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Along the trail — Spinc Waterfall, Ireland

Wicklow Way Full 7 Days

The complete end-to-end trek

DURATION

7 days

WALKING DAYS

6

TOTAL DISTANCE

101 km

GRADE

Challenging

From

€970

per person

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About This Tour

Experience the complete Wicklow Way — Ireland's original 130km waymarked trail. Walk 7 unforgettable days from the Carlow border through ancient valleys to Dublin's doorstep. Perfect for fit walkers ready for their greatest Irish adventure.

Tour Highlights

- **Glendalough's Monastic Magic**

Walk into the heart of Ireland's most spiritually significant mountain valley. The round tower and ancient churches rise from mist and silence. You'll understand why monks chose this place to build their city of stone.

- **Glenmalure Valley — Europe's Gateway**

Ireland's longest and deepest glacial valley. Walking here feels like stepping back into the Ice Age. Steep cliffs bracket rolling moorland, and the silence is profound. This is raw, ancient Ireland.

- **The Spinc Ridge**

One of the most exhilarating stretches on the entire trail. Narrow, dramatic, with views that stretch across multiple counties. Your heart will race, and you won't want it to end.

- **Walking Into Dublin**

Finish your Wicklow Way adventure by walking into Ireland's capital. The final sections bring you from wild mountains into Marlay Park and Dublin's urban landscape — a finale that's both triumphant and unexpectedly moving.

Who Is It For?

This is the tour for walkers who don't do "light" versions. You want the complete experience, the full distance, the real Wicklow Way. You're fit enough for daily walks of 22 to 31 kilometres, with days that regularly involve 800+ metres of climbing. This isn't casual countryside rambling—it's proper hill walking with serious distances and significant elevation. If you've completed other multi-day treks or regularly do long day hikes, you're ready.

You're the type who loves a challenge but doesn't need it to be extreme. You appreciate comfort at the end of the day—a hot shower, a warm bed, a full Irish breakfast—but you're absolutely happy to earn it through hours on the trail.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Bunclody

Arrive in the village of Bunclody and settle into your first night's accommodation. Bunclody sits on the edge of the Blackstairs Mountains and is a quiet, friendly base for your trip — a Georgian main street, a couple of good pubs, the river Slaney running through the centre, and Mount Leinster rising to the south.

We will provide you with information on how to get here using public transport in your pre-departure pack — or talk to us about private transfer options from Dublin Airport, the closest entry point. Bunclody is roughly 90 minutes by road south of Dublin.

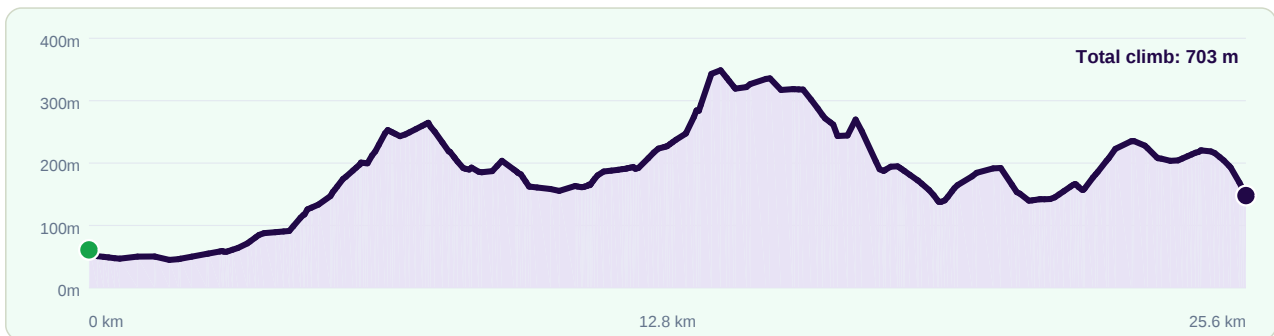
Spend the evening getting ready for tomorrow — gentle terrain to start, a chance to find your rhythm before the bigger mountain days that follow.

