

KERRY PENINSULA CYCLING

Self-guided cycling trail in Co. Kerry 2009

The Iveragh peninsula, known world wide as the Ring of Kerry is the base for this self-guided cycling package. The Ring of Kerry abounds in natural wonders and the beauty and grandeur of the scenery is unsurpassed by any in Ireland.



Starting in the town of Killarney – made famous by the magnificent "Three Lakes of Killarney" the "Ring" then continues *anti-clockwise* through Killorglin, to Caherciveen, on to Waterville and Sneem before returning to Killarney. We, however, find this route to be "over-run" with tourists and therefore unkind to cycles – so for that reason – we suggest a much more leisurely and quieter mix of inland and coastal routes to give just the same beauty and splendour – if not more.

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:	Easy to moderate cycling
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:	Killarney, Co. Kerry
Departure Point:	Killarney, Co. Kerry.



PRICE 2009:

Price for Adults €809.00 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.
Single room supplement €209.00



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 Arrival.

Arrive in Killarney and check into your B&B. Collect your bicycles and Information Pack with Route Description and map from the proprietor. If you have time take the short circular cycle to Muckcross House and Killarney National Park and then back to Killarney for your overnight stop.



DAY 2 Killarney to Glenbeigh - 45km / 28ml

Leaving Killarney you cycle west under the foothills of Ireland's highest mountain, Carruntuohill, around the beautiful Caragh Lake before heading to the picturesque village of Glenbeigh and your overnight stop.

DAY 3 Glenbeigh to Caherciveen - 43km / 27ml

Heading west from Glenbeigh, today's route takes you to the peaceful and tranquil shores of Kells Bay. From here you continue on west finishing the days cycle outside the town of Caherciveen over looking Valentia Island. You spend two nights in Caherciveen.

DAY 4 Rest day.

Today you have a free day. You can arrange a boat trip to the famous 6th century Skellig Island or as an option if the weather does not permit take the ferry over to Valentia Island and cycle around this lovely little island that is steeped in history.

DAY 5 Caherciveen to Kenmare. - 55km / 34ml

From Caherciveen, today's cycle takes you on one of the most glorious route's imaginable. An inland trip through the Inny Valley and the legendary Ballaghisheen and Ballaghbeama passes offering spectacular views as you descend to the southern shores of the peninsula and Kenmare and your stopover for the next two nights.

DAY 6 Kenmare circular route - 40km / 25ml

Leaving your Kenmare B&B you can enjoy a lovely circular cycle over to the Beara Peninsula and around Lough Inchiquinn before returning back to Kenmare. As an option you can continue on to Glengarriff and return to Kenmare through Turner's Rock tunnel road. It is hard to imagine that two peninsulas so close together geographically can be so different in landscape and appearance & today gives you the opportunity to see this contrast first hand.

DAY 7 Kenmare to Killarney - 38km / 24ml

Today you cycle along backroads to the famous Molls Gap offering wonderful views over the spectacular Three Lakes of Killarney. From here you continue cycling to the Black valley and through the renowned Gap of Dunloe before returning to Killarney for your final night.

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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