



Ireland - Kerry Way - Self Guided Tour 2026

Moderate/Strenuous : **NEW for 2026 : 6 night tour / Includes a boat trip on Killarney lakes**

The Kerry Way trek combines the stately MacGillycuddy's Reeks mountain range scenery with stunning coastal views out across Dingle Bay. Starting in Killarney you have an opportunity to visit the National Park and Muckross House on the outskirts of Killarney before walking the stunning Black Valley.

Your journey takes you through the heart of the Iveragh Peninsula via Glencar and on to the seaside village of Glenbeigh .

The final leg of your journey continues along old turf and coaching roads to the town of Cahirsiveen where you spend your final two nights.

On our last day you can you explore the beautiful Valentia Island or alternatively take a boat out to the stunning Skellig Michael. Overall an amazing opportunity to explore the beauty of Kerry

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive for the start of the holiday

Today you will arrive in the adventure capital of Ireland. With stunning view of Irelands highest mountain range the McGillicuddy Reeks and the beautiful [Killarney National Park](#) with deer roaming freely this a wonderful area to spend the afternoon. With many pubs with traditional Irish music and fantastic food this really is one of the best places to start your holiday

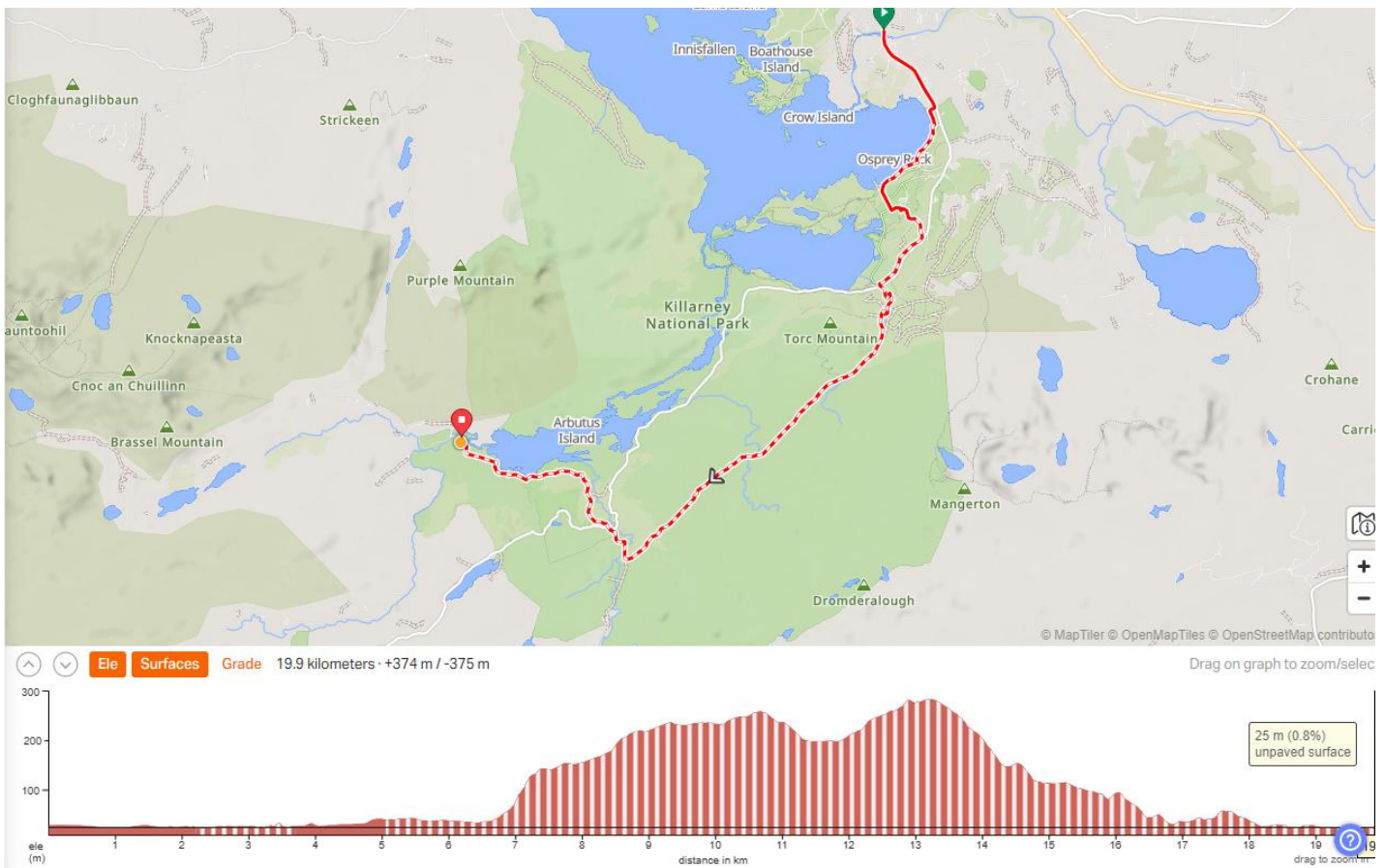
Accomodation - Guesthouse in Killarney



Day 2 – Killarney to Lord Brandon’s cottage, Return to Killarney (20km 550m elevation)

Today is an early start you will first walk through the grounds of Muckross Abbey. From there you will make your way to Torc waterfall one of Ireland's most impressive waterfalls. Afterwards taking the old coach road to Kenmare all the way to Galway bridge and the black church. With views of the lakes, you make your way to Lord Brandon's cottage.

From the cottage you will take a 2.00pm ferry back to Killarney with some of the best views on offer from the lakes. Ross castle is the place where the ferry will drop you off and from there it's a short walk back to your guesthouse in Killarney.



Day 3 - Black Valley to Lough Acoose

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Black Valley for today's walk. From here you will walk in the shadow of Ireland's highest mountain Carauntoohil and in one of the most remote parts of the country. You will cross into the Bridia valley making your way to your accommodation by Lough Acoose. **(20km, 670m ascent)**

Accommodation - B&B Lough Acoose



Day - 4 Lough Acoose to Glenbeigh

Today is a shorter day. As you make your way to the Atlantic Ocean you follow native woodland trails with plenty of opportunities to see and hear the fauna of the area. As you get closer to Glenbeigh you will start to climb towards the windy gap. Once here you will have full views of the Atlantic Ocean and the Dingle Peninsula. From here you will descend into Glenbeigh for a well-deserved rest day. **(14 km, 400m ascent)**

