

Hiking

The Dingle Way

Trip Grade: **Blue 6**




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The Dingle Way

The Dingle Peninsula is a distilled expression of the best of Ireland. Breathtaking scenery scattered with ancient archeological sites, award-winning local foods, cosy traditional music-filled pubs, and of course populated by colourful Irish characters. This internationally-renowned hiking trail circumnavigates this unique corner of the world.

Leaving all the details to us and your experienced mountain guide, this holiday allows you the opportunity to hike the internationally renowned Dingle Way or opt out of certain sections at your leisure. Hiking with an experienced guide will allow you a unique insight into the history, geology, wildlife and of course the people of the Dingle Way.

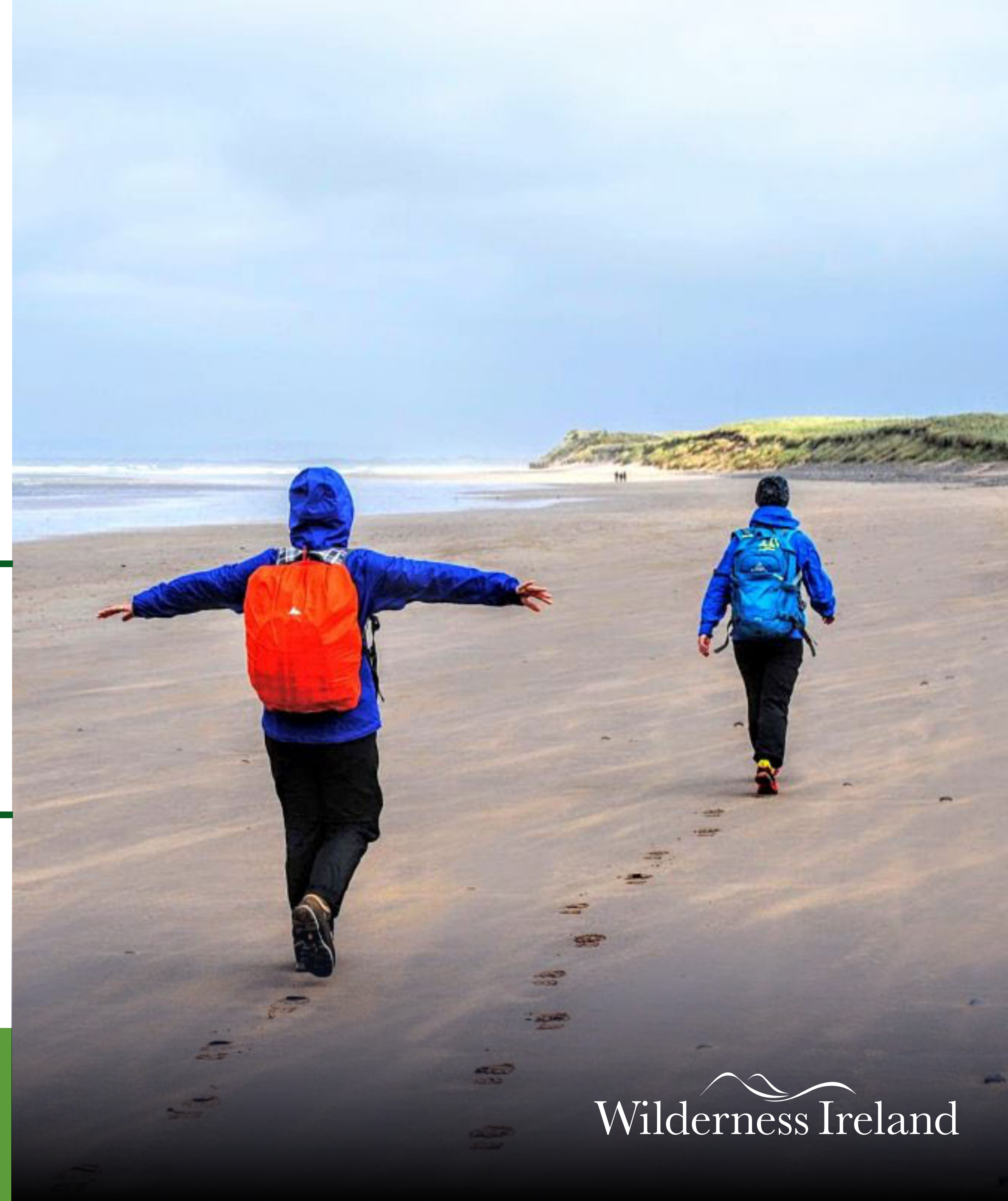
Highlights

- Join us on Ireland's most scenic long-distance hiking trail, the Dingle Way
- Immerse yourself in a corner of Ireland lauded by the National Geographic as "the most beautiful place on earth"
- Meet local characters, listen to live traditional music and taste delicious local food

Book With Confidence

- We guarantee this trip will run as soon as **2** people have booked
- Maximum of **8** places available per departure

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.



