



FAMILY ADVENTURE

LEGENDS OF THE SOUTHWEST

- Your own private guided trip, each activity tailored to match your family's preferences
- Create hand-made toys & learn about the past on a ghost tour
- Climb Skellig Michael, ancient home to monks and *Star Wars* Jedi
- Hike & kayak in the shadow of smugglers & pirates

€1950 Per Adult / €1555 per child

TRIP GRADE: - **FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE**

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PLANNED ITINERARY

On this exciting family adventure, explore Ireland's rugged southwest while enjoying comfortable, family-friendly accommodation in West Cork and Kerry. Taste local cuisine in Ireland's gourmet capitals, Kinsale and Kenmare and explore peninsulas, villages, islands and coastlines as you learn about the wildlife, pirates, smugglers, monks (even Jedi!) who've called this Irish region home.

Your family's personal guide will help you make the most of your journey by interpreting the landscape, sharing local myths and legends, introducing you to local characters, and showing you an authentic, off-the-beaten-track southwest Ireland. With your own private guide, activities can be tailored to meet your family's needs, preferences and expectations.

DAY ONE – MEETING THE GHOSTS OF KINSALE

Our first stop on our family adventure is the historical fishing town of Kinsale. Famous as the gourmet capital of Ireland, this colourful town is brimming with activity from art galleries to elegant yachts. Our accommodation is in a central location overlooking the sea. This evening, we'll have a unique introduction to the town via a ghost tour led by local actors. You'll learn about Kinsale's vibrant history while meeting the colourful characters of Kinsale's past as they come alive during an entertaining evening stroll through Kinsale. (D)

DAY TWO – SMUGGLERS, FORTS & BATTLES

This morning, while listening to tales of conquests, wine smugglers and the town's exotic local characters, we'll head out along the coast with our guide. Our destination is the one of the largest military installations in the country. Set on the water's edge, Charles Fort is one of the best-preserved examples of a 17th century star-shaped fort and is associated with some of the most momentous events in Irish history. There are plenty of lookouts to climb to and tunnels to explore. We'll all enjoy lunch in an award-winning local Irish pub. (B,L)

DAY THREE – SEA KAYAK & SEASHORE PICNIC

Kinsale was often visited by pirates over the centuries and today we'll kayak along the seashore to where the pirates once landed. With the water lapping quietly at the side of our kayaks, and the seabed slowly passing by underneath the surface, enjoy this wonderfully relaxing way to travel. Your expert guide will provide guidance to everyone and set the standard of the trip to best suit your family. Weather permitting, we will all enjoy a picnic on the seashore and maybe a wee dip in the sea for anyone feeling adventurous! (B,L)

DAY FOUR – THE RING OF KERRY

This morning, we transfer to the Kingdom of Kerry, stopping en route at the Toy Soldier Factory. This is a fascinating place for anyone with any interest in models or toys. The whole family will have the opportunity to make and paint their own figures, be it a model soldier, fairy, chess piece, animal or dozens of other choices. This is a great activity to get the whole family involved and come away with your very own creation. Afterwards, we'll continue onto the famous Ring of Kerry to enjoy its panoramic vistas, arriving at our next accommodation overlooking the glittering Kenmare Bay. (B,L)



DAY FIVE – FAIRIES IN THE WOODS

Today, take your time to enjoy your location in your own time. Your accommodation is perfectly set up for children, with activities galore and so much to explore. There's a nature trail treasure hunt to complete, a playground to visit, an indoor play zone and of course the miniature fairy houses to find hidden in the woods. Parents can choose to enjoy the spa or any of the other activities on offer. Your guide will be on hand to assist with bookings, take people for a walk in the hills or go foraging along the seashore. (B)

DAY SIX – SKELLIG MICHAEL

Today, we shall follow Kerry's rugged coast to the tip of the Iveragh Peninsula where we'll catch a boat on the Atlantic Ocean. Rising dramatically out of the crashing Atlantic are the jagged pinnacles of the Skellig Islands.* In ancient times, Skellig Michael was home to monks seeking solitude. At the island's summit 714 ft (218m) above sea level, a remarkably well preserved sixth century monastic settlement clings to the steep slopes. However, today they are more well-known as part of a galaxy far, far away; this was the filming location for Star Wars Episodes VII and VIII! Get up close to these islands to encounter both the diverse island wildlife as well as the ancient historical sites. We'll enjoy a celebratory final dinner together tonight. (B,L,D)

DAY SEVEN – DEPARTURE

This morning we shall say goodbye to the wild, rugged coasts of West Cork & Kerry and transfer back to Killarney train station. (B)

*PLEASE NOTE - The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the Wilderness Ireland Guide with regard to weather conditions and other factors. *Skellig Michael boats depart seasonally from May to September.*



TRIP GRADING - FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE

With your own private guide, activities can be tailored to meet your family's needs, preferences and expectations, and therefore this trip can be enjoyed at your own family's pace.

