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The Wild Atlantic Way Cork & Kerry

The Wild Atlantic Way is a sensational journey soaring cliffs, buzzing towns, hidden beaches and epic bays. Join us as we explore, the southern portion of this amazing adventure, through Cork & Kerry. It's going to be a once in a lifetime experience.

Our Journey begins in Co Cork which is lined with inlets along eroded coastlines and a multitude of perfectly charming old fishing towns and villages. The scenery is every bit as enchanting as the best bits of Ireland, particularly along the Mizen Head, Sheep's Head and Beara peninsulas, where you can hike wild hills and touch Ireland's ancient past.

We will stay in the picturesque yachting harbour of Kinsale (Cionn tSáile) which is one of many colourful gems strung along the coastline of County Cork. Narrow, winding streets lined with galleries and gift shops, lively bars and superb restaurants, and a handsome natural harbour filled with yachts and guarded by a huge 17th-century fortress make it an engrossing place to spend the first three nights of our journey.

We will spend our time in Co Cork exploring such gems as :

Old Head Peninsula

Simply put Old Head of Kinsale is one of Ireland's most spectacular coastal areas. This large promontory juts out into the Atlantic Ocean, rising hundreds of feet above the water with towering sea cliffs. On this stretch of coastal bliss, it will feel like you left the world behind. Just you and the Ocean.



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Sheep's Head Peninsula

The Sheep's Head Peninsula has a rugged charm all its own – and yes, there are plenty of sheep. The road west from Durrus passes through Ahakista (Atha an Chiste), which has a couple of pubs including the charming, tin-roofed Ahakista Bar. Perhaps we will stop for a pint.

Beyond Ahakista the landscape gets progressively more barren and rocky as the road gets narrower and more twisty. A link road with terrific views, called the Goat's Path Road, runs between Kilcrohane and Gortnakilly (on the south and north coasts respectively) over the western flank of Mt Seefin (345m), which offers an exhilarating 1km stride to the summit.



Mizen Head Peninsula

Mizen Head stretches out dramatically into the swirling Atlantic Ocean, amidst sea cliffs and crashing waves. But in a testament to man's determination, the Mizen Head Signal Station has stood strong against the forces of nature for over 100 years.

Don't look down! Actually, do...

From the center, you move forward to the actual signal station. But to get there, you must trek down the famous 99 steps and some of Ireland's most dramatic coastal paths. If you're looking for thrills, you've found them! And let's not forget the high arched bridge that connects the signal station to the mainland. Cross this bridge at the mercy of the elements, but be sure to peek down. You might just see seals, dolphins and hump-back whales.



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Beara Peninsula

Beara – The Irish peninsula that time forgot. From Adrigole, a narrow, switchback road climbs 11km north across the other-worldly Healy Pass to Lauragh. The road passes through wild mountain scenery offering spectacular views of crags and lakes, especially on the steep descent on the north side.



Charles Fort

This star-shaped military fortress was constructed between 1677 and 1682, during the reign of King Charles II, to protect the town and harbor of Kinsale. As one of the largest military forts in the country, Charles Fort has been associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history.



Perhaps a ride out to Bursery Island on the only cable car that traverses sea water in Europe.



And definitely the Pubs & Bars.

Kinsale enjoys an excellent reputation for fantastic restaurants, cafes and bars serving delicious, top quality food with a great atmosphere. Chefs are fortunate to have the highest quality ingredients available from several local producers. Known as ‘the Gourmet Capital of Ireland,’ Kinsale is proud to be considered a ‘Foodie Town’ and celebrates it every day.



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The Second leg of our adventure will take us to the charming village of Kenmare.

Nestling peacefully at the mouth of the Kenmare Bay is Kenmare one of Ireland's loveliest Heritage Towns. From its origins in 1678 the town of Kenmare, Co Kerry, was special. Kenmare is a haven of tranquillity, gourmet food, superb accommodation and breathtaking scenery, in one of the most natural, unspoilt environments in Europe.

It's located at the head of beautiful Kenmare Bay which stretches 30 miles from Kenmare out to the Atlantic Ocean. The name is an anglicised version of Ceannt Mara which translates into 'head of the sea' in English. The original Irish name for the town is 'Neidin' meaning 'little nest' because the town 'nestles' among the surrounding mountains which are such a striking landscape.

The Ring of Kerry is well known and follows the spectacular coastline of the Iveragh Peninsula. It's one of the most dramatic scenic drives in Ireland and makes a most enjoyable tour. Bring an open mind, a camera and a sense of adventure. From Island studded Atlantic panoramas to cozy traditional pubs, prepare to meet a masterpiece.

Where Goats are crowned King. the Ring of Kerry takes you through serene pastoral landscapes and narrow tree and hedge-lined roads. As you reach the town of Killorglin, you might notice the statue of a goat perched proudly on a large boulder. This is King Puck. Every year, a wild mountain goat is crowned king



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To the north of Kenmare is the Killarney National Park, 25,000 acres of woodland and magical mountains, with spectacular views of the Lakes of Killarney. It is home to 26,000 acres of lush mountains, aboriginal forest, walkways, rivers, castles and stately homes, cycle paths and disused mines, golf courses and waterfalls, bat caves, and islands populated by swimming deer. It also has the biggest collection of mature trees in one spot in Ireland, well-preserved castles and the country's tallest mountain range., and is considered the best day out in all of Ireland (Irish Times 2019)



The MacGillicuddy Reeks – Ireland's highest mountains.

