

*Full Itinerary*

# EMERALD GREENS SOUTHERN IRISH GOLF TOUR



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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00 GMT



## JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Emerald Greens Southern Irish Golf Tour

**DURATION:**

7 nights / 8 days

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Please arrange your flights into Shannon International Airport [SNN] on Day 1 and to depart from there on Day 8

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Shannon International Airport [SNN]

## OVERVIEW

Choose your own departure date

Discover the green of the Emerald Isle on this unique new golfing tour, combining some of the best Irish links courses with sightseeing and culture.

Embark on an exquisite seven-night journey where luxury, sport, and Irish charm blend into an unforgettable experience. Imagine stepping off your flight at Shannon International Airport, greeted by the comfort of a luxury coach and the warmth of our Big Golf Company Tour Director. As you're whisked away to the scenic heart of Killarney, your adventure in the emerald isle begins.

Reside in the sophisticated Randles Court Hotel for the initial five nights, greeted by an exclusive reception and a lavish dinner. Your journey continues to the historic Vaughan Lodge in Lahinch for the final two nights.

Each day unfolds with a full Irish breakfast and a schedule that caters to both the golf enthusiast and the curious traveler. Golfers will revel in the challenge and beauty of Ireland's top-class links courses, including the famed Waterville Golf Links and Ballybunion Golf Club. Non-golfers aren't left behind, with planned sightseeing along the Ring of Kerry, shopping in Killarney, and exploring the picturesque Dingle Peninsula.

This meticulously curated tour balances leisure and excitement. Free time is built into the itinerary for personal exploration or relaxation. As your journey nears its end, stay at the sophisticated Vaughan Lodge in Lahinch, with a grand farewell dinner and a private Irish music performance that promises a truly special culmination to your stay.

Don't miss out on this unparalleled opportunity to explore the beauty of Southern Ireland, indulge in premier golfing, and immerse yourself in the rich culture of the Emerald Isle. Book your spot on the Emerald Greens Tour today and create memories that will last a lifetime!

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1** - A Céad Míle Fáilte! - Welcome to Ireland

**DAY 2** - Golf at Waterville Golf Links (Co Kerry) or sightseeing at The Ring of Kerry visit Portmagee & Skellig Experience

**DAY 3** - Golf at Old Head Golf links or private guided walking tour of Kinsale

**DAY 4** - Golf at Ballybunion Golf Club or sightseeing in Killarney visit Muckcross House, Torc Waterfall and Kate Kearneys

**DAY 5** - A day to relax and visit the Dingle Peninsula & Dingle Town

**DAY 6** - Golf at Tralee Golf Links (Co Kerry) or visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park

**DAY 7** - All guests Sightsee Cliffs of Moher followed by Golf at Lahinch Old Course or tour of the Burren Region

**DAY 8** - It's time to say goodbye...

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - A CÉAD MÍLE Fáilte! - WELCOME TO IRELAND

Upon arrival, your Big Golf Company Tour Director will warmly welcome you and ensure a seamless transfer to the picturesque town of Killarney. En route, you will have the chance to visit Adare Village before arriving at the Randles Court Hotel. Take your time to unwind in your cozy room or explore the hotel's extensive facilities. Allow yourself to be captivated by the serene beauty of the surrounding gardens and the majestic Tomie Mountains that stand guard in the distance.

For those keen to explore, take the opportunity in the afternoon to venture into the Killarney and Ross Castle area with our driver. Visit the local attractions and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Killarney National Park, a haven of lush woodlands and serene lakes. Each site offers a unique glimpse into the rich tapestry of history and natural splendor that defines this enchanting region.

As the evening unfolds, gather with your fellow group members for an inviting welcome reception and dinner at the hotel restaurant. This is the perfect opportunity to mingle and spark friendships that will enrich your tour experience. Engage in light-hearted banter and share your excitement and strategies for the upcoming golf adventures. The atmosphere will be abuzz with anticipation and camaraderie, setting the stage for an incredible journey ahead. Welcome to the beginning of an unforgettable golfing experience in the heart of Ireland!

**Included meals:** Dinner Included

**Accommodation:** Randles Court Hotel

### DAY 2 - GOLF AT WATERVILLE GOLF LINKS (CO KERRY) OR SIGHTSEEING AT THE RING OF KERRY VISIT PORTMAGEE & SKELLIG EXPERIENCE

Enjoy your traditional Irish breakfast and prepare for the day ahead.

Golf enthusiasts will embark on a journey to Waterville Golf Links Course, a jewel among Ireland's golfing crown. This premier course caters to all skill levels with five sets of tees ranging from 5370 to almost 7350 yards. Engage with every facet of your game as you navigate through a variety of terrains, from undulating dunes to coastal edges, under the influence of ever-shifting sea breezes. The course layout consists of four Par 3's, ten Par 4's, and four Par 5's, each leading you in a different direction and presenting a unique set of challenges and scenic views. Notably, Waterville is free from blind shots, allowing a true test of your strategic play.

