

# The great tour of Ireland

12 days / 11 nights

The Tour of Ireland!

12 days for a loop around this island all in contrast and in good mood! Impressive landscapes, so much so that they are regularly seen on television, in Star Wars, Game of Thrones, etc...

The welcome is fantastic, you will see it in the first pub where you put your foot. There's nothing like a good Celtic tune, a good beer and fresh local salmon!

Trip available with our digital road-book.

[Find out about the digital road-book](#) [How to prepare your stay](#)

## YOUR PROGRAM

### Day 1 - Welcome to Ireland

You will arrive in ferry:

You arrive in Rosslare and that's where your trip begins. Contact us for any other port of arrival.

Head west with first and rare views of the waterfront to Arthurstown where you will take the ferry across the mouth of the river. Beautiful scenery awaits you on the other side and you soon arrive in Waterford, a town built by the Vikings in 914 and now famous for its glass craftsmanship.

You continue on your way by the south to Tramore, a pretty coastal village, and then you will continue along the coast. There are some beautiful views in road before reaching Cork, a lively town with a very friendly city center.

Spend a night in Cork.

From 180 to 210 km approximately

You arrive in Dublin and rent a motorbike:

Arrival in Ireland - From Dublin to Cork

We advise you to arrive in the morning at Dublin airport, a transfer is organised by the motorcycle rental company where you can also leave your luggage. On the way to the south-west for this first day's stage, the objective of which is to bring you as close as possible to the most beautiful sites to discover.

This itinerary will take you in less than 3 hours to Cork, where you can enjoy the friendly city center. A detour to Middleton is also possible to visit the whisky distillery where one of the most famous whisky in Ireland is produced, the Jameson.

Spend a night in Cork.  
Approximately 260 km

### **Day 2 - From Cork to West Coast**

On the way south you will admire the beautiful seaside villages on the Wild Atlantic Way. You will often ride along the waterfront, why not a break in Clonakilty to taste a local coffee ?!

You can visit the Glandore Stone Circle on the way. Then, you will head back inland to discover a superb little mountain road that rises in a fantastic landscape where sheep are everywhere. The descent combines lakes and coastal roads until you reach your evening stage, a pretty village by the water.

From 180 to 220 km approximately  
Spend a night at the hotel in Kerry

### **Day 3 - Kerry and Dingle Peninsulas**

Start your day by exploring the Kerry Peninsula with its National Park, beautiful lakes and many historic monuments.

It is one of the favorite destinations of tourists, the landscapes are magnificent and explain this craze.

Close to your arrival point, sea otters and seals are more numerous if you have some time you can look for them on the seaside.

You will sleep tonight in the most western city of all Europe, Dingle! The pubs are plentiful, and the food and beer are excellent!

There is an optional loop to Sleah Head which we highly recommend!

From 160 to 210 km approximately  
Spend the night in Dingle

### **Day 4 - Dingle, Moher Cliffs and Galway Bay**

The day starts with the ascent of the most beautiful pass of the peninsula. A Breathtaking scenery but watch out for the sheep on the road!

You drive along the seafront then skirt the Glanaruddery mountains to board the ferry to County Clare, taking advantage of this short crossing for the views it provides.

You are once again surrounded by breathtaking scenery. The coastline takes you further to the Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most photographed sites.

The superb road continues to the village that will welcome you tonight. Depending on the time of day, an optional loop is to be made towards a dolmen and rocky landscapes of rare beauty.

From 180 to 220 km approximately  
Spend the night near to the Aran Islands

#### **Day 5 - Relaxing day at the gates of Connemara**

Today you will have time to explore the area and see the Dolmen of Poulnabrone and Ailwee Cave, a prehistoric cave that sheltered bears two million years ago.

Then, you will continue to Galway where we invite you to visit the center. It is a very welcoming student city where it is good to spend some time.

Approximately 80 km  
Spend the night in Galway

#### **Day 6 - Connemara**

Today you are in the heart of Ireland as seen in films and reports. You will pass through some beautiful places of the Connemara.

You will often ride along the seaside and pass by small coastal paradises. You will reach Westport and its charming little fishing port where you can taste some excellent seafood. This charming little town is also famous for its festivals.

Approximately 215 km (5 hours' drive).  
Spend the night in Westport.

#### **Day 7 - A day through time**

You ride away from civilization along the seashore. There is no shortage of sheep on the hills at the water's edge.

You will pass many "bogs" which are much used by the Irish to heat themselves at a lower cost. The villages you pass through often have only a few houses...

