



Heart of Ireland Tour 2026

with Tara Tours Ireland

 Donegal, Ireland

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Trip Overview



Your host

Tara Tours Ireland ✓

📅 May 4 - May 12, 2026

👤 Group size: 8-25

📍 Donegal, Ireland



About this trip

Step into the true heart of Ireland on this exclusive, fun-filled journey in May 2026.

Designed to immerse you in the genuine Irish experience, this tour brings you closer to the people, landscapes, and traditions that make Ireland unforgettable.

Imagine standing at the edge of the dramatic **Slieve League Cliffs**, tasting award-winning gin and whiskey straight from the source in **Ardara**, or sharing laughter and stories with locals at a lively pub session. **This is more than sightseeing; it's stepping into Ireland's vibrant culture!**

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Highlights Include:

- **Hands-On Crafting & Whiskey Tasting:** Get a behind-the-scenes look at traditional Irish whiskey and gin crafting, with tastings and stories from local artisans.
- **Music and Storytelling:** Experience an authentic Irish music session, where you'll tap your feet and sing along in the friendly warmth of a local pub.
- **Breathtaking Landscapes:** Explore Ireland's natural wonders, from the mystical Newgrange to the rolling hills and coastal cliffs.
- **Historic Pubs and Hidden Gems:** Raise a pint in historic pubs like **Sean's Bar** in Athlone, known as one of the oldest in the world, and discover secret spots only the locals know.

Every step of this tour is crafted to give you an authentic taste of Ireland—its history, its culture, and above all, its people. Come ready for adventure, stories, and memories that will stay with you long after you've returned home.

Book now to join the Heart of Ireland tour, where every moment is an Irish experience!

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What's included

✔ 7 nights accommodation	We handpick our hotels and guesthouses to ensure a high level of quality for our guest accommodation.
✔ Breakfast Each Morning	Enjoy a fresh Irish Breakfast each morning at your handpicked accommodation
✔ 3 Evening Meals	Taste the delicious flavors of Ireland on certain evenings throughout your vacation, as described in our itinerary.
✔ 6 Sightseeing Day Tours	From ancient Irish burial chambers to Irish Whiskey tasting, from the highest cliffs in Europe to pints in the oldest pub in Ireland, we have exciting and fascinating days out for everyone to enjoy!
✔ Comfortable coach travel	Our coaches are of the highest standard, ensuring you will see Ireland in comfort and style.
✔ Expert Tour Director	Our Tour Directors have a high level of local knowledge to ensure you get the best out of your vacation.
✔ Airport Transfers	Transfers to and from Dublin Airport
✘ Tips and Gratuities	
✘ Additional Excursions	
✘ Travel Insurance	
✘ Air Travel	

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Packages & Options

Available packages

Double Occupancy (2 People Sharing)

2 Guests sharing a double or twin room

\$2799

Deposit: \$50

Solo Traveller

One person occupying a room as a solo traveller

\$3299

Deposit: \$50

Available options

Traditional Irish Music Night with Meal

\$89

Traditional Irish musicians will have your toes tapping and your heart singing.

An evening of real Irish 'craic' (fun) with music, song and storytelling.

Includes a dinner celebrating the best of Irish cuisine and a drink of your choice (try some Guinness or a famous Irish whiskey).

Slieve League Cliffs with lunch

\$79

Slieve League, the highest coastal cliffs in Europe. A stunning natural wonder. These majestic cliffs are higher than the Cliffs of Moher and offer panoramic views of the rugged coastline. Not to be missed.

Visit traditional Donegal weaving demonstration with a famous Donegal Tweed craftsperson.

Lunch with a traditional fish and chips in the famous seaside fishing town of Killybegs.

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Arigna Mines & Drumshanbo Distillery

\$89

Two fantastic visits!

'Arigna Mines Experience' & award winning 'Drumshanbo Whiskey & Gin distillery'.

A guided tour of Arigna mines with real ex miners. A fascinating part of Ireland's history.

A fully guided experience at Drumshambo. Includes an expert tasting of their single Pot Still Irish Whiskey. Finish off with a refreshing Drumshanbo Gunpowder Irish Gin and tonic at the Honey Badger Bar, in the majestic botanical glasshouse.

This option includes lunch.

Dublin Extension

\$199

Stay an extra night in Dublin City hotel

Enjoy an exclusive guided walking tour of the city.