Accommodation - Hotel in Glenbeigh

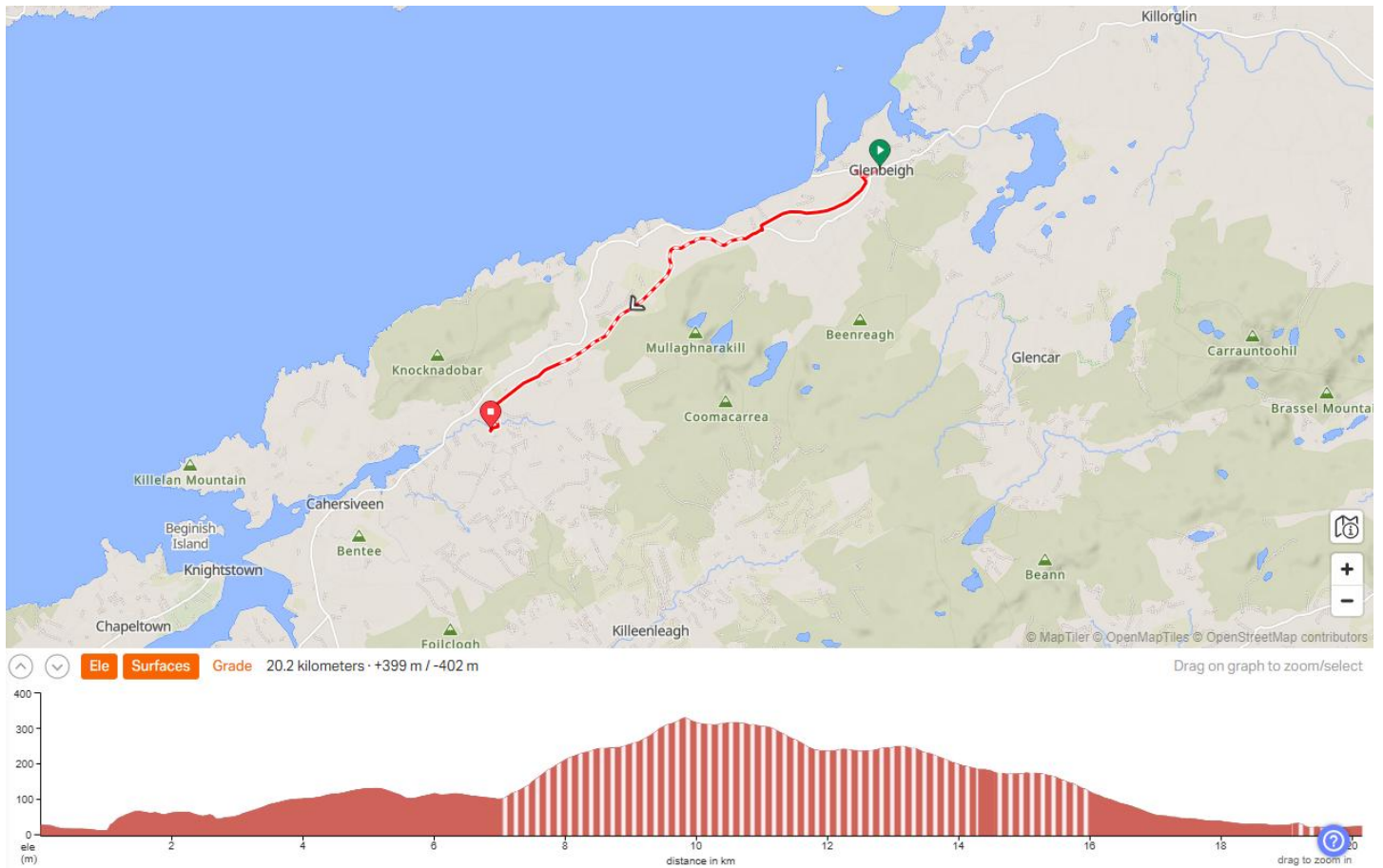
Day 5 - Glenbeigh to Cahersvieen

After leaving the town you soon start a small climb through the planted forest. The locals have put little doors for the fairy's it's a bit different.

As you continue you soon see some of the best scenery of the Kerry way. You will have uninterrupted view of the Dingle Peninsula while overlooking the Gleensk Viaduct. After following the old coach road with the Ocean view through the sheep farm. You start to descend to the wooded trails.

This will lead you to St Michaels Foilmore GAA Club. From here a taxi will meet you for the last 10km to Cahersiveen where you will spend the last two nights. **(20km, 453m ascent)**

Accommodation - B&B in Cahersvieen



Day 6 Valentia Island / Skellig Michael options

Walk down to the pier from the B&B and take the ferry out to Valentia Island. With its many standing stones and ruined forts, Skellig experience center there is many options to do.

A walk out to the Bray Head Signal tower is also popular with fantastic views of the Skellig Islands.

Another option, weather dependent, is to take a taxi to Portmagee and take the ferry to [Skellig Michael](#) and see all the Island has to offer. There is no doubt that Skellig Michael is one of the highlights of Ireland.

Accommodation - B&B in Cahersiveen



2026 TOUR DATES AND PRICE

What does the tour price of €1120.00 per person include:

- Seven nights accommodation: A mixture of guesthouses, farmhouses and country homes;
- All breakfast
- Luggage transfer between your accommodation stops
