

# Southern Ireland 28<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025



# Relaxed touring, History, the Atlantic Coast & Dublin

The Emerald Isle. Before you've travelled far in this country you'll be enchanted and captivated by the land, its people and its wonderful laid-back atmosphere. Enjoy late Spring as we tour around the south and west of the country, all in a relaxed manner.

Along the south and west coasts is where Blarney, The Ring of Kerry, The Dingle Peninsular and The Cliffs of Moher are all found. We include these as we travel leisurely along much of the Wild Atlantic Way route as far as Westport.

It's then time to be in Dublin, to take in the history and culture of Ireland's capital city. You'll be fascinated by the colourfulness of the city, which is home to Molly Malone, Guinness and Trinity College containing the Book of Kells.

This tour offers wonderful travel in your own motorhome, in lovely locations and at a relaxed pace throughout. The tour is also reasonably pet friendly, should you wish to include your pet.

'An excellent tour which gave us a well balanced flavour of the Irish Republic. Our Tour Directors worked hard to ensure all the planned excursions ran smoothly and went out of their way to organise extra trips and events.' **Ann and Roger Taylor – Southern Ireland – May/June 2023** 

'This was a wonderful tour, blessed with warm sunny weather. The Tour Leaders Karen and John, worked very hard and made things run very smoothly. They also organised some additional optional trips for us. It was nice to meet up with old friends from previous GB Motorhome Tours. Looking forward to the next one.' **Peter Waudby – Southern Ireland – May/June 2023** 

'We have been to Ireland many times but this tour still took us to new places and we learned new things. John and Karen looked after us very well and we thoroughly enjoyed every day of the tour. They even booked excellent weather for us!' **Mike and Penny Summers – Southern Ireland – May/June 2023** 

# **19 Nights**

### Day One – Wednesday 28th May

We meet at a campsite near to Holyhead. Late afternoon the Tour Directors will host a welcome get together, a chance to meet your fellow travelling companions.

#### Day Two – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

We take the morning ferry from Holyhead to Dublin. The crossing is around 3.5 hours, where we sail in comfort in the ships club lounge. Upon arriving in Ireland, we travel to our first Ireland campsite in the charming city of Kilkenny. *5 miles, ferry, 80 miles* 

#### Day Three – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

This morning we're collected by the 'little train' from the campsite and transported into the city where there will be free time to explore, including meeting up for a city centre group lunch. Later make your own way back to the campsite, taking the pleasant riverside walk of around 40 minutes or by making use of a taxi (payable locally).

#### Day Four – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

We travel south today, to Blarney for a 2 night stop. 100 miles

# Day Five - Sunday 1st June

Today we visit Blarney Castle and for those who would like to, kiss the Blarney Stone. We take a walk into town, alternatively a taxi (payable locally) is available, where we have entry to the castle included. After our castle visit, lunch is at a traditional Irish pub in the centre of the village, followed by time to see Blarney and make your own way back to the campsite.

#### Day Six - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

A short drive today brings us to beautiful Killarney, the main tourist town on the Ring of Kerry. We stay at a well-appointed campsite for 4 nights. This evening we have a group dinner in the campsite's own hotel restaurant. *50 miles* 

## Day Seven - Tuesday 3rd June

Today has been left free for an opportunity to explore Killarney centre and some of its many parks.

#### Day Eight – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

A full day coach tour today around the Ring of Kerry, including time at the Muckross Estate. Relax and take in the scenery as someone else does the driving, followed by time to explore the Muckross estate and gardens. Light lunch included today.

#### Day Nine – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Free day. Maybe take a jaunting car (pony and trap) ride through the Gap of Dunloe.



#### Day Ten - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June

We leave Killarney and travel to Doolin. For this journey we recommend taking the scenic route, which includes a local ferry across the Shannon estuary and picks up the Wild Atlantic Way. **110 miles** 

#### Day Eleven – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Late morning we have a group boat trip along the Cliffs of Moher followed by early evening dinner in the village. Doolin is reputed to be the heart of traditional music, maybe this evening there will be an opportunity to catch some in a local pub.



#### Day Twelve – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

A free day. For those who would like to independently visit the Aran Islands, boats depart from outside our campsite. Alternatively, just take it easy around the well-appointed campsite.

#### Day Thirteen – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Continue along the scenic Wild Atlantic Way to the colourful university city of Galway. 50 miles

#### Day Fourteen – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Being located on the coast, Galway has a picturesque setting. The city has a vibrant feel and is well worth a visit. Walk or cycle along the promenade from our campsite to the centre, or take the regular bus from close to the campsite.

#### Day Fifteen – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Keeping to the scenic Wild Atlantic Way, we continue north as far as Westport and our campsite that is located in the 400 acre estate of Westport House. **80 miles** 

#### Day Sixteen – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June

This morning we have included a visit of Westport House, an Irish national treasure dating back to the 1500's.

#### Day Seventeen – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

We travel to Dublin for a stay of 3 nights, allowing time to see Irelands capital. Our campsite is situated on the edge of the city, within the grounds of the Camac Valley Park. *160 miles* 

#### Day Eighteen – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Today we go into Dublin for a group guided tour of the city with a light lunch included.



### Day Nineteen – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June

A free day. An opportunity to independently return to Dublin centre, the bus runs from outside our campsite, or you may relax around the campsite/Camac Park area, in preparation for this evening. Tonight we have our Farewell Dinner at a local Dublin venue, including live music traditional to the country.

## Day Twenty – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

A relaxed start to the day after last night, later we make our way to Dublin port for our afternoon return ferry to Holyhead, again with club lounge entry included. Our tour comes to an end upon arrival back in Holyhead.

# PRICE TOUR DEPOSIT £400 Balance 10 weeks prior to start of tour

Motorhome up to 8m with 2 people =  $\pm 1,769$  per person Motorhome up to 8m with 1 person =  $\pm 2,699$ Ferry surcharge of  $\pm 150$  applies to motorhomes over 8m

# **INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- 19 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Transport for Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Entrance fees on Excursions/Events as per the itinerary
- Tour Information Pack with suggested routes & GPS co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Directors throughout the tour travelling in their own motorhome
- Michelin Map of Ireland

# **Excursions, Events and Meals**

- Welcome Get-Together with drinks
- Ferry Holyhead to Dublin with club lounge entry
- Kilkenny little train
- Lunch in Kilkenny

- Blarney Castle visit
- Light lunch in Blarney
- Killarney Hotel restaurant dinner with wine
- Coach tour of the Ring of Kerry
- Muckross estate visit
- Light lunch on tour
- Cliffs of Moher boat trip
- Doolin Dinner with wine
- Westport House visit
- Tour of Dublin city
- Light lunch in city
- Farewell Evening with dinner, drinks and Irish music
- Ferry Dublin to Holyhead with club lounge entry