

# Self-guided Cycle tour

## Ireland



## Ring of Kerry & Dingle

Day 1  
Arrival Killarney

Day 2 47 km  
To Sneem

Day 3 50 km  
To Glenbeigh

Day 4 48 km  
To Dingle

Day 5  
Rest Day Dingle

Day 6 69 km  
To Killorglin

Day 7 64 km  
To Killarney

Day 8  
End of Services

Any trip to Ireland has a mix of idyllic landscapes, rich culture and many miles of paved, quiet roads. This is certainly true for this bicycling trip to the Kerry and Dingle Peninsulas. In this magical, sometimes challenging countryside, you are dazzled by the rocky peaks and neatly cultivated fields dotted with grazing sheep.

Kerry is considered Ireland's most gorgeous peninsula. It embodies the tough romantic spirit of Ireland. We ride through Muckross National Park to the picturesque village of Sneem on the Inveragh Peninsula. Soon afterward we cycle into Glenbeigh past Celtic fortresses waiting to be explored.

We stop at the fishing town of Dingle where you have time to explore the area on your own. Meet the Dingle dolphin or scour the deserted parts of the peninsula for incredible vistas and "ogham" stones. Return to Killarney via the Black Valley.



### Tour Details 2020

Departures: June 13  
July 25  
August 15

Cost: \$1595 per person

Single Supplement: On request

Bike Rental: \$ 175  
Grade: Moderate / Intermediate  
Length: 8 days/ 7 nights

Starts / Ends: Killarney

### Fast Facts

- Seven nights charming accommodation with full Irish breakfast and one dinner
- Detailed road book and maps
- 24 hour service hotline
- Luggage transfer each day
- Transfer from Glengarriff to Dingle
- GPS tracks available (on request)

#### E-Bike Info:

- E-bike rental: \$350
- Limited supplies available, so reservations recommended
- Giant City models available



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### Day 1 Arrive Killarney

Individual arrival in Killarney. If you get there early the rooms in the B&Bs will not usually be ready till 15:00 so you can leave your luggage at the guesthouse and explore this bustling town. If you have time, you could visit Ross Castle, a wonderfully restored 16th Century Norman Tower House overlooking Lough Leane. Ross Castle is about 1.5 miles from the town.

### Day 2 Killarney to Sneem 47 km

You cycle out of Killarney through the Muckross National Park. After a stroll around the celebrated Muckross gardens there follows a wonderful cycle along a quiet cyclepath between two of the Killarney lakes before you return to your bikes. A steady climb follows to your lunch stop at Molls Gap where you are rewarded with delicious food in the restaurant with its beautiful views of the surrounding mountains. Then pedal west on the Inveragh Peninsula to the picturesque town of Sneem.

### Day 3 Sneem to Glenbeigh 50 km

Passing along quiet country roads with stunning views of the surrounding mountains, you climb up to the beautiful Gap of Ballaghbearna and descend the other side into another valley with views of Carrauntoohil, Ireland's highest mountain. After lunch you then head west to the seaside village of Glenbeigh where you spend the night in a comfortable hotel.

### Day 4 Glenbeigh to Dingle 48 km

The day starts with a coach trip to Dingle where you are based for two nights. You follow the Sleat Head Route around the tip of the spectacular Dingle peninsula, one of the highlights of the tour, and some of the most breathtaking coastal scenery in the country.

### Day 5 Dingle Rest Day

Rest day in Dingle, a bustling town with plenty of restaurants, musical pubs, a busy fishing port and dramatic countryside. You can opt take boat trips, visit the aquarium or trade your bike saddle for a horse saddle and go horse riding.

