

MINI WALKING BREAK DINGLE

Self-guided walking trail in Dingle 2009

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 2009:	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 Ballydavid



PRICE 2009:

Price per adult €459.00 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.



DAILY ITINERARY

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. Access to Dingle is via a bus service from either Tralee or Killarney, with all details available on www.buseireann.ie. Overnight in Dingle.

Day 2 Your walk today starts just outside Dingle, passing the Early Christian site of Kilcolman and continuing to the glorious sweep of Ventry beach. From here it takes you on a beautiful and very historic walk around Sleah Head, finishing Dunquin. This walk offers an opportunity to see ‘beehive huts’ at close quarters, and also a full view of the Blasket Islands. Overnight in Dunquin.
Walk Details: Distance: 18kms. Duration: 5.5 hours. Max. Height: 350m. Rocky and grass tracks, beach walking and some road walking. Boots essential.

Day 3 Walk from Dunquin, following the coast to Clogher and on to the fort of Dún an Óir, scene of a notorious massacre, situated on Smerwick Harbour. This sheltered bay is dominated by the jagged peaks of Sybil Head, the Three Sisters and Ballydavid Head. You finish your walk in the Irish-speaking village of Ballyferriter.
Walk Details: Distance: 15kms (Option is 10kms). Duration: 4 hours (Option takes an extra 3 hrs.). Max. Height: 150m (Option is 200m). Quiet back roads, grass and muddy tracks - boots recommended. If doing the option **boots are essential** as open mountain is crossed.

Day 4 Walk from Ballyferriter and continue along the coast to Ballydavid with glorious coastal scenery all the way. If desired, you can walk along the cliffs of Ballydavid Head. Descend to the hidden cove of Brandon Creek, where St. Brendan is said to have begun his epic boat journey, and finish at the Bóthar Pub.
Walk Details: Distance: 16kms (Option is 22kms). Duration: 4.5 hours (Option is 6 hours). Max. Height: 100m (Option is 250m). Quiet country roads, beach walking and grass tracks, the option taking in rocky mountain. Boots essential.

Day 5 Departure from Ballydavid.

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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