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Planned Itinerary

Day 1 | [Welcome to Ireland - Annascaul](#)

Day 2 | [Minard Castle to Dingle](#)

Day 3 | [Mt Eagle & Sleah Head](#)

Day 4 | [Smerwick Harbour & Pottery Making](#)

Day 5 | [Mt Brandon](#)

Day 6 | [Maharees & Woodworking Studio](#)

Day 7 | [Inch Beach](#)

Arrival Info

- Your Guide will meet you in Limerick Railway Station by the ticket machines
- **12.00pm** on Day 1 of your trip

Departure Info

- You will be returned to Limerick Railway Station
- **1:00pm** on the final day of your trip

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Day 1 | Welcome to Ireland: Annascaul

This afternoon, we meet in the vibrant town of Limerick, where we will enjoy a first lunch together. From here, we will head west to our first stop on the Dingle Peninsula to shall enjoy a short yet breathtaking lakeside stroll to stretch the legs before our first dinner together. **(L, D)**

Hike details: 3km/ 2 miles | approx. 1 hours

Day 2 | Minard Castle to Dingle Town

Our trail starts at ruins of the impressive 16th century Minard Castle overlooking a picturesque sandy cove. Listen to stories of Cromwell's struggle to drive the stubborn Gaelic clans from this castle as we take in views of Dingle Bay and the mountains of the Iveragh Peninsula. Traversing sweeping landscapes and country lanes, we finish our hike at the colourful Dingle town, renowned for its pubs, traditional Irish music, resident dolphin and more recently, its fabulous seafood cuisine. We'll join the locals in one of the pubs to experience some real 'craic agus ceoil' ('fun and music'). **(B,L)**

Hike details: 13km/ 8 miles | approx. 4-5 hours

Day 3 | Mount Eagle & Slea Head

Today starts with a short uphill section crossing the saddle of Mount Eagle, where uninterrupted Atlantic views are the reward. The Dingle Peninsula hosts some of the richest collection of ancient archaeological sites in Europe, and we'll come across standing stones and the remains of pre-historic monuments, as well as clochans or beehive huts. These dry-stone huts with a corbeled roof may be as old as 2,000 years! Today's hike veers a little off the Dingle Way to include some of the peninsula's most impressive coastal walking. **(B,L)**

Hike details: 13km/ 2miles | approx. 4-5 hours



Day 4 | Local Artist's Studio & Smerwick Harbour

Numerous artists over the years have been lured to the beauty of the Dingle Peninsula and many have made this remote finger of land home, the wild crashing Atlantic and rolling mountains their inspiration. This morning we shall visit a local potters studio, where you can try your hand at throwing a pot! Our hike today follows the white sand shores of Smerwick Harbour and Wine Strand, with the iconic Three Sisters hills behind us and brilliant turquoise waters below. **(B,L)**

Hike details: 15km/ 9.5 miles | approx. 6-7 hours

Day 5 | Mt Brandon

Up for a challenge? Today, we follow a rugged trail up Mount Brandon, often used by pilgrims to climb the holy mountain. According to legend, St Brendan had a vision of a promised land while seated at the mountain's summit. He consequently set sail for that land and disembarked in 535 AD (900 years before Columbus) on American soil! Passing pre-historic Ogham stones and panoramic ocean views, the trail climbs to Mt Brandon's saddle before descending to Brandon Bay and the quaint Brandon Village. **(B,L)**

