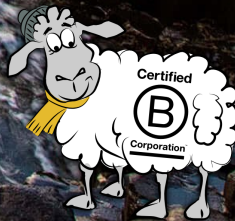




6 Day Driftwood Northern Island Tour



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Why Book with Vagabond?

- ★ **IRELAND'S ORIGINAL, SINCE 2002:** 22 years of experience are distilled into every itinerary.
- ★ **TOTALLY LOCAL:** Family-owned with local Irish tour guides and staff plus independent hotels.
- ★ **WORLD'S BEST:** We proudly won a **TRAVEL + LEISURE WORLD'S BEST AWARD** in 2023, ranking 12th globally.
- ★ **1000S OF HAPPY GUESTS:** Read any one of our 1,800+ 5-Star reviews across **TRIPADVISOR** and **TRUSTPILOT**.
- ★ **AWESOME TOUR GUIDES:** Meet our highly-trained, passionate and well-supported **VagaGuide team**.
- ★ **FLEXIBLE & FAIR BOOKING:** Avail of a free 7 day seat hold, flat-rate deposit and convenient notice period.
- ★ **BEST-IN-CLASS VEHICLES:** No expense is spared on maintaining our 100% Mercedes tour vehicle fleet.
- ★ **PEOPLE & PLANET FIRST:** We respect the planet and support our community... That's why we're a **B CORP!**

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in Our Team!*

Our amazing team go above and beyond to deliver outstanding travel experiences for every guest.





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Tour Type

DRIFTWOOD - RELAXED PACE

Tour Direction

CLOCKWISE

Tour Vehicle

COMFY MERCEDES TOUR BUS

Pickup / Dropoff Location

GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

[View Location](#)

Departure Day & Time

8.10AM SUNDAY

Return Day & Time

5:00-6:00PM FRIDAY



*Gentle Pace, Castles,
Culture & History*

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The Perfect Way to Tour Northern Ireland

Tour Northern Ireland and the northwest coast on this relaxed journey of discovery, featuring excellent hotels, unforgettable sights and fun activities.

Explore the wild backroads of Mayo, medieval castles in Donegal and the epic Giant's Causeway in Antrim. Overnight in a charming Irish castle hotel and visit the world's biggest Titanic attraction.

Shop for authentic crafts and meet local people in friendly Irish villages, before visiting Northern Ireland's cities: Belfast and Derry/Londonderry.

WHERE YOU SEE 'OPTIONAL EXTRA', ACTIVITIES AND FEES ARE OPTIONAL. MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE FINAL PAGE FOR COSTS OF EACH OPTIONAL EXTRA.

Tour Map

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Head westward to cross the Shannon and arrive in Mayo, followed by stops in **Sligo** and **Donegal**. Crossing into Northern Ireland at **Derry/Londonderry**, your tour will also visit the **Causeway Coast**, the city of **Belfast** and Strangford, before returning to **Dublin**.



This tour travels in clockwise direction around Ireland.

Highlights

6 Day Driftwood Northern Island Tour



- ★ Experience the historic cities and spectacular natural scenery of **Northern Ireland** and the rugged northwest region.
- ★ Visit the geological wonder that is the **Giant's Causeway**, Northern Ireland's World Heritage site.
- ★ Board a **boat trip** to **Slieve League**, the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe.
- ★ Traverse mountain passes and pristine beaches in **Donegal**, one of Ireland's most beautiful but undiscovered counties.
- ★ Take a history tour with a local guide to see street murals and learn about the 'Troubles' in **Belfast**, capital of Northern Ireland.
- ★ Relive epic battles on a historic walking tour of Ireland's only fully intact walled city; **Derry/Londonderry**.
- ★ Overnight in high quality guesthouses and **locally-owned hotels**.
- ★ Take a guided tour of the castle where the **British Royal Family** stay in Northern Ireland.
- ★ Meet **master craftspeople** and skilled artisans in working craft studios.
- ★ Encounter authentic culture and **local experiences** in off the beaten track destinations.

Day 1: Sunday

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Let's Hit The Prehistoric Road!



GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN to BALLINA, MAYO

Overnight Stay

MOUNT FALCON ESTATE HOTEL



Mount Falcon Estate & Spa is always a guest favourite on our tours visiting Mayo and the northwest.

