

DINGLE WAY CYCLING

Self-guided cycling in Dingle 2009

There is no other landscape in Western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as the Dingle Peninsula.



This mountainous finger of land, which juts into the Atlantic Ocean has supported various tribes and populations for almost 6,000 years. Because of the peninsula's remote location, and lack of specialised agriculture, there is a remarkable preservation of over 2,000 monuments. The Dingle Peninsula is located in the Southwest of the County of Kerry. With its capital Tralee it runs in a westerly direction as far as the Blasket Islands.

The Dingle Peninsula is home to many wonders - second highest mountain range in the country, a wealth of archaeological sites, home to some of the finest traditional music, dance and the Irish language. The Dingle Peninsula experience is one you will remember for a long time to come.

You will stay in B&Bs along the route. All rooms are en-suite, meals are excellent, and the scenery could not be better. Your luggage will be transferred each day for you and you will cycle with the help of maps supplied and cycle description.

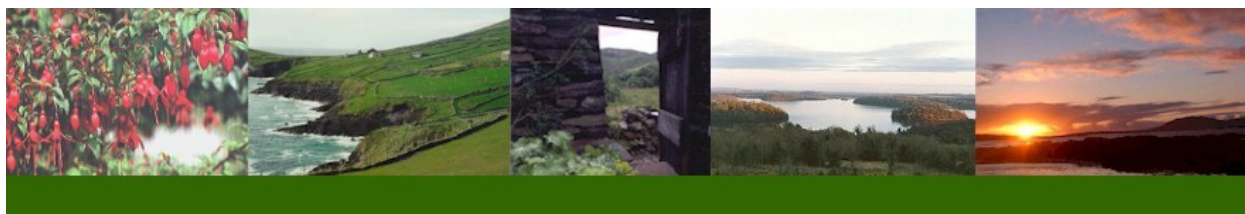
Duration:	8 days (7 nights)
Tour Dates 2009:	ANY DATE (April - Oct)
Level:	Gentle, some occasional hill,
Bicycle:	Touring Bike,
Equipment:	Water bottles, side-pannier bags, bicycle repair-kits.
Accommodation:	B&B's
Meals:	7 Irish breakfasts
Transfers:	Luggage transfers
Miscellaneous:	Detailed route notes and maps
Meeting Point:	Tralee, Co. Kerry
Departure Point:	You depart from your last night's accommodation in Tralee.



PRICE 2009:

Price for Adults €775.00 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.



DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 Arrival.

Arrive in Tralee and check into your B&B (your bicycles will already be there). If you have time take a short cycle from Tralee to the lovely fishing port of Fenit and from there to the historic Ardfert with its newly restored cathedral and back to Tralee for your overnight stop.



Day 2 Tralee to Cloghane - 38km / 24ml

Today's cycle takes you from Tralee along the northern shores of the Dingle Peninsula with the Slieve Mish Mountains on your left and Tralee Bay to your right. The route takes you through Castlegregory before finishing in the picturesque village of Cloghane and your overnight stop for the night.

Day 3 Cloghane to Dingle - 34km / 21ml

Leaving Cloghane you head for the village of Brandon and Brandon Point and then on and over the famous Conor Pass with its breathtaking views that stretches for miles. In the distance you will see the fishing port town of Dingle and your stopover for the next three days. . Enjoy the beauty of Dingle and its surrounds for the next few days, cycling out towards the western shores and Sleah Head with views of the Great Blasket Islands looming in the distance.

Day 4 Dingle circular route - 38km / 24ml

Heading west from Dingle you cycle via Ventry to Sleah Head with its magnificent breathtaking views across the Blasket Sound to the famous Blasket Island. From here you cycle on to Dunquin and Ballyferriter on your way back to Dingle for the evening. Alternatively, today you can cycle to Dunquin harbour and take the ferry to the Blasket Island and enjoy a walk around this mystical and enchanting place.

Day 5 Dingle circular route - 40km / 25ml

Today you cycle north from Dingle through the village of Ballydavid and on to Brandon Creek. Alternatively if you fancy a walk you can leave the main route at the Bothar Pub and take the Saints Road up mount Brandon on foot. – Weather permitting. This is a 3 to 4 hour walk.

Day 6 Dingle to Inch - 35km / 22ml

Cycling in an easterly direction by the shores of Dingle Bay you once again enjoy spectacular views and breathtaking scenery of this magnificent peninsula. Your destination is the tiny hamlet of Inch with its renowned and magnificent beach and ideal for a walk along its golden sands or a quick dip. On your way you can detour to visit the village of Annascaul, home to the famous explorer Tom Crean.

Day 7 Inch to Tralee - 30km / 19ml

Today's route continues along the coast to the historical village of Castlemaine with its neat little harbour and splendid bird sanctuary. From here you head north and take the "short mountain route" back to Tralee and your last night's stopover. This is a very historical area and on your way you will pass the legendary mythological Queen Scotia's grave which also offers fabulous views over Tralee Bay and North Kerry.

Day 8

After a final breakfast and farewell you leave your cycle behind you and follow your own arrangements for your onward journey connections by bus and train are frequent to Cork, Limerick, Shannon or Dublin.

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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