Hike details: 18km/ 11 miles | approx. 7-8 hours



Day 6 | The Maharees & Woodworker Studio

After yesterday's climb, today's beach walk comes as a relief as we hike along the length of Ireland's longest white sand beach. Stretching out along a spit of undulating sand dunes known as the Maharees, the waves are popular with surfers of all kinds. The sand dunes create a unique ecosystem, home to the rare Natterjack toad, Whooper swan and the Bewick's mute swan. We'll also visit a woodworking studio where charismatic furniture maker Gary will show us some traditional carving techniques. We enjoy a final dinner together in Dingle town where we toast our accomplishments. (B,L,D)

Hike details: 18km/ 11 miles | approx. 6-7 hours

Day 7 | Inch Beach & Departure

After breakfast, we say goodbye to the Dingle Peninsula and after a short morning stroll, depart our accommodation for Limerick train station, where you can begin your journey home. (B)

Hike details: Max. 5km/ 3 miles | approx. 1 hours



Trip Grading | Blue 6 | ●●●●●●●●

Blue graded hiking trips are suitable for fit and experienced hikers.

- We hike at a good pace and you can expect to be out for 6-8 hours a day.
- You will not always be on a path and the terrain underfoot can be rough and boggy, including boulder fields and mountain tops.
- Some of the daily hikes will involve a mountain ascent of over 3000ft/900m high.
- Daily distances will be typically up to 16km but may be longer occasionally. Daily hike details are available in the itinerary.
- The weather in Ireland can be unpredictable and at times can make activities more challenging. Please do bear this in mind when thinking about what trip to join.

If you have any questions about the grading, then please do give our Adventure Consultants a call to chat through your experience and suitability for this trip.



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.



Accommodation and Meals

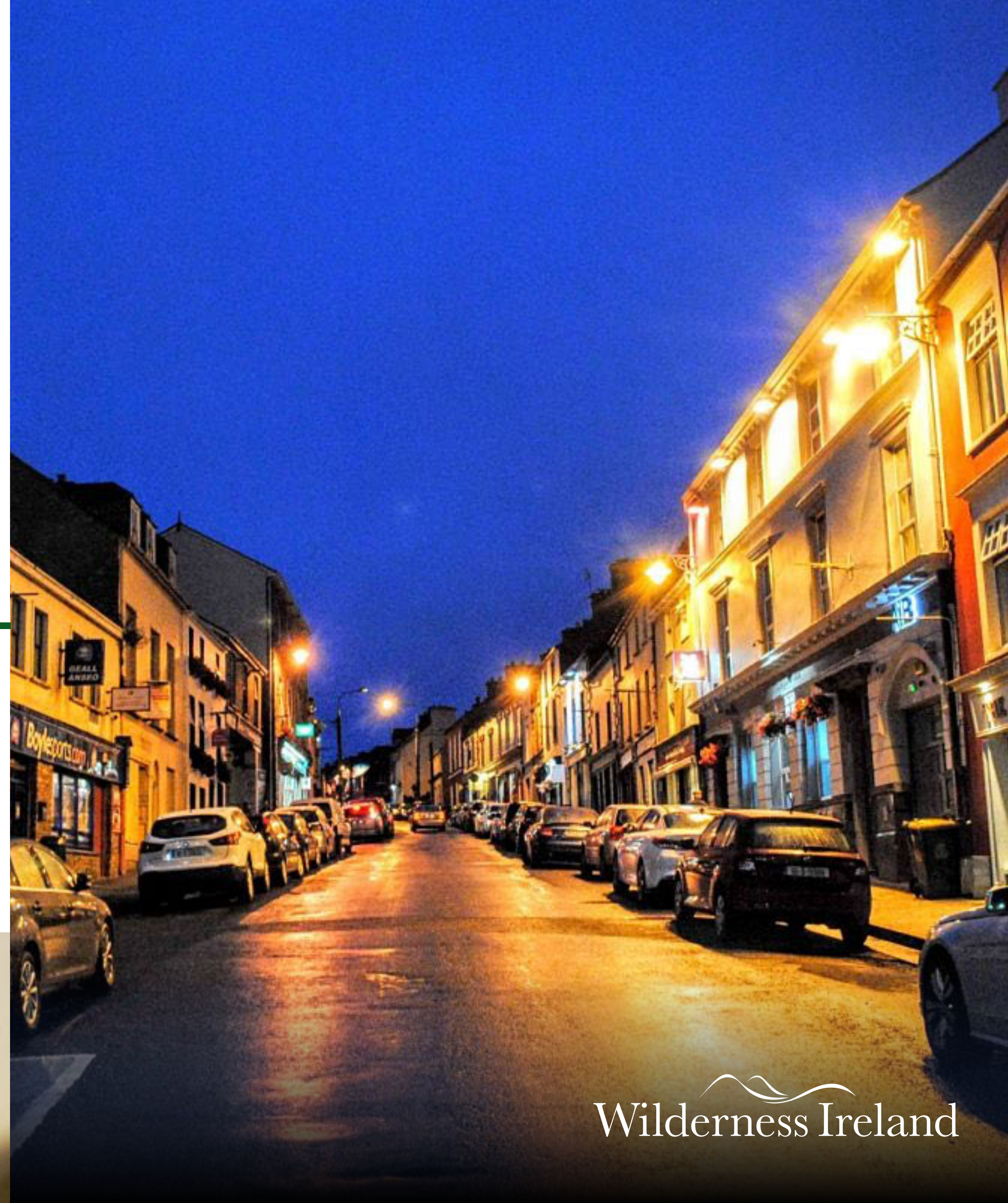
This hiking trip features accommodations chosen for their excellent location, service and comfort along or near the Dingle Way. Expect small, comfortable and characterful lodging in B&Bs, family-fun hotels or guesthouses, both in Dingle town as well as in rural communities. Accommodation is a choice of double or twin rooms, which are en-suite with a shower. Evening meals will be taken either in Dingle town, which offers a good choice of restaurants to suit every taste, or perhaps in a different location along the Dingle Way depending on the day's hike.

