



# Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland

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The Wild Atlantic Way is the world's longest and arguably most spectacular coastal driving route. Follow the rugged, winding coast line to discover otherworldly landscapes; coves and islands, beaches and bays, cliffs and villages. Get lost in the wilderness and raw beauty of this unique place. To make the most of your epic journey, follow our 30 point route beginning in the northernmost point of Ireland--Malin Head, Donegal--heading south through Mayo, Galway, Clare, and Kerry to Ireland's most southerly point: Mizen Head, Cork.



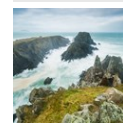
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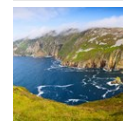
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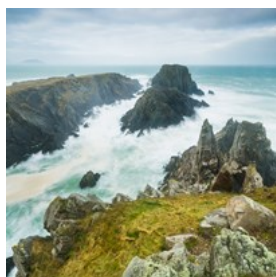
## TOP 10



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10 signature points on the Wild Atlantic Way you really don't want to miss.

### Malin Head



Located at the top of the Inishowen Peninsula, Ireland's most northerly point, Malin Head is a place of breath-taking beauty. The landscape is so scenic that it was chosen as a filming location for the movie "Star Wars: The Last Jedi". Circle this rugged coast, spotting migratory seabirds and dramatic landmarks like Hell's hole cavern, Banba's Crown tower and An Grianán Ailigh fort. On a cloudless evening, you might even be able to spot the Northern Lights.

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Address: Malin Head, County Donegal

### Fanad Head



On the north coast of Donegal, golden sandy beaches and rolling farmland threaded by narrow roads set the scene in the secluded Fanad peninsula. Follow the Knockalla Coast Road and you'll find yourself at Ballymastocker

Bay. When you see it, you'll understand why this was voted as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. A visit to the iconic Fanad Lighthouse is also a must. Other than sightseeing, Fanad Head lends itself to outdoor activities like kayaking, golfing and fishing.

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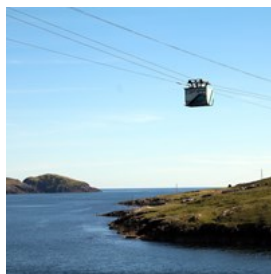
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### Dursey Island



An adventurous trip awaits you here, at the end of the Beara Peninsula, as this place can only be reached by cable car. Once you make the journey, you can enjoy the many charms of Dursey Island, from sea life, ruins and standing stones to views of its lighthouse on Bull Rock. But the most impressive thing of all are the stunning sunsets, known as 'Europe's Last'.

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### Slieve League



A narrow road twists steeply up from Teelin to the dramatic Slieve League mountain and cliffs on the southwest coast of Donegal. The cliffs are some of the highest in Europe and are considerably higher than the more famous Cliffs of Moher. For the experienced walker, One Man's pass will take you to Slieve League's summit. For the leisure visitor, there is a viewing

platform from which you can see one of the finest views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Sligo Mountains and Donegal Bay.

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### Mizen Head



Mizen Head on the Mizen Peninsula is Ireland's mainland most southwesterly point. Breathtaking cliffs, beautiful views, lively sea life and educational experiences can all be found here. Head right away to the Visitor Centre, where you'll learn more about the history of this place, which is home to a signal station that housed Ireland's first radio beacon. Then, climb down the 99 steps that lead to a high arched suspension bridge connecting a rocky crag to the mainland, until you find yourself at the signal station, where another exciting exhibition awaits. Out on the horizon, you can spot the imposing Fastnet Lighthouse standing on a rock known as Ireland's teardrop.

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### Mullaghmore Head



Mullaghmore, a small fishing village in County Sligo, boasts three kilometres of white sandy beach, which proves very popular with water sports enthusiasts, especially expert big wave surfers. Go on a panoramic walk along the coast and enjoy watching their water stunts.

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Address: Mullaghmore Head, County Sligo

### Killary Harbour



Killary Harbour, nestled between counties Mayo and Galway, is one of three glacial fjords that exist in Ireland today. Navigate the rugged and dramatic landscape of Connemara, with its blanket bogs and dazzling beaches, by walking on the so-called Green Road, which runs alongside the fjord. Alternatively, you can go on a boat tour and enjoy the majestic views. There's a chance you might spot seals and dolphins.

