

Kerry & Cork Discovery Tour

Destination: Ireland

Trip code: KNLEL



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Discover the scenic beauty of southwest Ireland where green fingers of land point towards the vast and sometimes wild expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. The Emerald Isle's most stirring landscapes are included on daily guided excursions from our base in the vibrant town of Kenmare. Highlights include a scenic drive through the famous Ring of Kerry, an exploration of the colourful fishing town of Dingle and a visit to historic Killarney, regularly voted the most beautiful town in Ireland. There is also time to enjoy the Sculpture Park in Sneen and the impressive collection of tree ferns at Derreen Gardens plus visit Muckross House – a Victorian Mansion – and Bantry House – a stunning stately home overlooking beautiful Bantry Bay. All this is topped off by a boat trip to Garinish Island to explore its large sub-tropical gardens.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Half-Board en-suite accommodation.
- The services of an experienced HF Holidays leader.
- Full day excursions with all essential transport.
- 'With flight' holidays include return flights from the UK and hotel transfers.

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the beautiful coastline of the Dingle Peninsula
- Discover the lakes and waterfalls of Killarney National Park
- Enjoy the scenic ring of Kerry, with views across the Atlantic Ocean
- Sail to Garinish Island and explore its unique sub-tropical gardens

TRIP SUITABILITY

Discovery holidays involve active sightseeing and you should expect to spend lots of time on your feet. Optional short walks of approximately 2½ miles allow you to stretch your legs and see the best of the local scenery.



ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Arrive at the Kenmare Bay Hotel, unpack and settle in.

Day 2: The Beara Peninsula

We explore the delightful Beara Peninsula, stopping en route to marvel at the great collection of tree ferns at Derreen Gardens, the pretty painted town of Eyeries and Allihies with its incredible sea views. In the afternoon we visit the bustling little town of Castletownbere before heading off for the spectacularly beautiful Healy Pass.

Day 3: Ring Of Kerry

A visit to Kerry wouldn't be complete without this fascinating and scenic drive. We join the Skellig Ring at Portmagee before continuing down this little-travelled route for lovely views of Valentina Island and the Skellig Islands. Later we'll arrive at Waterville with its dramatic Atlantic seascapes before arriving at Derrynane House, former home of Irish politician and statesman Daniel O'Connell, now an Irish National Monument. Our final stop

is at Sneen, with its stunning Sculpture Park and Garden of the Senses.

Day 4: Killarney & Muckross House

Today we drive to Killarney for a short stop at this delightful and historic town, followed by a visit Muckross House, the 19th-century Victorian mansion, set against the stunning beauty of Killarney National Park. Muckross stands close to the shores of Muckross Lake, one of Killarney's three lakes, famed worldwide for their splendour and beauty.

Day 5: Free Day

Each week there is a free day which gives you the opportunity to relax, enjoy the hotel facilities or explore independently.

Popular options include:

Kenmare: Spend the morning visiting the colourful town of Kenmare. Walk the Heritage Trail and visit the Lace & Design Centre. For the afternoon, relax in the hotel's swimming pool, sauna and spa facilities.

Seal watching: Join a seafari from the pier at Kenmare to view seals and sea eagles. Times vary according to the tides. Refreshments are served and are included in the price.

Local car hire is available to explore the surrounding area including:

Killarney: Visit this interesting town, located in Killarney National Park. The town boasts many fine churches and art galleries.

Lakes of Killarney: Enjoy a boat trip from Ross Castle across the lakes to Lord Brandon's Cottage, lunch in the café there and take a short walk to Galway Bridge. Please consult your leaders who can pre-book transport to pick you up at this bridge to take you back to the hotel.

Day 6: Bantry House And Innacullin

This morning is given over to Bantry House, a stunning stately home set directly beside Bantry Bay. There's plenty to discover both in the house and gardens. In the afternoon, our adventures take us across the water to Garinish Island (Innacullin). Warmed by the waters of the Gulf Stream, this island and its unique gardens enjoys a climate that is almost sub-tropical, making it possible for beautiful ornamental plants from many parts of the world to flourish.

