

THE GREEN COLOR ON THE FLAG REPRESENTS THE REPUBLIC.
THE ORANGE COLOR REPRESENTS NORTHERN IRELAND.
WHILE THE WHITE IN THE CENTER OF THE FLAG REPRESENTS THE
DESIRED PEACE BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES.



POPULATION 4.7 MILLION



THE SHAMROCK IS THE NATIONAL SYMBOL OF IRELAND



THE HARP IS A REGISTERED TRADEMARK OF THE COUNTRY





CURRENCY: EUR (€) (REPUBLIC) & GBP (£) (NORTHERN)



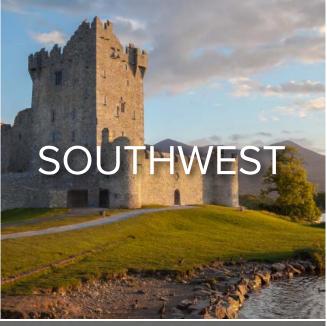
LANGUAGE: ENGLISH AND IRISH (GAELIC)



TIMEZONE: IRISH STANDARD TIME (IST)









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#### **NORTHERN IRELAND:**

This area hosts the popular attractions and sites of the Titanic Museum and the Antrim Coast. Lining the Antrim Coast in all its splendor is Carrick-a-rede Rope Bridge, the Giant's Causeway, and Dunluce Castle. Don't forget to enjoy a taste of Bushmills on your way through Portrush!

## **WEST/NORTHWEST:**

For a longer trip continue onto Galway, The City of the Tribes. If the weather is nice, be sure to take a trip out to the Aran Islands, taking the ferry from Rossaveal. Connemara brings you on up to Mayo, Sligo, and Donegal with must sees of Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, and the Slieve League Cliffs.

# **DUBLIN:**

Dublin is the main entry point and Ireland's Capital City. It's very cosmopolitan with everything you would expect to find in a major European city-from museums to art galleries, theaters, restaurants and more pubs than you can ever imagine. Popular in Dublin is the Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the Book of Kells, and Kilmainham Gaol-to name a few highlights. A one to two night stay is ideal and it's best to pick up the car after your city stay, as driving in Dublin is best avoided. Though you could spend days here, there is SO much more to see around the country that you won't want to miss!

# SOUTHWEST:

Cork and Kerry are probably the two most popular counties for tourists in Ireland with such famous attractions as the Blarney Castle, the Dingle Peninsula and the Ring of Kerry. A minimum of two days is normally recommended in this area, especially if you want to see the Ring of Kerry-as it's best to allow a full day for this tour. The Dingle Peninsula is also a full day trip from Killarney-although Dingle or Kenmare are also lovely spots for an overnight stay. Further up the coast is County Clare, home of the Cliffs of Moher and Bunratty Castle. Shannon Airport is a good exit point for a week long trip.

# EAST:

The East Coast is popular among Irish vacationers with lots of little seaside towns. However, unless you are game for the beach in temperatures rarely going above 70 and stiff breezes, the beach is probably best avoided except for walks wearing a warm jacket. Wicklow and Glendalough are popular locations for the film industry with many famous films set there. Waterford is the home of Waterford Crystal and a popular stop enroute to the South West.

