

Ireland – Wicklow Way Hiking Tour 2022
Self-Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights OR 10 Days / 9 Nights



Ireland's oldest long distance hiking trail takes you through the eventful history of Ireland. You start your journey amidst the green hills of Carlow and set off to Marlay Park in the south of Dublin. Friendly hosts welcome you at the end of each stage, music plays in the pubs and an Irish breakfast prepares you for the daily hiking tours. These lead you on scenic paths through the Wicklow Mountain National Park – a small nature paradise near the Irish coast. On clear days your eyes wander across the sea to the coast of Great Britain. The Wicklow Way is a wonderful long distance hiking trail for anyone who wants to experience Ireland up close.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Individual arrival in Tinahely



Day 2: Tinahely – Moyne 17 km + 470 m - 395 m

In the morning transfer to a small pub north of Tinahely. Here you start the tour at the Wicklow Way and walk through a small fairy forest up to Mangan Wood. Past sheep pastures and through small forests today's tour leads you into the valley of the river Derry. You follow a quiet side road to Sandyford Bridge, where you spend the night on a small farm.

Day 3: Moyne – Glenmalure 25 km + 810 m - 880 m

A hike up to the Sheilstown Forest and then down to the Iron Bridge. Today's destination is the wild valley of Glenmalure. Irish rebels sought refuge in this place for many years, until the English Crown set up a base in the valley to end the rebellion. An old trading station and the ruins of the military barracks still bear witness of this turbulent time.

Day 4: Glenmalure – Glendalough – Laragh 17 km + 600 m - 600 m

Views on the Lugnaquilla Mountain – the highest peak of the Wicklow Mountains – escort you on today's hike up to the pass of Lugduff Gap. From here you descend into the picturesque valley of Glendalough. For the first Christian monks this used to be a place of retreat and prayer for centuries. The Wicklow Way then takes you to the small village of Laragh.

Day 5: Laragh – Roundwood 12 – 20 km + 425 – 470 m - 350 - 410 m

You leave Laragh and walk up to Paddock Hill. The dense forests are soon replaced by an untouched heath landscape in the Wicklow Mountain National Park. The tour then takes you to the Old Bridge and on side roads you will reach the small village of Roundwood. The short stage gives you time for a hike around the reservoirs of the Vaultry Reservoir.

Day 6: Roundwood – Enniskerry 19 km + 620 m - 690 m

The royal stage of the Wicklow Way: You soon reach the first lookout point from where you can see nearby Lough Dan. You then enter an open area from where you can see as far as the British coast on clear days. The trail leads you up to the Djouce Mountain and with views on Ireland's highest waterfall to Crone Forrest, where today's stage ends.



Day 7: Enniskerry – Marlay Park 22 km + 650 m - 720 m

The trail first leads you along idyllic paths into the valley of Glencullen. Here you can enjoy the view from Fairy Hill over the past stages and the city of Dublin. You then descend to Marlay Park, where the hike at the Wicklow Way comes to an end. Bus ride to the city centre of Dublin.

Day 8: Individual departure or prolongation

10 Days / 9 Nights Tour

Day 1: Individual arrival in Clonegal

Day 2: Clonegal – Shillelagh 19 km + 500 m - 445 m

Comfortable start at the Wicklow Way. First you have to go straight ahead, before the first metres of altitude are done in the Coillte Forest. You continue past numerous farmhouses and up on the Stookeen Hill. From here you have an amazing view on the valley of Clonegal – the “Irish Switzerland”.

Day 3: Shillelagh - Tinahely 20 km + 475 m - 490 m

The pub “The Dying Cow” offers you some interesting stories after the first kilometres and a welcome opportunity for a rest. The Wicklow Way then leads you onto scenic paths at the Muskeagh Hill. A small fairy forest just before Tinahely inspires you to dream before you toast the day with a pint at the market place of this small village.

Day 4: Tinahely – Moyne 10 km + 340 m - 220 m

You leave Tinahely behind and walk back up to Mangan Wood. Past sheep pastures and through small forests today’s tour leads you into the valley of the river Derry. You follow a quiet side road to Sandyford Bridge, where you spend the night on a small farm.

Day 5: Moyne – Glenmalure

Day 6: Glenmalure – Glendalough – Laragh

Day 7: Laragh – Roundwood

Day 8: Roundwood – Enniskerry

Day 9: Enniskerry – Marlay Park

Day 10: Departure or prolongation



Route



Technical Characteristics

Tour Profile: Easy. A wonderful long distance hike for everyone. The first stages are mostly flat and are well suited to prepare for the Wicklow Mountains. The tour mostly takes place on well-marked trails, forest roads and every once in a while on side roads. For the hike from Roundwood to Enniskerry sure-footedness is required, the remaining stages demand good basic condition. In the 10 day variant, longer sections lead on paved roads on the first two days

Total distance: 112 – 152 km

Travel Season: Departures daily from April 9 to October 16, 2022

Season 1: April 23 – May 20 and September 24 – October 16

Season 2: April 9 – April 22 and May 21 – September 23

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Price per person:	8 Days/ 7 Nights	10 Days / 9 Nights
Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 779.00	€ 925.00
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 845.00	€ 985.00
Single Supplement	€ 355.00	€ 445.00
Extra Nights Clonegal Double Occupancy B&B	€ 45.00	
Extra Nights Clonegal Single Occupancy B&B	€ 70.00	
Extra Nights Tinahely Double Occupancy B&B	€ 55.00	
Extra Nights Tinahely Single Occupancy B&B	€ 70.00	
Extra Nights Dublin Double Occupancy B&B	On request	
Extra Nights Dublin Single Occupancy B&B	On request	

Accommodation:

Country specific Bed and Breakfasts

Included:

- 7 or 9 overnight stays, breakfast included
- Luggage transfer
- Transfers according to program
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Bus ride Marlay Park – Dublin

