



Ireland – Clare & the Burren (2025)

8 Days/ 7 Nights

Individual Self-Guided



Our tour start in the historical town of Ennis, renowned for its traditional music. We set off through rolling countryside on quiet backroads towards the Atlantic Ocean where we stay on its shores listening to the waves rolling in.

Each night we stay by the coast and every day our cycling is rewarded in some way. From the famous Cliffs of Moher (Europe's highest) to the village of Doolin (famous for its three pubs that compete to have the best music). Or the spectacular coastal ride from the matchmaking town of Lisdoonvarna to Ballyvaughan with the Burren on one side and views across to the Aran Islands, Galway Bay and Connemara beyond on the other.

We cycle deep into the heart of the Burren passing by its megalithic tombs and limestone plateaux on our way back to Ennis for a final night together.

Although the terrain is undulating, the mileage is not too high and this would be one of our least challenging tours in Ireland. Also due to the myriad of backroads in this area, the Clare tour is a great choice for making a bespoke tour to your exact needs, making days shorter and easier is always an option.

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Day by Day

DAY 1 Arrival Ennis

On arrival in Ennis you should make your way to your accommodation. Ennis is a fantastic town for music and entertainment so you can relax for the rest of the day and take in the atmosphere.

DAY 2 Ennis ~ Spanish Point (48 kms)

Having being fitted out with your bicycle you head out towards West Clare, cycling along quiet country roads through rolling green fields to the coast, where you stay the night at Spanish Point named after those Spanish Ships from the Armada which sank here in 1588. You spend the night in a Hotel overlooking the Atlantic Ocean.



DAY 3 Spanish Point ~ Doolin(46 kms)

Cycling along quiet roads you eventually come to the popular holiday town of Lahinch where you can stop for lunch. In the afternoon we visit the Cliffs of Moher rising a spectacular 660ft up from the Atlantic waves below. You can stroll along the cliff face and watch the birds gliding in the updraft. After visiting the cliffs you head to the village of Doolin. That night you can have a pub meal and enjoy the wealth of traditional music for which the village is famous.

DAY 4 Doolin ~ Ballyvaughan (50 kms)

You begin to see the first hints of the limestone landscape of the Burren and visit the monastic site at Kilfenora and its stone high crosses. Kilfenora is also home to the Burren Heritage Centre with an excellent insight into the formation and history of the Burren. After lunch at the matchmaking town of Lisdoonvarna there is a beautiful cycle where the road hugs the coastline with Galway Bay and the Aran Islands on your left and the limestone cliffs of the Burren on your right.





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DAY 5 Rest day in Ballyvaughan

The day can be spent doing a wide variety of activities. You can join a wonderful four-hour walking tour of the Burren with a local man who is a very entertaining character and an encyclopaedia of knowledge on the area. There is also an optional short cycle to the impressive ruins of a Cistercian Abbey or you can visit the nearby Ailwee Caves. Alternatively the day could be spent relaxing in this attractive village.



DAY 6 Ballyvaughan ~ Kinvarra (38 kms)

The cycle heads straight into the heart of the Burren passing the Poul nabrone Dolmen a small ancient burial site dating back to 2500BC. Veering off the beaten track you stop at the village of Carran for lunch in an old police barracks. In the afternoon you cycle through quiet backroads to visit the Burren Perfumery that makes a wide variety of perfumes using the local flora. You then descend through a limestone lunar landscape to the pretty seaside village of Kinvarra where you spend the night.

DAY 7 Kinvarra ~ Ennis (49 kms)

For the last day you head back into the Burren, passing Lough Buny and the impressive Mullaghmore. In the afternoon you visit a 16th Century Tower House and an even older monastic site. This is also the site of the famous battle of Dysert O'Dea where the Irish Chieftains defeated the Normans and kept them out of Clare for another 200 years before finishing back in Ennis.

How to get to Ennis:

It is possible to fly to either Dublin airport or Shannon airport.

