THE WILD ATLANTIC WALKING COLLECTION

Cork & Kerry

Self Guided Premium tour 2027

This is Ireland at its most rewarding: beautiful walks, exceptional places to stay and the luxury of travelling at your own pace.

Enjoy a collection of moderate walks designed to immerse you in the region at a gentle pace, from dramatic coastal paths and rolling countryside to tranquil woodland trails and breathtaking mountain scenery. Each day offers the freedom to explore on foot without the demands of a strenuous hiking holiday.

Experience the captivating beauty of Ireland's south-west on a carefully curated walking journey through Cork and Kerry, where spectacular landscapes, charming villages and rich cultural heritage meet effortless comfort and understated luxury. With transfers arranged to the finest walking routes, scenic viewpoints, historic landmarks and local highlights, you can spend less time planning and more time enjoying the experience.

Day 1 Arrival in Gougane Barra

Collection from Cork City Railway Station / Bus Station or Airport and transfer to Gougane Barra.



This is a wonderful unspoilt part of Ireland where your small family run hotel overlooks St Finbar's small church on a lake.

This lake is virtually surrounded by mountains and is very peaceful and beautiful place.
A short stroll along the shores brings you to the nearby Forest Park that offers walks for every level of walker.

Overnight: Gougane Barra Hotel
www.gouganebarrahotel.com



Day 2 Walk in the Gougane Barra Forest Park (6km+ upwards)



There are numerous trails and walks in the park for every level of walker. Gougane Barra was developed as a forest park in the early 60's and was officially opened in 1966.

Walking in Gougane is an energetic undertaking but one can be assured that it is a rewarding experience.

There are six different trails to whet the appetite of the walking enthusiast. These are of varying distances and degrees of difficulty. Each one has its own story to tell and show off the spectacular panoramas of mountain, valley, stream and lake.

Overnight: Gougane Barra Hotel

Day 3 Sheeps Head Peninsula 10.7km (6.7 miles) Height Gain :152m 4hrs approx



You will be transferred to the start of the walk on the Sheeps Head Peninsula. This is a route with a wonderful sense of remoteness despite being no more than a few hundred meters from roads at any point.

You are taken along the spine of this narrow rocky peninsula with extensive panoramas over the Atlantic on either side of the route.

The Caha Mountains and the Beara peninsula are clearly visible across Bantry Bay to the north and to the south the more sheltered Dunmanus Bay with its pretty villages on the Wild Atlantic Way.

You finish up in Bantry House (our 1st Preference) where your luggage will have been delivered.

This 18th Century House and its gardens which was the seat of the Earls of Bantry is a wonderful place to base yourself for two nights

www.bantryhouse.com/accommodation





Day 4 Glengarriff & Garnish Island

The morning starts with a transfer to the seaside village of Glengarriff. From here there are a selection of walking trails through a Nature Reserve. The morning can be spent exploring the various trails which take you though woodlands, meadows and coastal walks.



From here you can take a short ferry to Garnish Island, a hidden gem in Bantry Bay, where exotic subtropical gardens flourish amid dramatic coastal scenery. Wander through lush pathways, admire Italian-inspired gardens and elegant architectural features, and enjoy breathtaking views across the bay in this peaceful and unforgettable island retreat.

That afternoon we will arrange a transfer back to Bantry House

Day 5 Walk Derrycunnihy church to Killarney (15km)

A taxi transfer will bring you to Molls Gap and the famous Ladies View with spectacular vistas over the Killarney lakes.

This is a very nice walk through the Killarney National Park. Look out for deer, as this is the haunt of the only natural herd of red deer in Britain or Ireland. You then follow the track through the mountains to the Torc Waterfall and on to Muckross House and Abbey. Here you can decide to take one of the famous jaunting cars into Killarney or continuing walking.

Overnight: The Lake Hotel (our 1st Preference) www.lakehotelkillarney.ie





Day 6

Today offers many options in and around the town of Killarney. Ross castle is well worth a visit, you can venture back to the national park to explore some more or take one of the many town walks.

Overnight: The Lake Hotel www.lakehotelkillarney.ie

Tour price €1850.00 per person sharing

Included in Price

- 3 star hotel in Gougane Barra
- 4 star hotels in Bantry & Killarney
- 2 x dinners in Gougane Barra
- Luggage Transfers between locations
- Private transfer from Cork to Gougane Barra
- All transfers as listed above
- GPS Tracks
- Written route notes
- Trip notes/materials