

Deluxe Family Adventure

Trip Grade: At Your Own Pace

Legends of the Southwest




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On this exciting deluxe 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 capital, Kinsale 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. Parents get a treat too - in the evenings, kick back at your deluxe-grade accommodations through Cork and Kerry.

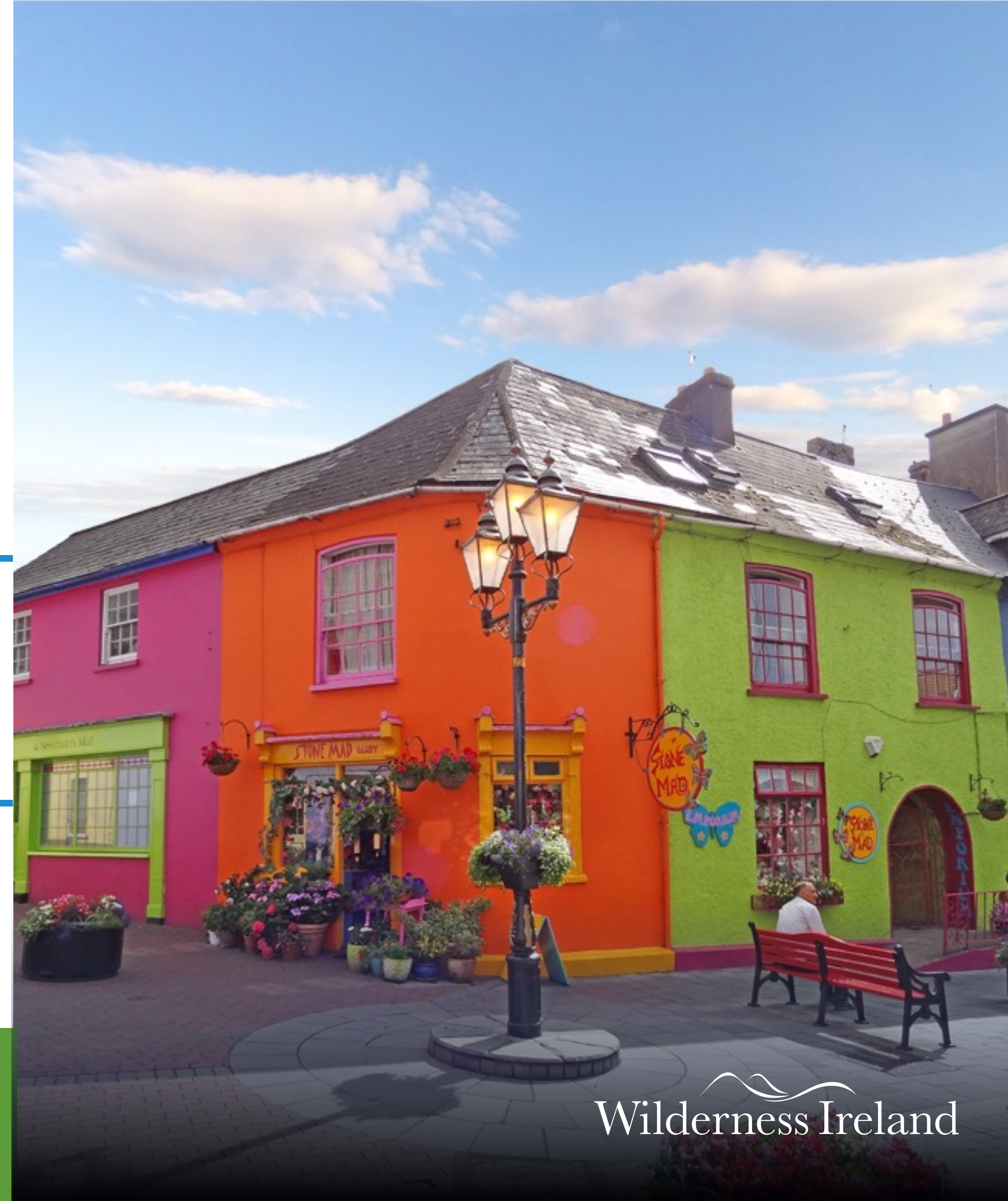
Highlights

- Privately guided deluxe family adventure with activities tailored to your family
- Sail out to the famous island Skellig Michael, home to *Star Wars* Jedi and puffins
- Try your hand at new activities like kayaking and model making

Private Departure

- Make it your own, based upon your preferred dates and group size.
- Choose from a range of accommodation and other custom options.
- Available for children ages 6 and over.

