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# THE KERRY WAY

## 8 DAYS

Ireland's longest and most famous walking route: 214km around the Iveragh Peninsula with dramatic mountain passes, emerald valleys, and coastal views.

DURATION

**8 days**

7 nights B&B

WALKING DAYS

**6**

15 to 24 km each

DISTANCE

**94.5 km**

about 2,700 m of ascent

GRADE

● **Moderate**

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Tour code SWA-KW-8D

# Your route at a glance

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 Overnight  Days 2, 4 and 6  Days 3, 5 and 7

DAY 1  
**Arrival in Glenbeigh**  
Settle in. The Kerry Way begins tomorrow. Your tour starts in Glenbeigh, a small...

DAY 2  
**Glenbeigh to Cahersiveen**  
19.6 km · 372 m ascent · Moderate · back to Cahersiveen for the night

DAY 3  
**Cahersiveen to Waterville**  
23.5 km · 759 m ascent · Challenging

DAY 4  
**Waterville to Caherdaniel**  
14.5 km · 305 m ascent · Gentle

DAY 5  
**Caherdaniel to Sneem**  
16.6 km · 398 m ascent · Moderate

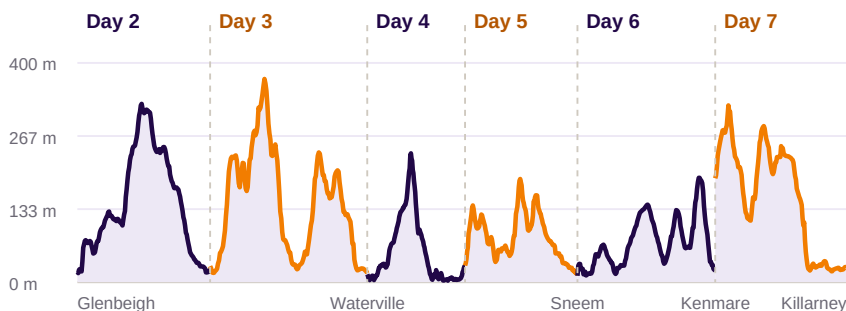
DAY 6  
**Sneem to Kenmare**  
20.5 km · 437 m ascent · Moderate

DAY 7  
**Kenmare to Killarney**  
19.4 km · 413 m ascent · Moderate

DAY 8  
**Departure from Killarney**  
A last full Irish breakfast, a last look at the MacGillycuddy's Reeks from the town...

## The whole walk in one line

94.5 km · 2,749 m of climbing over six days · from our GPS tracks



## What's underfoot

Surface across the six walking days



# Day by day

— Elevation, 0 to 400 m   ● Moderate   ● Challenging   ● Gentle

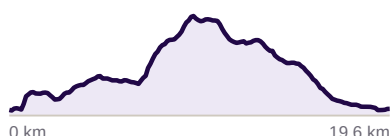
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**Arrival in Glenbeigh.** Settle in. The Kerry Way begins tomorrow. Your tour starts in Glenbeigh, a small village at the head of Rossbeigh Strand on the northern shore of the Iveragh Peninsula. Arrive in the afternoon, collect your route notes, waterproof...

**Overnight Glenbeigh**

DAY

2



19.6 km   372 m up

● Moderate

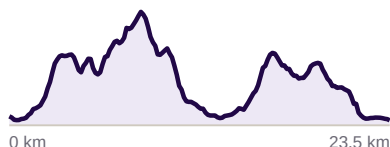
## Glenbeigh to Cahersiveen

Your first full day on the Kerry Way takes you south from Glenbeigh along the old stagecoach road that once connected these villages before the coast road existed. The trail rises steadily through open bogland, the sky widening with every metre of elevation. The scent of wild heather and the occasional startled grouse accompany you across the high moorland. Then Dingle Bay opens to the north – the full width of it, the Dingle Peninsula's mountains across the water – and you understand for the first time what walking Kerry means. The route ends at Foilduff, where a short transfer brings you into Cahersiveen, your overnight stop.

**Overnight Cahersiveen · back to Cahersiveen for the night**

DAY

3



23.5 km   759 m up

● Challenging

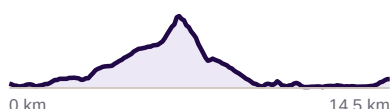
## Cahersiveen to Waterville

This is the day. The toughest stage on the tour— and the most memorable. You start from Foilduff and climb immediately into the mountains, the trail rising above Bolus Head with Kerry's Atlantic coastline falling away below you. At around 400 metres, the Skellig Islands appear on the western horizon: Skellig Michael and Little Skellig, their dark silhouettes unmistakable against the Atlantic. Monks built a monastery on Skellig Michael in the 6th century and lived there for six hundred years. You can see why they chose it — isolated, otherworldly, beyond the reach of ordinary life.

