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DINGLE PENINSULA & RING OF KERRY

- A 6-NIGHT RIDING HOLIDAY -

Classic Ireland

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ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

This 6-night itinerary includes everything that makes County Kerry world famous: colorful coastal villages, world-class cuisine, white sand beaches, and views so spectacular, you won't believe your eyes! The Dingle Peninsula & Ring of Kerry is quintessential Ireland!

This itinerary highlights riding routes & adventures each day, while evenings are free to explore on your own.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Guesthouse and hotel accommodations have been carefully selected, providing our guests with personal service, comfortable en-suite bedrooms, and daily full Irish breakfast. Ideally located in Dingle Town, Killarney Town and coastal villages on the Ring of Kerry - they are the perfect base for this exciting Ireland riding vacation!

HOW TO GET HERE

This riding vacation takes place in the Southwest corner of Ireland. In the Spring & Summer months, guests can fly into Shannon, Ireland - the closest airport for this itinerary. Alternatively, guests can fly year round into Dublin, Ireland. Once in country, guests can rent a car, use private transport, or public transportation (train, coach, etc.)

OUR HORSES

Ireland is known as "Land of the Horse" so it's no surprise that Irish horses are reputed the world over for their amazing jumping ability, gentleness, intelligence, and stamina.

The equine teams in Dingle and Killarney consist of Irish Sport Horses, Connemara Ponies, Irish Cobs, Irish Draughts, and one Clydesdale! Chosen for their experience and temperament, they're the perfect partners for your Ireland riding vacation!



Where You Will Be!



SHANNON AIRPORT

DUBLIN AIRPORT

Dingle

Killarney

DINGLE PENINSULA

At the very edge of Europe, as far west as you can go in Ireland, lies the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Described by National Geographic as “the most beautiful place on earth”, it's a place of spectacular seascapes and landscapes shaped by the elements, with a wild and rugged coastline of steep cliffs and wide sandy beaches. A place where the mountains roll into the ocean.

This is a land rich with ancient history, with pre-historic sites and early Christian heritage - Celtic crosses, monastic 'beehive' huts, and Ireland's oldest stone-roofed church. Here you'll find the real Ireland: unbroken traditions of language and music, folklore and storytelling, arts, crafts, and artisan food. The little fishing town of Dingle, with its brightly colored houses, its traditional pubs, and its cosmopolitan, creative community serves up some of the world's best food!

The Dingle Peninsula has one of the largest Gaeltacht (Gaelic-speaking) communities in Ireland. You'll find many of the locals are bi-lingual - speaking Irish as their mother tongue, a lovely lyrical English to their visitors, and often a mix of the two. They'll tell you “fáilte romhat isteach” - you're most welcome here” in both languages - with warmth and cadence of greeting that's unforgettable.

KILLARNEY

People have been visiting Killarney, in the ancient Kingdom of Kerry, for over 250 years. They come for the legendary beauty: the lakes, waterfalls, mountain peaks and heart-stopping views. They come for the 'craic' (good times and the banter), the pubs, live music, and easy Irish charm. Queen Victoria visited and fell in love with it. Poets and songwriters have waxed lyrical about it. It's known as “the home of the traditional Irish welcome” because this is where Irish tourism began.

Astounding national beauty is found in Ireland's first great National Park, Killarney National Park, where Na Crucha Dubha, the country's highest mountains, surround three gorgeous glacial lakes. Ireland's only herd of native red deer roam wild here in ancient woods of oak and yew. Rare white-tailed sea eagles drift overhead.

Traditional horse-drawn jaunting cars, with their drivers known as “jarveys”, wait in town to take visitors into the National Park. Take a jaunting car through the hauntingly beautiful mountain pass, the Gap of Dunloe. The boat trip across the three lakes is a magical experience.

Back in town, the streets are a hive of activity, full of life ... Irish through and through.



