

IRELAND – THE RING OF KERRY

8-day / 7-night or 12-day / 11-night Self-guided West Coast walking holiday with rural & coastal scenery



The Kerry Way is the ideal way to explore the Ring of Kerry on the spectacular and scenic West Coast of Ireland. Warmed by the Gulf Stream sea currents it is one of Ireland's premier and most popular walking routes and offers mild – if sometimes inclement - weather all year round.

Starting and finishing in the picturesque and bustling market town of Killarney, our walking routes offer an interesting and varied selection of vistas including national parks, woodland and valleys, rural farmland and the dramatic, rugged Atlantic coast.

We offer a 7 or 11-night self-guided inn-to-inn itinerary where we take care of accommodation and luggage transfers leaving you free and un-guided to enjoy the day at your own pace. The longer shorter 8-day walk is 88-km. The 12-day circular route is 216km. Designed for regular walkers, this easy to moderate walk offers an average walking time of from 5 to 7-hours each day.

Duration: 8-days / 7-nights or 12-days / 11-nights

Cost: **7-nights:** \$1080 per person (twin share).
11-nights: \$1635 per person (twin share).
Single & Solo Traveller supplements for both walks are on request.

Departs: Daily on any Saturday throughout the year - starting & ending in Killarney

Includes: Twin share accommodation in Irish Tourist Board Approved accommodation with ensuite bathrooms, hot cooked Irish breakfasts each day (on 7 or 11-days), luggage transfer, full route information, itinerary notes & map.

Day 1 Arrival in Killarney – plan to be at your hotel by mid afternoon.

Day 2 Killarney to Black Valley - Distance: 21km (Ascent: @ 350m)
Walk through Killarney National Park passing the ruins of Muckross Friary, Muckross House and its gardens, beside Torc Waterfall and The Old Kenmare Road to the ancient oak woods beside Killarney's Upper Lake.

Day 3 Black Valley to Glencar - Distance: 21km (Ascent: @ 575m)
Today, you walk through the rugged and lonely ice carved glens of Mid Kerry (Black Valley and Bridia Valley) to overnight in storied Glencar.

Day 4 Glencar to Glenbeigh - Distance: 17km (Ascent: @ 350m)
You walk from Glencar, with magical views of Caragh Lake, to the village of Glenbeigh, with its sandy beaches. Overnight: Glenbeigh.

Day 5 Glenbeigh - Rest day
Time to relax or to explore. Options can include local walks (with notes provided), bicycle hire or canoeing, windsurfing, orienteering at Cappanalea Outdoor Education Centre (at extra cost)

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Day 6 Glenbeigh to Foilmore - Distance: 13km (Ascent: @ 320m)

To-day's walk takes you on the first coastal stretch of the Kerry Way, on the line of a Middle-Ages coaching road, with spectacular views over Dingle Bay.

Day 7 Foilmore to Caherciveen (on the 7 night tour) - Distance: 10km (Ascent: @ 90m)

A short walk, perhaps a morning one, completes the journey along the northern side of Iveragh Peninsula to the coastal, and ancient, settlement of Cahersiveen, from which transfer for final night in Killarney.

Day 8 Depart Killarney (on the 7 night tour) Tour ends after breakfast.

For those on the 12-day / 11-night tour....

Day 7 Foilmore to Waterville - Distance: 20km

If you are continuing on the 11-night tour, to-day's journey is mainly inland, on ridge-backs giving views of land and sea, finishing at the angling centre of Waterville on the shore of Ballinskelligs Bay.

Day 8 Waterville to Caherdaniel - Distance: 12 km (Ascent: @ 270m)

Today you travel from one seaside village to the next, connecting Waterville to Caherdaniel – this section of the Kerry Way is on a middle ages coaching road and offers wonderful views of bay, sea, islands and archaeological sites. Overnight in Caherdaniel.

Day 9 Caherdaniel to Sneem - Distance: 17km (Ascent: @ 350m)

This leg of the way provides walking mainly on the old coach road between the two settlements, in use for droving cattle up to the 1930s. You pass through the peat beds and close to the famous 2,000-year-old Staigue Fort. Overnight in Sneem.

Day 10 Sneem to Kenmare - Distance: 32km (Ascent: @ 520m)

This is an attractive stage through woodland sections and close to the shoreline of Kenmare Bay. There are splendid views along the way. Overnight in Kenmare.

Day 11 Kenmare to Killarney - Distance: 22.5km (Ascent: @ 560m)

The last leg of the Kerry Way takes us from the sea via mountain and lake through oak woods and back to the Killarney National Park.

Day 12 Depart Killarney

Tour ends after breakfast – transfer options as listed below:

Please note: Depending on the availability of accommodation this itinerary may operate in reverse. Extra nights or rest days can be included if required – ask when making your booking.

Getting to Killarney:

Public transport from Kerry Airport: - There is a great public bus system from Kerry airport to Killarney and Tralee with up to 10-buses a day. See www.buseireann.ie for details.

Public transport from Shannon Airport: - There is a frequent shuttle bus from Shannon airport to Limerick. You can then get a direct bus from Limerick to either Killarney or Tralee. See www.buseireann.ie for details. We recommend that you arrive in Shannon in the morning to make the connections.

Transfers: These are at extra cost, and must be arranged at the time of booking. Please ask for full details. Standard transfer costs (these are at set times) are @ AU\$25 per person one-way from Kerry Airport and AU\$75 per person one-way from Shannon Airport.

Private taxis can also be arranged and costs for a taxi (1-3 people) start from @ AU\$55 from Kerry Airport, @ AU\$265 from Shannon Airport or @ AU\$250 from Cork Airport, one-way to Killarney.

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