

MINI WALKING BREAK DINGLE

Self-guided walking trail in Dingle 2007

This 5 days, 4 nights tour, on the beautiful Dingle Peninsula is ideal for guests having only a few days available for a short walking holiday. Perhaps you want to spend the remaining days of your holiday exploring greater distances by car but you still want to get out and about for at least some of the time.

Dingle is one of the most favoured spots in Ireland for the independently minded. Bounded on three sides by the sea, it combines in its landscape the ruggedness of rocky outcrops and cliffs with the soft shapes of hills and mountains, skirted by coastal lowlands. Every corner has a story, from the ancient sagas of Ireland's mythological hero Cuchulainn to the modern folk tales of Kerry writer John B Keane, and in the Irish west there is always time for a tale or a chat. The Dingle peninsula possesses a quite extraordinary concentration of archaeological sites, testifying to the rich culture of the past.

You will stay in B&Bs along the route. All rooms are en-suite, meals in the suggested restaurants are excellent, and the scenery could not be better.

Your luggage will be transferred and you will be brought back to Dingle Town at the finish of your tour. You will walk along tracks, with the help of maps supplied and walk description.

Duration:	5 Days (4 nights)
Tour Dates 2007:	ANY DATE (April - October)
Level:	Easy
Equipment:	You are provided with route notes and maps, but correct rain proof gear and walking boots are essential to bring with you.
Accommodation:	Selected B&B's
Meals:	4 Irish breakfasts
Transfers:	Luggage transfers.
Miscellaneous:	Detailed route notes and maps.
Meeting Point:	Dingle, Co. Kerry.
Departure Point:	You depart from Castlegregory.



PRICE 2007:

Price per adult €395.00 per person sharing

All prices are in EURO, and based on per person sharing. Per person sharing means two people in one room.
Single Room supplement is applied when people require a room for themselves as part of a booking of two or more.
Bookings are based on a minimum of two people booking.



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Day 1

Arrive in the lovely fishing village of Dingle on the western tip of the Dingle peninsula for the first night. This is a "lively" village, with plenty of excellent restaurants and good pubs. Irish music sessions are available most nights of the week throughout the year. Overnight in Dingle.

Day 2

This morning you will be taken by local taxi, we arrange, just outside Dingle for the start of the walk. Following past the historical Kilcolman, continues on to the glorious Ventry beach and from here takes you on a beautiful and very historic walk around Sleah Head to finish at Dunquin. This walk offers an opportunity to see "beehive" huts very clearly, and also to get a full view of the Blasket Islands. Return by taxi, we arrange, to overnight in Dingle.

Walk Details: Distance: 19kms. Duration: 5.5 hours. Max. Ascent: 350m. Rocky and grass tracks, Beach walking and some road walking. Boots essential.

Day 3

Again we have a local taxi transfer from Dingle, we arrange, to the tiny village of Tiduff, and walk from there across an old military road to the northern side of the peninsula - finishing in the village of Cloghane. This is a remote but spectacular walk - full of history and inaccessible except by foot. Overnight Cloghane.

Walk Details: Distance: 22kms. Duration: 6.5 hours. Max. Ascent: 450m. Grass mountain tracks with some rocky sections. Gravel tracks and some road walking. Boots essential.

Day 4

A wonderful beach walk to give your legs an opportunity to rest as you enjoy the backdrop of mountains, but the sea all around you. Passing the historic Illauntannig Island with its 10th century monastery now in ruins, you continue along the Maherees Peninsula to finish your walking in the village of Castlegregory. Overnight in Castlegregory.

Walk Details: Distance: 21kms. Duration: 5 hours. Max. Ascent: 100m. Beach walking and some road walking. Boots recommended.

Day 5

After Breakfast in Castlegregory you will have the opportunity to return to Tralee either by local Transport which will have you at the Bus/Rail Station for about 0855 or Taxi service. On Sundays and Public Holidays you will have to use a taxi service as the local transfers do not work and is not in operation. From Tralee, connections by bus and train are frequent to Dingle, Cork, Limerick, Shannon or Dublin.

Should you wish to extend your holiday we would be happy to organise extra days for example in Dingle Town for you to make a trip to the Great Blasket island. Or stay an extra day in Cloghane and use the local guided walks in the area: - up the famous Mt Brandon, or into the valley of Lough Adoon.

Please be aware that the programme given for this tour is strictly intended as a guide only and may not be fully adhered to. Climatic conditions, safety regulations and travel options may subject the programme to changes and/or modifications without due notice, at any time.

In such case, Killary Tours reserves the right to make any necessary decisions.

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