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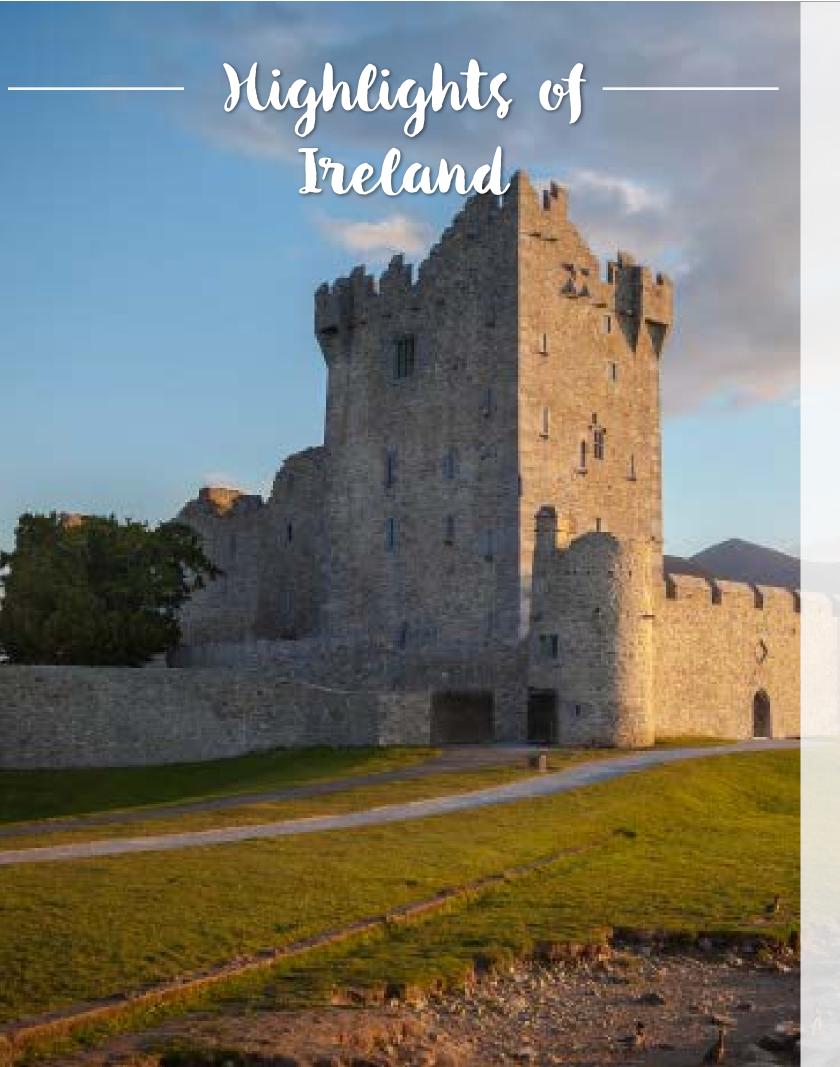


# Tenon's Top 10 Highlights of Ireland

- 1. CLIFFS OF MOHER
- 2. RING OF KERRY
- 3. TITANIC EXHIBIT
- 4. GUINNESS STOREHOUSE
- 5. KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK
- 6. ROCK OF CASHEL
- 7. ARAN ISLANDS
- 8. BURREN
- 9. BLARNEY CASTLE AND STONE
- 10. GIANT'S CAUSEWAY







# CLIFFS OF MOHER:

In the heart of County Clare, the iconic cliffs that rise up around 700 feet from the ocean are one of the most photographed places in Ireland. The awe-inspiring views of the cliffs will truly take your breath away.

#### **RING OF KERRY:**

One of Ireland's longest and most diverse circle drives, the Ring of Kerry combines jaw-dropping coastal scenery with emerald pastures and villages. Dotted with pristine beaches, islands, medieval ruins, mountains, and loughs.

## TITANIC EXHIBIT:

A gleaming and angular museum is now where the Titanic was built in Belfast. Well designed exhibits allow you to explore the Titanic's construction, to information on passengers, to flickering images of the only film footage of the ship.

# **GUINNESS STOREHOUSE:**

A beer-lover's Disneyland, the Guinness Brewery is a perfect place to worship the well known Irish stout. Shaped like a pint glass, rising an impressive seven stories high, the Guinness Brewery offers panoramic views of Dublin-while you sip on the delicious beer.

## **KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK:**

You can easily escape in this wilderness that borders Killarney in County Kerry. From Muckross House, to Ross Castle, to Torc Waterfall, there is a plethora of things to see and do in the park's boundaries.

# **ROCK OF CASHEL:**

One of Ireland's most spectacular archaeological sites, the "Rock" sits high on a prominent green hill in County Tipperary. A symbol of power and the seat of kings and churchmen that ruled over the region, the "Rock" offers fascinating insight into Ireland's past.

## **ARAN ISLANDS:**

Visible from Clare and Galway, the three islands welcome thousands of travelers each year to its desolate beauty. Inishmor, Inishmaan, and Inisheer are perfect day trips for those looking to get away and explore some more peaceful areas of Ireland.

# THE BURREN:

Ireland's rocky and windswept region stretches from northern Clare to southern Galway. A barren and unique limestone landscape that was shaped beneath ancient seas gives visitors a sneak peak into the existence of the challenging lives people tried to make here. It's truly a remarkable area that's rich in flora and fauna and offers many activities for tourists. Just don't take it for granite.

