

IRELAND – RING OF KERRY INDEPENDENT CYCLING 2008

Ireland has a maze of blissfully quiet country lanes, each of which has a story to tell. There are tiny fishing villages, early Christian ruins, Ireland's highest mountains (don't worry you cycle around them!) and islands along the wild Atlantic coastline. Our cycling holidays cover the best Ireland has to offer on two wheels. We have chosen beautiful guesthouses with character in a variety of locations to give a true flavour of Ireland. We are only ever a local call away offering 24 hour emergency support throughout. These cycling tours are suitable for all ages and abilities – you do not have to be super fit. The average daily distance is an easy 25-30 miles (40-48 km) at your leisure, with longer routes available each day.

This tour takes you around the famous Ring of Kerry (quiet route), which is one of the most picturesque routes in Ireland with many beautiful beaches, rivers and lakes to enjoy. It is famous for its coastal and mountainous scenery.

Ring of Kerry Self Guided Cycling: **\$1195** per person (twin share). **\$370** Single supplement
Departs: **Every Saturday, year round** (min 2 people) **Starts & Ends in Killarney**

Includes: 7 nights in Irish Tourist Board approved guesthouse with en-suite facilities, 7 Full Irish Breakfasts, Luggage transfers each day, 21 speed touring bike (2007 models), carrier, mud guards and pannier bag, Detailed notes and maps of the route, Return airport transfers from Kerry airport from May until September, (please see below), Telephone back-up and 24 hour emergency support throughout. **Note:** We recommend clients bring their own helmets & raingear for comfort/ hygiene purposes.

Day 1 Arrival in Killarney. Overnight in Killarney.

Day 2 Killarney to Glenbeigh

Total distance of 49km/31 miles

This days cycle takes you through the Beaufort Valley and onto the isolated valley of Glencar where you stop for lunch. In the afternoon you cycle along the shores of Caragh Lake and onto the seaside village of Glenbeigh. Overnight in Glenbeigh.

Day 3 Glenbeigh to Waterville

Total distance of 46km/28 miles (optional 67km/42 miles)

This days cycle takes you along the shores of Dingle Bay with great views of the Dingle Peninsula and onto the market village of Caherciveen where you can lunch. In the afternoon you have the optional longer cycle of Valentia Island, en-route to the seaside village of Waterville. Stay in Waterville for 2 nights.

Day 4 Free Day Relax, cycle the Skelligs ring or take a boat trip to the Skelligs Rocks.

Day 5 Waterville to Sneem

Total distance of 48km/30 miles

Today's cycle takes you through Coomakista Pass, which is one of the best viewing points in Ireland with magnificent views over Kenmare and the Atlantic Ocean. Lunch stop either in Derrynane House, which is the home of the Irish Liberator Daniel O'Connell or in the small village of Caherdaniel. After lunch you cycle along the coast to the beautiful village of Sneem. Overnight in Sneem.

Day 6 Sneem to Killarney

Total distance of 45km/28 miles or 61km/38 miles

Today's cycle takes you inland and off the main Ring of Kerry road. The highlights of the cycle are Molls Gap where you can stop for lunch. Enjoy the view of the spectacular Lakes of Killarney. Stop at Ladies View, Torc Waterfall and Muckross House (19th C). If you want to lengthen today's cycle you can detour to the heritage town of Kenmare. Stay in Killarney for 2 nights.

Day 7 Killarney to Black Valley

Total distance of 24km/15 miles or 56km/35 miles

Cycle through the dramatic Gap of Dunloe and into the remote Black Valley. Return to Killarney by cycling by the Three Lakes or getting a boat through them.

Day 8 Departure Day

Standard airport transfers (Min of 2 people -only available May – September).

Shannon to Kerry at 12.00 on Saturdays from the information point in the arrivals hall. Return transfer arrives at Shannon airport at 11.00 on Saturdays. There is a charge of ~AU\$65 each way per person from Shannon to Kerry.

Kerry airport to accommodation, between 08.00 and 18.00 Hrs. Return transfer arrives at Kerry airport between 08.00 and 18.00 Hrs on Saturdays. Clients who cannot make these transfer times should make their own way to the accommodation. Arrangements can be made for taxi transfers, at the client's own expense.



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