

## Ireland: The Great Irish Tour - 16 days (M-ID: 2610)

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**from €1,799.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

16 days

04/01/2024 - 04/16/2024 16 days  
04/17/2024 - 05/02/2024 16 days  
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### 16-day motorcycle tour from/to Dublin (incl. ferry from/to Rotterdam).

The coastal roads of Ireland are predestined for motorcycle tours! You pass barren landscapes, lush greenery, and quaint little towns and are accompanied along many routes by fantastic views of the wild Atlantic Ocean. The Antrim coast in the north with the Giant's Causeway, the Cliffs of Moher, the rugged karst landscape of the Burren, the three peninsulas of Dingle, Beara, and Iveragh with the Ring of Kerry, ... spectacular views abound. Again and again, on this motorcycle tour, you will follow the Wild Atlantic Way, one of the longest and most fascinating coastal roads in the world. And last but not least, you can experience the hospitality of the Irish in the small towns.

Tour character:

Our royal tour through Ireland - on your motorcycle: more than 3,000 km of the most beautiful panorama await you. In addition, winding roads, lonely back roads, and a constant view of the wild Atlantic Ocean. Three nights in Kenmare allow you to explore the surrounding area and the Iveragh and Beara peninsulas without luggage. The daily stages are between 130 and 300 km, and two longer stages lead through Great Britain on the way there and back. If you like, you can extend the tour by one night in Dublin.

Highlights:

- "Ireland complete" with your motorcycle
- with GPS data and roadbook
- incl. all ferry passages
- spectacular "Wild Atlantic Way"
- Belfast and the Antrim coast
- Dingle, Beara and Iveragh peninsulas

Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival

Individual arrival at the ferry port of Rotterdam, embarkation, and departure (approx. 20.30 hrs) in the direction of Hull in Great Britain. Overnight stay on board.

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Day 2: Hull - Snowdonia (approx. 350 km)

Arrival in Hull in the morning (approx. 8.00 am). You will then travel across Great Britain to the Snowdonia region on the Welsh coast. If you like, use the time for a detour through the Snowdonia National Park. Overnight stay in Conwy, Caernarfon, or the surrounding area.

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Day 3: Snowdonia - Holyhead - Dublin - Belfast (approx. 220 km + ferry passage Holyhead - Dublin)

You travel to Holyhead and take the ferry to Dublin (departure approx. 10.40/11.10 hrs depending on the day of the week), which you reach around midday (approx. 13/13.30 hrs). If you wish, you can now spend a little time in the Irish capital, but you will also have plenty of time to do so at the end of the trip. Because the most beautiful routes in Ireland are waiting for you! First, you will travel to Northern Ireland. On the way, you will pass the Boyne Valley, a real treasure trove of prehistoric and early Christian sights. The Newgrange burial mound was built around 3,000 BC. The early Christian monastery settlement of Monasterboice is also worth a visit. Overnight stay in Belfast.

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Day 4: Belfast - Antrim coast (approx. 140 km)

Time for Belfast in the morning. Worth seeing are the City Hall, the Grand Opera, the Albert Clock Tower, and Queens University as well as the Titanic Visitor Center. Then ride along the Antrim Coast Road, one of the most beautiful coastal roads in Europe. Close to Bushmills is Giant's Causeway: more than 40,000 basalt columns form the cliffs close to the sea. Overnight stay in/near Bushmills.

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Day 5: Antrim coast - Malin Head - Dunfanaghy (approx. 250 or 180 km)

If you wish, you can take a detour to Malin Head and thus to the northernmost point of the Irish mainland - and to the

start of the "Wild Atlantic Way", which you will encounter again and again from now on. Alternatively, ride via Derry/Londonderry to the coastal town of Dunfanaghy in the remote north of County Donegal. Overnight stay in/near Dunfanaghy.

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Day 6: Dunfanaghy - Slieve Leagues - Sligo (approx. 250 km)

Past Glenveigh National Park and through the lonely Crocknamurrin Mountains you reach Glencolumbkille. A detour to the Slieve Leagues: at over 600 meters, they are among the highest cliffs in Europe. Continue to Sligo. The nearby village of Drumcliff is home to the grave of the Irish poet W. B. Yeats. The table mountain Ben Bulbin provides a magnificent backdrop! Overnight stay in/near Sligo.