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Planned Itinerary

Day 1 | [Meeting the Ghosts of Kinsale](#)

Day 2 | [Smugglers, Forts and Battles](#)

Day 3 | [Sea Kayaking West Cork](#)

Day 4 | [The Ring of Kerry](#)

Day 5 | [Fairies in the Woods](#)

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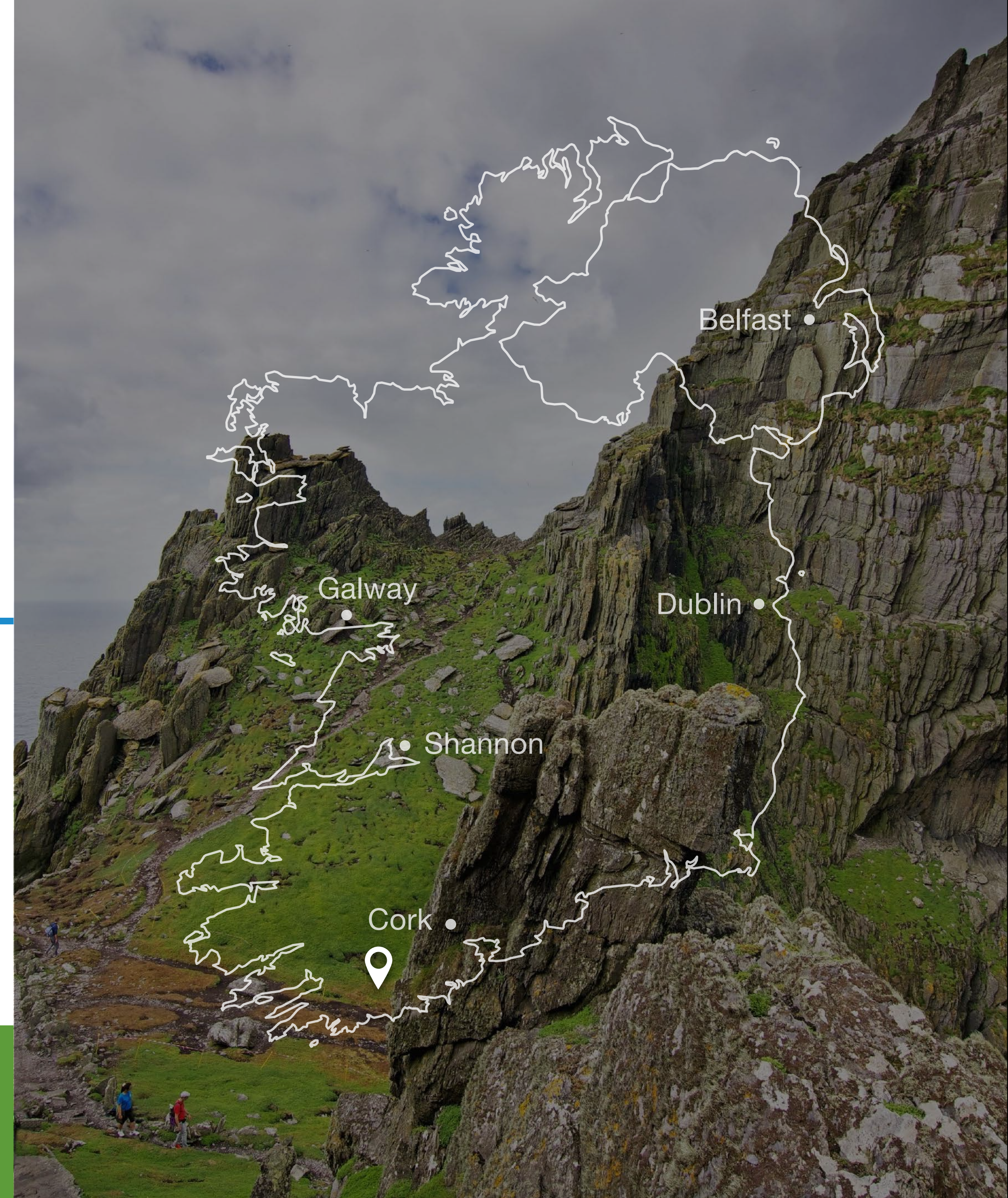
Arrival Info

