

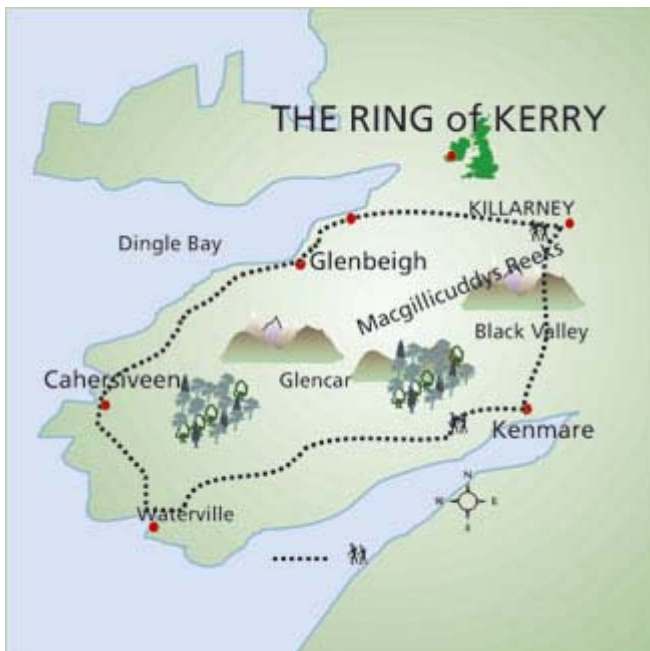
### Walker's Britain: **The Ring of Kerry - Ireland**

Tour code: WKE

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This walk takes you from the lush vegetation of Killarney National Park, through the lonely rocky glens of Mid-Kerry under Ireland's highest peaks, to the breathtaking coastal walk over Dingle Bay and the Atlantic. A network of 'green roads' connects island-studded mountain lakes and waterfalls. It is a landscape rich in legend, inhabited by unique flora and fauna and Irish Red Deer.

This relatively moderate walk, along a way-marked low level-walking route, involves gradual ascents, which are rewarded by spectacular views. The average walking time ranges from 5-7 hours per day at a leisurely pace. Please note that the route does not cover the whole of the official Kerry Way



You can also fly into Shannon airport and a free shuttle bus operates on a Saturday only leaving the airport at 1100 and 1600 hours. Again this needs to be pre-booked with us if you require this service.

#### Your Accommodation

**Night 1 & 7:** Our 3\* modern guesthouse has 14 rooms which are all ensuite and offer you T.V, phone and tea and coffee making facilities in your room. The main Kenmare road is only 7 minutes away.

**Night 2:** We stay in a renovated old farmhouse situated in the midst of Killarney Lakes and mountains, approx 100m from the Kerry Way route.

**Night 3:** Is in an old style Irish farmhouse which has 6 bedrooms all ensuite. Wonderful views overlooking Caragh River, McGilliguddy Reeks and Lackeen Forest.

**Night 4 & 5:** We spend two nights in a comfortable modern home where your hosts are sure to give you a wonderful welcome.

**Night 6:** Tonight you will be welcomed into the family atmosphere of your host's home.

Accommodation is based on a twin-sharing basis in family run guesthouses. Due to the isolated nature of some of our locations, we cannot guarantee the availability of single room accommodation or ensuite throughout your tour.

#### General Information

**Duration of tour:** 8 days (7 nights).

**Season:** April – October, any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.

**Starting point:** Killarney

**End of Tour:** Killarney

**Getting to the Start:** Kerry airport - Ryanair operate direct flights to Kerry airport from the UK and also British Airways.

**A free shuttle bus service operates from Kerry airport on Saturdays only, if you require this free transfer then please pre-book this with us.**

## What's Included

7 nights accommodation, based on two adults sharing, in Irish Tourist Board approved guesthouses with en-suite facilities when available, full Irish breakfast each day, luggage transfer each day, route description and maps and a general map of Kerry. Route notes etc will be at the first nights accommodation for your arrival.

## Outline Itinerary

**Day 1: Arrive Killarney.** If you fly into Kerry Airport (Killarney) we can organise a free transfer to the first nights accommodation depending on your arrival. (Saturdays only). If you are flying into Shannon Airport then there is a free transfer leaving the airport at 1100 and 1600 hours on a Saturday only. Both these transfers must be pre-booked with us.

**Day 2: Killarney to Black Valley.** Walk through Killarney National Park passing Muckross Abbey & House, Torc Waterfall and through ancient oak woods beside the Upper Lake of Killarney (20.5km/13 miles).

**Day 3: Black Valley to Glencar.** Today you walk through the rugged and lonely ice carved glens of Mid Kerry (Black Valley and Bridia Valley) to overnight in Glencar. (21km/13 miles).

**Day 4: Glencar to Glenbeigh.** You walk from Glencar with magical views of Caragh Lake, to the sandy beaches of Glenbeigh, where you overnight (17km/10.5 miles).

**Day 5: Rest/Option day in Glenbeigh.** Choice of local walks (notes provided). Adventure sports (canoeing, windsurfing, orienteering, etc) at Cappanalea Outdoor Education Centre.

**Day 6: Glenbeigh to Kells.** Today's walking 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. (13km/8 miles).

**Day 7: Kells to Caherciveen and transfer to Killarney.** A short walk, perhaps a morning one completes the journey along the northern side of Iveragh Peninsula to the coastal, and ancient settlement of Caherciveen, from which you transfer for the final night in Killarney. (10km/6 miles).

**Day 8:** Transfer to Kerry Airport. End of tour