Day 7: Dingle Peninsula

The colourful fishing town of Dingle awaits us today. This 'capital' of the Dingle Peninsula (Corca Dhuibhne) is known for its rugged scenery and sandy beaches and has lots to see and do. Later in the day, we'll enjoy the beautiful views at Clogher Head – we may even spot seals! Time permitting, we stop to view Galarus Oratory, a tiny 1200-year-old church on our way home.

Day 8: Departure Day

We hope to see you again soon.

ACCOMMODATION

Kenmare Bay Hotel & Resort - Kerry & Cork

The 3-star Kenmare Bay Hotel sits on the edge of the pretty little town of Kenmare, facing the hills of the Kerry

Way. The hotel has a pleasant restaurant, cosy bar with outside seating, and a large indoor swimming pool with sauna and spa pool.

Accommodation Info

Rooms

The hotel has 127 bright and spacious en-suite bedrooms, all with:

- Direct dial telephone
- Flat screen TV
- Hairdryer

Facilities

The hotel has a range of facilities including the Courtyard Bar, which has a cosy atmosphere. The courtyard terrace is a decked area off the bar where you can relax with a drink.

There is also the Bay Health Club, which includes a spa pool and swimming pool, gymnasium and extensive selection of beauty and holistic treatments available (payable locally).

Food & Drink

Our holidays at Kenmare are on a Half Board basis and include breakfast and your evening meal. Three of your evening meals will be taken in local restaurants.

Breakfast

The hotel offers a self-service buffet breakfast each morning with tea, coffee and toast served at the table.

A typical Irish breakfast includes sausages, bacon, eggs, mushrooms, tomatoes, black & white pudding and soda bread. Should you prefer something a little lighter, you can choose from a selection of fresh fruit, croissants, cereal, and fruit juice.

Lunch (Payable Locally)

You can buy packed lunches from the hotel (order the night before). Alternatively ingredients for your picnic lunch can be bought from local shops; your leaders will advise you of the options.

Evening Meal

Dinner is served in the Bay Restaurant, which focuses on local Kerry produce combined with fine wines and attentive service whilst enjoying views of the Kerry Mountains. For vegetarian option and any other special dietary requirements we recommend that you spend a few minutes discussing these with the hotel staff.

On three evenings, meals will be taken in specially selected local restaurants.

Drinks

The hotel has a well-stocked bar serving beer, wine and spirits.

Your Evenings

Each evening your leaders will tell you about the next day's activities and answer any questions you may have.

During the evening you may like to join in an optional organised activity, such as a quiz.

TRAVEL DETAILS

THE HASSLE-FREE OPTION

Book your holiday 'with flight' and choose between Heathrow, Manchester and Birmingham flights to Cork airport. For flight times and prices please see the Dates & Prices tab.

If you choose this option we automatically include return transfers between the airport and the hotel. The coach transfer takes approx 1 1/2 hours to the Kenmare Bay Hotel.

THE FLEXIBLE TRAVEL OPTION

Alternatively, tailor your journey to suit you by booking your holiday 'without flight' allowing you the freedom to book your own flights from your local airport.

If you choose this option, transfers are not included in the price. However, below are some suggestions to help you reach your destination:

- We can book you a seat on the **HF Holidays' transfer coach** from Cork airport. This is timed to meet the HF Holidays' flights* (provisional flight times can be found on the dates and prices tab or you can call us on 020 8732 1220 for more information). Cost per single journey is £25.00.
- Why not let us book you a **private taxi transfer** at a cost of £140.00 per single taxi journey from Cork airport?
- If it would be more convenient we can also arrange **transfers from Shannon and Kerry airport**. Shannon taxi transfer: £184, Kerry taxi transfer: £75

Transfers must be pre-booked. Please call 020 8732 1220 for more details

* Please note that HF Holidays is not responsible for your onward travel if you fail to meet the transfer coach under any circumstance.