- Your Guide will meet you at your choice of Cork Kent Train Station, Dublin or Shannon Airport on day one of your trip.

Departure Info

- You will be returned to Killarney Train Station on the final day of your trip or to a finish point of your choice.

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Day 1 | 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. **(L, D)**

Day 2 | Smugglers, Forts and 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. 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 3 | Sea Kayaking West Cork

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. **(B, L)**



Day 4 | The Ring of Kerry

This morning, we transfer to the Kingdom of Kerry, stopping en route at the Toy Soldier Factory. 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 5 | Fairies in the Woods

Today, take the 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 6 | 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)**

**Note that Skellig boats only run from May-Sept*

Day 7 | Killarney & Departure

This morning we shall say goodbye to the wild, rugged coasts of West Cork & Kerry and transfer back to Killarney Train Station where you can transfer back to Dublin or stay on to explore Killarney National Park. If you prefer, we can leave you to your chosen finishing point, be it the airport or Dublin City. **(B)**



Trip Grading | At Your Own Pace

Travel at your own pace allows your trip to be tailored to meet you and your family's needs.

- All of our family adventures are family friendly, suitable for children aged 8+
- You'll have your own private guide with you who will make sure that the trip flows at just the right pace for you and your family
- Though the daily itinerary itself isn't tailored, the hikes and other activities listed in the trip itinerary can be tailored to meet your family's ability levels.

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.

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Accommodation and Meals

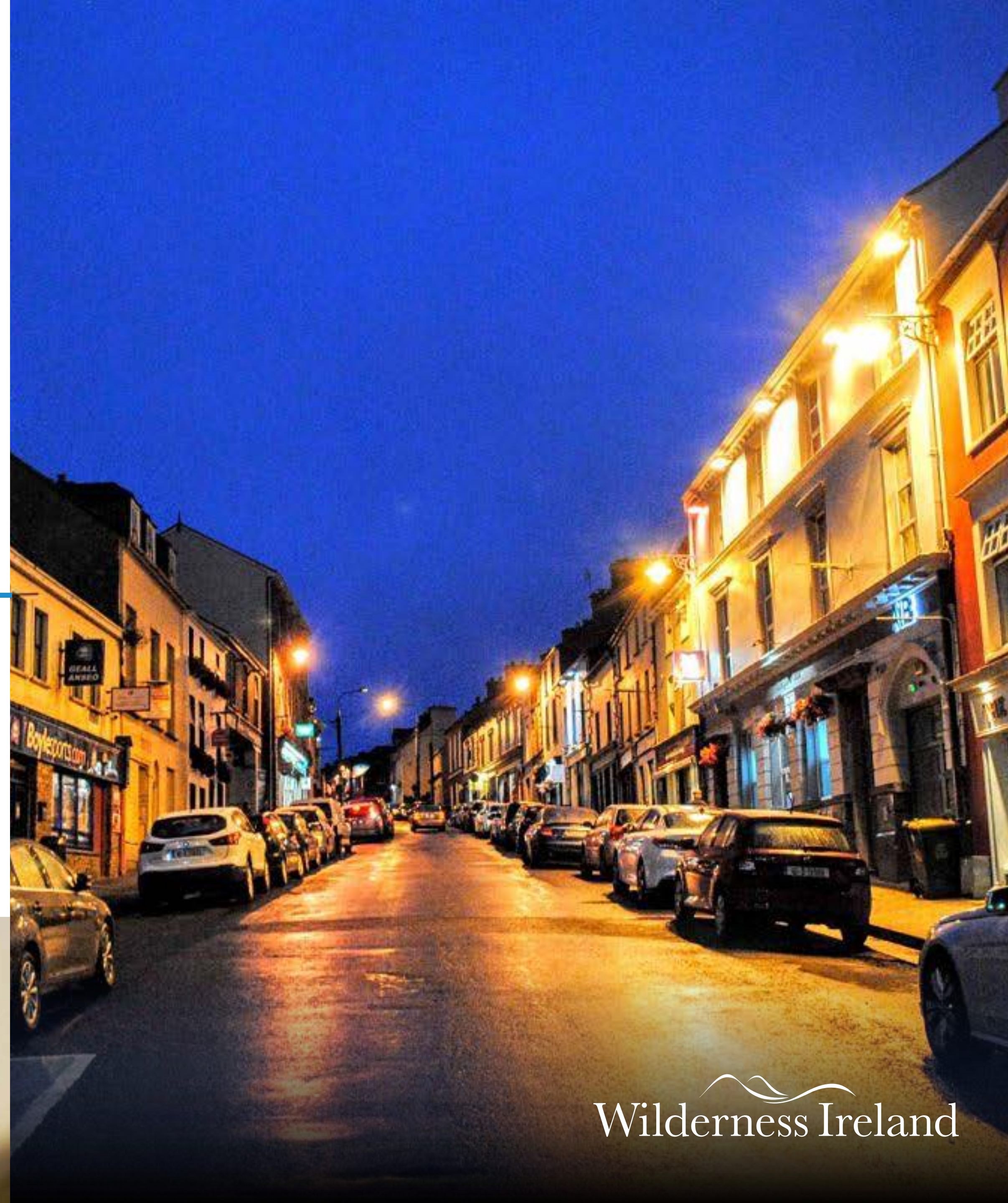
This is a deluxe standard trip. On your family adventure, our trip designers have hand-picked Deluxe accommodations that are each recognised for their cosiness, luxury and comfort each night as well as their excellent location, service and comfort.