DAY
2

Clonegal to Tallon's Pub — 25 km | 540m Ascent | 6–8 Hours

Walk: WW Clonegal to Tallons Pub (25.7 km)

ROUTE 25.7 km · 708 m ascent · Challenging · Clonegal to Tallons Pub



Your Wicklow Way truly begins. Leave Clonegal behind and climb into moorland. The trail shows its character immediately—open ridges, ancient pathways, the sense of entering somewhere special. You'll walk the Carlow border country, pass through mixed woodland, and arrive at Tallon's Pub as the light softens. A proper first day: long enough to establish your pace, not so brutal that doubt creeps in. Your legs will feel it, but pleasantly.

DAY
3

Tallon's Pub to Iron Bridge — 26 km | 580m Ascent | 7–9 Hours

Walk: WW Tallons Pub (Shillelagh) To Moyne (15.9 km)

ROUTE 15.9 km · 480 m ascent · Moderate · Tallons Pub to Moyne



Now the Wicklow Mountains proper begin their reveal. This stage takes you deeper into the uplands, past historic viewpoints and into increasingly dramatic terrain. The Shillelagh Hills open before you. You'll cross streams fed by mountain springs and navigate paths that locals have walked for centuries. Iron Bridge emerges as your reward—a small settlement with surprising warmth and character. Your accommodation awaits; so does a sense that you're truly committed now.

DAY
4

Iron Bridge to Glendalough — 31 km | 800m Ascent | 7–10 Hours

Walk: WW Iron Bridge to Glendalough (26.4 km)

ROUTE 26.4 km · 1134 m ascent · Challenging+ · Iron Bridge, Ballyteige to Glendalough



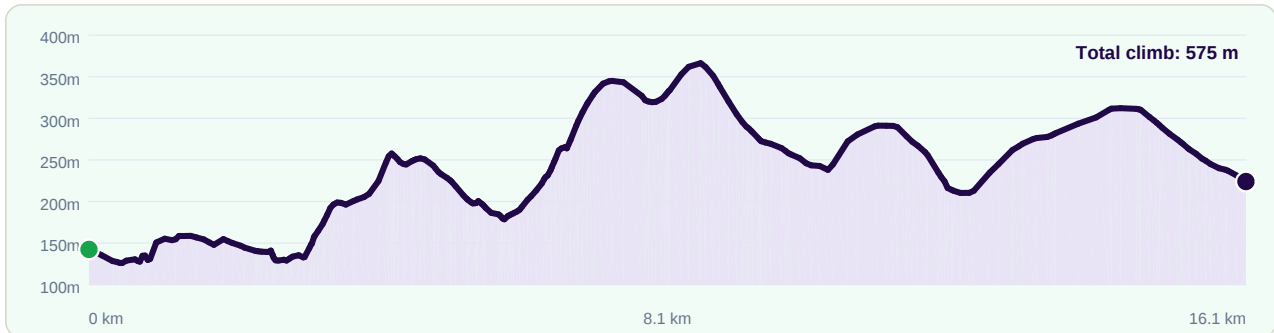
This is your big day, and it's glorious. This stage takes you through some of the Wicklow Way's most iconic landscapes. You'll climb to dramatic ridges, traverse the edge of deep valleys, and finally descend into Glendalough—Ireland's most sacred mountain valley. The ancient monastic city rises before you: a round tower, stone churches, the weight of 1,500 years of history. Walking this final descent into Glendalough is one of the great moments of the Wicklow Way. Your legs will ache beautifully. Rest well; you've earned it.

DAY
5

Glendalough to Enniskerry — 26–29 km | 950–1,250m Ascent | 7–10 Hours

Walk: WW Laragh Village to Roundwood (16.2 km)