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### Kinsale



Kinsale is a picturesque historic town south of Cork, and can be your last (or second) stop on your Wild Atlantic Way journey. Highlights of the town include the 17th century Charles Fort and James Fort, the 13th century St. Multose Church,

and Desmond Castle, also known as the "French prison" and home to a wine museum. Try to visit them all, but also save some time for a leisurely stroll in town, among its colorful streets and Georgian houses, and eat a delicious meal in one of its many quaint restaurants. If you fancy exploring a little below the surface, you'll be happy to know that Kinsale is also a popular diving destination. If instead you prefer to stay above the waves, there are plenty of water activities for you as well, like sailing, kayaking and fishing.

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Address: Kinsale, County Cork

### The Cliffs of Moher



The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most famous landmarks. These spectacular creations of nature stretch for 14km and reach 214 meters at their highest point. The views from the pathways and the viewing platforms along the cliffs or from the 19th century O'Brien's Tower are all magnificent. Allow at least two hours to really appreciate this place, an unmissable spot on your Wild Atlantic Way journey.

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### Skellig Islands



World-renowned for their ornithological, archaeological and cultural significance, the Skellig Islands lay out to sea and can be reached

by visitors on a small boat from Portmagee, Ballinskelligs or Caherdaniel. Skellig Michael, or Great Skellig, is a mysterious and awe-inspiring place where tourists flock all year round. 1,300 years ago, early Christian monks built a hermitage here, which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the coastal village of Portmagee you'll also find the Skelligs Experience Visitor Centre, where you can follow an audio-visual tour recreating the magic of the Skellig region and enjoy its history. At the near St. Finian's Bay, a great pleasure awaits: Europe's most westerly chocolate factory, Skelligs Chocolate - where you can enjoy a warm hot chocolate as the waves crash on the beach outside.

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## COUNTY DONEGAL



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From Malin Head to Slieve League, Donegal's section of the Wild Atlantic Way is studded with alluring landscapes. Over millions of years, the Atlantic has carved dramatic crevices into the rugged headland, with the Slieve League cliffs said to be some of the highest marine cliffs in the world. Explore the windswept landscape which has inspired so many songs and legends.

### Malin Head



At the top of the Inishowen Peninsula lies Ireland's most northerly point, Malin Head. So otherworldly, this landscape was chosen as a filming location for the movie "Star Wars VII: The Last Jedi". While wandering this rugged coast, keep an eye out for migratory seabirds and dramatic landmarks such as Hell's hole cavern, Banba's Crown tower and An Grianán Ailigh fort. On a cloudless evening, you may even experience the magical Northern Lights.

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Address: Malin Head, County Donegal

### Fanad Head



On the secluded north coast of Donegal, golden sandy beaches and rolling farmland threaded by narrow old roads are a landscape to inspire the imagination. Follow the Knockalla Coast Road and find yourself at Ballymastocker Bay - voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and for good reason. Visit the iconic Fanad lighthouse to learn about the history of this proud, ancient community. Outdoorsy folk will enjoy kayaking, golfing and fishing.

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### Tory Island



Just 15km off the coast of Donegal lies the most remote of all Irish islands: Tory Island. A Gaeltacht (Gaelic speaking) isle, small in size but fierce in spirit, the rugged beauty of this place has drawn a community of artists. Traditional folklore, music and dance are celebrated in this place of solace and seclusion. Don't miss the iconic lighthouse, the round bell tower and Balor's Fort.

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Address: Tory Island, County Donegal

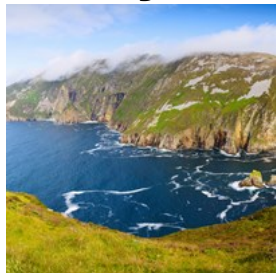
Public Transport: You can access Tory Island by ferry from Mín Lárach (Meenlaragh) Harbour.

