

Cycling Europe

DUBLIN & MAJESTIC WICKLOW UNSPOILT IRELAND 2020 7 NIGHTS/8 DAYS SELF GUIDED CYCLING



Nestled between the sea and mountains, Dublin is like a hidden gem, a city full of character, yet few visitors cycle Ireland beyond the city centre to experience all that it has to offer. On this Ireland bicycle tour, you will explore the gentle Southside coast and the foothills of the Dublin Mountains. This Dublin bike tour then takes you to the haunting beauty of the Wicklow Mountains where the bustle of a capital city will seem a million miles away. Upon completion of this tour you may want to do your own Dublin bike tour as the city was recently named the 9th most bike friendly city on the planet.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival in Dublin

The first night of the tour will be spent in Dublin. Once you have checked into your accommodation, you can spend the rest of the day exploring the many sights and sounds that have made Dublin such a lively and popular destination.

Day 2: Dublin - Enniskerry, 18 mi. (30 km)

You will begin the day with a leisurely ride along well-maintained cycling paths and quiet roads to the coastal town of Dun Laoghaire and the charming village of Dalkey. Here you will stop for lunch. After lunch, you will continue cycling along the scenic Vico Road with spectacular views across Killiney Bay. You then head inland, cycling along lush green fields to the beautiful village of Enniskerry, known as the

Garden of Ireland. A transfer can be arranged this evening to the famous Johnnie Foxes Pub, where you can enjoy a unique and traditional Irish night with good food, Guinness, and entertainment from local musicians.

Day 3: Enniskerry - Glendalough, 30 mi. (48 km)

In the morning, you have the chance to visit the beautiful Powerscourt Gardens before cycling the stunning, Sally Gap Road all the way to Roundwood for lunch. After lunch, you will head over the Lough Dan into the village of Laragh for the night. Laragh is located beside the monastic village of Glendalough known for its ruined abbey and distinctive round tower. Here you will spend the next two nights.

Day 4: Rest Day in Glendalough

Today there is the opportunity to relax in the tranquil surroundings of Laragh/Glendalough and walk one of the numerous paths around the lake. You may also choose to take a leisurely bike ride to explore some roads around Glendalough. The village of Glendalough is known for its rich history and natural beauty.

Day 5: Glendalough - Aughrim, 25 or 30 mi. (40 or 51 km)

You have the option of two different routes today, both of which head out on the east bank of the Avonmore River. You can choose to visit Avondale House and Forest Park, once the home of one of Ireland's greatest political leaders. The village of Avoca is another option or the wild mountain scenery on the ancient Military Road, built to allow British troops access the rebellious tribes of these formerly heavily forested valleys. All routes come together in the overnight stop of Aughrim, a pretty village with evidence in the buildings of its former glory as a granite quarrying and stonecutting center.

Day 6: Aughrim - Wicklow, 28 or 40 mi. (45 or 65 km)

Again, today offers three different route options to match your mood and energy levels. You can cross the low hills to ride north along the coast taking a dip in Brittas Bay, a beautiful Blue Flag beach, or venture into the wooded hills on virtually traffic free roads through remote villages to view for yourself the mysterious Motte Stone before descending to the coast and Wicklow, a friendly seaside town with Viking origins. A visit to the Wicklow Gaol is a 'must' where you'll experience daily life in a Victorian prison through the eyes of Mary Morrison the Matron.

Day 7: Wicklow - Dublin, 31 mi. (50 km)

Your last day on the bike will take you inland again towards the village of Roundwood for lunch. You can then take a different route along beautiful country roads to the village of Enniskerry where you will be transferred back into Dublin city for the final night of the tour.



Day 8: Dublin

Arrangements end after breakfast

2020 DATES

Can start any day from 18 April to 03 October

If for any reason you are unable to cycle, we can liaise with the luggage transfers to organise the transfer of bike(s) and person(s). Please note that you will be charged for any additional runs made on your behalf.

2020 PRICES

SELF-GUIDED TOUR

- **€931** per person sharing April, May, June & September
- **€969** per person sharing July & August
- **€255** single room supplement (on request)
- **€395** solo tour supplement (for solo travellers on self-guided tour)

(Additional cost of self-guided covers the required individual transfers)

* Ask us about a discount of approximately €50.00 per person if you do not need the first night's accommodation in Dublin and you make your own way to our shop the following morning.

EXPENSES ON TOUR

* Meals - Lunch and 6 dinners are not included. Budget between €15 - €20 for lunch and €20 - €30 for an evening meal.

TOUR INCLUDES

- Seven nights accommodation with full Irish breakfast
- One dinner (Glendalough/Laragh)
- 24 speed Giant Escape touring bike with mudguards, rear rack and pannier bag, repair kit
- Route maps and detailed cycling notes
- Luggage transfers each day
- Transfer to our bike shop on the first day and transfer back into the city centre on the last day
- GPS tracks available on request

TERRAIN

Grade: medium- undulating and some hills. Wicklow is a hilly part of Ireland we would recommend that you do some cycling before the tour in order to make your week more enjoyable. Try to get out for a few hours cycling during the weekends coming up to your trip and if possible do it on varied terrain and include some hill climbing. A limited number of Electric bikes are available (must be requested at time of booking).

ACCOMMODATION

On a twin share/double basis in a mix of family run hotels and guest houses which, we hope, fuse the best standard with the warmest welcome. We ensure private facilities.

HELMETS & ELECTRIC BIKES

- Helmets are included on the guided tour only - please request when booking.
- On the self-guided tour you will need to supply your own helmet.
- A limited number of rental electric bikes are available – approx. €100 additional for the week.

BICYCLES

24 SPEED HYBRID TOURING BIKE. Repair equipment, helmets (for guided tours only) and either a front or rear pannier bag are available for each client. **Electric bikes: Limited bikes available, on request**

24 speed hybrid touring bikes



EXTRA NIGHTS

Additional nights before or after the tour can be booked on request.

Dublin share twin from Euro 125 per room
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