

Donegal & Causeway Coast

This remote and undiscovered corner of Ireland has been the inspiration for many Irish artists and writers. Literature reflects a region that encompasses enchanting glens, placid lakes and dramatic mountains, bordered by a spectacular coastline carved by the Atlantic Ocean. Encounter a glimpse of Northern Ireland. Just pretending to be small, for a country only the size of Yorkshire, the ever-changing countryside is certain to captivate the visitor. The region's turbulent past has helped shape the landscape but visitors to this often forgotten area of Ireland will always remember the warmth of the welcome.

The outward journey to Donegal is broken by an overnight stop at the **Regency Hotel** located in Dublin.

The **3* Central Hotel Donegal** is a quality hotel situated in the Diamond in the heart of Donegal town. The World famous Donegal Bay Waterbus is just a short walk away, as are the many pubs, bars and restaurants in Donegal town. There is regular live entertainment in the bar and the use of the leisure centre facilities are complimentary

including a pool, Jacuzzi, steamroom and gym. Before returning home, an overnight stop has been arranged at one of the most luxurious hotels in Antrim. **The Ballygally Castle Hotel** faces soft, sandy beaches of Balleygally Bay and is full of character and charm.

The last night's accommodation is at the **Ramada Woodland Court Hotel** in Bray and bedrooms at all of the hotels are served by a lift and are en suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

Itinerary

Sunday Travel to Holyhead and board the ferry to Dublin and on to the hotel for the overnight stay.

Monday Travel north via Cavan to admire the great lakes which dominate the Co. Fermanagh landscape, scattered with islands and adorned with breathtaking forest parks. After taking a lunch break in Enniskillen, we travel along the shores of Lough Erne to Belleek and onto Donegal where we stay for 3 nights.

Tuesday Free day in Donegal.

Wednesday Full day excursion through the jewel of County Donegal, the Glenveagh National Park.

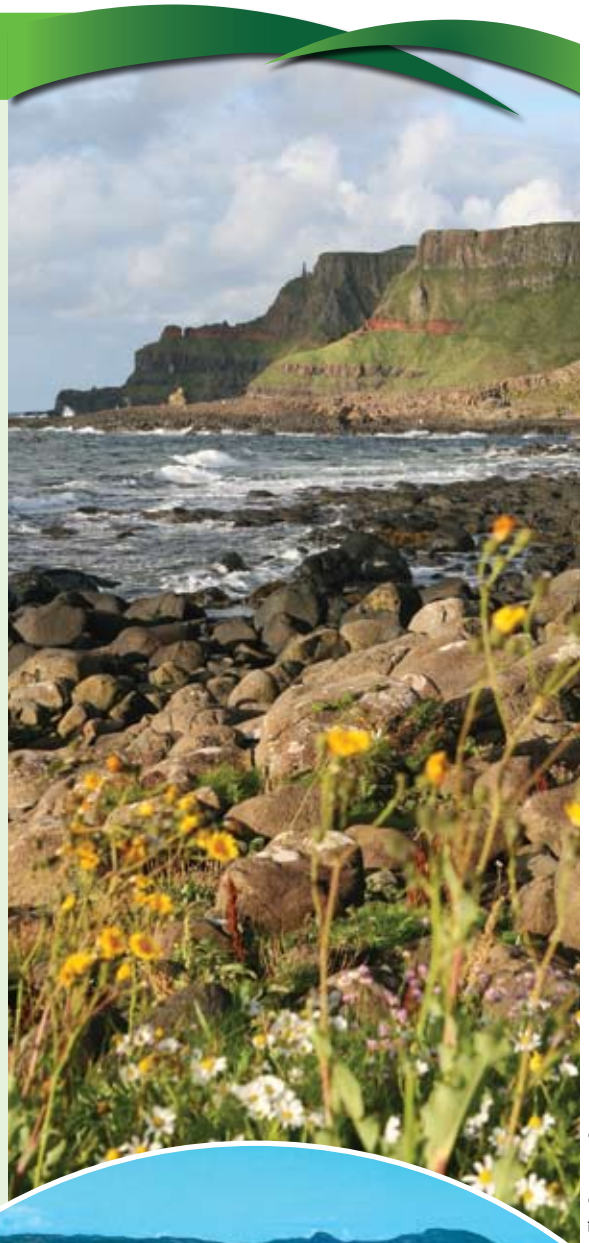
Thursday Leaving Donegal today we travel across the border into Northern Ireland and over to the mighty Giants Causeway. Passing the spectacular scenery of the nine Glens of Antrim we make our way to the Ballygally Castle Hotel for an overnight stay.

Friday Today we travel down the east coast of Ireland to Bray for an overnight stay.

Saturday Return to Derbyshire via the early afternoon ferry from Dun Laoghaire Port to Holyhead.