Evening meals will be taken either in a local town, which offers a good choice of restaurants to suit every taste, or perhaps in a different location depending on the day's activity.

Each morning, enjoy a homemade breakfast of your choice at your accommodation. Lunch will be taken in cafés or a Wilderness Picnic along your 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 or you can dine in at your lodging.

Rooms

Representative pricing for this trip is based on a family of 2 adults and 2 children under 12 years old sharing one classic family room. Exact final cost and rooming configuration will depend on your family's specific needs as well as hotel room availability at the time of booking. Your adventure consultant will discuss your preferred rooming set up and available options with you.



Inclusions

This trip includes the following:

- 6 nights accommodation in a hand-picked deluxe standard guesthouses and hotels
- Most meals, incl. all Breakfasts and most lunches and dinners as indicated in the itinerary (**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
- Activities stated in itinerary

This trip includes all accommodation, guiding and travel, as well as most meals. It does not include drinks or gratuity for your Wilderness Guide.



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Our holidays reviewed in your words...

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It really is hard to say what the highlights are as it was all so wonderful. We appreciated Paul's vast knowledge of the area we were visiting and the overall history of Ireland. He went above and beyond in providing stellar customer service to us. He was fantastic with our girls, encouraging them when they didn't think they could keep going on our 30 mile cycle trip, for example. We loved experiencing Ireland on bike, horse, boat, and with our legs. A truly magical experience!

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Lisa Sarfati - Family Adventure Paddling & Pirates - 29/11/2018 ★★★★★

[All Trip Reviews Here](#)

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 Ireland'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.

You can learn more about the work we're doing to care for the wild places we love [here](#).