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

To enjoy your holiday comfortably and safely, it's essential that your clothing and footwear is suitable for the conditions likely to be encountered. Changeable weather is possible throughout the year, so our advice is to come prepared for all eventualities – hot, cold, wet or dry.

All of our Discovery Tours involve active sightseeing and you should therefore be prepared for walking between the sights and wear flat, comfortable shoes. In the evening most guests wear casual clothing. You will probably find a small rucksack or cross-body bag useful for carrying spare clothing, camera, sun protection, drinks (at least 2 litres) etc during the day. A money belt is always a good idea.

You'll also need to bring your:

- Booking confirmation
- Travel insurance cover note and contact details
- European Health Insurance Card (if applicable)
- Completed guest registration form
- Photocopy of photo page of passport

- Sunhat, sun cream and sunglasses
- **Medication:** If you require any medication, please take adequate supplies for the duration of your holiday. It's advisable to carry your medication in your hand luggage instead of packing it in your suitcase

Trip Information

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out travel insurance and any other personal insurance relevant to you and the holiday. It is particularly important with the possibility of flight changes and cancellations due to the challenging weather conditions that can occur on the islands and might impact your onward travel arrangements.

Dietary Requirements

Vegetarians and special diets can be catered for if requested in advance of the holiday.

Useful Information

The local language is English.

If the international number you wish to call starts with a 0, you must drop the starting digit when dialing the number.

To dial a UK number 0044

To dial an Irish number 00353

Local Currency

The local currency is the Euro.

Electricity

220 Volt AC with the same 3-pin plugs as in the UK. In the older part of the hotel the pins are round (adaptors can be borrowed from the reception).

ATM Availability

There are several ATM machines in Kenmare where you can obtain money.

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

PAYING YOUR DEPOSIT

To secure the holiday of your choice, you will need to pay a deposit: UK & European Holidays: £150 per person and Worldwide Holidays: £250 per person. You can pay your deposit by debit or credit card with no additional card fees charged or make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account, please see details under BACS payments. You can also pay your deposit by cheque within seven days of booking. Cheques should be

made payable to 'HF Holidays Ltd' with your booking reference / Order ID on the back.

NON-MEMBER FEE

Non-members can join our holidays by paying a Non-Member's fee of £30 per person per holiday. Alternatively, full membership is available from £100 – visit hfholidays.co.uk/membership for details.

BACS PAYMENTS

Please quote your booking reference / Order ID when you make your payment online: Bank Name: Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ) Account Name: HF Holidays Ltd Account Number: 35923304 Sort Code: 40-51-62 IBAN: GB92HAND40516235923304 Swift / Bic Code: HANDGB22

Once we have received your booking and deposit, we will send a confirmation invoice to the lead name. Please check this carefully. For bookings 'with flights' it is essential that the names on your booking confirmation invoice match those on your passport for bookings overseas. Please advise us immediately of any errors. Any name changes after the balance of your holiday has been paid will be subject to a fee levied by the airline.

MANAGE MY BOOKINGS

Payments can also be made through the Manage My Booking function on our website. Click on the link at the top of our homepage. This is available to all customers who provide an email address at the time of booking.

YOUR FINAL BALANCE

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is an important part of any booking and essential for one of our holidays. HF Holidays works with specialist. Insurance Brokers Campbell Irvine Direct. For more information or to obtain a quote call them on 01702 427 236 or visit hfholidays.co.uk/insurance

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TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid based on the date printed at the bottom of the page. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure. We will send you the latest trip notes prior to departure through a link in your pre departure documents or we can send you a copy in the post if preferred.

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; so please be prepared to be flexible where necessary. At times, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned due to weather conditions, political, physical or other factors. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements to maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

PRICE GUARANTEE

We promise that our earliest published prices will always be the best and if we reduce our holiday price after your booking has been confirmed, we will pass this reduction on to you. Our price promise applies if any subsequent offer price is for an identical holiday, duration, location and date and does not cover any optional extras, flights or additional services.

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