Meanwhile, non-golfers will delight in a day trip to the iconic Ring of Kerry and visit Portmagee & Skellig Experience (tickets are included). This 179km circular route is famed for its breathtaking landscapes, combining rugged coastlines with quaint rural villages. It's an immersive journey through the heart of Ireland's natural splendor and cultural heritage. Whether you're a golfer or not, the day promises unforgettable experiences in some of Ireland's most beautiful settings.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Randles Court Hotel

### DAY 3 - GOLF AT OLD HEAD GOLF LINKS OR PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF KINSALE

Following breakfast, the golfing adventure continues with a trip to the breathtaking Old Head Golf Links. This exclusive course, a jewel in Ireland's golfing crown, perched on a stunning headland stretching out over two miles into the Atlantic Ocean. The Old Head Golf Links offers unparalleled views and an unforgettable golfing experience.

Established in 1997, the course is renowned for its dramatic cliff-top setting, providing golfers not only with challenging but also visually spectacular holes. Each of the 18 holes showcases a unique aspect of the magnificent landscape, with the ever-changing sea breeze adding an extra layer of challenge to the game. This course is a testament to the beauty of links golf, offering a blend of thrilling play and natural beauty that is sure to leave a lasting impression on every golfer.

Non-golfers indulge in a captivating private historic walking expedition through Kinsale alongside our knowledgeable local guide (tickets are included). Immerse yourself in the storied past of the renowned Battle of Kinsale in 1601. Delight in an acclaimed and enjoyable exploration of the remarkable harbor fortifications and medieval walled town, gaining fascinating insights along the way.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Randles Court Hotel

## DAY 4 - GOLF AT BALLYBUNION GOLF CLUB OR SIGHTSEEING IN KILLARNEY VISIT MUCKCROSS HOUSE, TORC WATERFALL AND KATE KEARNEYS

After breakfast, golfers will be transferred to Ballybunion Golf Club, to play the world-class Old Course, previously ranked #7 in Golf Digest's "100 Best Courses Outside the USA". Established in 1893, the course stretches 6739 yards from the white tees, nestled between the sand dunes and the Atlantic Ocean. Bring your camera and get ready for some World-Class Links Golf!

Non-golfers will remain in Killarney for sightseeing and shopping. Visit the simply stunning Muckcross House (tickets are included) and the 20-meter-high Torc Waterfall. Killarney offers an immersive Irish experience. Journey through timeless natural beauty, vibrant culture, and rich history. Savor the vibrant social life where lively music, great food, and welcoming pubs are infused with the warmth of a genuine welcome. Head to the historic Kate Kearney's Cottage for lunch (payable locally).

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Randles Court Hotel

## DAY 5 - A DAY TO RELAX AND VISIT THE DINGLE PENINSULA & DINGLE TOWN

Today, the group takes a leisurely break from the greens to soak in the natural and historical wonders of the renowned Dingle Peninsula, just an hour's drive away after breakfast. While it's tempting to spend the entire day in the charming town of Dingle, known for its bohemian vibe, artistic spirit, and friendly locals—not to mention its unique hardware pubs where you can enjoy a pint and shop for wellies—the true essence of the peninsula lies just beyond.

Embark on a journey through 6,000 years of history set against the backdrop of the dramatic Kerry coastline, with its thunderous waves, brisk salty winds, and expansive skies. Explore the ancient Gallarus Oratory, a beautifully preserved early Christian church that sits majestically over Smerwick Harbour's azure waters. Wander down to Coumeenoole Beach, where the haunting beauty of the Blasket Islands unfolds in the distance. And don't miss the opportunity to traverse Conor Pass, Ireland's highest mountain road, offering panoramic views that encapsulate the sheer beauty of Ireland. In the Dingle Peninsula, every corner turned and every path taken leads to something exceptional.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Randles Court Hotel

## DAY 6 - GOLF AT TRALEE GOLF LINKS (CO KERRY) OR VISIT BUNRATTY CASTLE AND FOLK PARK

Rise early and enjoy a hearty breakfast before bidding farewell to the splendid Randles Court Hotel. Guests will then embark on a journey to the esteemed Tralee Golf Club, a masterpiece of golfing terrain designed by the legendary Arnold Palmer. It's the first European course attributed to him, making it a special destination for any golf enthusiast.

Golfers will challenge themselves on this magnificent links course, known for its dramatic dunes, rolling fairways, and challenging rough. With cliff-top tees and greens, each hole offers a unique test of skill against the backdrop of stunning coastal views, so much so that Chicago District Golfer Magazine has likened its vistas to those of Pebble Beach.

Meanwhile, non-golfers will enjoy a visit to Bunratty Castle and Folk Park (tickets are included), the acclaimed 15th-century iconic Bunratty Castle - the most complete and authentic castle in Ireland. Hear and see how the lords and ladies of this castle lived; hear stories of battles and bravery and enjoy stunning views across the idyllic Clare countryside.

