







Europe / Ireland

# **Ireland Bike Tour**

The Ring of Kerry, Coastal Enclaves, and Castles of the Emerald Isle

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride a trio of the country's most scenic peninsular routes—including the Ring of Kerry and the Gap of Dunloe
- Discover the rich history of Ireland at sites like Killarney National Park and Ross Castle
- Visit a local farmer's market, craft your own chocolates and soda bread, and take a trip with a storytelling boatman
- Make your way through Ireland's highest mountain range, MacGillycuddy's Reeks











#### ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

#### **Arrival Details**

- → Airport City:
  Dublin, Ireland
- Pick-Up Location: Merrion Hotel in Dublin
- © Pick-Up Time: 9:00 am

## **Departure Details**

- Airport City: Dublin, Ireland
- Drop-Off Location: Dublin Airport
- © Drop-Off Time: 2:00 pm

**NOTE:** DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour from the pick-up and drop-off locations stated on the itinerary. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the arrival or departure times or locations, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

## **Emergency Assistance**

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

#### **Travelers Take Note**

To show you our favorite parts of Ireland, this tour includes transfers on arrival and departure day. We like to think of it as an opportunity to see more of the country en route to your next ride.



## Tour By Day



# **Dublin Pre-Tour Package**

Begin in Dublin, the capital of the Republic of Ireland. We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to the Merrion Hotel. Explore the city's history on foot with our local guide, covering key points in Irish history: Dublin's development, the Potato Famine, and the Northern Ireland peace process. Pass Temple Bar, City Hall, and Christ Church Cathedral along the way, then enjoy the evening on your own before our cycling adventure begins tomorrow. *The amount listed is the starting price.* 

Inclusions: Airport Transfer, Local Guide, Hotel, Breakfast

**Accommodations: Merrion Hotel** 

Price per person in double occupancy: \$850

Price in single occupancy: \$1,350



## Annascaul and the Dingle Peninsula

Your guides will greet you at your Dublin Hotel for a transfer out west, through the rolling midlands to the wild and mountainous coast. Set off on our opening ride after a safety talk and lunch in a traditional Irish pub, winding our way around the many small roads called boreens that characterize the southern coast of the Dingle peninsula. Pass beautiful coves and castle ruins before rolling into the quintessential Irish village of Dingle. We'll get right into it with tonight's private brewery tour!

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Dublin, Dingle

**Accomplished**: 13 miles / 21 km, elevation gain: 968 feet / 295 meters **Longer Option**: 22 miles / 35 km, elevation gain: 2,378 feet / 725 meters

**Accommodations: Dingle Benners Hotel or Green Mount House** 



## Soda Bread and Slea Head

Following a relaxed Irish breakfast, we hit the road to explore the beautiful Dingle Peninsula. This is Gaeltacht country where the Irish language is still widely spoken as a first language and culture and traditions remain strong. Our ride takes us west past a fascinating array of ancient sites including Iron Age forts, beehive huts, inscribed stones, and historical churches. The Peninsula culminates at the dramatic Slea Head—Europe's most western point. After lunch, we'll try our hand at one of these traditions as we learn to bake Irish soda bread. This evening, there is time to explore the charms of Dingle Town itself, including its traditional music scene before heading out for a dinner at a celebrated seafood restaurant.

**Meals**: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner **Destinations**: Slea Head, Ballyferiter

**Accomplished**: 26 miles / 42 km, elevation gain: 1,000 feet / 305 meters **Longer Option**: 34 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 1,312 feet / 400 meters

**Accommodations: Dingle Benners Hotel or Green Mount House** 



# From the Gap of Dunloe to Lakes of Killarney

Today we hit all the highlights, including the Gap of Dunloe, a private boat journey across Lough Leane with a local legend, a 15th-century castle, and a National Park. After an hour-long transfer, our ride begins on the Ivearagh Peninsula, dominated by Magillycuddy's Reeks—Ireland's highest mountain range, also known as "the black stacks." Pass through the iconic Gap of Dunloe, a narrow rocky opening in the heart of the peninsula that leads to the shores of Lough Leane. A memorable boat journey carries us through Killarney National Park to the front door of Ross Castle, poised on the Lakes of Killarney. From here, it's only a short walk to your Killarney hotel.

**Meals**: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner **Destinations**: Gap of Dunloe, Killarney

**Accomplished**: 29 miles / 47 km, elevation gain: 1,781 feet / 543 meters **Longer Option**: 59 miles / 95 km, elevation gain: 2,198 feet / 670 meters

**Accommodations: The Great Southern Killarney** 



# Conquering the Ring of Kerry

Departing Killarney, we embark on the most challenging climb of the week. Through groves of twisted oaks, the road rises past the spectacular Ladie's View to Moll's Gap. Behind us is yesterday's conquered Killarney National Park; on the other side of the gap lies one long descent to the south side of the peninsula and the picture-perfect village of Kenmare. We'll arrive in time for the farmers market that fills the square every Wednesday with local crafts and delicacies. Tonight, choose from a wide range of top-notch restaurants in this renowned foodie village.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Moll's Gap, Kenmare

**Accomplished**: 24 miles / 38 km, elevation gain: 1,250 feet / 381 meters **Longer Option**: 31 miles / 50 km, elevation gain: 1,250 feet / 381 meters

**Accommodations: Sheen Falls Lodge** 



## The Beara Peninsula

Our final ride follows an easygoing route through the Caha mountains. We'll bike into some idyllic countryside on virtually traffic-free roads—this peninsula is the least known in Kerry and truly a hidden gem. Stop for lunch at a quaint stone cottage with fantastic views and fill up on hearty, traditional fare. As we loop back to the hotel, hop off the bikes for a visit to a French chocolatier. An afternoon pick-me-up comes in the form of Benoit's finest confections, and we'll even have the chance to craft our own chocolates. This evening, join us for a farewell dinner and toast to a week of accomplishments over a bounty of local ingredients.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

**Destinations**: Bonane

Accomplished: 18 miles / 29 km, elevation gain: 1,178 feet / 359 meters

**Accommodations: Sheen Falls Lodge** 



After a relaxing Irish breakfast, say your final farewell to the Emerald Isle. We will transfer you to Dublin city center or the airport where we bid you *slán go fóill*—until next time!

Meals: Breakfast