Prepare yourself to experience some of the most breathtaking and dramatic scenery born in nature.



The gap of Dunloe

The Gap of Dunloe is a wild and scenic mountain pass – studded with crags and bejewelled with lakes and waterfalls – that lies to the west of Killarney National Park, squeezed between Purple Mountain and the high summits of Macgillicuddy's Reeks (Ireland's highest mountain range).



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Our third stop on the epic journey along the southwestern portion of the Wild Atlantic way, brings us to the town of Dingle and the glorious peninsula it resides in.

As I have said before, “if I get lost here and no one can find me, I will be perfectly fine”
Happy Days

Framed by its fishing port, the Dingle peninsula’s charming little ‘capital’ manages to be quaint without even trying. Some pubs double as shops, so you can enjoy a Guinness and a singalong among hats and hardware, horseshoes and wellies. It has long drawn runaways from across the world, making it a cosmopolitan and creative place. In summer its hilly streets can be clogged with visitors, but fortunately, we will be here at Thanksgiving and its authentic charms are yours for the savoring.

One of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way, the Dingle Peninsula (Corca Dhuibhne) culminates in the Irish mainland's westernmost point. In the shadow of sacred Mt Brandon, a maze of fuchsia-fringed boreens (country lanes) weaves together an ancient landscape of prehistoric ring forts and beehive huts, early Christian chapels, crosses and holy wells, picturesque hamlets and abandoned villages.



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But it's where the land meets the ocean – whether in a welter of surf-pounded rocks, or where the waves lap secluded, sandy coves – that Dingle's beauty truly reveals itself.

We will explore the peninsula to its fullest visiting many spectacular sites along the Sleah Head Drive.

Don't forget your camera! Every twist and turn of this extraordinary route presents breathtaking views and stunning vistas, causing it to be one of Ireland's favourite and most photographed attractions. And for good reason too. Sleah Head Drive has been etched out of the steep hillside, following every contour of the coastline. It is narrow, and winding, and precarious, and undoubtedly a little frightening in places. The roads are narrow and windy.

The road narrows appreciably and uncovers amazing views over the Atlantic, the nearby Blasket Islands and the rugged coast covered with luscious green.

This is a rugged desolate country, bejeweled here and there with wonderful coves, beaches, and even a fascinating religious shrine. And just offshore are enigmatic silhouettes of the Blasket Islands, the islands where time stood still. Sleah Head is surrounded by beautiful coastal towns.

Once described by the National Geographic Traveler as “the most beautiful place on earth”, the Dingle Peninsula is a place of intense allure, with a plethora of green landscapes, rocky hills, long sandy beaches and staggering cliff edges. The warm Gulf Stream reaches the peninsula, giving it a wonderful mixture of sometimes rare and unusual flora and fauna.



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We have a fun excursion lined up for any that are interested – A little Deep Sea Fishing in Dingle.

Come fish the waters around the most westerly islands in Europe with Skippers that have spent a lifetime at sea. Whether you are a novice fisherman or an experienced angler, you can experience the thrills of deep-sea fishing in Dingle Bay on board fully licensed and equipped angling boats. Catch includes pollack, mackerel, ling, cod, conger and tope.

We will also take a meander through Irelands Highest mountain pass. The Conor Pass.

Set in the stunning mountains of the Dingle peninsula the Conor Pass links Dingle Town on the south coast of the peninsula with the settlements along the north. The views from the road are breathtaking, as the glaciated landscape of mountains and corrie lakes comes into view. From the scenic car park at the summit there are views as far north as the Aran Islands off County Galway.

And of course, enjoy incredible fresh seafood in any of the fine local establishments.

Dingle is a special place that calling home for a few days is always a dream come true.



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We will finish our journey along this portion of the Wild Atlantic Way in the beautiful town of Ennis in County Clare.

This will put us within 20 minutes of Shannon Airport for our departure home.

Situated at the heart of the county on a bend in the River Fergus, Ennis is the capital of County Clare. It's an historical town and is certainly one of Clare's most characterful and picturesque centers – with its narrow, winding streets historical buildings and busy market town atmosphere.

We will also visit on of Irelands most iconic sites – The Cliffs of Moher

When you make your pilgrimage to the Cliffs of Moher, you're coming for one of two things: the staggering height of the rock face, and the even more staggering beauty of the views from the top. Soaring to nearly 700 feet there is very few vistas that will quite create this sense of magnitude and awe.

As the sea spray fills the air with the invigorating freshness of the Wild Atlantic Way, it's hard not to feel as though you're braving the ocean from the prow of a magnificent ship. To make the most of the magic, nothing quite beats a wind-whipped trek across the clifftop, the edges peaking slightly upwards like the crests of the waves that roll endlessly below.

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Trip Details

Departure Date – November 18th, 2021

Return Date – November 29th, 2021

All Accommodations

All Breakfasts

All Ground Transportation to and from
Shannon Airport

Numerous Site Visits including:

Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle

Charles Fort, Mizen Head

Gallarus Oratory, Bee Hive Huts

Killarney National Park & Sheep's Head
Station

All you have to think about is which pub to
go to and what to have for dinner.

\$2450 per person double occupancy.

Single supplement of \$825

Come join us and make memories that will
last a lifetime and get to see this very
special part of Ireland through the eyes of a
local.

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