At the end of the day, all guests will be transferred to the Vaughan Lodge Hotel in Lahinch, setting the stage for the final two nights of your unforgettable journey. Here, comfort and hospitality await to ensure a restful stay as you reflect on the day's adventures and anticipate the concluding experiences of your tour.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Vaughan Lodge Hotel

## DAY 7 - ALL GUESTS SIGHTSEE CLIFFS OF MOHER FOLLOWED BY GOLF AT LAHINCH OLD COURSE OR TOUR OF THE BURREN REGION

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast at Vaughan Lodge, a testament to the warm hospitality extended by the Vaughan family over four generations.

All guests will visit the famous Cliffs of Moher in the morning. Named a UNESCO Global Geopark, the cliffs stand a staggering 214 meters tall.

Golfers will set out for their final tee time at the prestigious Lahinch Golf Club. With a history dating back to 1892 and stretching nearly 7,000 yards, Lahinch is a historic beacon in the world of golf. Renowned for its enchanting, rugged landscape and varied play, it's no wonder it's ranked #33 in "The Top 100 Golf Courses of the World" and was the proud host of the 2019 Irish Open. Prepare for a round that is as historical as it is exhilarating.

Meanwhile, non-golfers will embark on a scenic exploration of the Burren Region. This tour takes you through the moon-like terrain of the Burren, the historic Dunguaire Castle, the fascinating Aillwee Caves & Birds of Prey Centre, and the picturesque village of Doolin, with its stunning views of the Atlantic. It's a day filled with natural wonders and cultural insights.

As the day wanes, prepare for an evening of celebration. Enjoy an exclusive Private Irish Music Performance accompanied by a drinks reception. The farewell dinner will be a time of laughter, stories, and awards as our tour directors commemorate the unique experiences and achievements of your golfing journey. As you exchange stories and cheers with your fellow travelers, cherish these moments of camaraderie and the memories you've created together. You'll also be briefed on the details for your check-out and departure the following day, ensuring a smooth conclusion to your splendid Irish adventure.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast & Dinner

**Accommodation:** Vaughan Lodge Hotel

## DAY 8 - IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE...

Check-out of your room and say goodbye to Ireland.

You will be transferred back to the airport in time for your onwards flight home.

**Included meals:** Irish Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- **Green Fees:** All green fees are included to courses specified in the itinerary.
- **Meet & Greet:** Your journey begins with a warm welcome, ensuring a seamless and personalized start to your golfing escape.
- **Luxurious Accommodation:** Immerse yourself in comfort with accommodations meticulously selected to complement the charm of each destination on your itinerary.
- **Effortless Transfers:** Relax with worry-free travel, including airport transfers and transportation to and from exciting excursions. Snacks/Refreshments on Coach.
- **Meal Basis:** All meals included are specified in the itinerary. Welcome Dinner on Opening Night (Not Including Alcohol – Service Included). Farewell Dinner on Final Night (Not Including Alcohol – Service Included).
- **Guided Activities:** Explore beyond the fairways with a curated selection of activities, visits, and excursions.
- **National English-Speaking Tour Guide:** Enhance your journey with insightful commentary and guidance from a knowledgeable local expert.
- **Expert Tour Directors:** Elevate your experience with dedicated Tour Directors from The Big Golf Company and a local Irish Representative ensuring a personalized touch throughout your golfing adventure. (Subject to minimum group size being reached)

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- **Flights to and from Ireland.**
- **Resort Tax (Paid Locally):** Please be aware of and plan for any local resort taxes that may apply during your stay.
- **Caddy Fees (Paid Directly to Your Caddy):** Gratuity for caddies is not included; kindly budget for this additional fee, paid directly to your caddy.
- **Visa Entry (If Applicable):** Ensure you check and fulfill any visa requirements that may be necessary for your travel.
- **Gratuities:** While tips are not included, showing appreciation for exceptional service is at your discretion.
- **Travel and Medical Insurance:** It is recommended to arrange suitable travel and medical insurance for your peace of mind throughout the journey.
- **Personal Items:** Expenses for any personal items or anything not explicitly mentioned under the "Included in Price" section are not covered.
- **Unspecified Meals:** Any meals not outlined in the itinerary are not part of the package.
- **Optional Activities:** Take advantage of any optional activities offered independently of the tour.
- **COVID Tests & Entry/Exit Requirements:** Be aware of and fulfill any COVID tests or related entry and exit requirements that may be necessary.
- **Golf Balls:** Plan for your golf balls separately, as they are not included in the tour package.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2 - 3pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90-0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are non-refundable. Balance payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.
- \*DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that in rare instances, unforeseen circumstances and factors beyond our control may necessitate changes to our itineraries. Should such changes occur, rest assured that we will endeavor to provide you with golf, accommodation, or an experience of equal value to what was originally booked. Your satisfaction and enjoyment remain our top priority.

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