Visit the best pubs in Dublin with local guide.

Transfer to the Airport on May 13th for your flight home.

Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

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Itinerary

Day 1- Monday May 4 Travel Day

Board your overnight flight to Dublin



Day 2- Tuesday May 5 Arrive in County Dublin, Ireland

A Cead Míle Failte – ‘A thousand welcomes’ to Ireland!

You will be met at Dublin airport on arrival and transferred to your hotel

Welcome dinner that evening at your Dublin hotel.

Meet your Tour Director and the rest of your group

Included meal: Welcome dinner



Day 3- Wednesday May 6 Sightseeing tour of Boyne Valley

Visit the famous **Bru na Boinne World Heritage site**.

Includes a visit to **Newgrange** (older than the pyramids, older than Stonehenge).

Fascinating walking tour of the historic gated town of Drogheda. Dark history includes the medieval Laurence's Gate, haunting St Peter's graveyard and the relic of St. Oliver Plunkett's Head.



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Included meal: Breakfast

** Evening excursion/option:

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Cost: \$89 per person

Day 4 Thursday May 7 Cavan County Museum, Belleek Pottery & Donegal

Begin with a visit to **Cavan County Museum** to explore Ireland's rich history (including WWI trenches).

Followed by a stop at **Belleek Pottery**, where you'll see artisans crafting the world-famous iconic Irish ceramics.

Finish the day with an evening in Donegal Town, staying overnight at a cozy hotel in the heart of the town.

Included meal: Breakfast

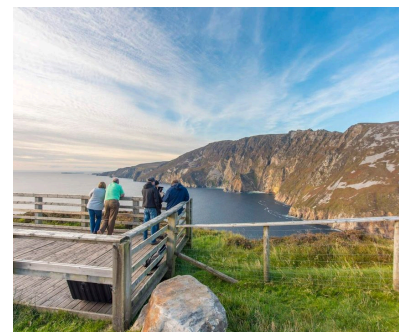


Day 5 Friday May 8 Spend the day in the historic town of Donegal or join us on excursion

Take in the day to yourself to view the spectacular sights of Donegal at your own leisure. From its rugged coastline to its verdant hills, enjoy most beautiful destinations in the region. And when the day is done, you can enjoy the warmth and hospitality of Donegal town.

An enchanting part of Ireland.

Included meal: Breakfast



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Cost: \$69 per person

Day 6 Saturday May 9 Glencar waterfall, Rosses Point & Creevykeel Megalithic Site

Get ready to discover the magic of **Sligo**, home to some of the most stunning natural landscapes in Ireland.

From the awe-inspiring **Glencar Waterfall** to the historic **Creevykeel Megalithic site**, Sligo is a place that is sure to surprise and delight.

Let us guide you through the hidden gems of this region and show you all the beauty it has to offer.

Scenic drive through the **Wild Atlantic Way** and take in 'Yeats Country'.

Group dinner that evening to discuss all that we saw along the way.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner



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Day 7 Sunday May 10 Sligo Town

Enjoy a day exploring the exciting town of Sligo, filled with excellent pubs, shops and museums.

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This option includes lunch.

Cost: \$89 per person

Included meal: Breakfast



Day 8 Monday May 11 Strokestown National Famine Museum, River Shannon & Seán's Bar

At Strokestown National Famine Museum you will be guided through an interactive and compelling museum. It will take you back in time to one of the darkest periods of Irish history.

You'll leave understanding and appreciating the resilience of the Irish people. Join us in exploring this hidden gem!

Check in to your Athlone hotel, along the banks of the famous River



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Shannon.

Enjoy drinks at Seáns Bar – Ireland's Oldest Bar. Pure Irish authentic pub. Group farewell at 'Sean's Bar'

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 9 Tuesday May 12 Departure Day

Transfer to the airport for your flight home

Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)



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Your organizer



Tara Tours Ireland

★★★★★ 3 reviews

Welcome to Tara Tours Ireland, where we specialize in providing unique and immersive experiences that showcase the real Ireland. Our tours offer a taste of authentic Irish culture and traditions, featuring local food and drink and opportunities to meet local people. With many years of experience with the travel industry, you can trust us to show you the hidden gems that others often overlook. Come along with us and explore Ireland like never before!

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