**Overnight Waterville**

DAY

4



14.5 km   305 m up

● Gentle

## Waterville to Caherdaniel

A shorter day — deliberately so. The Kerry Way gives you a chance to breathe after the demands of Day 3, and the coastal section from Waterville to Caherdaniel is exactly the right kind of walking for a recovery stage: long headland views, the Atlantic close and constant, and a pace that lets you actually look at what's around you. The trail follows the coastline south, passing above Derrynane Bay — one of the finest beaches in Kerry, sheltered by its dunes and the water a clear Atlantic green. Derrynane House, the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell, sits behind the beach. Caherdaniel is tiny—a handful of houses, a pub, and a few guesthouses— and that smallness is precisely its appeal.

**Overnight Caherdaniel**

## DAY 5



16.6 km 398 m up

● Moderate

## Caherdaniel to Sneem

The Kerry Way turns inland today, climbing away from the coast into the mountain interior of the Iveragh Peninsula. The trail rises through a heathery hillside above Kenmare Bay, the estuary widening to the east, the Beara Peninsula emerging across the water on clear days. This is a day of views that change slowly — you're walking the high ground between two great bodies of water, the Atlantic behind you and the Kenmare River ahead. The descent toward Sneem is through farmland and quiet lanes, the pace gentling as the mountain drops away.

**Overnight Sneem**

## DAY 6



20.5 km 437 m up

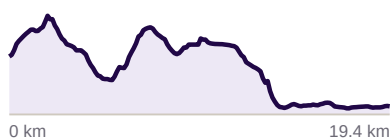
● Moderate

## Sneem to Kenmare

The Kerry Way's second great challenge. You leave Sneem via the Blackwater Bridge and climb steadily onto open mountain — broad moorland ridges with 360-degree views that expand as you gain height. To the south, Kenmare Bay stretches toward the Atlantic. To the west, the Iveragh Peninsula rolls back toward the mountains you crossed on Days 3 and 5. On a clear day, you can see across to Cork. The high ground is exposed and beautiful in equal measure. This is the kind of Kerry walking that earns its reputation: big skies, ancient landscape, and the particular satisfaction of being on top of something that most people only see from a car. The descent into Kenmare is long and satisfying.

**Overnight Kenmare**

## DAY 7



19.4 km 413 m up

● Moderate

## Kenmare to Killarney

Your final walking day is the Kerry Way at its most beautiful. Leave Kenmare and climb through the Black Valley — a remote, sparsely populated valley that has changed very little in a century. The last inhabited place in Ireland to receive electricity, it still carries that sense of being slightly outside ordinary time. The trail crests the pass and drops toward Killarney National Park, where the character of the landscape shifts completely: ancient oak woodland closes around the path, the light filtering through a canopy that has been here for thousands of years. This is one of the largest areas of native oak forest remaining in Ireland.

**Overnight Killarney**

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**Departure from Killarney.** A last full Irish breakfast, a last look at the MacGillycuddy's Reeks from the town, and then onwards. Killarney has trains to Dublin (three hours), and the town's position at the centre of the Kerry road network makes onwards travel easy in any direction. Most walkers leave already thinking...

## Is this walk for you?

GENTLE      MODERATE      CHALLENGING



**15 to 24 km**

a day

**2,749**

m of climbing in total

**6**

walking days

This tour is for experienced walkers who are comfortable with sustained daily distances and real elevation. You should be happy covering 14–23km in a day on mountain terrain, and confident navigating with a map and route notes in open country. Day 3 — 23.5km and 862m of ascent — is a serious mountain day. If you've completed multi-day walking tours before and want something that genuinely challenges you, the Kerry Way is the right choice.



### INCLUDED

- ✓ **Accommodation.** 7 nights in 3-star or better en-suite B&B
- ✓ **Breakfast.** Full Irish or continental breakfast every morning
- ✓ **Logistics.** Luggage transfers to each night's accommodation
- ✓ **Navigation.** Personalised digital itinerary and route app for your smartphone that keeps you on the trail at...
- ✓ **Support.** 24/7 emergency contact line (peace of mind)
- ✓ **Preparation.** Pre-departure information pack with route details and packing suggestions

### NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Flights to/from Ireland
- ✗ Travel and hiking insurance
- ✗ Lunches and dinners (though we'll suggest brilliant local spots)

#### Want to walk further?

10 days to Kenmare from €1,345 · 12 days to Killarney from €1,595

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## How booking works

- 1 Tell us your dates and how many walkers. We check the B&Bs.
- 2 A 25% deposit holds your places; the balance is due before you travel.
- 3 Your travel pack arrives 14 days before departure.

**Check dates and book**

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