting to know the dramatically rugged terrain of the Dingle Peninsula. Start at Gallarus Oratory, a mysterious stone structure thought to have been an early Christian church. Drive south along Slea Head Ring to circle the peninsula's rocky coastline. Stop at Coumeenole Beach, Slea Head (arguably the westernmost tip of Europe), and Dunbeg Fort to take in spectacular views. Enjoy free time in the town of Dingle to grab lunch.

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\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be cancelled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or cancelled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa, or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. If this occurs, vow will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.

