



## Corners of Southern Ireland 2025

Weave your way through the rich tapestry of Ireland's southern corners on this unforgettable adventure. Gaze at the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, whose rugged rockface was formed over 300 million years ago. Transport yourself back to Viking times in Ireland's oldest city. Uncover the remarkable story of Molly Gallivan's entrepreneurship. Where spellbinding scenery and rich history meet, Ireland invites you to craft your own story as you explore its many wonders.





# About your tour notes

*These tour notes* contain everything you need to know before your tour departs – from where to meet your fellow guests and local guide to what essentials to pack for your journey. We recommend you print this document out and bring it with you on your tour. Give a copy to loved ones at home so they can follow your adventure, too.

**Important:** please refresh this document as close to your departure as possible to ensure you're equipped with the latest information available.

## Ashling Hotel @ 18:00

PARKGATE STREET, Dublin, D08P38N

## Ashling Hotel @ 14:00

10 - 13 Parkgate St, Stoneybatter, Dublin  
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## Tour highlights

- Visit Molly Gullivan's Cottage and learn the story of a widow who supported her children by brewing illicit whiskey
- Discover a traditional Irish craft as you tour the famous House of Waterford Crystal
- Uncover the magnificent Cliffs of Moher – an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

## More inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- 6 nights in thoughtfully selected accommodation
- Luxury minicoach

## Currencies you'll use

Republic of Ireland – EUR



## Included meals

Breakfast (B) is included daily.

Some of your lunches and dinners are also included, either in hotels or local restaurants. These are indicated by (L) and (D) in the itinerary.

Please note that drinks will not always be included.

We will do our best to accommodate any specific dietary requirements you may have. Please ensure to make these clear to us before your tour begins so we can communicate them to our hotels, restaurants and suppliers.

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# Your itinerary

## Day 1

Historic and full of character, Dublin is where we'll meet the group and begin our adventure. This evening is an opportunity to get to know one another over a delicious welcome dinner.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
Ashling Hotel (or similar)	Dinner

## Day 2 | Ennis

After breakfast, we'll hit the road to our first stop: County Kildare, where we've an appointment with the Irish National Stud. After being treated to a private tour, we'll move on to the award-winning gardens of Birr Castle Demesne. Take some time to wander around the grounds and admire the awe-inspiring science and engineering that has been invested in creating such a unique residence. This evening will see us checking into our hotel in Ennis, where we'll enjoy some free time to spend at our leisure.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
The Old Ground Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast

## Day 3 | Killarney

First today: an orientation tour through Ennis' character-filled avenues, where we'll hear enthralling myths, mysteries and tales of rebellions and riots. Then: prepare to be amazed by the rugged natural beauty of the Cliffs of Moher. The keen-eyed among us – or perhaps just those who packed binoculars – may even spot a resident puffin or two. After an invigorating afternoon, we'll travel across the Shannon Estuary to Killarney: the gateway to the panoramic Ring of Kerry.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
The Cahernane House Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast
	Dinner





## Day 4 | Killarney

This morning will see us begin our journey around the awe-inspiring Ring of Kerry. Our first stop: the Skellig Experience, where we'll gain a fascinating insight into the lives of the early Christian monks that once broke bread at the Skellig Michael monastery. When we return to Killarney, the evening will be ours to relax and reflect on the day's adventures.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
The Cahernane House Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast

## Day 5 | Kinsale

This morning we'll make our way to Molly Gullivan's Cottage – which, at first glance, appears to be an unassuming farmhouse. But there's more to it than first meets the eye! More than 200 years ago, Mrs Gullivan supported her seven children by brewing illicit whiskey – and her home was, in fact, a clandestine pub. We'll learn stories of the enterprising Mrs Gullivan's antics before travelling onwards to the medieval town of Kinsale, where coastal views, cosy pubs and brightly coloured houses await us. The cobbled streets that curve around the pretty bay are just begging to be explored, so we'll enjoy a walking tour with a local guide. Bearings established, you'll be free to seek out the town's hidden treasures at your own pace before we head to our accommodation for the evening.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
Actons Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast

## Day 6 | Waterford

This morning we'll move on to the charming waterfront town of Cobh. Interestingly, Cobh was the departure point for the last 123 passengers who boarded the Titanic – and you'll notice poignant markers of this as you make your way around. Later, we'll continue to Waterford. Dating back to Viking times, Waterford is Ireland's oldest city – with over 1,000 years' worth of history to explore. Gain a fascinating insight into how the city's famed crystal is made before we travel on to our accommodation and savour tonight's final meal with the group.

### Included today

● <b>Accommodation</b>	● <b>Meals</b>
Faithlegg House Hotel (or similar)	Breakfast Dinner



## Day 7 | Dublin

After breakfast, we'll return to cosmopolitan Dublin – where we'll say our goodbyes.

### Included today

- **Meals**
  - Breakfast



# Travel advice

## Finances

### Changing money

**Cash:** Foreign money can be changed at banks, airports, some railway and tube stations, and at major hotels (though at a less favourable rate).