ROUTE 16.2 km · 576 m ascent · Moderate · Laragh Village to Roundwood



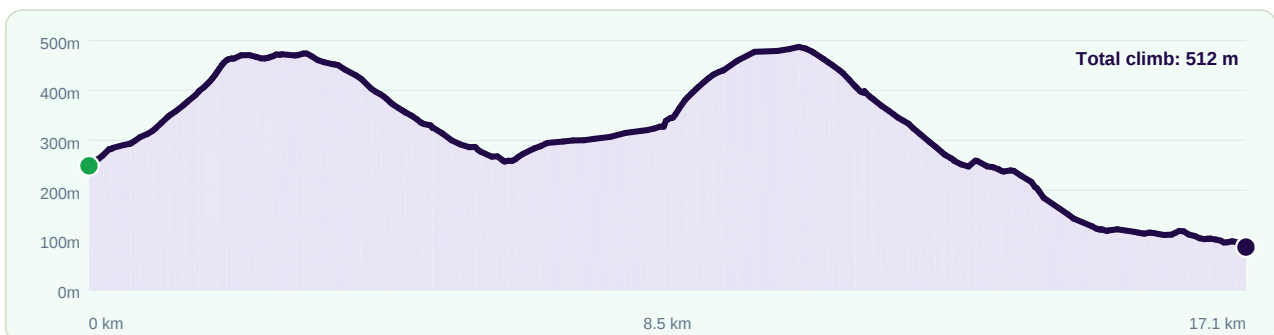
The most elevated day, both literally and emotionally. You're leaving Glendalough's spiritual calm and climbing into raw mountain wilderness. This is where you'll encounter Glenmalur Valley—Ireland's longest and deepest glacial valley. The cliffs are sudden and dramatic. The silence is profound. You'll traverse the Spinc Ridge, a narrow, thrilling section that feels like walking the spine of the earth. The ascent is significant—nearly a vertical kilometre—but the views and sense of achievement make it unforgettable. Enniskerry, a charming village on Dublin's edge, marks your arrival back toward civilization.

DAY
6

Enniskerry to Marlay Park — 22 km | 520m Ascent | 6–8 Hours

Walk: WW Enniskerry to Marlay Park (easy) (17.2 km)

ROUTE 17.2 km · 517 m ascent · Moderate · Glencree Road to Marlay Park



The final day of walking feels different—knowing the trail ends, you'll absorb everything more intensely. This stage descends from mountain terrain into the foothills, and gradually, Dublin's presence increases. You'll pass through forests, walk along streams, and finally enter Marlay Park. This is your finish line: a beautiful green space on Dublin's southern edge, where urban and wild meet. Walk through those gates knowing you've done something remarkable.

DAY

7

Departure from Dublin

Your walking is complete. Depart from Dublin with memories, tired legs, and the quiet satisfaction of having walked every kilometre of Ireland's most iconic trail. Share contact details with your group—many walkers stay in touch, bonded by the week's shared challenge.



Along the trail — County Wicklow, Ireland

What Our Walkers Say

Rated 5.0/5 by 12 walkers

Excellent organisation on the Wicklow Way. Great B&Bs and clear daily routes.

- Sophie Laurent - 2025

The Wicklow Way is a perfect introduction to walking in Ireland. Cliff organised a smooth itinerary with manageable daily distances. The route moved through forests, hills, and quiet countryside. Each evening we stayed in friendly B&Bs with great food nearby. The app provided clear directions at every stage. Everything worked as planned, and support was always available.

- James Walker - 2025

The Wicklow Way was very well organised. Clear communication, smooth luggage transfers, and great places to stay each night.

- David Thompson - 2025

Ready to Walk Ireland?

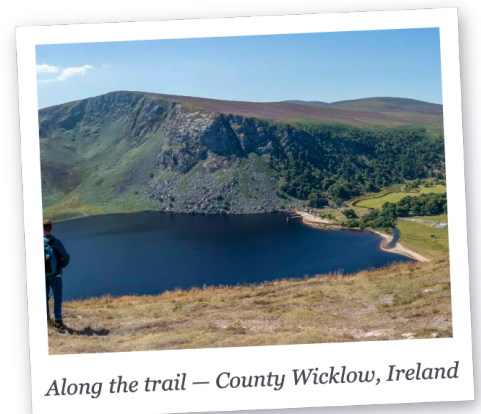
Every tour is self-guided with hand-picked accommodation, daily luggage transfer, detailed route notes and GPX files, plus our personal local support throughout your walk. Dates and group sizes are flexible — just ask.

What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: Welcoming en-suite B&B rooms
- ✓ Breakfast: Full Irish breakfast every morning
- ✓ Luggage Transfer: Daily transfer of your main bag between accommodations
- ✓ Personalised Itinerary and route app for your smart phone that keeps you on the trail at all times.
- ✓ Support: 24/7 emergency support throughout your holiday
- ✓ Pre-Departure Pack: Information pack sent before you travel, so you know exactly what to expect

Not Included

- ✗ Flights: Travel to Ireland is not included
- ✗ Insurance: You'll need travel and walking holiday insurance
- ✗ Meals: Lunches and dinners are not included (though we'll recommend great local spots)



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