# **BLARNEY CASTLE AND STONE:**

Are you looking to get the "Gift of the Gab?" Look no further, as you will want to make a stop at the Blarney Castle and kiss the stone to give you eloquence when talking to others. A stone's (No pun intended) throw from Cork, people will love this stop and all it has to offer-from the gorgeous grounds to the well-oiled souvenir shop.

## **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY:**

A spectacular rock formation and Northern Ireland's ultimate treasure. Formed over 60 million years ago, when a thick layer of molten basaltic lava flowed along the valley. As the lava cooled and hardened, it created hexagonal columns. Or if you are superstitious, you believe Finn McCool and Benandonner, two giants, created the Causeway. Whatever you believe, don't miss this unique spot!

# Tenon Tours Trip Types

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HIGH-END BUDGET

MODERATE INDEPENDENT





MODERATE BUDGET

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PERFECT FOR

- The independent traveler who enjoys driving and will embrace the challenge of driving in an unfamiliar country.
- Travelers who prefer the country versus the city.

# PERFECT FOR

- Those who'd prefer not to drive themselves and add a little luxury to their trip.
- History or culture buffs who'd like to learn the stories behind the places they're traveling

# PERFECT FOR

- City people looking for a "home base" with only 1 or 2 different accommodations.
- Independent traveler who prefers select day tours vs. driving

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MODERATE BUDGET

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- The in-between traveler who wants a structured itinerary with the ability to control their day to day activities
- Those not interested in driving but without the budget necessary for hiring a private driver.

# PERFECT FOR

- People who like being guided by a professional throughout the entire tour, knowing where most meals will be in advance, and having a preplanned schedule for every day of the trip.
- Travelers who enjoy having everything set in advance

# PERFECT FOR

- Travelers interested in a wide range of transportation, accommodation and tour options
- People who are not interested in joining a tour in any sense but also not comfortable driving themselves.

# PERFECT FOR

- Large families, groups of friends, school trips or business getaways looking to travel abroad together
- Those in need of flexible trip design, group rates and flexible payment plans for their touring ideas.