Or...

OCEAN SANDS HOTEL



Expect a warm Irish welcome at the beachside Ocean Sands Hotel in Sligo.

Average Driving

4 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Meet your guide and fellow Driftwooders at the **Grand Canal Hotel, Dublin**, at least 15 minutes before your scheduled departure time of 8.10am.

Board your Mercedes tour vehicle for the trip of a lifetime!

We'll leave the city, going 1000s of years back in time...

Unearth secrets of the **Iron Age trackway**, or *togher*, at **Corlea**. Constructed circa 150BC, this is the largest prehistoric roadway in Europe.

Discover Ireland's rich rural heritage at the **Museum of Country Life's** modern exhibition space, an original Victorian building and scenic landscaped gardens.



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Day 2: Monday

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Donegal Boat Trip & Sheepdog Demo



BALLINA, MAYO to DONEGAL

Overnight Stay

ABBEY HOTEL DONEGAL



You'll love your stay at this locally-owned 4 star hotel in Donegal town.

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Arise and go now, your second day exploring Ireland awaits...

Watch shepherd and dog working perfectly in tandem during a **sheepdog demo** (Fee Included).

This afternoon, choose from the following two options:

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (Choose A or B)

- **A.** Scenic coastal drive to **Slieve League**. Soak up the spectacular vistas at these 600m/2000ft high sea cliffs from an accessible viewing platform. Alternatively, take a **guided boat trip** under Slieve League (Optional Extra). Sea legs are definitely required.
- **B.** Stroll the shops and craft studios in **Donegal town**. Take a self-guided tour of 15th century **Donegal Castle** (Optional Extra).



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Day 3: Tuesday

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National Park & Walking History Tour



DONEGAL to DERRY/LONDONDERRY

Overnight Stay

EBRINGTON HOTEL



A contemporary spa hotel located just a stone's throw from the Guildhall Square in Derry/Londonderry.

Average Driving

3 HOURS

Watch for wild deer and golden eagles in the pristine wilderness of **Glenveagh National Park**.

Take a guided history tour of **Glenveagh Castle** (Optional Extra). Shuttle buses depart from the car park to the castle (Fee Included). Alternatively, enjoy a lakeside hike by foot. Duration: Approx. 40 minutes.

Panoramic 360° vistas await you at the beautifully preserved Celtic stone ringfort at **Grianán of Aileach**.

Cross the border into **Northern Ireland** (remember, UK £ sterling required).

We'll pass through historic city gates to enter **Derry/Londonderry**. Take a guided historical walking tour along the walls of Ireland's only intact walled city (Fee Included).



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BOOK TOUR

Day 4: Wednesday

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Castle Hotel Stay & Giant's Causeway



DERRY/LONDONDERRY to BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM

Overnight Stay

BALLYGALLY CASTLE HOTEL



Ballygally Castle Hotel features a 400 year old tower house which is home to a friendly ghost. Spooky!

Average Driving

3 HOURS 30 MINUTES

Cameras at the ready! You're about to experience one of the world's most spectacular coastal drives; the **Causeway Coastal Route**.

40,000 hexagonal basalt columns make up the **Giant's Causeway** (Fee Included), a **World Heritage Site**.

Choose to walk in the footsteps of mythical giant Finn McCool on a steep 1km (1.6 mile) descent/ascent. Or simply follow an accessible path to the Giant's Causeway viewing point. Shuttle bus available (Optional Extra).

Anyone for a wee dram? Visit Bushmills, the **oldest licensed whiskey distillery in the world**, for a tasting (Optional Extra), followed by a stop at cliff-top **Dunluce Castle** (Fee Included).



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Day 5: Thursday

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Belfast History Tour & Royal Castle

Overnight Stay

THE CUAN



This petite hotel lies at the heart of Strangford, one of the most beautiful coastal villages on the island of Ireland.

Average Driving

2 HOURS 30 MINUTES



BALLYGALLY, ANTRIM to STRANGFORD, DOWN

This morning we'll roll into **Belfast**, the vibrant capital of **Northern Ireland**.

