

WALKING HOLIDAY IRELAND

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WALKING AREA GUIDE

THE KERRY WAY

Ireland's longest waymarked trail — 215 km around the Iveragh Peninsula, through Killarney National Park, over Atlantic headlands and past 2,000-year-old stone forts.

TOURS	DURATION	DISTANCE	GRADE
6	5 to 12	56 to 184	Moderate
self-guided	days	km on foot	14 to 24 km a day

FAMILY-RUN SINCE 2012

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One trail, six ways to walk it

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HOW FAR EACH TOUR GOES

Walking km only · every tour adds an arrival and a departure day

TOUR	START · FINISH	GRADE	WALK DAYS	TOTAL	AVG PER DAY
5 days	Muckross House → Glenbeigh	Moderate	3	**55.6 km**	18.5 km
6 days	Killarney → Cahersiveen	Moderate	4	**56.4 km**	14.1 km
7 days	Killarney → Waterville	Moderate	5	**100.1 km**	20 km
8 days	Glenbeigh → Killarney	Moderate	6	**94.5 km**	15.8 km
10 days	Muckross House → Kenmare	Moderate	8	**150.3 km**	18.8 km
12 days	Muckross House → Killarney	Moderate	10	**184.3 km**	18.4 km

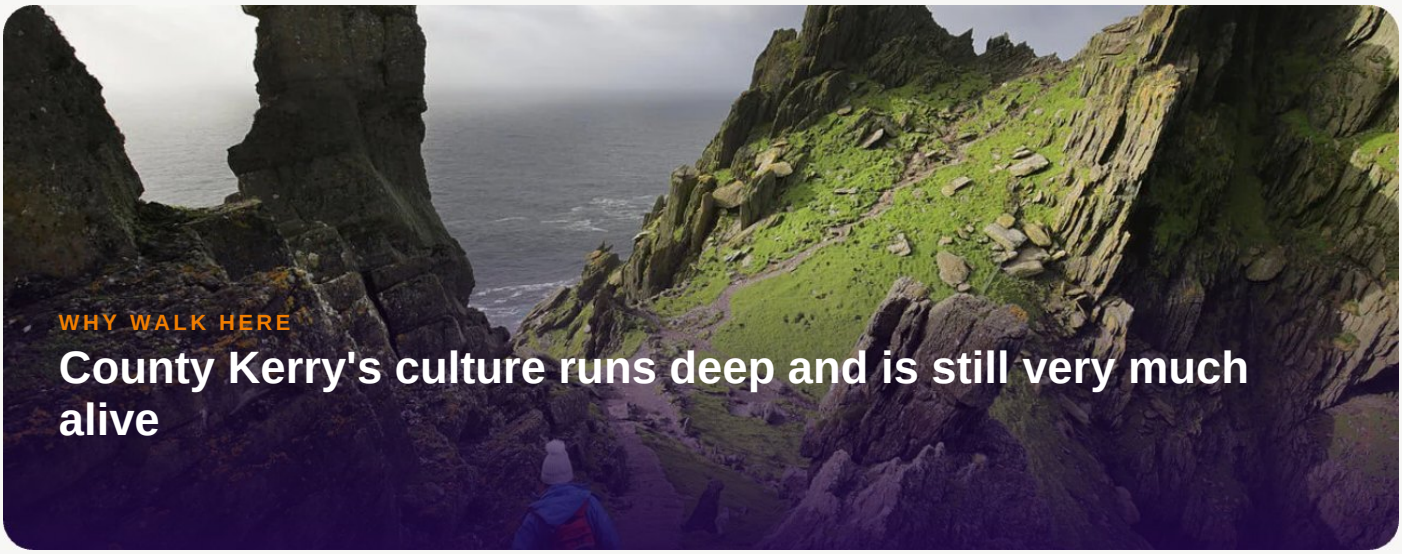
LANDMARKS ON THE WAY

Killarney National Park
10,000 hectares of native oak woodland, three glacial…

Skellig Michael
UNESCO World Heritage Site — a 6th-century…

Staigue Fort
A 2,000-year-old drystone ringfort near Caherdaniel with…

Kenmare
Georgian market town with the finest restaurant scene on…



WHY WALK HERE

County Kerry's culture runs deep and is still very much alive

The landscape

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History & culture

Irish is spoken daily in the Gaeltacht villages along the western coast. Daniel O'Connell — known as The Liberator — was born in Cahersiveen and raised at Derrynane House; his campaign for Catholic Emancipation changed Irish political history.

Food & drink

Kerry mountain lamb: Slow-reared on hillside pastures, with a distinctive flavour from the wild herbs and grasses — best enjoyed in Kenmare's restaurants Fresh Atlantic seafood: Crab, lobster and fish landed daily at ports along the route — Cahersiveen and Waterville are standout…

Is The Kerry Way for you?