- DAY ONE -
DINGLE, COUNTY KERRY

Framed by its fishing port, Dingle is a postcard-perfect town that manages to be charming without even trying. Some pubs double as hardware stores, so you can enjoy a pint of Guinness and some traditional music among screws, hammer, nails, and Wellingtons! With over 52 pubs, quaint shops, and great restaurants--there is plenty to do in this fishing town.

Your home for three nights is a family-owned guesthouse located within walking distances to the harbor, restaurants, shops, and pub. The owners of the guesthouse will welcome you like family!

Spend the day exploring the town on your own -- there are plenty of local artisan shops to visit. Dingle is one of Ireland's top food destinations and the perfect place to savor delicious Irish cuisine. From the freshest seafood to homemade ice cream, you won't be dissatisfied in Dingle's incredible restaurant scene!

Overnight: Dingle, County Kerry

- DAY TWO -
THE SHAMROCK TRAIL

Today experience the best of day of land & sea! Enjoy a morning horseback riding in the Dingle mountain hills and an afternoon Dingle harbor cruise.

After breakfast, ride high into the mountain behind Dingle that overlooks the Atlantic Ocean with its rugged off-shore Islands. Climbing to the highest peaks you'll cover all three ridges of the mountain allowing for even more spectacular views as you walk, trot, and canter along the paths.

To the West look over Mount Eagle, Ceann Sibeal, the Wild Atlantic Ocean, and The Blasket Islands. To the South look down on Dingle Harbour and the Iveragh Peninsula, and to the North ride towards Mount Brandon and the Conor Pass. Experienced riders will be taken on the canter tracks while beginners take the more scenic route at a leisurely pace.

Afternoon Suggested Activity

Dingle Harbor Boat Tour - Sit back and enjoy a short boat cruise of Dingle Harbor & Bay. Hear the story of its people and their way of life in times gone by. Learn about the formation of the cliffs and sea arches, local maritime history while you enjoy views of Skellig Rock, Carrauntoohil, and the world - famous, Blasket Islands.

Overnight: Dingle, County Kerry





- DAY THREE -
THE BEACHES OF THE DINGLE PENINSULA

The Gaeltacht River and Wild Atlantic Beaches - Half Day Trail

- 5.5 Hours -

Enjoy a day of gorgeous sightseeing and beach riding! This half day trails follow country bohareens (small milk roads) with river and mountain trails to the most scenic beaches on the West Kerry Coast. This day offers the opportunity to gallop along big stretches of golden sands followed by a wading in the clear cooling waters of the Atlantic Ocean!

Beach locations depend on the tide schedule, below are a sample of the beaches:

Ventry/Cathair Bo Sine

From the stables, trace the coastline overlooking Dingle Harbour before veering inland to follow the Pilgrim's Route through the bohareen at Cathair bó Sine overlooking Lord Ventry's Estate. From the harbour village of Ventry, we head for an exhilarating gallop on the beach before lunch. Afterwards we follow the strand towards Killmackadar through the beautiful countryside and green roads of the West Kerry Gaeltacht

Muiríoch

From the stables cross Kilfountain River and Cnoc an Ghóigin Mountain taking in breathtaking views of the Atlantic coastline and the Brandon Mountain Range to the ancient Gallarus Oratory, Ireland's best persevered and most iconic 12th Century church. After exploring the oratory we take a short break at Gallarus' Café an tSéipéilín, we highly recommend Kathleen's apple pie and cream – it's delicious! From here we have magnificent views of The Three Sisters (An Triúr Deirféar) and Ceann Sibeal. Forging ahead then, we continue on to Muiríoch Beach to enjoy an exhilarating gallop towards Smerwick Harbour (the site of much of the filming for Ryan's Daughter) and Beal Ban beaches with fantastic views of the Three Sisters!

Dingle to Dunquin

This trek heads to the most westerly mainland point in Europe towards Smerwick Harbour (the site of much of the filming for Ryan's Daughter). We gallop the beautiful sandy beaches of Muiríoch and Beal Ban with fantastic views of the Three Sisters and Ceann Sibeal. After lunch we head for a canter along the grassy track to the top of the mountain overlooking The Blasket Islands, Dunquin and Clogher Beach taking in some of the most spectacular scenery in Ireland.

