# 8 Day Kingdom of Rebels Tour

This tour compasses
everything you need to
see in the magical
southwest of the
country. See the
rugged coastline first
hand as we tour the
Wild Atlantic way





#### Day One: Dublin to Cork

**Driving time: 3 hours** 

Leaving the bright lights of Dublin at 8 AM sharp, we head straight for the good stuff.

The Rock of Cashel is our first destination, a medieval stronghold of the famous Brian Boru and one of Irelands most renowned monasteries in the heart of the country.

After soaking up some history we head straight for Blarney Castle to kiss the world famous Blarney Stone and ramble around the grounds and gardens.

Form here it is just a short drive to Cork city where we will be spending the night in The Imperial Hotel, right in the heart of Cork city.





### Day Two: Cork to Killarney

#### **Driving time: 2 hours**

We wake up in Cork city and it's straight into a walking tour to find out why Cork is known as the real capital of Ireland.

We then hit the road towards Kenmare, a beautiful craft village at the foot of the largest mountain range in the country.

After exploring the village we head straight for the best parts of the Ring of Kerry and spend the afternoon exploring Killarney National Park with beautiful waterfalls, stunning ruins of Muckross Abbey and of course Muckross House, the heart and soul of the park.

From here it is a 15 minute drive to Killarney town. A hustling, bustling place where we will spend the evening listening to traditional Irish music.

Tonight we are staying in the Killarney Plaza Hotel.





## Day Three: Killarney to Dingle Driving time: 1.5 hours

After a good night on the town, we start at a more relaxed hour of the day, giving you time to explore Killarney in the day light.

Maybe a spot of shopping, visit the beautiful Saint Marys

Cathedral or a jaunting cart down to the lakes.

We then head for the Dingle peninsula, one of the most stunning parts of Ireland. Stopping for a walk along Inch beach before we get into town is sure to be a way to work up an appetite for dinner.

Dingle has been voted number one foodie town on numerous occasions, as well as having the number one whiskey bar in the country.

We are here for two nights, so let the suitcases explode and settle in.





#### Day Four: Dingle and Slea Head

**Driving time: 40 mins** 

Today we have options! Whether you want to sip a coffee and do some people watching or get out and explore, Dingle has something for everyone.

You could go sea kayaking out to the mouth of the bay, take a beautiful coastal walk, or for those adrenaline junkies there's a 700hp rib known as the Sea Safari that will take you right out along the coast line and is sure not to disappoint.

Back into town for a rendezvous after lunch as we go explore Slea Head, voted the worlds most beautiful coastal drive.

Then back into town to enjoy traditional Irish music in one of Dingles many pubs.





#### **Day Five: Dingle to Doolin**

**Driving time: 3 hours** 

Leaving Dingle behind we are starting the day off with a sheep dog demonstration.

Seeing how these dogs round up the sheep in their natural environment will leave you astounded and envious that your dog has a lot to learn!

Onwards to our ferry that will take us to County Clare which is where we will see the Cliffs of Moher, a jaw dropping sheer cliff face that is a site to behold.

Hiking along these trails gives you that Kodak moment that you have been waiting for.

Staying in Doolin tonight, music and great food await.





#### Day Six: Doolin to Clifden

**Driving time: 1.5 hours** 

From Doolin pier we take a ferry to the Aran Islands. Inis Mor to be exact, one of three islands that make up the Arans.

This place is a throw back in time, with stone walls as far as the eye can see, traditional horse and carts and home to the world famous Aran sweater.

The main attraction is Dun Aengus, a Celtic ring fort that is steeped in history and located on top a 340ft cliff.

The effort to get to this site is most definitely worth it for its spectacular views.

Leaving the Aran islands for Rossaveal, a small pier on the North side of Galway bay, we are heading for Clifden, and your Castle for the night! Abbeyglen Castle Hotel is situated in Irelands most westerly town and you will feel like royalty from the moment you arrive.





## Day Seven: Clifden to Galway

**Driving time: 1.5 hours** 

We start the day with one of the most jaw dropping sites you could imagine, Kylemore Abbey.

Set on 1000 acres and once a private dwelling is now home to Benedictine nuns.

We spend the morning here before we meander through the heart of Connemara, heading towards Galway city.

This medieval city was voted culture capital of Europe and definitely lives up to it, with street performers galore and an atmosphere that cant be beat.

We take a walking tour to give you all the history of the city before you explore at your leisure.

We stay in Galway's Hardiman Hotel tonight so relax and enjoy everything the city has to offer.





### Day Eight: Galway to Dublin

**Driving time: 3 hours** 

Today is what we call Saints and Sinners day! Leaving Galway behind we start our day with Clonmacnoise Monastery, situated on the banks of the river Shannon, the largest river in the country.

From here we take the back roads to Tullamore Distillery to finish off the tour with a bang.

Whether or not you drink whiskey, this tour gives you a great appreciation for the process, and if you do drink whiskey then you're in for a treat.

This is one of the best distillery tours in the country and has being hand picked by Valhalla Tours due to its excellence.

After learning all about the process and maybe having a sample or two its back to Dublin for fair well hugs and good byes with photos galore and memories that will last a lifetime.