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## Slieve League



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## DONEGAL TO MAYO

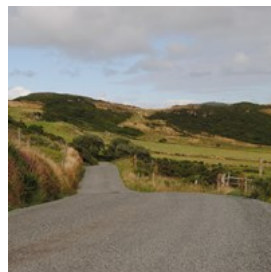


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Take in the majesty of Mullaghmore Head, Downpatrick Head and Keem Strand as you journey from Donegal to Mayo. Mullaghmore Head, off the coast of Sligo, is a paradise for surfers well-known for its gigantic 'proowler' waves. Surfing schools abound in this neck of the woods, so if you want to get in on the action, take a lesson or two. Then it's onwards to Downpatrick Head in Mayo, a spectacular headland rising 38 metres from the sea. Don't

miss Keem Strand on Achill Island, with its picturesque sandy beaches and awe-inspiring rugged coastline.

## Gleniff Horseshoe



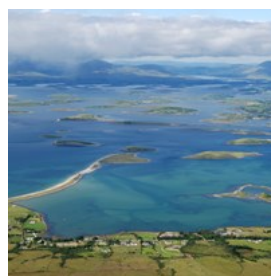
A 10km walking route north of Cliffoney in county Sligo, Gleniff Horseshoe is a place of raw and staggering beauty. Wander mountains, forests, cliffs, streams, waterfalls, caves, and ruins - you're likely to meet a flock of sheep! Mountaineers should make a beeline for Truskmore mountain to enjoy stunning views of five counties. One of the path's highlights is the cave of Diarmaid and Grainne - located above the cliffs of Annacuna, in the glacial valley. In the romantic legend, the forbidden lovers were said to have spent their last night in this cave.

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Address: Gleniff, County Sligo

Internet: [www.sligowalks.ie/walks/the-gleniff-horse-shoe-ben-wisken-trail](http://www.sligowalks.ie/walks/the-gleniff-horse-shoe-ben-wisken-trail)

## Clew Bay Cruise



No visit to the West would be complete without cruising Clew Bay. Starting in Westport Harbour, the cruise sails by 365 islands, one for each day of the year. Enjoy magnificent views of Croagh Patrick mountain, beautiful secluded beaches, Inishgort lighthouse and the shore of Dorinish Island, formerly owned by John Lennon. This is also an opportunity to observe a thriving seal colony in the wild.

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### Streedagh Beach



Walk along a narrow strip of sandy Atlantic coastline and keep an eye out for fossils embedded in the rocks. This is also the site of the famous

Spanish Armada shipwrecks, when hundreds of Spanish ships attempting to unite with the Irish and invade England were shipwrecked along the coast in 1588.

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Address: Streedagh Beach, County Sligo

### Mullaghmore Head



This small fishing village in County Sligo boasts a luxurious three kilometres of white sandy beach. Surfers and water sports enthusiasts have

long flocked to this place.

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Address: Mullaghmore Head, County Sligo

### Downpatrick Head



Downpatrick Head is a coastal outpost offering fantastic views of the Staggs of Broadhaven islands and multicoloured sea stack of Dún Briste (broken fort). Legend has it that when the local paga Chieftain refused to convert to Christianity, St. Patrick himself struck the ground with his crozier, causing tremors which split a piece of

headland off in to the ocean. St Patrick also founded a church in the area, the remains of which are visible today. Céide Fields is a short drive away for those interested in archaeology and Irish heritage.

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Address: Downpatrick Head, County Mayo

### Keem Strand



Cross the road bridge to Ireland's largest Island, Achill. Head west and you'll find the haven of peace that is Keem

Strand. Surrounded by steep green hills, this unspoilt beach is famous for its luminous sand and tranquil atmosphere.

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## MAYO TO CLARE



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From Mayo, continue South-West toward Clare. The picturesque fjord of Killary Harbour nestles in the heart of Connemara, the perfect holiday hideaway. The patchwork of tiny lakes in the Derrigimlagh Bog are ideally explored by bike, while the magnificent Cliffs of Moher in nearby Clare need no introduction. Take your time travelling this section - the wealth of beautiful

scenery is something worth savouring.

### Doolin Cliff Walk



Start your 3-hour walking route in the village of Doolin and stroll along the sea cliffs to the Cliffs of Moher. Following the trail along the coast, you

will see green fields dotted with cows and sheep on one side and the powerful waves of the Atlantic Ocean on the other.

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### Galway City



Galway is one of Ireland's most charming cities.