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Day 7: Sligo - Achill Island - Mallaranny (approx. 230 km)  
County Mayo is one of the most sparsely populated areas in Ireland and is characterized by upland moors. The cliffs of St. Patrick's Head near Ballycastle are impressive. It was on Achill Island, Ireland's largest island, that Heinrich Böll wrote his "Irish Diary" in the early 1950s. A round trip is rewarded with sensational views of the Atlantic. Overnight stay in Mallaranny or the surrounding area.

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Day 8: Mallaranny - Connemara - Galway (approx. 230 km)  
Along Clew Bay and past the holy mountain Croagh Patrick you reach one of Ireland's loneliest and most romantic regions: Connemara! At Killary Harbour, you can take a boat tour, visit the picturesque Kylemore Abbey, and explore the small town of Clifden. You follow the Atlantic on lonely byways and reach Galway. Overnight stay in/near Galway.

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Day 9: Galway - Burren - Cliffs of Moher - Ennis (approx. 130 or 250 km)

Today you ride into County Kerry - passing two scenic highlights on the way. You reach the Cliffs of Moher, which plunge over 200 meters vertically into the Atlantic. A unique sight! In the immediate vicinity is the vast Burren karst region: a seemingly endless, treeless landscape of limestone. If you like, take a detour to Loop Head - a fantastic coastal panorama! Overnight stay in/near Ennis.

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Day 10: Ennis - Dingle Peninsula - Killarney - Kenmare (approx. 320 or 330 km)

Via Bunratty and Limerick (if you like, you can take a shortcut and cross the River Shannon on a small ferry) you head south to the Dingle Peninsula, which you should take in on the spectacular tour of the peninsula. The coastal road leads to the cliffs of Sleat Head, the Gallerus Oratory, and the colorful fishing village of Dingle. Dingle is already located in the Gaelic-speaking area of Ireland, the so-called Gaeltacht. Here, many locals - mainly older people - still speak the Irish language, which has been almost completely replaced by English. Dingle is also known for its lively music scene. Continue in the direction of Killarney. A visit to Muckross Manor, situated between two lakes, with its partly original Victorian furnishings, is a fascinating experience. Continue to Kenmare, the base for exploring the two spectacular peninsulas of Iveragh and Beara. Overnight stay in/near Kenmare or Sneem.

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Day 11: Iveragh Peninsula & Ring of Kerry (approx. 200 km)

The Ring of Kerry circles the Iveragh Peninsula and is Ireland's most famous scenic road, running - often narrowly - between the Atlantic Ocean and the McGillicuddy Reeks. Small detours are always worthwhile. The picturesque village of Sneem is worth a short stroll through the center.

The Skellig Coast Road leads to the far west of the peninsula and finally to the small harbor of Portmagee. From there you can take a detour to Valentia Island. Overnight stay in/near Kenmare or Sneem.

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Day 12: Beara Peninsula (approx. 160 km)

The Beara Peninsula is almost an insider tip with its lonely fishing villages and rugged coastlines. It is not quite as famous as the Iveragh Peninsula to the north, but at least as worth seeing. In the small fishing villages, there is always a pub and an opportunity for a nice chat with the locals. Overnight stay in/near Kenmare or Sneem.

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Day 13: Kenmare - Cork - Waterford (approx. 300 km)

Continue to Cork, the second largest city in the Republic of Ireland. Nevertheless, the center, which is characterized by the water, is manageable. The nearby natural harbor of Cobh was not only one of Ireland's most important emigration ports but also the last stop of the Titanic before it sank in the Atlantic. Ride through coastal towns such as Dungarvan to Waterford, famous for the Waterford Crystal. Overnight stay in/near Waterford.

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Day 14: Waterford - Wicklow Mountains - Dublin (approx. 200 km)

For the last stage you follow a really beautiful route through the "Garden of Ireland", the Wicklow Mountains. Highlights include the early Christian monastery district of Glendalough, the ride along the old military road, and the huge park of Powerscourt House. Then continue to the Irish capital. Dublin, Baile Átha Cliath in Irish, is a city with history, but also a modern and vibrant metropolis. Important stops include Trinity College with the famous "Book of Kells", the elegant Georgian houses, Christ Church, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. O'Connell Street stretches to the north of Dublin with prestigious buildings such as the Post Office. If you want to learn more about Irish whiskey, visit the Jameson Experience Center. You can round off the evening in a pub in the Temple Bar district. Overnight stay in Dublin.

