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# 7 Day Backpacker Tour Itinerary 2023

Start & End: Dublin

## Day 1: Dublin & Fáilte

### Day 1 Highlights

- Dublin welcome meeting
- Group dinner in Dublin
- An evening filled with local pubs, live music, and craic

### Day 1 Details

[6:00 pm]

Our Irish adventure begins with a quick meet & greet, followed by an evening in Dublin getting to you know your fellow adventurers.

## Day 2: Galway

### Day 2 Highlights

- Travel by train into the west to Ireland's cultural heart, Galway
- Group lunch at The Dough Bros
- Guided walking tour of Galway
- An evening filled with local pubs, live music, and craic

### Day 2 Details

[10:30]

Arrive in Galway – With a vibrant arts scene, music venues, cafés, and cobblestone streets, Galway is a picture perfect, quintessentially Irish town. After dropping off our luggage we head to the Dough Bros, a local pizza shop. Here we learn how the Bros are making Pizza the Irish way. After lunch we continue our introduction to Galway with an orientation tour by your tour leader. After the tour you'll have time to wander through the Claddagh, Salthill prom, or enjoy a well-earned pint. In the evening your tour leader will organize a group dinner at one of Galway's charming local restaurants.



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**Included:** Train Ticket, Orientation Walk, accommodation.

**Excluded:** Meals

## Day 3: Connemara

### Day 3 Highlights

- Connemara Exploration
- Kylemore Abbey
- Sheep dog demonstration on working sheep farm
- Rugged & beautiful scenery passing through the west of Ireland

### Day 3 Details

Today we venture into the rugged and beautiful landscape of Connemara, via private coach, where we find our first stop of the day, Kylemore Abbey. We will have plenty of time to explore all of what Kylemore has to offer, which includes entrance into the Abbey, the Victorian walled gardens, a Neo-Gothic church and mausoleum, and woodland walks. From here we carry onto our next stop, Killary Sheep Farm. Nestled on one of the most beautiful pieces of land in all of Ireland overlooking Killary Fjord, we'll watch a Sheep Dog Demonstration, and partake in whatever other farm activities are on at the moment. We often find ourselves feeding baby lambs, watching sheep shearing, or trying our hands at bog cutting. After a full day of Connemara fun, it's a 1 hour 20 minutes journey back to Galway city for the evening.

**Included:** Kylemore Abbey Entrance, Farm visit with Sheep Dog Demonstration, Beautiful Connemara Scenery, Private Coach, Accommodation.

**Excluded:** Meals

## Day 4: Cliffs of Moher, Doolin, & The Aran Islands

### Day 4 Highlights

- Cliffs of Moher
- Doolin
- Aran Islands

### Day 4 Details

Today we leave Galway and head for the charming village of Doolin. Doolin is home to Doonagore Castle, and is known for colorful houses, and traditional music. From here we walk the beautiful Cliffs of Moher and take in the stunning



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coastal scenery. Walk the cliffs, and go beyond the visitor center. You also have the option to sail by ferry to the Aran Islands. The Aran Islands are officially a Gaeltacht area where the Irish language and traditions have been kept alive and are a hidden gem off the Irish west. After a day spent on the coast, we'll travel to the town of Ennis for the evening.

**Included:** Transportation, Cliffs of Moher, Accommodation

**Excluded:** Meals

## Day 5: Blarney Castle

### Day 5 Highlights

- Kiss the Blarney Stone & get the gift of the gab
- Visit the Medieval city of Kilkenny



### Day 5 Details

Today we depart Ennis and head for the famed Blarney Castle. Here you'll have a chance to Kiss the Blarney Stone in hopes of getting the gift of eloquence, or as they say the gift of the gab. You'll have time to explore the castle gardens and grounds. After lunch, we'll head to the medieval city of Kilkenny, home to Ireland's oldest recorded witch trials. We'll have an orientation walk around Kilkenny where your tour leader will help you get acquainted with the town.

**Included:** Private Coach, Blarney Castle Entrance, Orientation Walk, Accommodation

**Excluded:** Meals

## Day 6: Kilkenny

### Day 6 Highlights

- Explore Kilkenny
- Kilkenny Castle
- Rothe House
- Hurling Experience
- St. Canice's Cathedral & Round Tower

### Day 6 Details

**Kilkenny** is a medieval town famous for its castle and for being home to the first witch of Ireland. Today you'll have free time to explore Kilkenny at your leisure. Why not start the day learning about something very near and dear to the hearts of many Irish people, Hurling. Hurling is a Gaelic sport that has been played for over 4,000 years, and is the fastest field sport. For those less keen on sport, you'll have plenty of options as Kilkenny boasts **Kilkenny Castle**, **St. Canice's Cathedral**



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and Roundtower, **Rothe House**, shopping, and more! Your tour leader will help you plan out your day so you can make the most of this great town.

**Included:** Accommodation

**Excluded:** Meals, Additional Optional Activities

## **Day 7: Return to Dublin & Slán**

This morning we board a local train bound for Dublin. We will arrive in Dublin around noon, and say farewell as our tour comes to an end.

**Included:** Train Ticket,

**Excluded:** Meals

### **TOUR NOTES**

- ✓ All accommodation included.
- ✓ Type of Accommodation: This tour uses local hotels or hostels.
- ✓ Small Groups – there is a 12 travelers max for this tour
- ✓ Tour leader throughout tour
- ✓ Age restriction: must be between 18-29 year old at the time of travel.