Overnight: Dingle, County Kerry



- DAY FOUR -
KILLARNEY & KILLARNEY NATIONAL PARK

Welcome to Kilarney!

Enjoy a guided horseback ride through Killarney National Park, Ireland's first national park. Ride North of Lough Lein (the largest of the three lakes in Killarney) taking in views of Ross Island and the spectacular panoramic views of Innisfallen Island and surrounding mountains. Don't forget your camera--the Kenmare Estate and majestic mountains that surround this area are gorgeous. Keep an eye out for the Red Deer & Sika Deer, Ireland's native breed!

The afternoon & evening is spent on your own -- Explore the vibrant town of Killarney!

Overnight: Killarney Town, County Kerry

The Killarney Reeks Trail

For the next 2 days, explore the highlands of Kerry with the majestic McGillicuddy Reeks, Ireland's greatest mountain range. Ride on country lanes, mountain tracks, through forests, over bogs, and finally to the magnificent 4- mile stretch of golden sands at Rossbeigh Beach. The Iveragh Peninsula with many places of archaeological and historical interest stretches southwest from Killarney for nearly forty miles and is highlighted by the world-renowned Ring of Kerry!

- DAY FIVE -
SEEFIN MOUNTAIN, WINDY GAP, COOMASAHARN LAKE

The day begins with a short trip to the base of Seefinn Mountain. The ride heads off, and up over the Windy Gap, viewing the splendor of Caragh Lake and the valley beyond. The ride continues on to Coomasaharn Lake enclosed by Horseshoe Mountain, followed by a scenic ride over an Irish Bog, finishing for the day at our stable in Mountain Stage.

The overnight stop for Sunday and Monday nights is by the quaint village of Glenbeigh. The name "Glenbeigh" comes from "Gleann Beithe", the Glen of the Birch Trees.



Surrounded almost entirely by mountains, Glebeigh offers a famous friendliness and humor. The beauty of the area is breathtaking, with the River Behy and Rossbeigh Strand close by.

Overnight: Glenbeigh, County Kerry

- DAY SIX -
ROSSBEIGH BEACH

Today's ride will have you galloping down the golden sands of Rossbeigh Beach! With panoramic views of the Dingle and Inveragh Peninsula, we've saved the best day for last!

(If it's even possible to compare them all.) Enjoy a picnic lunch on the beach and spend the afternoon riding in the crystal blue waters of the Atlantic!

Overnight: Glenbeigh, County Kerry

- DAY SEVEN -
KILLARNEY

After breakfast, riders will be transported by bus back to Killarney!

(Alternatively, a driver can be arranged to transport you from Glenbeigh to your next destination -- priced separately.)

Accommodations, if needed, can be arranged separately on this night at:
Killarney Town, Bunratty/Shannon Airport, Dromoland Castle, Dublin Airport/Dublin City
Not included in itinerary pricing.





The above rates include:

6-Nights Accommodation (sharing) - 3 Nights Dingle Guesthouse, 1 Night Killarney Guesthouse, 2 Nights Glenbeigh Hotel + 5 x Horseback Riding (2 x Dingle, Killarney National Park, 2 x Glenbeigh/Ring of Kerry) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast + 2 Picnic Lunches on Killarney Reeks Trail + Horse, Tack, and Guide + Pickup/Drop Off to Ride Locations on Killarney Reeks Trail

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$345)

