



## A self-guided tour of the world renowned Kerry Way



### (8 days / 7 nights).

This is one of our most frequented tours and for very good reason. The Ring of Kerry has it all along its 110 mile length. The walk takes you from the lush vegetation of Killarney National Park, past the majestic peaks of the MacGillacuddy Reeks, along coastal paths overlooking Dingle Bay to the golden sands of Waterville and Derrynane. This part of Ireland is rich in history, myth and legend, and also has an abundance of local flora and fauna – including the Irish Red Deer.

The walk is primarily along the renowned Kerry Way, allowing you to carry out an almost complete circuit of the Iveragh Peninsula. Your route crosses hills, valleys and some rocky mountain passes. However you never venture to the heights of the Reeks where serious rock and mountain climbing can be had. Instead you walk along a network of forested and moss-lined paths, open bog, moorland, past island-studded mountain lakes and waterfalls and along coastal paths.

Every day you experience different aspects of the remarkable and varied countryside before returning to the warmth of your new hostelry each evening.

#### **Day 1.**

Arriving at airport or station, you are met by our transport. You are transported to your first night's accommodation at the legendary town of Killarney.

#### **Day 2 (25km).**

Today you follow a route that takes you from Killarney toward Kenmare. Pass through the scenic Killarney National Park and enjoy the views as you ascend alongside the Torc Waterfall.

the slopes of Eagles Hill. Follow the ridge to the high point and take in the views down over Lough Currane and the Ballinskelligs Bay.



Continue to follow the path through deciduous forest, and ascend a remote valley between Knockrower and Peakeen Mountain. Descend by east paths to the lovely town of Kenmare.

Meet our transport and transfer to your night's accommodation at Sneem.

#### **Day 3 (19km).**

Leave from your base in the beautiful village of Sneem and ascend through a wooded valley on the Kerry Way. Crossing over hills and valleys and through forest you can enjoy the views over Kenmare Bay to the Beara Peninsula. Skirt Eagles Hill and follow a gentle ridge descent to the quaint village of Caherdaniel.

If time permits, enjoy a walk along the beach at Derrynane and visit the house and gardens at Derrynane House - the ancestral home of Daniel O'Connell.

#### **Day 4 (20 or 28km).**

Retrace your steps a little and traverse

Drop down to a wooded valley and skirt Isknagahiny Lough to come out onto Lough Currane proper. You can then choose your route, either by lakeside or by hillside to your destination in Waterville.

### **Day 5 (20km).**

This morning you start with a transfer from Waterville to Foilmore Bridge. Ascend the shoulders of Drung Hill to pass through pine forests and rise to the peak of the hill.

Then follow a gentle ridge descent from which you can see the beautiful Inch Strand across the waters of Dingle Bay. Descend by Rossbeigh Beach to finish in the lovely village of Glenbeigh.

### **Day 6 (17km).**

Leave Glenbeigh in the morning and ascend alongside Mount Seefin to pass through the Windy Gap (Bearna na Gaoithe). From this highpoint enjoy the views back to Inch Strand and Dingle Bay.



Ahead you can see the valley of Glencar and the MacGillycuddy Reeks proper. Descend through forest trails and follow the Kerry Way to your destination at Glencar.

### **Day 7 (18km).**

You start today alongside Lough Acoose and follow the Lack Road. Drop off a shoulder to Upper Glencar Valley and then ascend again to cross a rugged mountain gap by the Bridia Valley. Continue on under the shadow of Ireland's highest mountain, Carrauntoohil.

Cross the Black Valley and down to Brandon's Cottage - where you can stop for a cup if you please. You are met by our transport for today - a wonderful boat ride down through Killarney's legendary lakes to the town of Killarney itself.

### **Day 8.**

Transfer back to the airport or station for your return journey.



## Overview

**Grade B / C  
Hills / Mountain walking**

**8 Days (7 Nights)**  
Bed & Breakfast.  
Dinner and packed lunch (7).

## Prices and Dates

Please see separate Pricing Sheet.

## Included

7 nights' accommodation, based on two adults sharing.

Meals consist of a full breakfast each day, packed lunch on walking days, and a two/three course meal each evening. Drinks are not included.

Luggage transfer each day, detailed daily route notes and maps.

Transfers to and from Shannon Airport, Kerry Airport, Cork Airport, Killarney or Tralee train stations.