It is your responsibility to ensure you are appropriately fit and capable of doing the described hikes in the expected times. Please refer to the [grading section](#) on our website for more details. If you are unsure we encourage you to speak to us first.

Family activities in southwest Ireland



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PRICING AND INCLUSIONS

- Private departures from €1950 per adult/€1555 per child. The children's trip price is based on a child under 12 sharing a room with two adults. *Every family is different so please contact us to price a trip specifically to fit you.* The example price above includes the following:
 - 6 nights' accommodation in hand-picked small comfortable hotels and family-run guest houses
 - All breakfasts, 4 lunches and 2 evening meals, on the first and last nights of the trip. (see in itinerary above B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
 - The services of a qualified Wilderness Ireland guide throughout the trip
 - All activities mentioned in the itinerary including: guided tours, kayak hire, boat transfers, and entry fees as stated above.
 - All transport throughout the trip from start and end points, including ferries/boat transfers.
 - Selection of delicious locally-sourced snacks each day
 - Gratuities for all accommodation, included meals & activity providers, but not your Wilderness Ireland guide.

ACCOMMODATION

This trip features two accommodations chosen for their excellent location, service and comfort. Both hotels are family friendly, offering a range of child-centred activities and services.

MEALS

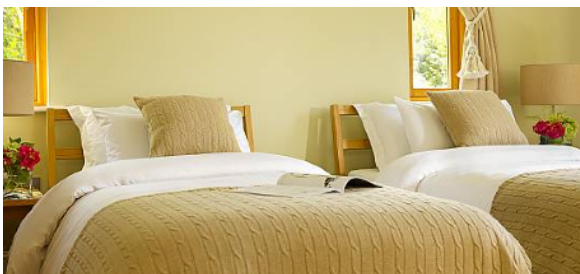
All accommodations provide breakfast. Each day, lunch is either a Wilderness Picnic or taken at a local cafe/pub. Water and snacks are provided throughout the day. Evening meals are included on the first and last nights only. For the other evenings your Wilderness Guide can provide expert recommendations.

SINGLE ROOMS

Single supplements will apply in cases where a single room is required - in this case, a single supplement charge of €250 (subject to availability) is applicable.

MINIMUM AGE

This itinerary is designed to suit **children from 6-15 years old**. However, please note depending on factors such as weather and the child's height, some activities may be restricted. This is a private departure and can therefore the activities can be tailored to the needs and abilities of your children.



ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

You will be met by your Wilderness Ireland Guide **Cork Train Station at 1.00pm on Day 1 of your trip**. You will be returned to **Killarney Train Station by 12.00pm** in time for regular connections to Dublin.



For advice on getting to, from and around Ireland please our travel advice page on our website: <https://www.wildernessireland.com/faq/travel-to-and-within-ireland/>

YOUR GUIDE

At Wilderness Ireland, our philosophy is simple: each trip is designed by locals, and delivered by local legends. During this family adventure, you and your family will be accompanied and led by one of our professional guides. Each of our guides are among the most highly qualified and experienced outdoor enthusiasts in Ireland. With a passion for Ireland's wild places and an intimate knowledge of Ireland's landscapes, nature, culture, mythology and history, our guides will be delighted to share their passion and knowledge with with you on your upcoming trip!

For more info and to meet the team please see our [Guide Pages](#).



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100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

At Wilderness Ireland, we believe our tours are top notch. To back that up, we're the only Irish travel company offering a no-strings-attached 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

If you're not completely satisfied with any aspect of your trip, then let us know. If the issue was not resolved by Wilderness Ireland during your trip, then we'll invite you back to experience another Wilderness Ireland tour of similar value, FREE OF CHARGE to prove you can have a world class vacation in Ireland. [See details more here.](#)

QUESTIONS TO ASK? READY TO BOOK?

If you want to get in touch please send us an email or give us a call. We accept bookings online, by email, or over the phone. A deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking to secure the trip with the balance payable 8 weeks (56 days) before departure. If booking less than 56 days before the trip start date, full payment of the trip price is required immediately.

We accept payment by credit or debit card, or bank transfer.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is your responsibility to take out appropriate travel insurance to cover you during your trip. This should include cover for cancellation prior to the trip*, the activities undertaken (i.e hiking), curtailment, and adequate medical insurance for sickness/injury and medical repatriation. We also strongly recommend you have cover for your other travel arrangements such as flights, and your personal possessions.

***If you cancel your trip charges will apply. Please see section 2 of our terms and conditions for a breakdown:**

<https://www.wildernessireland.com/make-a-booking/booking-conditions/>