Equipment List

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

[Ireland Hiking Kit List](#)



Eat | See | Stay

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

[Eat – See – Stay – Dublin](#)

[Eat – See – Stay – Cork](#)

[Eat – See – Stay – Killarney](#)



Getting Around Ireland

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

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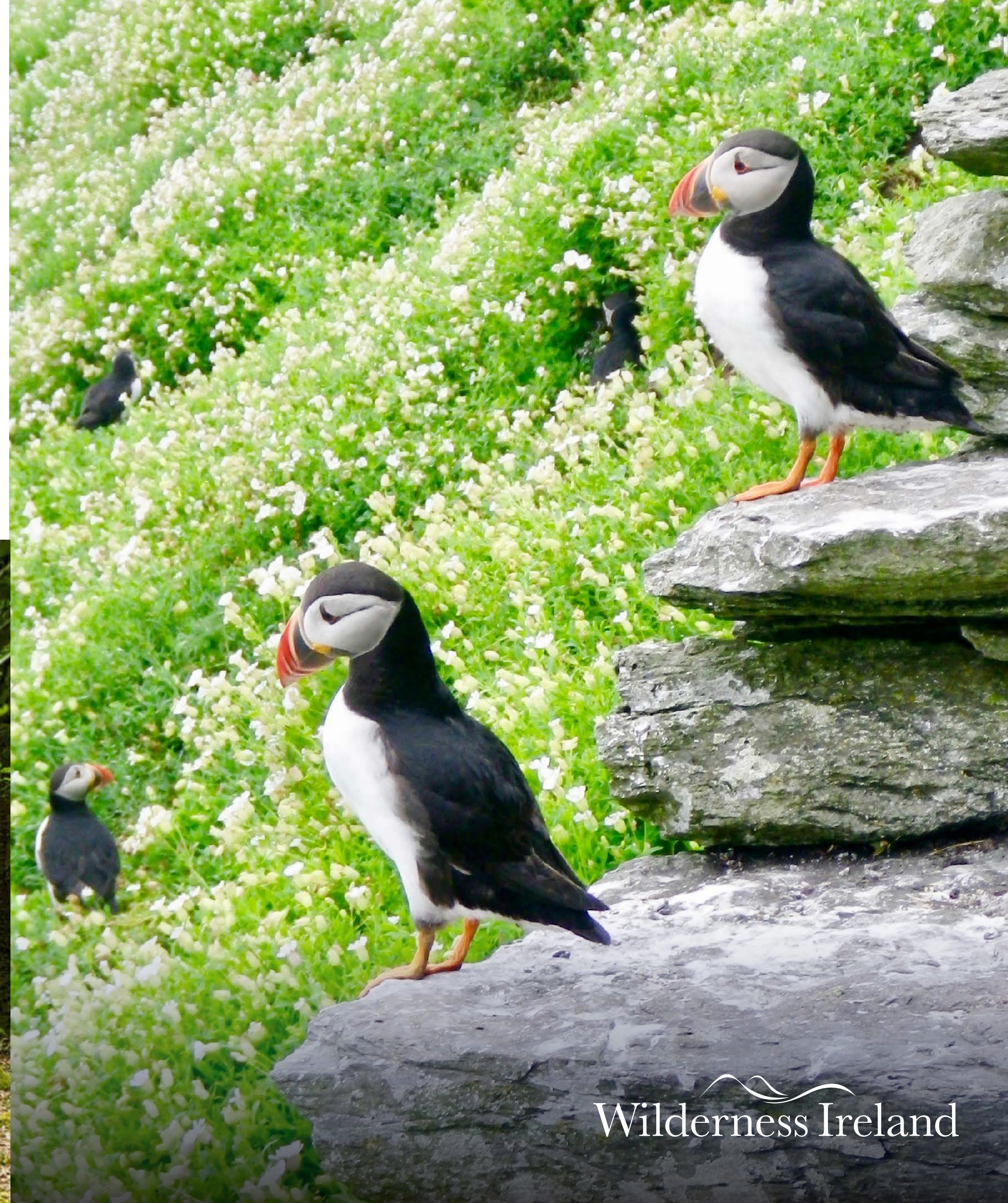
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Travel Insurance

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:

[Booking Conditions](#)



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FAQs

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

wildernessireland.com/faq

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 76 days before departure. If booking less than 76 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. Please refer to our full terms and conditions before booking.