**RIDER DEPOSIT:
\$800 PER PERSON**



NON RIDER RATE: \$1,145

Includes: 6 Nights Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast

NON RIDER DEPOSIT: \$350

2024 DATES

APRIL

3 APRIL - 9 APRIL
10 APRIL - 16 APRIL
17 APRIL - 23 APRIL
24 APRIL - 30 APRIL

MAY

1 MAY - 7 MAY
8 MAY - 14 MAY
15 MAY - 21 MAY
22 MAY - 28 MAY
29 MAY - 4 JUNE

JUNE

5 JUNE - 11 JUNE
12 JUNE - 18 JUNE
19 JUNE - 25 JUNE
26 JUNE - 2 JULY

JULY

3 JULY - 9 JULY
10 JULY - 16 JULY
17 JULY - 23 JULY
24 JULY - 30 JULY
31 JULY - 6 AUGUST

AUGUST

7 AUGUST - 13 AUGUST
14 AUGUST - 20 AUGUST
21 AUGUST - 27 AUGUST
28 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER

4 SEPT - 10 SEPT
11 SEPT - 17 SEPT
18 SEPT - 24 SEPT
25 SEPT - 1 OCTOBER

OCTOBER

2 OCTOBER - 8 OCTOBER
9 OCTOBER - 15 OCTOBER
16 OCTOBER - 22 OCTOBER
23 OCTOBER - 29 OCTOBER

SPECIAL NOTES:

This itinerary begins on WEDNESDAY and ends on TUESDAY.

FLIGHTS

If you are flying directly to Ireland from the US, you will depart the US on Tuesday - all US flights are overnight flights. We encourage flight departures to be booked for Wednesday or later (unless you have an Tuesday afternoon flight that departs Shannon Airport at 3:00 PM or later.)

AIRPORT

Shannon Airport is the closest airport for this itinerary. We can arrange a driver to pick up at Shannon and transfer to Dingle (*not included in pricing*.) Alternatively, you can self drive or take a coach bus. There is no train service from Shannon to Dingle.

Dublin Airport is a popular choice for most US travelers. If you plan to fly into Dublin it is advisable to “flip” the itinerary to start in Killarney and end in Dingle. There is a train from Dublin to Killarney and returning. We can arrange a driver to transport you to Dingle (*not included in pricing*.)

FAQS

Q: These dates don't work for me. Can I “flip” the itinerary and start in Killarney?

A: Yes, you can flip this itinerary. The itinerary will start on Saturday and end on Friday.

Q: Can I add on additional nights?

A: Yes, we can add extra nights in Killarney Town, Bunratty Village, Shannon Airport, Dromoland Castle, Dublin City or Dublin Airport Hotel

Q: I am a beginner, is this itinerary suitable for me?

A. No, unfortunately this itinerary is not suitable for beginners. You must be able to walk, trot and canter. We do, however, have a modified version of this itinerary that is suitable for beginners!

Q: Is there a weight limit?

A: Yes - For Ladies: 168 lbs under 5'4, 182 lbs 5'4+, 190 lbs 5'5"+
For Men : 196 under 5'5, 214 lbs 5'5+, 228 lbs 6'+

Q: Do you offer riding helmets?

A. Our outfitters have a small selection of riding helmets available on a first come, first serve basis.

Q: Is there a train from Shannon Airport to Dingle? Is there a train from Dingle to Killarney

A. No, there is no train service from Shannon to Dingle nor Dingle to Killarney. You will need to self drive or we can arrange a local driver/taxi to transport. (*not included in pricing*)

Q: I am a vegetarian/Gluten Free - can this be accommodated?

A: Yes, with advance notice both vegetarian & Gluten Free can be accommodated. Additionally, Irish restaurants offer a selection of vegetarian & gluten free entrees.

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Ground Transportation*

(Airport Transfers, Dingle to Killarney Transfers, Killarney to Shannon Airport/Dublin Airport Transfers)

Evening Meals

Travel Insurance

Activities Not Listed on Itinerary

International or Domestic Airfare

Discretionary Tips

*We do not include ground transportation in our itineraries as some of our guests prefer to rent a car, use public transportation, or hire private transport.

We will provide private transportation quotes and coordinate as needed.

Whatever the preferred mode of transportation, we manage all the logistics so your riding vacation is completely seamless.