- Killarney Lakes Ferry on Day 2
- Private transfer to Black Valley on Day 3
- Private transfer from St Michaels Foilmore GAA Club to Cahersiveen accommodation
- GPS route details with a map of the tour
- Emergency helpline

Single room supplement €325 (if travelling with others)

High season supplement (July/August) + €70 per person

Solo tour supplement €215 (if travelling alone)

Tour can start any day from start of April until end of October.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation is allocated on a twin sharing basis. We stay in a mixture of guesthouses and small hotels, where we hope to fuse the best standard we can get with the warmest welcome. We ensure en suite facilities. We do reserve the right to change the accommodation around during the tour, but we will always provide a high standard.

Accommodation booked

Day 1 & 2: Killarney

[Castle Lodge](#)



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Day 3: Lough Acoose

[Lough Acoose B&B](#)



Day 4: Glenbeigh

[Towers Hotel](#)



Day 5 & 6: Cahersiveen

[Quinlan & Cooke Boutique Townhouse](#)



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WHAT TO BRING

Your enjoyment of your walking holiday will be greatly helped by having the right gear. The following list should help you in planning your packing for your trip.

Footwear: Good footwear is vital for a happy walking holiday! We recommend waterproof, breathable, walking boots with good ankle support. Boots which are “broken in” (i.e. not brand new), teamed with **well fitting hiking socks** will keep your feet snug and dry and help to avoid blisters.