Brimming with rich Celtic and Spanish heritage, a vibrant art scene and a long list of festivals, this

city is small enough to visit on foot, but eventful enough to inspire a return visit. Explore its picturesque medieval streets, limestone buildings, colourful docks and impressive landmarks such as The Cathedral, the Spanish Arch and St. Nicholas Collegiate Church. Wind down in a cosy pub and revel in some lively traditional music. See ArrivalGuides' guide to Galway for more insider tips.

You can check out our guide to Galway at [www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Ireland/GALWAY](http://www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Ireland/GALWAY)

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Address: Galway, County Galway

### Islands of Finish and Mweenish



Take the road to the coast about half way between the villages of Kilkieran and Carna, and walk to the tidal island of Finish. Just be careful not to get trapped by the incoming tide!

You can also walk or cycle Mweenish Island, just outside Carna and accessible by road. This is actually a series of islands joined by causeways. Check out the lovely beaches, ideal for strolling and swimming.

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Address: Carna, County Galway

### Salthill Promenade



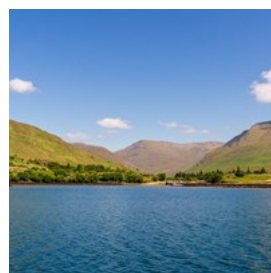
Situated in Salthill, on the outskirts of Galway city, the 'Prom' is Ireland's longest seaside promenade. Local legend says those who walk

along the Prom and "kick the wall" across from the Blackrock diving boards will have good luck and fortune for the year to come.

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Address: The Promenade, Salthill, Galway City

### Killary Harbour



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Green Road through rugged and dramatic landscape of Connemara, with its blanket bogs and dazzling beaches. Alternatively, embark on a



boat tour and enjoy majestic views of the fjord, as well as seals and dolphins.

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### The Cliffs of Moher



The Cliffs of Moher are one of Ireland's most famous landmarks. These spectacular works of nature stretch for 14km and reach 214m at their highest point. Take in magnificent, wild views from the pathways or the 19th century O'Brien's Tower.

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### Derrigimlagh Bog



Hire a bike in Clifden and explore this otherworldly landscape of blanket bog. Amidst the unique scenery of peatland and tiny lakes lies evidence of two remarkable events of 20th century history - a trans-Atlantic radio station built by Marconi more than a century ago, and a memorial marking the site of Alcock and Brown's crash landing, following the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic.

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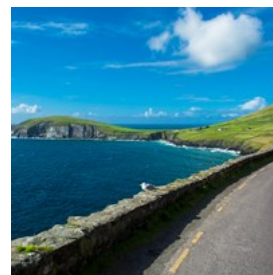
## CLARE TO KERRY



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Leaving Clare, stop by the Loop Head Lighthouse, whose panoramic views of Kerry and the Cliffs of Moher are well worth the climb. Onwards to Kerry, where the Blasket Islands - just a boat ride from the Dingle Peninsula - where stunning landscapes suspend disbelief. UNESCO World Heritage Site Skellig Michael is next on your journey, a mystical place steeped in culture and legacy. From here, head east to Kenmare and onward toward Cork - the culmination point of your Wild Atlantic Way journey.

### The Sleah Head Drive



The Sleah Head Drive is a panoramic route in the Western Dingle Peninsula. The route is circular, beginning and ending in the town of Dingle. The journey takes about half a day and takes in some of the most stunning views of the ocean and the Irish countryside.

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### Kerry Cliffs



Phenomenal views of the Atlantic ocean, including Puffin Island and the Skellig Islands. 3km south of the village of Portmagee.

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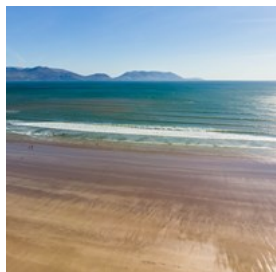
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More Info: The access to the viewpoint is subject to a fee.

### Inch Beach

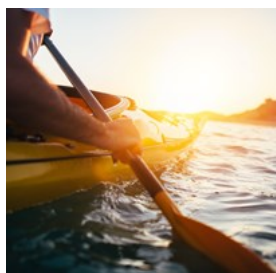


5 kilometres of sand overlooking Dingle Bay, this is one not to miss on your way in or out of Dingle town. This peaceful place is also a location where the scandalous romantic movie "Ryan's Daughter" was filmed.