GENTLE · MODERATE · CHALLENGING

Graded **Moderate**

14 to 24	225 to 759	3 to 10
km a day	m climb a day	walking days

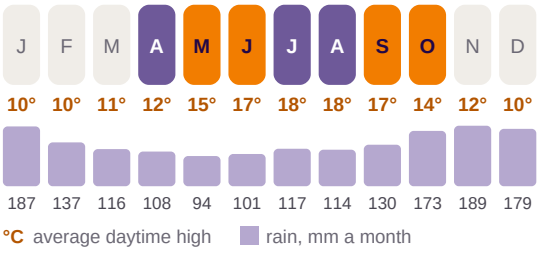
Who it suits

The Kerry Way is for walkers who want a genuine long-distance trail experience through wild Atlantic Ireland. Nine days of walking changes your rhythm — you settle into the pace of the trail, and the world back home feels a long way off. Overnight stops in villages with…

Terrain

The Kerry Way is a moderate trail for walkers with reasonable fitness. Our 9-day itinerary averages 18–24 km per day with daily ascents of 400–700 m. The terrain ranges from forest tracks and country lanes to mountain paths and open bogland; exposed…

When to go



- **Best months.** May, June and September offer the best conditions. May brings wildflowers to the bogland, long evenings and light trail traffic — a lovely time to walk before the summer…
- **Season.** Tours start between 15 April and 15 October.
- **Weather.** Mild all season, 12 to 18°C by day. Expect some rain on any trip and pack a good waterproof.

Met Éireann 1991–2020 averages, Valentia Observatory, the nearest long-term station.

Six walking holidays in The Kerry Way

The further you go, the quieter the trail gets. Prices are per person sharing and include B&B, luggage transfers, route notes and our app.

5 DAYS

Killarney, the Black Valley, and the mountain heart of Kerry

Muckross House - Glenbeigh · 3 walking days · 55.6…

FROM **€715** per person

6 DAYS

From Killarney into the Gap of Dunloe, out to the Atlantic at Cahersiveen

Killarney - Cahersiveen · 4 walking days · 56.4 km

FROM **€795** per person

7 DAYS

Five walking days from Killarney out to the Atlantic — Cahersiveen, Waterville…

Killarney - Waterville · 5 walking days · 100.1 km

FROM **€905** per person

8 DAYS

Ireland's longest and most famous walking trail

Glenbeigh - Killarney · 6 walking days · 94.5 km

FROM **€1,085** per person

10 DAYS

Killarney's lakes, the Skellig coast and the mountains above Kenmare Bay in…

Muckross House - Kenmare · 8 walking days · 150.3…

FROM **€1,345** per person

12 DAYS

Every stage of Ireland's greatest trail, Killarney to Killarney, with a day on…

Muckross House - Killarney · 10 walking days · 184.3…

LONGEST

FROM **€1,595** per person

● Overnight village ● Where the tour ends Single travellers welcome, a…



★★★★★ WALKED IT

"Hello Cliff! My sister and I both enjoyed our walking trip enormously. All the transfers and B&Bs were perfect. I recommended the trip to all

Joke, Netherlands · 2024

Every tour includes

- ✓ En-suite B&B rooms, chosen…
- ✓ Full Irish breakfast every morning
- ✓ Daily luggage transfer
- ✓ Route notes and our GPS app
- ✓ Pre-departure pack
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support

Not sure which?

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1
Choose your route
Pick a tour and your dates. We check availability.

2
We plan everything
B&Bs, transfers, route notes, app. A pack arrives before you travel.

3
You walk
At your own pace, with a daypack. We are a phone call away.

4
Bags waiting at your door
Your main bag moves while you walk and is there at the next B&B.

GETTING THERE & PRACTICAL

Kerry Airport (KIR) is 20 minutes from Killarney by car. Cork Airport (ORK) is about 90 minutes away and generally has a wider choice of flights. Irish Rail runs direct trains from Dublin Heuston to Killarney in around 3.5 hours — a scenic journey in its own right. Bus Éireann operates express coaches from Dublin, Cork and Limerick. Killarney is an easy starting point: arrive, settle in, and start walking the next morning.

The Kerry Way is a circuit, finishing where you began. Many walkers add a rest day to explore Muckross House and the national park lakeside walks, or simply to enjoy Killarney or Kenmare at a gentler pace.

WHERE YOU'LL STAY



The Kerry Way corridor is well served by family-run B&Bs, guesthouses and small hotels. Killarney offers the widest choice at the start and finish of the walk. Kenmare is the most rewarding overnight town on the entire route — Georgian streets, independent shops and excellent restaurants all within walking distance of your bed.

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12 walker reviews of The Kerry Way

"Amazing walking experience with incredible views. Was the views overlooking the bay and looking out at the Atlantic ocean"

Samir B. · 2026

Ready to walk The Kerry Way?

See live availability, full daily itineraries and current rates on our website, or ask us anything first. A deposit holds your dates; the balance is due before you travel.

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