Hotel	Departure	Days	Cost	Ref
Central	Sun 13 June	7	£482	IRE1

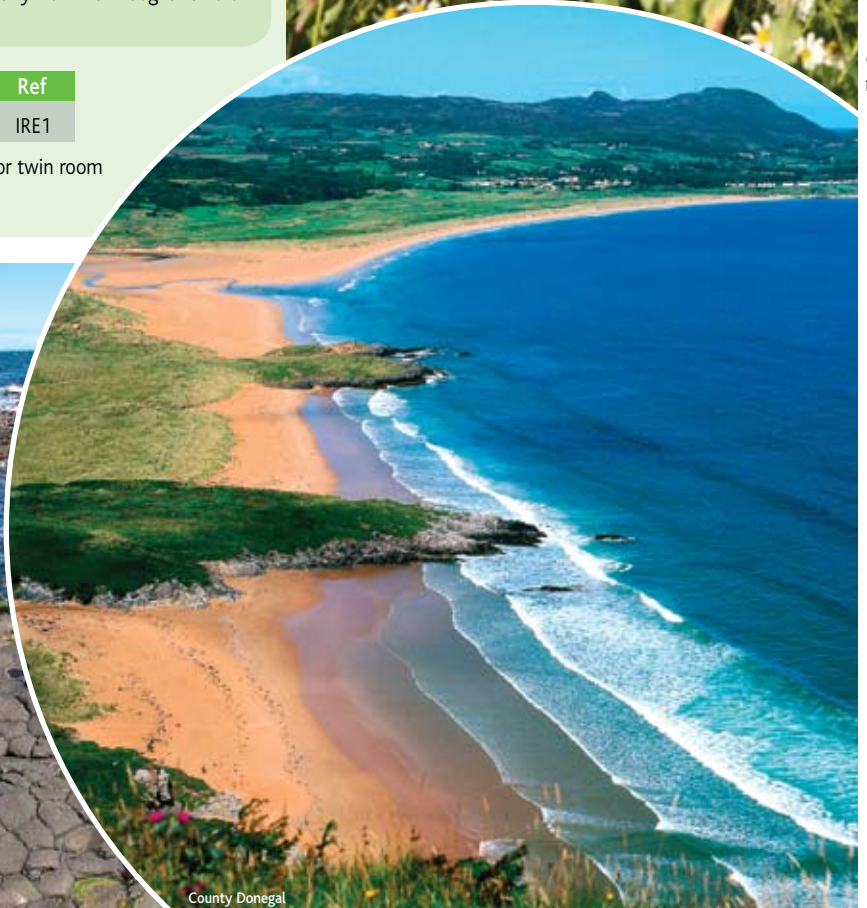
Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room
Single room supplement £112



The Causeway Coast



Giants Causeway



County Donegal

Killarney

Enjoy a more relaxed pace of life in a region that has been a favoured holiday destination for generations. Renowned for its great natural beauty this is an area of colourful contrasts: a rugged coastline with dramatic mountain scenery and, at its heart, the Lake District of Killarney.

This superb tour is based for four nights at the 4* Killarney Towers Hotel, centrally situated in the town and convenient for shopping and entertainment. It's a well-appointed hotel enjoying a reputation for fine cuisine and high standards of comfort and service. Residents are invited to make use of the Leisure centre combining a swimming pool, sauna, steam room and newly refurbished gymnasium. 2009 saw the introduction of the Fit Vibe, the latest in vibration training.

The outward journey to Killarney is broken by an overnight stop at the 3* Esplanade Hotel, a stunning Victorian hotel situated on Bray's seafront. On the return journey we stay overnight at the 3* Ashling Hotel in Dublin city centre. Bedrooms at all of these hotels are served by a lift and are en suite with TV, telephone, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

Itinerary

- Sunday** Travel to Holyhead and board the ferry to Dublin port. Complete your journey to your overnight accommodation in Bray.
- Monday** Drive to the southwest to Killarney for your next 4 nights stay.
- Tuesday** Free day to enjoy Killarney and its National Park.
- Wednesday** Enjoy a splendid scenic drive including Kilgarvan, Glengarriff, the Cahal Mountains and returning via Kenmare with a view of the Ring of Kerry.
- Thursday** Travel to the Dingle Peninsula for some of the wildest natural scenic beauty in Ireland, made famous by "Ryan's Daughter".
- Friday** Travel to Dublin for an overnight stay.
- Saturday** Following an early breakfast, travel the short distance to Dublin port for your early morning sailing to Holyhead, continuing home to Derbyshire.



Killarney National Park

Hotel	Departure	Days	Cost	Ref
Killarney Towers	Sun 5 Sept	7	£528	IRE 2

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room
Single room supplement £145

Carlow Shamrock 'n' Roller

When it comes to celebrating there is no where better than in Carlow. Join us for this holiday packed with Irish entertainment. Carlow is a pleasant market town some 50 miles to the southwest of Dublin and is known as the Celtic Centre of Ireland. The town is home to the Celtic Brewing Company (visitors welcome), where beers of Celtic origin are hand brewed using traditional methods.

Accommodation for 4 nights has been arranged at the Seven Oaks Hotel, conveniently located a short walk from Carlow town centre. All bedrooms are served

by a lift and are en suite and equipped with telephone, TV, hairdryer and tea/coffee making facilities.

Itinerary

- Sunday** Travel to Holyhead to board the ferry for the afternoon crossing to Dublin port and then on to Carlow. Stay for 4 nights at the Seven Oaks Hotel.
- Monday** Relax and unwind this morning. In the afternoon, visit the Irish National Stud, Japanese Gardens and St Fiachra's Garden (joint admission included). Tonight there will be traditional Irish music in the hotel bar.
- Tuesday** Travel to the heritage town of Kilkenny where the cobbled streets and medieval buildings sit comfortably alongside the many restaurants and pubs. The magnificent Castle dominates the ancient city's buildings. Tonight join in the fun with free admission to the hotel's dancing club.
- Wednesday** Experience the scenic beauty of the Wicklow Mountains. Travel via Tullow and Arklow on to Avoca, the setting for 'Ballykissangel'. Tonight, a Candlelit Dinner Dance: eat, drink and dance merrily and make it a memorable final night in Ireland.
- Thursday** Return to Derbyshire via the afternoon ferry from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead.



Kilkenny Castle



Kilkenny

Hotel	Departure	Days	Cost	Ref
Seven Oaks	Sun 17 Oct	5	£326	IRE 3

Cost shown is per person for half board sharing a double or twin room on a half Board basis with entertainment.

Single room supplement £65

Admission included to Irish National Stud, Japanese Gardens and St Fiachra's Garden