A stop is recommended at Cèide Fields, an archaeological site where graves of more than 5000 years old have been found. The site is located on the edge of a superb cliff. You will pass by the large sandy beach of Killala before reaching your evening stage.

Approximately 210 km (4 hours' drive).  
Spend the night in Sligo.

#### **Day 8 - Between green hills and blue lakes.**

Further north, you will see the tomb of Creevykeel and continue in green landscapes in total contrast with the sea a little further down.

You can take advantage of one of the many villages for a well-deserved lunch break. The road continues in this idyllic setting for motorcycling through many lakes.

The evening stage, Letterkeny, will make at the mouth of a beautiful inlet.

Approximately 270 km (5 hours' drive) - Possibility to shorten the stage at the end.  
Spend the night in Letterkeny.

### **Day 9 - Game of Thrones and Giant's Causeway!**

A short enough stage to take advantage of the evening stop in the pretty town of Ballycastle. This day can be extended by making a small loop northward towards Malin Head and for the return trip, a ferry regularly passes between Greencastle and Magilligan Point.

Between the fantastic Giant's Causeway, Fair Head, White Park Bay, Downpatrick Head, Kinbane Castle... there are plenty of places to see around Ballycastle, not to mention the many pubs!

It is also an area where scenes from the Game of Thrones series were filmed.

Approximately 135 km (2 hours 30 minutes' drive).  
Spend the night in Ballycastle.

### **Day 10 - To Belfast via the Gobbins**

From Ballycastle, you continue along the rocky coast, taking the southern track. It's yet the opportunity to take beautiful pictures!

A small detour allows you to reach the peninsula of Islandmagee famous for the Gobbins trail, a vertiginous path dug in the rock to cross the cliffs.

The circuit is splendid with beautiful views of the sea, not to mention the natural aquariums that have been created following the exploitation of the rock. It is also an ornithological reserve where you will see many birds.

Your evening stage is none other than the capital of Northern Ireland, Belfast!

Approximately 130 km (3 hours' drive).  
Spend the night in Belfast.

### **Day 11 - Between two capitals cities**

This step will take you surprisingly into the wilderness. A few detours are planned to help you discover the nooks and crannies that were also used in the Game of Thrones series.

You'll have plenty to see on this day before taking the fast lane to reach Dublin.

The Guinness Factory is the perfect place to end your trip in the company of a bitter with such an Irish scent!

Those who have rented a motorbike will return it at the end of the afternoon.

Spend the night in Dublin.

Approximately 270 km (5 hours' drive).

### **Day 12 - End of trip in Dublin**

End of the trip after breakfast for those taking the plane.

And for those taking the ferry, a short stage in south to the port of embarkation awaits you!

Approximately 175 km (2 hours 20 minutes' drive).

## **Additional information**

### **TARIFFS**

Price from 4299 euros per person.

### **OPTIONS**

Option Duo with Pillion

(included Honda CB500X) : 1 euros per person.

Option Duo / pers.

(included Honda CB500X) : 150 euros per person.

Option Solo in Shared Hosting / pers.

(included Honda CB500X) : 150 euros per person.

Option solo (individual room) / pers.

(included Honda CB500X) : 850 euros per person.

/\*! SELECT ONE OF PREVIOUS OPTION /\*!

**INCLUDED** - a motorbike type Honda CB500X

/!\ EXTRA CHARGE /!\ CHOOSE ANOTHER BIKE THAN THE HONDA CB500X : 1 euros per person.

Rental of a motorbike type BMW GS700 (lowered or standard)

: 165 euros per person.

Rental of a motorbike type BMW GS1200

: 385 euros per person.

Rental of a motorbike type Indian Springfield

: 935 euros per person.

Rental of a motorbike type Harley Davidson Street Glide

: 935 euros per person.

Extra-charge for a departure in July and August / person : 150 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Nights in hotels and comfortable guest rooms in double rooms

Breakfasts

A travel file including maps and roadbook

#### **NOT INCLUDED**

Ferry transport (on request)

Motorcycle rental (optional)

Ferry crossings (about 10 euros)

Non-program transfers

Meals, drinks

Insurance

Possible repairs, fines

Site visits

Optional program activities

Personal expenses

#### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

Distances up to about 270 kms.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

In a 3-star hotel and comfortable guest rooms - Quality accommodations

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

From 2 persons.

**DEPARTURES**

Departure every day from mid-April to the end of October.

**DEPARTURE**

Dublin if you rent a motorbike, or your port of arrival if you take your motorbike (contact us for the ferry if necessary).

**DISPERSION**

Dublin if you rent a motorbike, or your port of departure if you take your motorbike (contact us for the ferry if necessary).