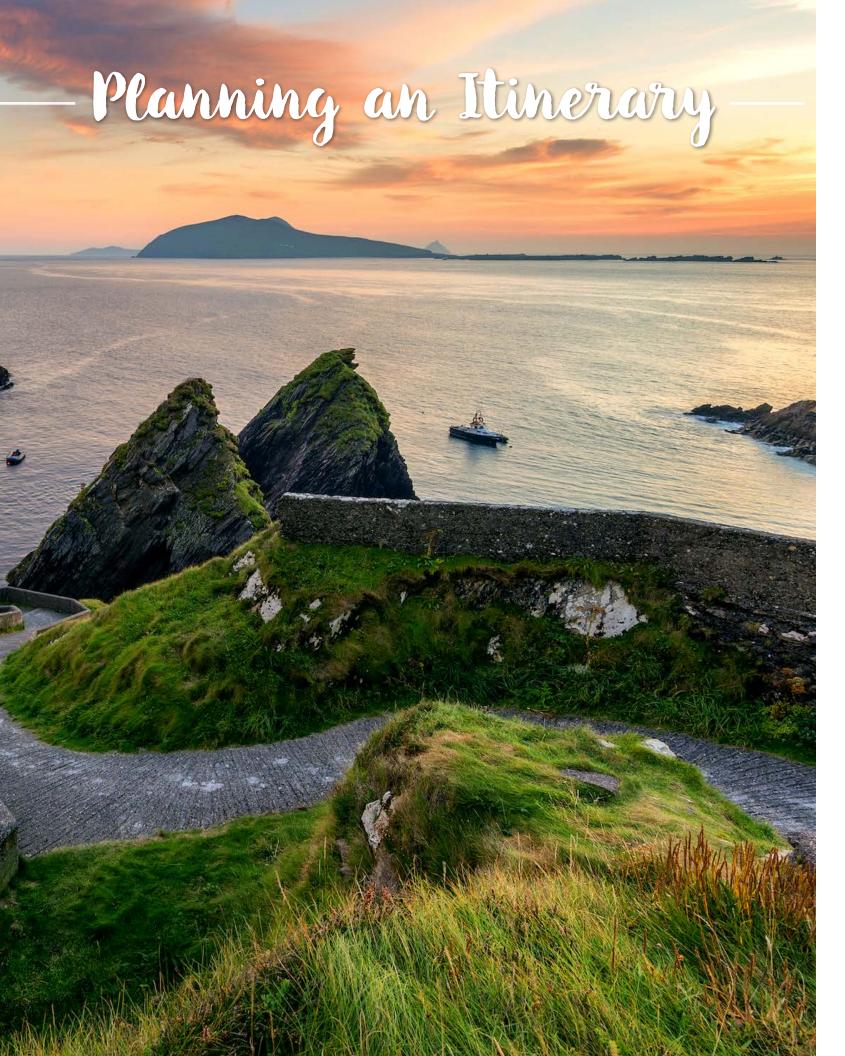


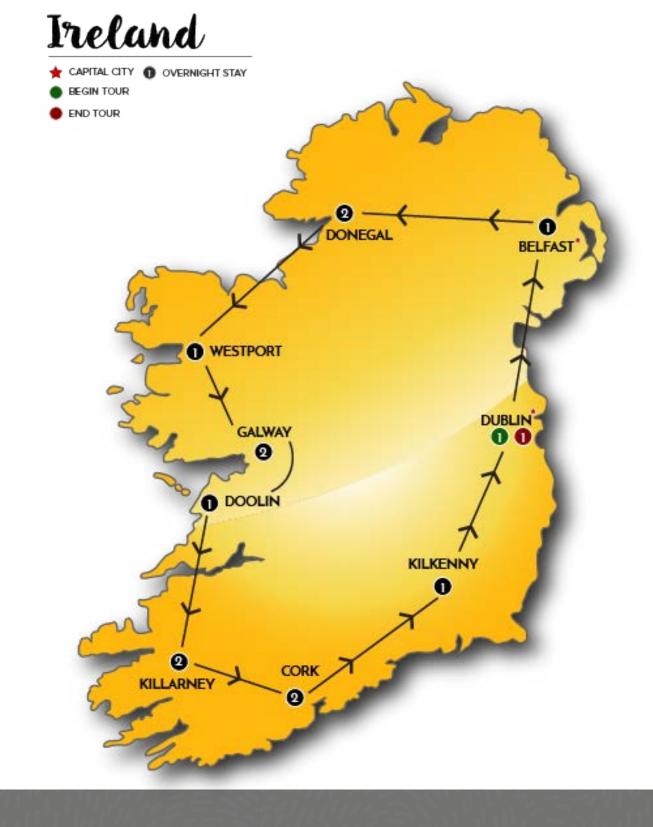
One of the hardest parts about planning a trip abroad is deciding when to go. When it comes to Ireland there are certain times of the year that may be more appealing to visit during than others. However, like all things, it depends on what you are looking for in your trip! Our Verdict: Late Spring/Early Fall i.e April/May & September/October.

Planning a trip for the late spring and early fall portions of the year are generally cheaper than booking for the busy summer season. Travelers can find much better deals on flights and accommodations when planning for the so called 'shoulder' season trips. However, in terms of cost, winter takes the cake when looking at what time of year is truly the most budget friendly.

We won't sugar coat it, the weather in Ireland is temperamental at worst, and pleasantly surprising at best. Late spring and early fall weather can be summed up in one work: Mild. It's a bit cooler than the peak summer season, but not as brisk as the winter winds become. The weather accompanies an added perk of having a bit more daylight than winter provides, but not as much as the height of summer. It's important to pack accordingly to prepare for the weather. Ireland gets lots of rain, but as locals will remind you, sunshine is always just around the corner.

