

North of Ireland (M-ID: 3099)

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from €2,349.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

12 days

In our opinion, the north of Ireland is much too little for most motorcycle tour operators. But the north coast of Ireland has as much beautiful scenery, magnificent views and winding roads along the rugged Atlantic coast as the south.

You just have to take the time to explore this fantastic region in peace and quiet ... and that's exactly what we want to do.

Of course we will visit the main sights, such as the famous Giants Causeway, the windy Malin Head, the lovely Achill Island, the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, to name but a few. Except for Dublin, which is a must see when visiting Ireland, we will avoid the big cities and prefer to visit the charming, typical Irish towns, such as Donegal is one.

Motorcycle tours through Ireland are, just like those through Scotland, something very special. You have to get involved with the country, the people and the culture, which of course requires some time. This is the reason why we, unlike most other organisers, do not just "take Ireland along", but concentrate on the most beautiful corners of the Emerald Isle and explore them extensively.

Day 1 - Journey to Ijmuiden/Amsterdam to the ferry

Departure at 10 am from the Geismühle Ost rest stop (A57) or individual journey to our ferry connection from Ijmuiden/Amsterdam to Newcastle upon Tyne. As this is a night ferry, we arrive rested in the northeast of England the next morning.

Day 2 - Off to the West Coast

After arriving in Newcastle upon Tyne, we ride on our way to Scotland first through the Kielder Forest and from there via Drumfries and through Galloway Forest Park to Loch Ryan. Here in Stanrear is the North West Castle Hotel where we will stay overnight.

Day 3 - Off to Northern Ireland

After a relaxed breakfast we head for Cairnryan, from where the ferry takes us to Larne in Northern Ireland in just two hours. Once here we take the Causeway Coastal Route and the Torr Head Scenic Drive to the Giants Causeway. We will stay overnight at the Portrush Atlantic Hotel.

Day 4 - Via Malin Head to Donegal

With a short ferry crossing over Lough Foyle we change today from Northern Ireland to the north of the Republic of Ireland, to County Donegal. Here our first destination is Malin Head, the northernmost point on the mainland of Ireland. Afterwards we will ride, among other things, through the Glenveagh National Park and over the Glengesh Pass, to Donegal, where we will spend two nights in the Hotel Abbey.

Day 5 - Lakes, cliffs and castles

Today we will cross the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland several times on our way around Lower Lough Erne and on our way to Lough Melvin. Highlights of the round trip are the view from the Cliffs of Magho and the visit of Parkes Castle, but of course also the many small roads we will be on

Day 6 - Along the north coast to the west

Today's leg leads us through County Sligo into County Mayo and from there to Belmullet on the west coast of Ireland. On the way there, we ride through the lonely moorland around Easky Lough and past Céide Fields, where

people settled and farmed in the Neolithic Age, i.e. more than 5000 years ago. We can also have a view out over the wild Atlantic Ocean from Downpatrick Head. Today we will stay overnight at the Broadhaven Bay Hotel.

Day 7 - Via Achill Island to Galway

Today we will explore Achill Island, made famous by Heinrich Böll's Irish Diary, and visit the White Cliffs of Ashleam, Keem Bay and Dugort Beach. Afterwards we will ride through the Doolough Valley and along the Twelve Bens, a picturesque mountain range in Connemara, into County Galway. We will spend the night at Clifden Station House in Clifden.

Day 8 - Through Galway to the Cliffs of Moher

The highlights of today's stage are the journey through the karst landscape of the Burren to the famous Cliffs of Moher. We will spend the night in the stylish Meadow Court Hotel near Loughrea.

Day 9 - Back to Dublin

After a stop at the Clonmacnoise Monastery ruins and a visit to the Kilbeggan Distillery we ride across Ireland back to Dublin. Here we will spend the afternoon visiting the Guinness Storehouse.

Day 10 - Tour of Dublin and ferry crossing to the North of England

Since our ferry to Holyhead does not leave until the afternoon, we have time in the morning for a little walk around Dublin. After the crossing to Holyhead we ride through the Snowdonia National Park to our last intermediate hotel.

Day 11 - Across the North of England to Hull to the ferry

As our ferry in Hull does not set sail until 20:30, we take a little more time on the way back across Northern England, ride only a short distance on the motorway, and take some beautiful landscapes and sights along the way.

Day 12 - Journey home

Joint or individual journey home to Krefeld or home.

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

Pricing

per rider in double room	€2,349.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room	€2,149.00
single room hotel (surcharge)	€499.00
single cabin ferry (surcharge)	€149.00

Included

10 specifically designed day tours in Scotland, Ireland and Northern England with tour guide in groups of 6 - 8 motorcycles.

Roadbook with hotel and route information.

Beverage service on the tours.

Luggage transport in the support vehicle to/from Krefeld from 15 participants (plus tour guides).

Hotel accommodation: 9 x nights in good *** and **** star hotels; 9 x breakfast buffet in the hotel; 9 x 3-course menu or buffet.

Ferry crossings: night ferry IJmuiden - Newcastle upon Tyne, accommodation in 2-berth inside cabins, including large evening and breakfast buffet, ferry crossing Cairnryan - Larne, ferry crossing Dublin - Holyhead, night ferry Kingston upon Hull - Rotterdam

Travel insurance certificate for the entire journey.

Not included

Everything not listed under benefits

Any tolls, entrance fees, visitor's tax, etc.

More details

Total distance: about 3,000 km from Krefeld, of which about 1900 in Ireland and 650 in Northern England and Scotland.

Daily stages: 250 - 320 km on the spot.

Road condition: Mostly we use side roads, including some single track roads, which are not always in the best condition. Therefore the tour is rather unsuitable for super sportsmen.

Driving skills: Ireland offers something for everyone who can move his motorcycle safely on narrow and winding roads. However, beginners and re-starters should definitely complete a safety training before participating!

Climate: There are safe warmer and drier areas for motorcycling, but long and extensive bad weather is rare due to the Gulf Stream (see Ireland Guide).

Minimum participants: 15 riders (divided into 2 groups)

Special features: In England and Ireland there is left-hand traffic, but this is no problem after a short acclimatisation period.

Price indication: All prices are in EURO incl. VAT. Value added tax cannot be shown (§25a UStG. - special regulation for travel agencies). There are no shipping costs.

Prepayment: Deposit of 20% of the tour price after receipt of invoice. Payment of the balance at the latest 2 weeks before departure by bank transfer to our business account.

We reserve the right to change the programme, route or hotel.

To enter Great Britain, a valid passport is required since 1.10.2021, the identity card is no longer sufficient - you should apply for it in time if not available.