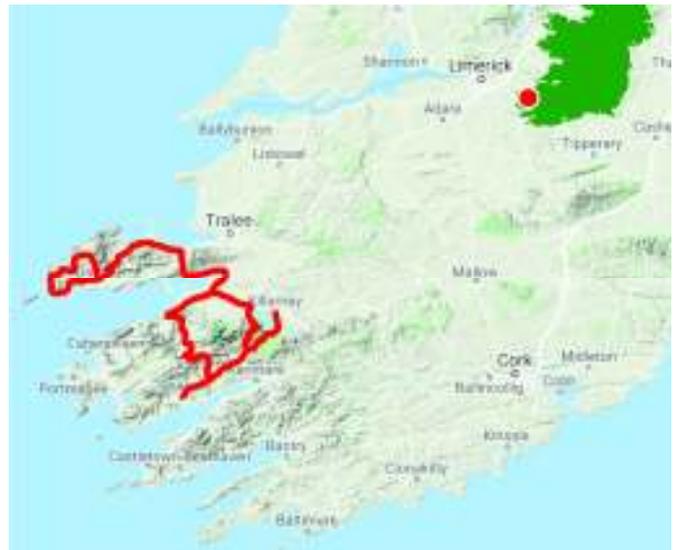
### Day 6 Dingle to Killorglin 69 km

After a long steady climb up to the Conor Pass with its stunning views of Mount Brandon and the coastline in the distance, you again follow quiet coastal roads to Inch Beach for a swim and the village of Camp where you can stop for lunch. In the afternoon you head straight into the mountains and traverse the peninsula heading up over one side of the mountains to magnificent views of the other side of the peninsula with Dingle Bay and Ireland's highest mountain range stretching out in front of you. Continue on to the market town of Killorglin.

### Day 7 Killorglin to Killarney 64 km

Keeping to the back roads, cycle towards the famous Gap of Dunloe, a place you will never forget, for a spectacular bicycle ride through the Black Valley. After lunch there is a wonderful freewheel back down to Killarney for your last night.

### Day 8 End of tour after breakfast.



# What to Expect

## What will the weather be like?

The daytime temperature will be around 15 to mid-20 degrees C ( 60's to 70's F), with moderate rainfall. It often rains in Ireland, making the countryside lush and green. It is usually misty and not torrential downpours, but rain gear is still necessary, both a jacket and a pair of pants.

## How many hours of cycling a day?

Be prepared to ride between 4 to 6 hours daily.

## How fit do I need to be?

The fitter the better, so you will be able to ride more. There are hills and some level terrain so you will be able to ride to your next village and hotel. Mainly on quiet roads, some steep climbs, generally the terrain is hilly with a climb each day.

## What is the food like?

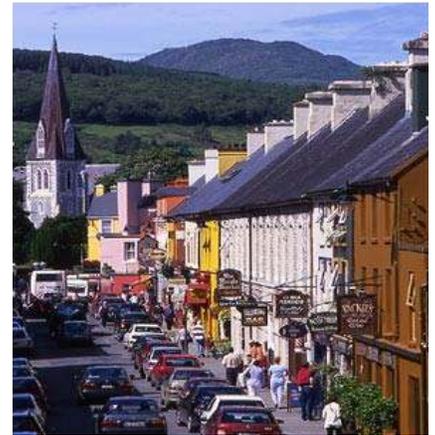
We have included a full Irish breakfast each day. For lunch, you can stop in a pub and local restaurant for a full meal or mid-day snack. For dinner, your guidebook will suggest a location.

## What are the hotels like?

They are chosen for their charm and location. Properties are charming B&Bs and small hotels, well - located in the towns. All the rooms have private facilities.

# Getting There

- Fly to Dublin or Shannon
- From there, transfer to train or bus station to get to Killarney.



# Extra Expenses

- The boat trip to see the "Fungi" dolphins in Dingle is approx €16.
- If you want to swim with the dolphins then the total price including wet suit hire is approx €45.
- The return ferry out to the Blasket Islands is approx €35 if you take the fast boat from Dingle.
- A massage in Dingle is approx. €40



# How to book your holiday

- Contact our office to make sure there is space available. One of our travel planners will walk you through the entire process.
- Download the reservation form from our site and send in the completed form by fax or email. Once this is done, your space is confirmed and pre-departure packet will be sent.
- A deposit is required immediately, and final payment is required 60 days prior to the trip departure. Terms & conditions are outlined in our Reservation Form.
- Plan your air travel as soon as possible.
- We encourage you to purchase travel insurance, either through us or a travel insurance provider directly.
- Ensure you are in proper health for the trip chosen. Contact us for more information on vaccinations, inoculations, and