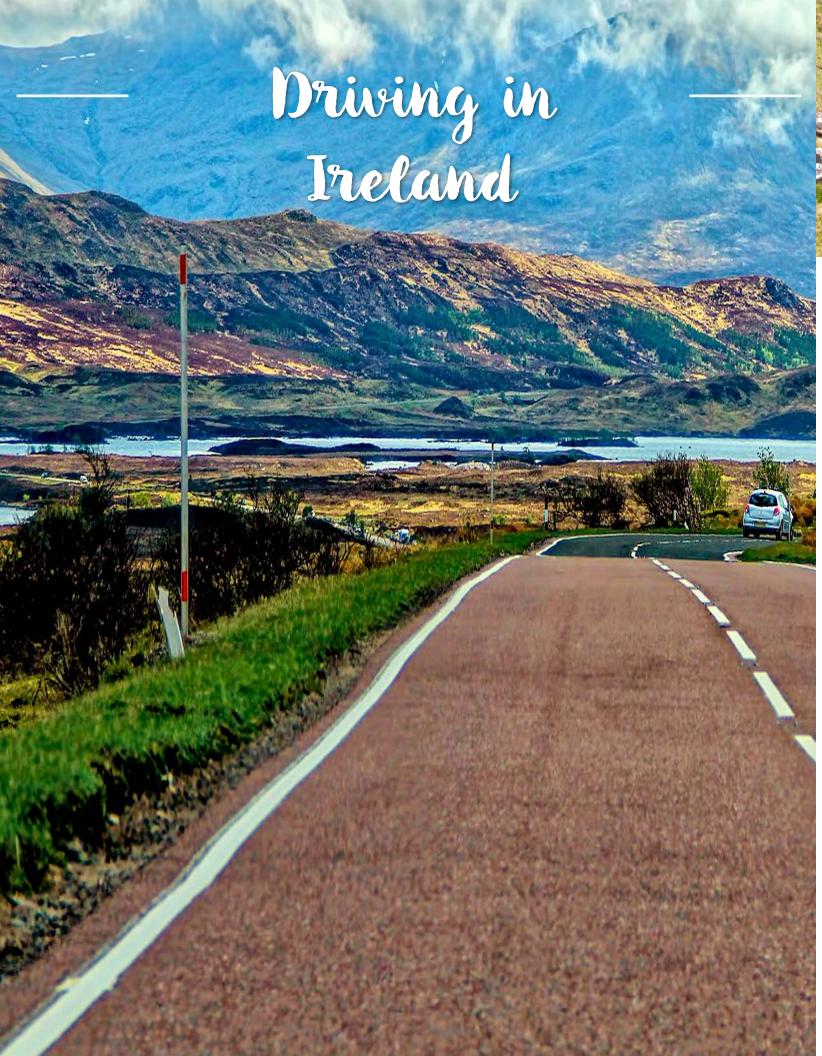
Temperatures will rarely go below 32°F and only occasionally above 68°F – with June, July and August being the warmest months, January and February the coldest.





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# **AUTOMATIC VS. MANUAL:**

Many overseas rental agencies charge a premium for automatic cars. If you're used to driving an automatic at home, you may not want to try to save a few bucks by renting a standard. You'll have enough on your mind without worrying about stalling the engine on the British Isles' hilly roads. Ignore this advice, and you too may end up with a frustrated passenger yelling from the backseat, "Clutch! Use the clutch!" Or you may develop your own version of Irish driving mantra, invented such as when the car starts wandering toward the shoulder every time you change gears: "When you shift, you drift."

# PARK THE CELL PHONE:

In the British Isles, driving while using a handheld cell phone is illegal, and fines are steep.

## **DRIVING TIME:**

Remember that every drive takes longer than you'd think. When passing through towns, major highways often morph into traffic-clogged two-lane streets. Farm vehicles are allowed just about anywhere, including most four-lane roads.

# **CAR SIZE:**

Rent a monster car at your peril. Roads are narrow (particularly those marked "R" on Republic of Ireland maps), and they're often lined with parked cars or dense hedges. If you enjoy having side mirrors, forgo the SUV.

## **ROUNDABOUTS:**

Learn to handle roundabouts. They can be terrifying, but you can't escape them. Just remember that traffic already in the roundabout, and traffic approaching from the right inside the roundabout, has the right of way.

#### **GAS PRICES:**

Budget wisely for gas. You think your gas prices are high? Keep in mind that the price listed is per liter! (Roughly 4 liters make up a gallon.)

## LOOK BEFORE YOU PUMP:

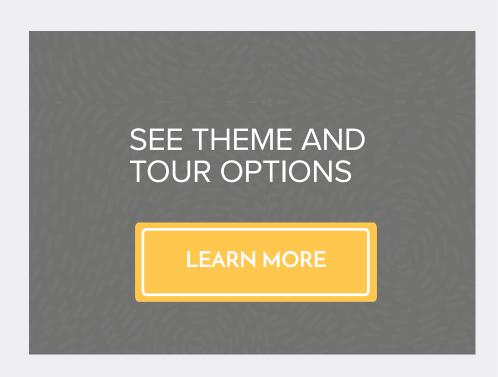
Diesel is more widely available in Ireland and the UK than in the US/Canada. Make sure you're pumping the right fuel before popping that nozzle in the tank.