Each morning, enjoy a homemade breakfast of your choice at your accommodation. Lunch will be taken in a cafe in day 1, and a Wilderness Picnic along route. Throughout the day, your guide will provide water and tasty, Irish snacks. Evening meals are included on the first and last nights only. For all other evenings, your Wilderness Guide can provide expert recommendations.

Single Rooms

There is no supplement charged to solo travellers, however you will be required to share a room with **another person of the same sex**. If you request a double room for single occupancy, a supplement of **€250** is charged.

Due to the nature of the accommodations we use, single supplement are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis.



Inclusions

This trip includes the following:

- 6 nights accommodation in a hand-picked, family-run guesthouses, B&Bs & boutique hotels
- Most meals, incl. all Breakfasts, Lunches on Days 1-6, and Dinner on Day 1 and Day 7 (**Meals included indicated as B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**)
- The services of an experienced and knowledgeable hiking guide / driver throughout
- All transport throughout the trip starting and finishing in Inverness
- Activities stated in itinerary, incl. a woodworking demo & pottery making session

This trip includes all accommodation, guiding and travel, as well as most meals. It does not include drinks or any gratuities you may choose to leave.



Our holidays reviewed in your words...

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My trip made lifetime memories and a real passion to return to Ireland with a similar tour coordinated by your company, the trip was worth every penny/euro.

I felt lucky to have discovered the Wilderness Ireland Hike the Dingle Trail package. Each day was fun, memorable, challenging and in safe company of my trusted and knowledgeable guide Michelle. I have and will continue to promote and recommend Wilderness Ireland to anybody I know who is looking for an adventurous journey to one of the greatest touring places on earth.

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A Dingle Way Traveller 6/6/2018 ★★★★★

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Your Guide

During this trip you will be accompanied and led by one of our professional guides. Our guides are among the most highly experienced and qualified in the country. Defined by their passion for Scotland's wild places, they have an intimate knowledge of the natural and social history of this land which they will be delighted to share with you. For more info and to meet the team please see our [Guide Pages](#).



Sustainable Travel

Wilderness Ireland is committed to the development of Ireland's sustainable tourism sector. We focus on developing sustainable operational practices and we endeavour to support the local tourism economy in each of the areas in which we work.

We are a proud partner of the Burren Beo, which enhances our commitment to responsible activity in Ireland's wild lands, particularly in the Burren region of County Clare.

Wilderness Ireland is an active, participating member of Leave No Trace Ireland, an outdoor ethics programme designed to inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships.

Thanks in part to the generosity of our clients by participating in our voluntary Conservation Contribution Scheme, we are able to provide financial support to a range of environmental and nature conservation charities and rural communities.



Equipment List

Check out our guide on what to wear when adventuring in Ireland.

