

Ireland's Wild Beauty: Castles, Coasts & Colorful Towns

Get ready for a scenic adventure across the Republic of Ireland, where castle ruins, coastal cliffs, and charming towns await around every bend. This trip blends iconic highlights with off-the-beaten-path gems, offering time to explore, wander, and take in the views. With just a few accommodation changes, you'll enjoy the freedom of a road trip without the constant unpacking. Expect sweeping landscapes, lively music, and local flavors. Everything moves at a pace that lets you soak it in.

Trip Length

9 Days / 8 Nights

- **Travel Day:** April 26
 - **On the Ground:** April 27 – May 4
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Nights Allocation

- **4 nights** in the Killarney / Dingle region
 - **2 nights** near Galway or the Cliffs of Moher
 - **2 nights** in Dublin
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Itinerary Overview

Day 1 – April 26: Travel to Ireland

- Depart the US on an overnight flight to **Shannon Airport**
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Day 2 – April 27: Arrive + Settle in the Southwest

Stay: Killarney / Kenmare / Dingle (Night 1 of 4)

- Land at Shannon and pick up your rental car
 - Stop at **Adare Village** for coffee and photos of thatched-roof cottages
 - Continue to the **Killarney area** and get checked in
 - Afternoon visit to **Killarney National Park** or **Ross Castle**
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Day 3 – April 28: The Ring of Kerry

Stay: Killarney / Kenmare / Dingle (Night 2 of 4)

- Full-day scenic drive around the **Ring of Kerry**
 - Stop in charming towns like **Sneem**, **Waterville**, and **Cahersiveen**
 - Highlights: **Muckross House**, **Torc Waterfall**, **Ladies View**, and **Gap of Dunloe**
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Day 4 – April 29: The Dingle Peninsula

Stay: Killarney / Kenmare / Dingle (Night 3 of 4)

- Drive the **Slea Head Loop** for panoramic views of the Atlantic
 - Visit **Inch Beach**, **Gallarus Oratory**, and **Coumeenoole Bay**
 - Explore the town of **Dingle**, known for colorful shops and cozy pubs
 - Optional: Boat ride or distillery tour
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Day 5 – April 30: Choose Your Own Adventure

Stay: Killarney / Kenmare / Dingle (Night 4 of 4)

Options:

- Hike or bike in **Killarney National Park**

- Relax at a **spa hotel** or take a traditional jaunting cart ride
 - Visit **Skellig Michael (weather permitting)**
 - Take a coastal drive to **Valentia Island**
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Day 6 – May 1: Drive North to Galway via Cliffs of Moher

Stay: Doolin / Lahinch / Galway (Night 1 of 2)

- Morning drive north with a stop in **Limerick** or **Bunratty Castle**
 - Explore the **Cliffs of Moher** and the **Burren**
 - Optional: Visit **Doolin Cave** or grab a drink at Gus O'Connor's Pub
 - Settle in near the coast or in lively Galway
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Day 7 – May 2: Galway + Coastal Charm

Stay: Doolin / Lahinch / Galway (Night 2 of 2)

- Spend the day in **Galway**: explore the **Latin Quarter**, **Salthill Promenade**, and enjoy live street music
 - Optional stops: **Dunguaire Castle**, **Kinvara**, or a **Connemara** scenic loop
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Day 8 – May 3: Travel to Dublin

Stay: Dublin (Night 1 of 2)

- Drive across the country toward Dublin
- Optional: Visit the **Rock of Cashel** or **Kilbeggan Distillery** on the way
- Evening: Settle into your hotel and stroll around **Temple Bar** or **Grafton Street**

Day 9 – May 4: Explore Dublin + Fly Home

Stay: None (travel day)

- Morning time to explore **Trinity College, St. Stephen's Green, or EPIC Irish Emigration Museum**
- Return rental car (if applicable)
- Flight home from **Dublin Airport**

Tentative Itinerary Note

This itinerary is a starting point and may change. SueQ Travel works with each group to personalize experiences and create the best possible adventure. Finalized itineraries will be shared after the group has discussed preferences together.