## **DON'T RUSH:**

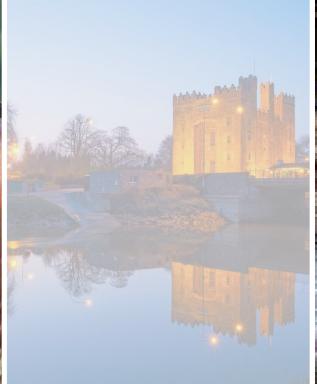
Allow yourself time to get lost, and you're almost certain to discover a special castle, pub or golf course far off the beaten track.

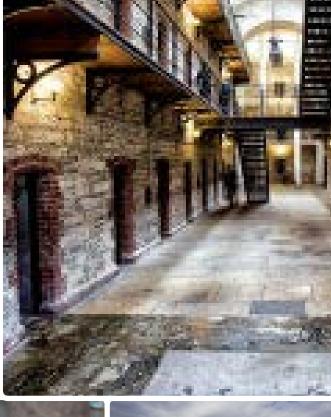
# Theme, Special Events & Interests

- Singles / Solo Travelers
- Movies, TV & Film
- Romance / Honeymoons
- Castles
- Pubs, Breweries & Distilleries
- Ancestry
- Food & Drink
- Adventure, Active & Sports
- Nature & Landscapes









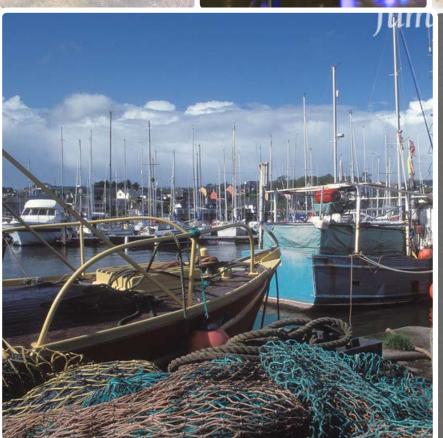


















# **WILD ATLANTIC WAY**

"Where land and sea collide. Where untamed beauty abounds. Welcome to unforgettable experiences."

Stretching Ireland's western seaboard, the Wild Atlantic Way is the longest defined coastal touring route in the world. Over 2,500km in length, spanning Ireland's western counties, the route takes in some of the most breathtaking scenery you'll ever see.

The Wild Atlantic Way is not a destination but a journey.
Here, you'll discover warmth in the wild continuous
landscape and visit the most spectacular places: UNESCO
World Heritage site Skellig Michael; the largest karst
landscape in the world, The Burren; and the traditional
Irish towns dotted along our western coast.

The Wild Atlantic Way is alive with literature, music, stories, and surf. Its landscape, flora, fauna, and sheer size have inspired everyone from WB Yeats to John Lennon. Where else would the rolling landscape and Gaelic spirit inspire the dreamers, and the Atlantic Ocean call the world's greatest surfers? Where else would actor Sean Connery, Hollywood legend Maureen O'Hara, and poet Seamus Heaney escape from it all? The Wild Atlantic Way, that's where.

# THE CAUSEWAY COASTAL ROUTE

The Causeway Coastal route is a designated, way marked drive around the coast of Northern Ireland between the cities of Belfast and Londonderry with nine shorter scenic drives to explore. The route is 120 miles / 190 km long and links to the 'Wild Atlantic Way 'at Londonderry and the 'Mourne Scenic Route 'in Belfast.

The landscape is varied from coastal roads to mountain tops, from busy cities to sleepy clachans. The main drive is on a two lane A class road, leaving both cities are dual carriageways. Minor single lane roads are only encountered on some of the scenic drives which loop off the main Causeway Coastal Route.

To experience the drive in a relaxed manner, giving yourself time to visit several of the major attractions and explore one or two scenic drives you should allow yourself three to five days. Having said that it is possible to drive it in a day if that is all the time you have.



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We understand that when it comes to travel, you have a world of options. Literally.

Tenon Tours is here to help you find or even create tailor-made trips to fit your ideas and wishes. After all, this is your trip, it should be done your way.

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