[Hiking-Kit-List-What-to-wear.pdf](#)



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Looking for accommodation for before or after your adventure with us?
Check out our list of where to stay and what to do

[Eat – Stay – See – Dublin.pdf](#)



Getting Around Ireland

From airports to trains to buses, read our Getting Around Ireland document for more information.

[Getting-Around-Ireland.pdf](#)



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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/>

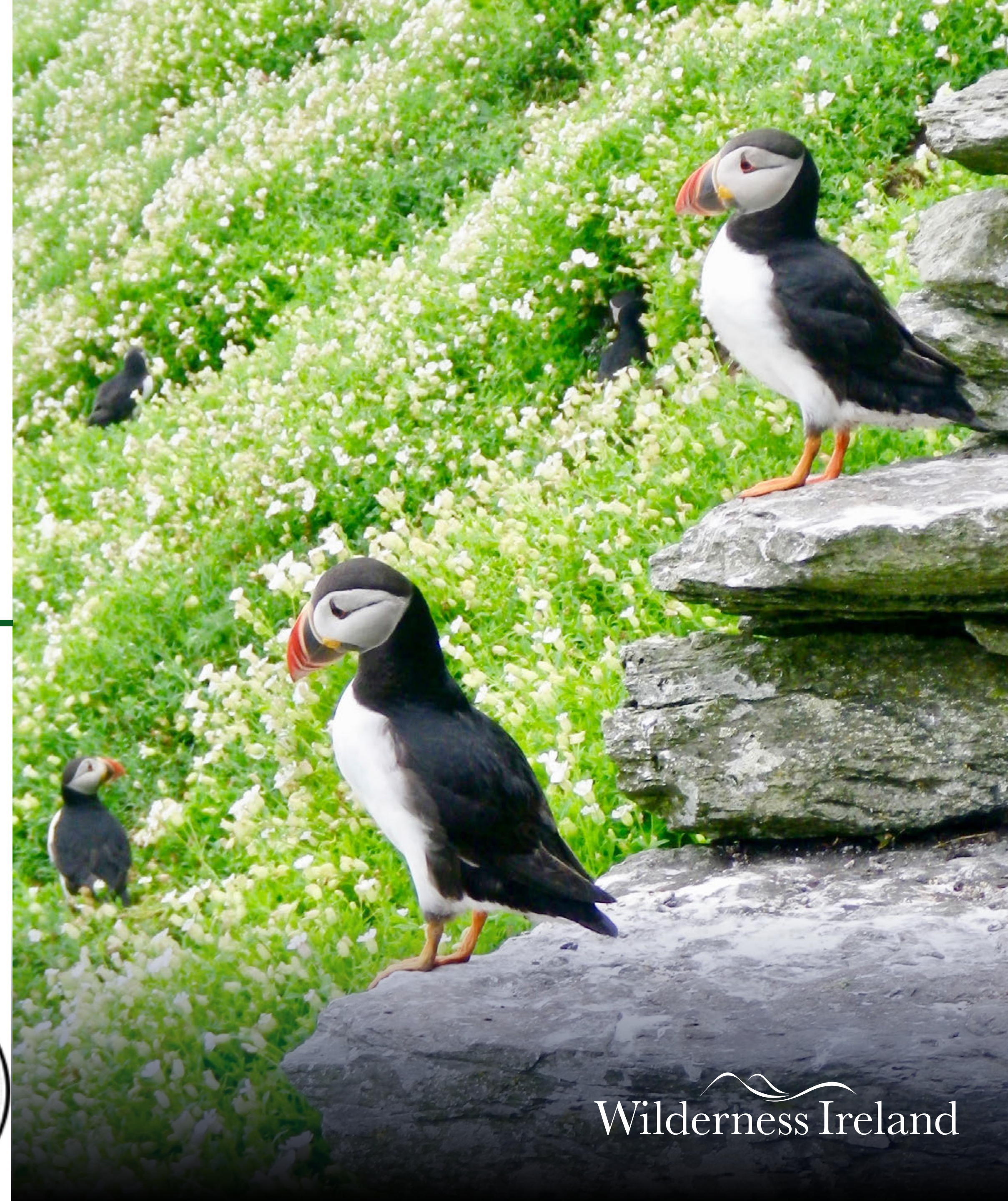
Your Satisfaction, Guaranteed

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.



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FAQs

Looking for more information? Check out our frequently ask questions page.

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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.

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