**Credit cards:** Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted. American Express is only accepted in some larger establishments.

**Cash machines:** ATMS are widely available.

### Tipping

Tipping is entirely at your discretion. If you feel you have received exceptional service, it is recommended that you tip £1-2/€ per day for Drivers and £4- 5/€ per day for Tour Leaders.

## Insurance

Before travelling with Back-Roads Touring, it is compulsory for all guests to take out comprehensive travel insurance. Please ensure your insurance covers medical expenses (including repatriation), cancellation cover, loss or damage to baggage and personal effects, money and personal liability.

We recommend you carry your insurance details with you at all times. You may be asked to provide details of your medical insurance or a payment guarantee in some countries before medical assistance can be provided.

For more information, please see our [FAQ page](#).

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

## Passports and visas

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months after the last day of your tour. Some countries will refuse entry if you do not have at least six months validity remaining on your passport after your departure date. Depending on your nationality, you may require a visa to enter certain



countries.

It is your responsibility to obtain visas prior to your tour's departure. To determine which visas you'll need, you can consult either your own government's website or the government websites of the countries in which you will be travelling.

Please note: Some visas can take up to six weeks to acquire, so don't leave it until the last minute. Also, bear in mind that the validity of a visa often runs from its date of issue rather than the date of entry into the country. Please check with the appropriate embassy/embassies prior to departure as requirements do change periodically.

We advise you to either carry a photocopy of your passport (and visa, if applicable) with you while abroad, or to ensure that you leave a copy with relatives back at home. This will enable the local embassy or high commission to arrange a replacement if the original should be lost or stolen. If you do take copies with you on your tour, please ensure that you keep these separate from your original documents.

## Medication and mobility

Whilst on your tour, we want you to have the smoothest journey possible which requires x mobility conditions:

- You must be fit enough to get on and off the vehicle on a regular basis, and to walk around towns and villages or to attractions.
- You must be able to walk up and down stairs and use a shower over the bath.

Please note that, unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate mobility scooter or wheelchair users as we frequently stay in traditional-style hotels and the majority do not have lifts or ground-floor rooms.

If you take medicine for certain conditions, such as diabetes or heart problems, please carry it with you at all times.

Please declare any medical conditions you may have in advance of your tour. If you are in any doubt as to whether our tours are suitable for you, please contact our friendly Customer Service team [here](#).

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## Mental health and wellbeing

Culture shock, homesickness and periods of feeling down happen regardless of age. Be rest assured that if you're feeling low, your Tour Leader and Driver will do their utmost to make you smile.

Measures you can take to look after your mental health and wellbeing while on the road with us are:

- Call loved ones. Hearing a familiar voice whilst in an unfamiliar destination can help ground you and remind you you're not alone.
- Eat well. Nobody feels their best when they're hungry. There are plenty of nutritious culinary delights to be savoured along the road!
- Integrate with your fellow guests. The more you socialise with the group, the less likely you'll feel homesick.

## Transport

We travel in premium mini-coaches equipped with comfortable seats, air conditioning and large windows for enjoying the view.

With far more flexibility than a standard-size coach, we're able to take the scenic route – winding through beautiful countryside to the heart of tiny villages and coastal towns.

## Will I have regular access to Wi-Fi?

Most accommodation we stay in will offer free Wi-Fi as well as many restaurants and cafes you may visit. If you would like more regular internet access without large roaming fees, you can purchase a Back-Roads Touring eSIM [here](#).



# What to Pack

Based on our experience, the following items are essential.

Please note, this is a general packing list for Back-Roads Touring tours. What you pack will depend on the countries you're visiting as well as the time of year you plan to travel.

## Clothing

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| ● Sun hat     | ● Long-sleeved tops         | ● Light jacket              |
| ● Sunglasses  | ● Short-sleeved tops        | ● Waterproof jacket         |
| ● Sleepwear   | ● Shorts/skirts             | ● Trousers                  |
| ● Warm jacket | ● Socks                     | ● Swimwear                  |
| ● Underwear   | ● Smart casual evening wear | ● Walking/comfortable shoes |

## Other essentials

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| ● Sleepwear   | ● Shorts/skirts      | ● Trousers          |
| ● Warm jacket | ● Socks              |                     |



## How much luggage can I bring

As we travel in mini-coaches, luggage space is limited. Here's what you can take with you on tour:



1 x suitcase



1 x small carry-on bag  
(backpack or handbag)

If you have more luggage, please make arrangements to store it prior to joining the tour. **We are unable to carry extra luggage on the mini-coach.**

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# FAQs

## What's the weather like?

Ireland is known for its changeable, wet weather that's generally mild. We suggest packing for variable weather conditions – layers, an umbrella and a trusty raincoat will be essential, as well as sun hats and sunscreen.

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## What if I have dietary requirements?

In Ireland, gluten-free options are usually readily available, and allergens are listed on menus. Be sure to share your dietary requirements with us at the time of booking so we can make every effort to cater to your needs.

## That's everything!

We can't wait to welcome you on tour.

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