Optional Extras (Choose A, B or C):

- **A.** Take a highly recommended **Black Cab Tour**, explaining the history of the Troubles era.
- **B.** Or a self-guided visit to the **Titanic Centre**.
- **C.** Alternatively, explore Belfast at your own pace.

Are you king or queen of the castle? Take a guided tour of **Hillsborough Castle & Gardens** to find out (Fee Included). On some dates, the British Royal Family will be in residence and your tour will visit an alternative attraction.



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BOOK TOUR

Day 6: Friday

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Mountains, Castles & Celtic Crosses

Average Driving
3 HOURS 30 MINUTES



STRANGFORD, DOWN to GRAND CANAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Before we wave goodbye — *slán* in Irish — there's still time to take in some of Ireland's highlights.

Step back in time to discover the historical burial place of Saint Patrick at **Down Cathedral** (Fee Included). Then imagine rival lords battling over 12th century **Dundrum Castle**.

Of course you're taking the scenic route back to Dublin, passing the rolling granite peaks of the **Mourne Mountains**. Cross the border into the **Republic of Ireland** and the euro currency zone (€).

Crane your neck to view the finest — and tallest — Celtic high crosses in Ireland, at **Monasterboice**. It's an epic way to conclude our northern odyssey.

You'll disembark your Drifter tour vehicle back at the Grand Canal Hotel in **Dublin** between 5-6pm. Farewell elbow bumps all round for your new friends.



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Options

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No two Vagabond or Driftwood tours are the same. Group preferences may alter the order or composition of this itinerary, which is a suggested outline rather than a rigid schedule. Orange/Red weather advisories (eg Coastal wind warnings, high rainfall, thunderstorms, fog or ice/snow) issued by the Irish Meteorological Office may lead to cancellations at short notice. We will always attempt to find suitable alternative activities where safe to do so.

There's no need to book optional extras in advance of your tour (with the exception of the **Skellig Islands Landing** on the 12 Day Tour). Your VagaGuide will discuss options with you on tour and book accordingly. If there is something that you want to do or see, let us know. We will do our utmost to match your choice with the preferences of your group.

DAILY ITINERARY OPTIONS PRICING

Activities marked **OPTIONAL EXTRA** on the day-by-day descriptions carry an additional cost, but are optional.

Slieve League Boat Trip** - €25.00

Glenveagh Castle Tour - €7.00

Giant's Causeway Shuttle Bus** - £1/€1.20

Titanic Experience - £24.95

Entrance to Donegal Castle - €5.00

Bushmills Whiskey Tasting - £10.00

Black Cab Tour** - £20.00

* All details of prices and suppliers contained in this itinerary are correct at the time of publication. Our tour prices will not change as the season progresses. However, our suppliers occasionally increase prices at short notice. We will do our utmost to update you of major price changes as they occur.

** Cash is required for this activity. No card payment available.

Please note, this tour has stops in both the Republic of Ireland (EU) and Northern Ireland (UK). You will require both Euro (€) and Sterling (£) cash.



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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- A journey of discovery in a super-comfy, slick Mercedes mini-coach
- The services of a highly-trained and professional VagaGuide tour guide
- 6 full days on tour
- 5 nights' accommodation
- 5 delicious and filling hot Irish breakfasts
- Most daily activities and essential attractions
- A one night stay in a castle hotel
- Entrance into the world famous Giant's Causeway, Donegal Castle, Dunluce Castle and Hillsborough Castle
- A guided walking tour of Derry/Londonderry
- A guided sheepdog demo in Sligo
- Shuttle bus in Glenveagh National Park

PLEASE NOTE

Please be aware that there may be unscheduled alterations to the listed accommodation. Rest assured that any alternate hotels will match or be superior to the standard of our listed accommodation.

NB: The following personal weight limits apply: Horseback-Riding: 225lbs / 16 stone / 102kg Kayaking: Per person Double Kayak: 110kg / 17.5 stone / 245lbs; Total Double Kayak: 190kg / 30 stone / 420lbs; Per person Single Kayak: 92kg / 14.5 stone / 200lbs.

TOUR PRICING

Oct Departures:
€1,647.00 Per Person Sharing
Single Room Supplement: €285.00

May to Sep Departures:
€1,830.00 Per Person Sharing
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