Hiking Clothes

We recommend the “onion look” of layering clothing as the best protection against heat/cold:

- Base Layer –this layer should not retain moisture but transport it away from the skin (there are lots of “wick away” fabrics now on the market.
- Insulation layer – this layer should stop you from losing body heat – fleece is ideal
- Outer Layer – this layer should keep you dry even in a downpour! A **waterproof**, breathable jacket and over-trousers are as important as your comfy boots. You should bear in mind that clothing tends to lose its “waterproofness” over time so if you have had your gear for many years it might be time to treat yourself with a trip to an outdoor store!
- Walking trousers/ shorts (avoid denim)

- Warm hat and gloves for chilly mornings or high mountains
- Sun hat
- Walking stick/pole (a great help on uneven terrain)

Daypack - a small comfortable rucksack to carry the bits and pieces you will need during the day:

- Water bottle/flask
- Moleskin/plasters/"second skin" - ward off any impending blisters before they become a problem!
- Sun screen
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Mobile phone

GENERAL INFORMATION

Weather

Because we are an island located near the Gulf Stream Ireland has a very mild climate making it ideal for walking. We recommend that you bring your rain gear as well as your sun hat as a day that starts with rain can end with glorious sunshine! The temperature range during the summer is between 15 and 22 degrees centigrade (60 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit).

Money - The Irish unit of currency is the Euro (€), 100 cent = € 1.

To help you budget, here are some common items that you might purchase during your holiday:

3 course evening meal:	€20 - €45 per person	Sandwich/filled roll	€4.50 - €6.50
Bottle wine:	€17 upwards	¼ bottle of wine	€5 - €6
Tea/coffee	€2 - €3.50	Pint of beer	€3.50 - €6.50

Travel Insurance

It is essential to take out holiday insurance to cover cancellation, personal accident, illness, or loss of possessions. This can be obtained from travel agents, airlines.

Electrical current/Mobile Phone

The standard electrical supply is 220 volts AC (50 cycles). To use small appliances mainland European visitors may require a plug adaptor to fit our 3-pin flat or 2-pin round wall sockets. The mobile phone system in use is a digital GSM 900 system.

Websites on Ireland

Some recommended websites on Ireland that might help you organize your trip if you are planning to spend more time in the country before or after your holiday with us.

www.discoverireland.com - Irish Tourist Board (Failte Ireland) official website providing a wealth of information on all regions of the country.

www.heritageireland.ie info on historical sites

If you plan to spend some extra time in **Dublin**, the following will give you some more ideas of things to see and do

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The standard electrical supply is 220 volts AC (50 cycles). To use small appliances mainland European visitors may require a plug adaptor to fit our 3-pin flat or 2-pin round wall sockets.

Travel

Arrival: You should aim to arrive in Ireland either in the morning or early afternoon of the first day of your tour. If you wish to transfer to your first accommodation by public transport, bus/train timetables should be consulted before you book your flights. If you wish to transfer to your first accommodation by taxi, your arrival time is not as crucial.

Departure: Whether you transfer to the airport by train, bus or taxi, your departing flight should be from late-morning onwards. Please allow ample time for travel to the airport, plus 1 to 2 hours for checking-in your luggage. Again, if you wish to transfer to the airport by public transport, bus and train timetables should be consulted before you book your flights.

You will find the bus and train timetables on the internet.

Bus www.buseireann.ie

Train www.irishrail.ie

Visa requirements

If you hold an EU passport you only need to make sure your passport is valid for the period of your stay. You will need photo identification travelling between Britain and Ireland.

All other nationalities require a passport that is valid for 3 months beyond the intended length of stay. Most nationalities including the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand do not require visas for Ireland and receive an automatic 90 day visitor's visa on arrival. If your nationality is not mentioned here you should check with your travel agent or consular office.

Tour Grading

Walking in Ireland ranges from gentle to very challenging. Our holidays are graded so that you can choose the most suitable for you. Obviously we cannot be precise about grading as weather conditions also affect the difficulty of a walk and the descriptions below are intended as a guide only.

Grade 2 – moderate	A mixture of glen, coastal and moderate hill walking. Much of the walking is on existing tracks and trails, with some open moor land. Up to 1,500 feet (500 m) ascent, 8 miles (13 km). Walking time – up to 7 hours a day, including rests. For most moderately fit people of all ages.
Grade 3 – strenuous	Mainly hill walking on open moor land, with some steep ascent and descents. Up to 3,000 feet (1,000m) ascent, 10 miles (16 km). Walking time – up to 8 hours a day. For hill walkers with some experience.
Grade 4 – very strenuous	All walks are mountain climb up to 4,000 feet (1,300 m) ascent, 12 miles (20 km) each day. Some routes involve crossing steep terrain where a good head for heights is essential. Walking time – up to 9 hours each day. For strong hill walkers.