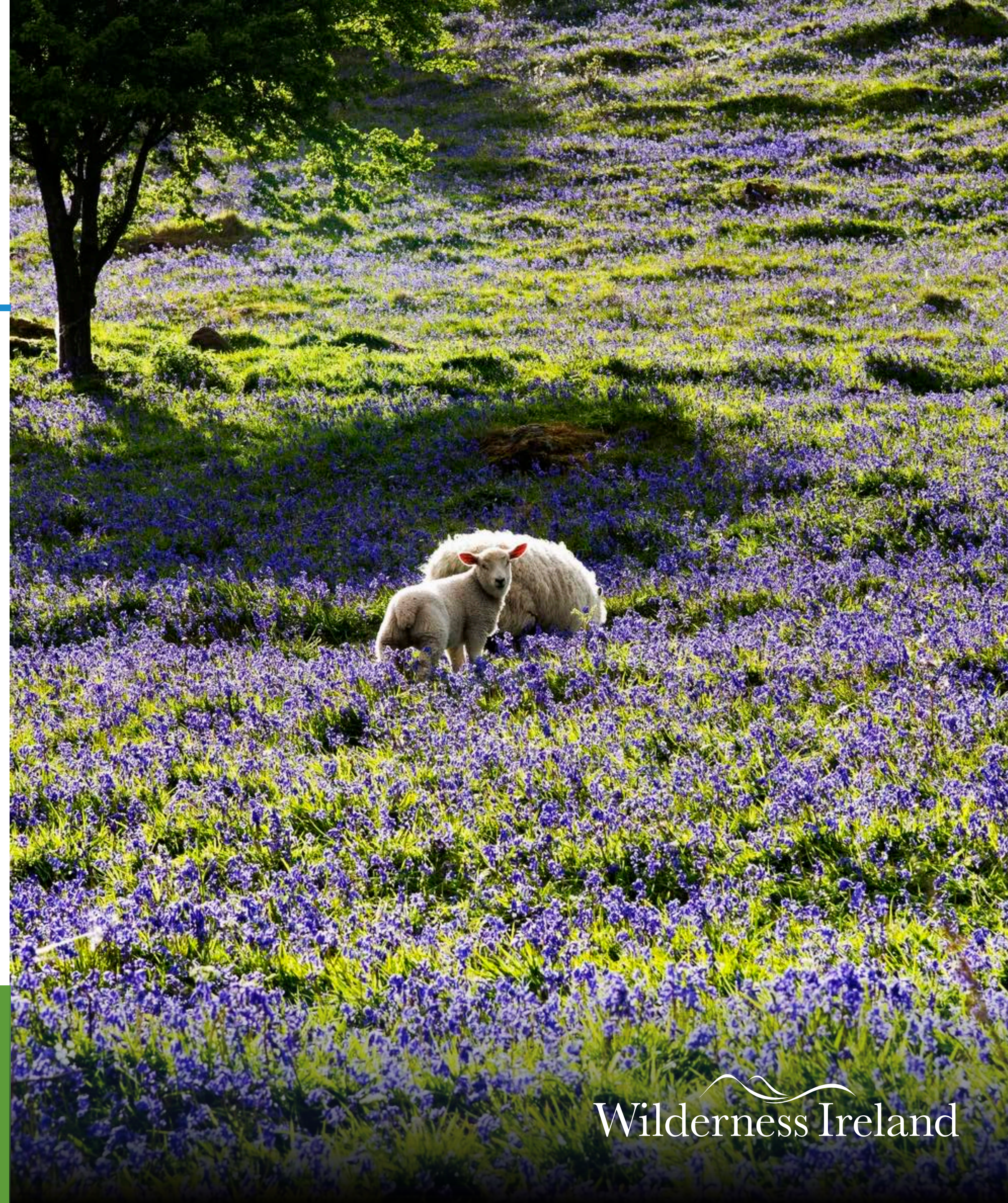
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A landscape photograph of Scotland's wilderness, featuring rugged mountains and rolling hills under a soft, golden sky at sunset or sunrise. The terrain is covered in low-lying vegetation, and the overall mood is serene and majestic.

Wilderness Scotland

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A landscape photograph of England's wilderness, showing a calm lake reflecting the surrounding blue-toned mountains and sky. The scene is peaceful and scenic, with a few rocks visible in the water in the foreground.

Wilderness England

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