Shannon airport is closer to the start point but flying into Dublin airport does have a number of route options

From Shannon airport:

There is a bus service to Ennis available, approx €16 per person

A taxi from Shannon airport to Ennis should cost approximately €35

From Dublin airport to Ennis:

Take the [Airlink](#) shuttle service into Dublin city where you can transfer to a train to Ennis from Heuston Station, (but be warned this bus requires exact currency on the bus which is approximately €6 for a single adult ticket into the city) The train takes approx 2hrs 20mins

There is a Bus service direct from Dublin city to Ennis available

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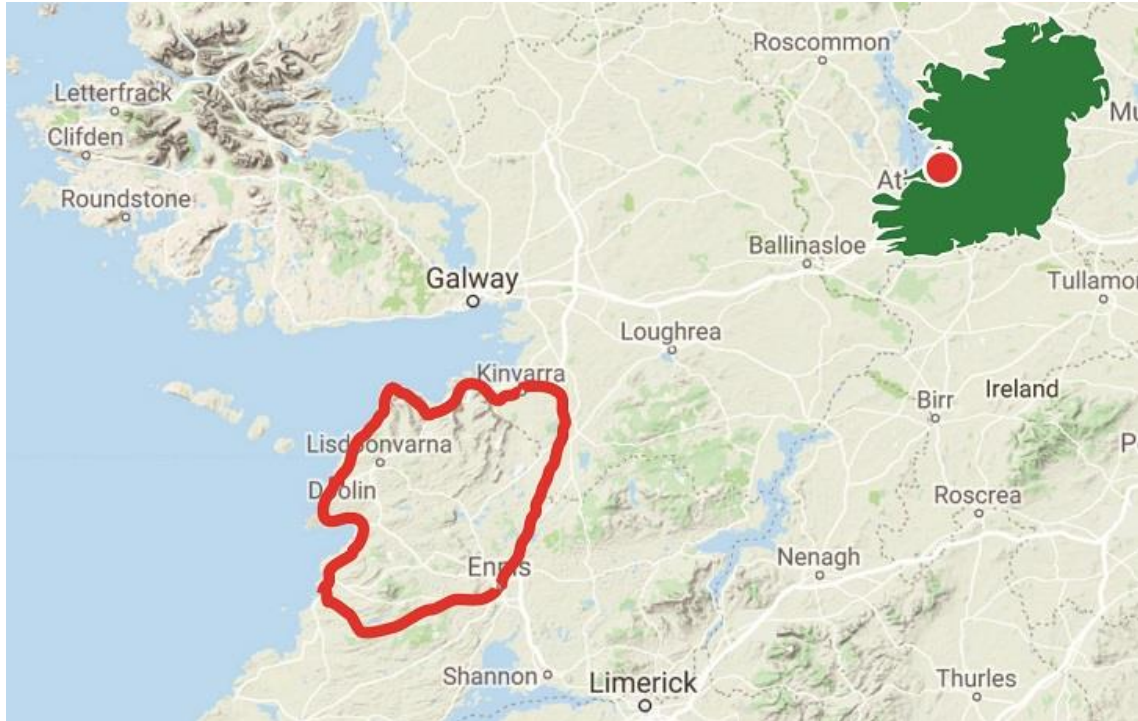
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Travel Season Tours are available from May 1 to September 30 and can start any day of the week.

Prices

Price per person double occupancy in Euros- all prices subject to confirmation on booking

€1185.00 per person off peak

€ 75.00 per person high season supplement in July & August

€380.00 single room supplement (if travelling with others)

on request solo tour (if travelling alone on a self guided tour)

Bike Rental 7 Night Tour

€150.00 24 speed touring bike

€260.00 E-bike

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Included

- 7 nights accommodation with full irish breakfast (mix of small hotels and guesthouses)
- Luggage transfer
- All route details and maps
- 24 hour service hotline
- GPS tracks available (on request)

Bikes



Merida Crossway Urban 20-D bicycle for our tours. These are a 24 speed alloy frame & fork with twin hydraulic disc brakes. Each bike is fitted with muds, alloy pannier rack, kick stand & handle bar bag. The pannier bags are waterproof 40 liter bags. Bikes come in different sizes and in gents and ladies style frames.

E-bike can also be rented

We use Lappierre Overvolt Urban 300-Wh Electric bikes This Lappierre 300 Wh model bike has a range 70-100km kilometers on a fully charged battery, depending on the person's weight, hills, wind, road surface and setting they on the bike. There are 3 setting: Eco - Normal - Turbo (Eco will last long) 120km

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