

KERRY PENINSULA

Self-guided walking trail in Kerry 2009



The Iveragh peninsula, known world wide as the Ring of Kerry is the base for this self-guided walking package. You walk for 7 days following the way-marked Kerry Way, a low-level walking route, using the old droving paths and coach roads to create a journey through history and folklore.

For most of the walk you follow the coastline with its bays and inlets and beautiful sandy beaches, but you also enjoy spectacular views from the mountain passes of the surrounding land, seas, and islands out in the Atlantic Ocean. You will also pass through Killarney National Park, with some of Ireland's finest oak wood. And all along the way you will come past archaeological remains telling you the story of the people who lived in the Kingdom of Kerry through the centuries.

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 and you will be brought to and from Killarney at the start and finish of your tour. You will walk along tracks, with the help of maps supplied and walk description.

Duration:	8 Days (7 nights)
Tour Dates 2009:	ANY DATE (April - October)
Level:	Moderate
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:	7 Irish breakfasts
Transfers:	Luggage transfers, transfers to and from walks.
Miscellaneous:	Detailed route notes and maps.
Meeting Point:	Killarney Co. Kerry
Departure Point:	Glenbeigh Co. Kerry



PRICE 2009:

Price per adult €649.00 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 Arrival.

Arrive in Killarney – the popular town surrounded by three magnificent lakes in the heart of Kerry. On arrival to your first guesthouse, your hostess will give you your full detailed information pack. She will also be able to suggest some of the many local restaurants or pubs for food and possibly music.



DAY 2 Killarney to Kenmare.

Distance: 22km/13.5miles Ascent: 400m/1,200ft mountain tracks and green roads.

You will be transferred/driven to the start of your walk – about 5km outside Killarney. From here you walk across Killarney National Park and Esknamucky Glen to the heritage town of Kenmare. This is a glorious walk, giving you an opportunity to see some of Ireland's native Red Deer as you walk through the National Park.

DAY 3 Kenmare to Sneem

Distance: 22km/13.5miles Ascent: 300m/900ft forest tracks, mountain tracks, country lanes and some road walking.

Once again you are driven a short distance from the town of Kenmare, to start walking in the little village of Templemoe. From here you walk to the award winning village of Sneem. This walk takes you along the banks of the Kenmare River, with views across the Beara Peninsula and the Cahra Mountains.

DAY 4 Sneem to Caherdaniel

Distance: 19km/12miles Ascent: 400m/1200ft country lanes, grass tracks, rocky mountains and some road walking

Continue walking from the village of Sneem, following an old "butter-road" to the little village of Caherdaniel, once home to Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator.

DAY 5 Caherdaniel to Waterville

Distance: 16km/10miles Ascent: 350m/1050ft rocky and grassy tracks, mountain tracks and bogland and some road walking

Continuing from the village of Caherdaniel, you walk around and above the coast to follow over to the town of Waterville. Glorious coastal views out towards the Skellig Islands and Ballinskelligs Bay.

DAY 6 Waterville to Caherciveen

Distance: 24km/15miles Ascent: 400m/1200ft mountain tracks, gravel tracks and some road walking

From Waterville you will once again be driven a short distance to the starting point of today's walk at Mastergeehy. From here you will be walking to the town of Caherciveen. This walk takes you across the tip of the peninsula with views north over the Dingle Peninsula and south to Kenmare Bay.

DAY 7 Caherciveen to Glenbeigh

Distance: 24km/15miles Ascent: 350m/1050ft mountain tracks, gravel tracks and some road walking

Your final walk takes you from the town of Caherciveen along the northern shores of the peninsula to the little town of Glenbeigh. This road follows an old 17th century "stage coach" route and gives spectacular views across to the Dingle Peninsula. You will pass through old deserted villages, which were once busy centres of activity, trading with passengers on the old Stage Coaches.

DAY 8 Depart

After breakfast depart to bus back to Killarney. Leaves at 8.45 arrives Killarney 09.50 From Killarney, 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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