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Day 15: Departure

In the morning (depending on the day of the week approx. 07.30/08.00 hrs) you take the ferry from Dublin to Holyhead in Wales (arrival approx. 09.45/10.15 hrs) and ride back to Hull (approx. 350 km). Embarkation and departure (approx. 20.30 hrs) to Rotterdam. Overnight stay on board.

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Day 16: Arrival in Rotterdam

In the morning (approx. 9.00 a.m.) you arrive in Rotterdam, where your journey ends.

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- The times and dates mentioned are subject to change. -

Countries	Ireland
	United Kingdom / Great Britain
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	no (self-guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

- The prices shown are minimum prices for the low season. Please ask for an individual offer for your desired travel dates. -

Prices for bookings as of 01.02.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€1,849.00
Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€1,479.00
Price per person in a single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider)	€2,999.00

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Bookable options (surcharge):

Additional overnight stay in Dublin in a double room (in the Clayton Hotel Leopardstown or similar incl. breakfast. Price per person per night).	€100.00
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Additional overnight stay in Dublin in a single room (in the Clayton Hotel Leopardstown or similar incl. breakfast. Price per person per night).	€190.00
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2-bed cabin outside Premier (2 beds or double bed)	€50.00
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1-bed cabin outside Premier	€100.00
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Meal package Rotterdam - Hull (The meal package includes 1 x dinner (buffet), 1 x breakfast incl. tea and coffee. Price per person. Cannot be booked at a later date, only directly when booking the trip).	€42.00
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Early bird prices for bookings until 31.01.2024:

Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (rider)	€1,799.00
Price per person in a double room and 2-bed inside cabin (pillion passenger)	€1,429.00
Price per person in a single room and 1-bed inside cabin (rider)	€2,949.00

## Included

Ferry passages Rotterdam - Hull - Rotterdam in a 2-bed cabin inside (bunk beds) with shower/WC (without on-board catering)

Ferry passages Holyhead - Dublin - Holyhead (without cabin, without meals on board)

Motorcycle transport on the ferries

13 nights in good middle-class hotels or bed-and-breakfast accommodation in rooms with bath or shower/WC

Breakfast (except for the last night in Dublin)

Route description and GPS data (see more details)

Card material

one travel book per room

## Not included

Everything not listed under services

Parking fees

Shannon ferry if applicable (approx. 12 euros)

Toll if applicable, local tax if applicable (all payable on-site)

## More details

**Accommodation:** As a rule, you will be accommodated in hotels, but in individual cases we use selected bed-and-breakfast accommodation. These may also be located outside of towns.

In Dublin, your hotel may be located somewhat away from the city center, as only a few centrally located hotels offer good parking facilities. However, we always ensure good public transport connections.

**Arrival:** Please note that this tour includes the ferry from/to Rotterdam and motorcycle transportation on the ferry. The tour is ridden by your own motorcycle.

**Catering on the ferries:** On the ferries, meals are offered in the on-board restaurants - payable locally. For some ferry connections, we offer meal packages that can be booked in advance. These can be found under the optional services in the price section of the trip and can only be booked directly in connection with the trip; it is not possible to add them at a later date.

**Route description and GPS data:** The route description and GPS data correspond to the course of the tour as described in the description. Individual changes and optional programs are not taken into account. The start and end points of our GPS data are usually the city/town centers of the day's destination, as the hotels we usually book may vary. You will not receive route descriptions or GPS data for customized trips.

**Parking spaces:** For this trip, we generally use hotels that have parking spaces available. We reserve a parking space for you when you book (where possible, no obligation). Parking fees may apply, which you must pay on site. The amount of the parking fees can vary greatly depending on the location and hotel.

Tolls Ireland: Please note that the Dublin ring road (M50) as well as other roads and tunnels in Ireland are subject to tolls. You will be automatically registered when you drive through and then pay the toll either online or at one of the registered payment points. The toll must be paid by 20:00 the following day. You can find more information here:

[www.etoll.ie/driving-on-toll-roads/tolling-information/](http://www.etoll.ie/driving-on-toll-roads/tolling-information/)

[www.eflow.ie/i-want-to/pay-a-toll/](http://www.eflow.ie/i-want-to/pay-a-toll/)

Health regulations: Please contact your family doctor for vaccination advice for the destination. Please read the travel advice of the Federal Foreign Office at [www.auswaertiges-amt.de](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de)

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Start dates: On request