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Address: Inch Beach, Dingle, County Kerry

### Kayak on Kenmare Bay



Kayaking in Kenmare Bay is a true gem in any Ireland itinerary. In a kayak built for two, adventurers can get up close with seabirds,

herons and seals. Rent a kayak from Star Outdoors Adventure Centre and enjoy this fantastic self-guided hour of entertainment. Don't worry if you're a novice - training is available.

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### Skellig Islands



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### Loop Head



Gargantuan Atlantic swells collide with endless sheer granite cliffs in this place of astounding natural beauty. An Aquatic

Destination of Excellence (2010), Loop lends itself to outdoor and aquatic activities such as horse riding, cycling, kayaking, surfing and snorkelling, as well as dolphin and bird watching.

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### The Blasket Islands



On the very edge of Europe lie the Blasket Islands, a deserted archipelago of unspoiled nature. Visit the Blasket Centre in Dingle to learn about its captivating history, or take a boat trip to the mountainous main island, the Great Blasket. In this otherworldly place, visitors may wander ruined cottages and spot whales and dolphins off the shoreline.

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### KERRY TO CORK



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Last but not least, the Kerry to Cork segment of the Wild Atlantic Way is dotted with unmissable sites. Drive from Dursey Island to Mizen Head - Ireland's most southern point - and then on to the old town of Kinsale and Cork city. This city bursts with cosy pubs for a weary traveller to wind up their journey.

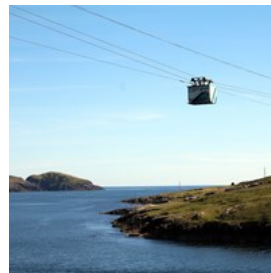
### Allihies Copper Mines



A small, remote village in the Beara Peninsula known for its Copper Mine Trail, this is a place of great beauty and unique history. Stop by the local museum to discover the fascinating history of copper mining in Allihies from the Bronze Age to the Industrial Revolution and the 20th century.

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### Dursey Island



At the end of the Beara Peninsula, this island can only be reached by cable car. While getting there is an adventure in itself, Dursey Island is brimming with charm; from sea life, ruins and standing stones to views of its lighthouse on Bull Rock.

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### Mizen Head



Mizen Head is mainland Ireland's most southwesterly point, a place of breathtaking cliffs and epic views. Head to the Visitor Centre to learn more about the history of this place, home to a signal station that housed

Ireland's first radio beacon. To visit the station, follow the arched suspension bridge connects the rocky crag to the mainland. Out on the horizon lies the imposing Fastnet Lighthouse - standing on a rock known as Ireland's teardrop, often the last remnant departing immigrants saw of their homeland.

Photo: Captblack76/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Mizen Head, County Cork  
Phone: + 353 28 35115 or +353 28 35000  
Internet: [www.mizenhead.ie](http://www.mizenhead.ie)  
Email: [info@mizenhead.net](mailto:info@mizenhead.net)

### Cork City



Cork is an ancient maritime port, a place of exchange, creativity, and celebration. 22 bridges criss-cross the river just in the city centre, dotted with colourful houses and rich in museums and art galleries. Make the short trip to Jameson's distillery in Midleton, Cobh Harbour or Blarney Castle. Cork is also known as Ireland's foodie capital, with the surrounding pastureland producing bountiful fresh fish and artisan products.

Learn more about Cork at [www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Ireland/Cork](http://www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Europe/Ireland/Cork)

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Address: Cork City, County Cork

### Kinsale



Kinsale is a picturesque historic town south of Cork. Highlights of the town include the 17th century Charles Fort and James Fort, the 13th

century St. Multose Church, and Desmond Castle, also known as the "French prison" and home to a wine museum. Try to visit them all, but also save some time to leisurely stroll among the town's colourful streets and Georgian houses, and savour a meal in one of its many quaint restaurants. Being a seaside town, there is no shortage of water activities: diving, sailing, kayaking and fishing.

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Address: Kinsale, County Cork

### Old Head of Kinsale



If you're looking for world-class golf with remarkable views, landscapes, this is the place to go: the Old Head of Kinsale hosts an 18-holes golf course that covers 180 acres and is surrounded by beautiful cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.

Photo: Hugh O'Connor/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Old Head of Kinsale, County Cork  
Phone: +353 21 477 8444  
Internet: [www.oldhead.com](http://www.oldhead.com)  
Email: [info@oldhead.com](mailto:info@oldhead.com)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein) and Switzerland can enter Ireland without a

visa. Citizens of a further 56 countries, including many in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and more are also visa-exempt.

A short-stay visa waiver programme allows visitors of certain nationalities to enter Ireland visa-free if they are in possession of a UK type "C" visa, and have gone through initial immigration clearance in the UK.

Holders of a Residence Card of a family member of a Union citizen, or of a red United Nations laissez-passer also enjoy a visa exemption.

For those who do need a visa, one should be applied for in advance via an Irish embassy or consulate closest to them. Some nationalities also require a transit visa, even if they do not plan to leave the airport en route to their final destination. Check whether you need a visa, and what prerequisites and fees may apply:

[www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa](http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa)

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### Best Time to Visit



Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Ireland has a mild climate with summer temperatures generally ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70

Fahrenheit). The temperatures are generally around 10 degrees Celsius (50 degree Fahrenheit) in spring and autumn and between 4 and 7 degrees Celsius (30-40 degrees Fahrenheit) in winter. Irish landscapes are at their best during summer, which means it is also peak season. It might be worth it to choose late spring and early autumn for your trip, in order to find lower rates and still enjoy, long days, pleasant weather and outdoor activities.

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### Airports



To begin your journey on the Wild Atlantic Way, you can arrive at any of the airports scattered around the country. Here is a list of the main

ones.

Dublin Airport (DUB), Dublin  
[www.dublinairport.com](http://www.dublinairport.com)

Shannon Airport (SNN), County Clare  
[www.shannonairport.ie](http://www.shannonairport.ie)

Ireland West International Airport at Knock (NOC), County Mayo  
[www.irelandwestairport.com](http://www.irelandwestairport.com)

Cork Airport (ORK), County Cork  
[www.corkairport.com](http://www.corkairport.com)

Kerry Airport (KIR), County Kerry  
[www.kerryairport.ie](http://www.kerryairport.ie)

All the airports are served by Bus Éireann. For more information, check on [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

Taxis and car rental are also usually available at the airports.

Photo: Juan Garces

### Public transport



The national bus service provider in Ireland is Bus Éireann. For information on bus times, tickets and prices go to:

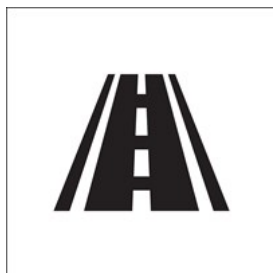
[www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)

The national railway company is called Irish Rail. For information on rail services go to [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

Information about public transport in Ireland is also provided on the website [www.transportforireland.ie](http://www.transportforireland.ie)

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Driving



If you intend to rent a car for an Wild Atlantic Way road trip, make sure to familiarise yourself with the Irish road rules. In particular, pay attention

to the speed limits: 120km on motorways; 100km on national roads; 80km on regional and local roads; 50km in a built-up area. Also remember

that, unlike in other countries, you'll be driving on the left-hand side of the road.

Before hiring a vehicle please ensure you have a valid driving licence. Note that booking is advisable, especially during holidays.

One of the companies offering this service is Irish Car Rentals. For more information, visit [www.irishcarrentals.com](http://www.irishcarrentals.com)

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### Post



Postal services in Ireland are provided by An Post. Each town has its own post office or more than one. Generally speaking, post offices are open from

9am to 5.30 pm during weekdays and 9am-1pm on Saturday. In larger towns, the Saturday opening hours may be extended. Use the link below to locate the nearest post office.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Internet:

[www.anpost.ie/AnPost/at+your+local+Post+Office.htm](http://www.anpost.ie/AnPost/at+your+local+Post+Office.htm)

### Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found in every town and they are usually marked by a brand logo. General working hours are from 9am to 17.30pm, but they

can be extended according to the pharmacy. Look for the nearest pharmacy at the link below.

Photo: Gemma Garner

Internet: [bit.ly/2vayp1M](https://bit.ly/2vayp1M)

## Telephone

Country code: +353



Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

230v/50Hz. Socket type:  
G



Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Currency

Euro, 1€ = 100 cent

## Emergency numbers

The national emergency numbers are 999 and 112