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IRISH TOURISM

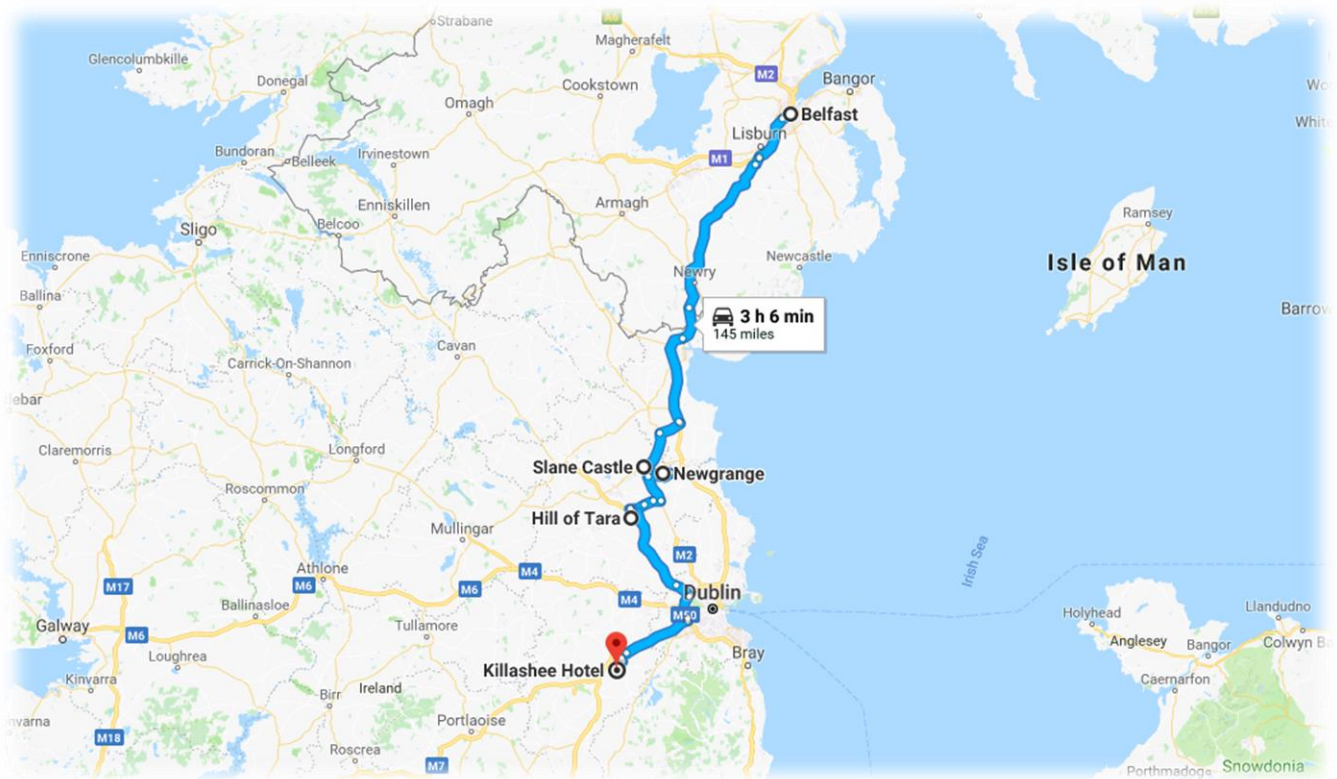
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Sample A

Day 1

After disembarking the ferry in Belfast, begin your journey south. En route, you may like to visit Newgrange, Ireland's most famous prehistoric monument that dates back to times before the Great Pyramids of Giza were built. Other options on the way include Slane Castle and Distillery along with other sites in the Boyne Valley such as the Hill of Tara. For those arriving into Dublin Port, there are many places to visit in and around Dublin, for example, Kilmainham Gaol, the Guinness Storehouse, Trinity College and the National Museums of Ireland. Continue onwards to Naas and check in to your hotel. Overnight *Killashee Hotel*, Naas DBB

From Belfast: Approximately 145 miles; non-stop driving time 3 hours 6 minutes



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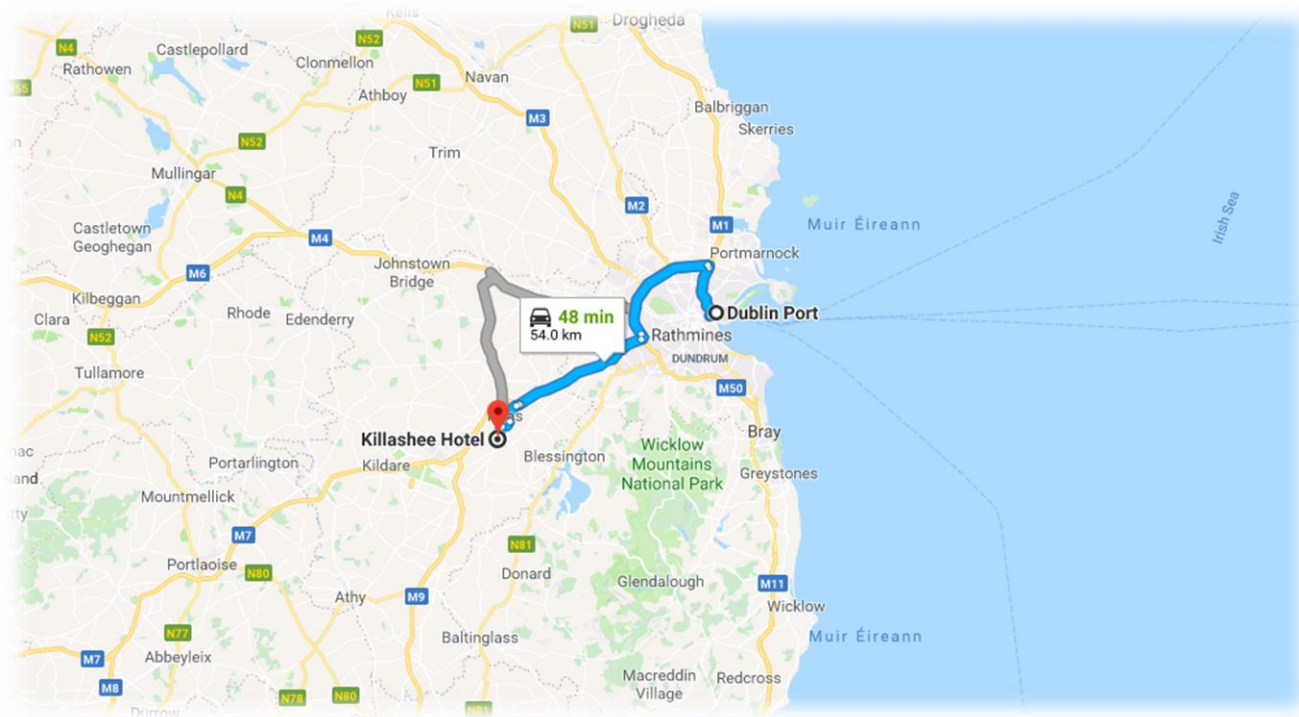
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From Dublin: Approximately 33 miles; non-stop driving time 48 minutes



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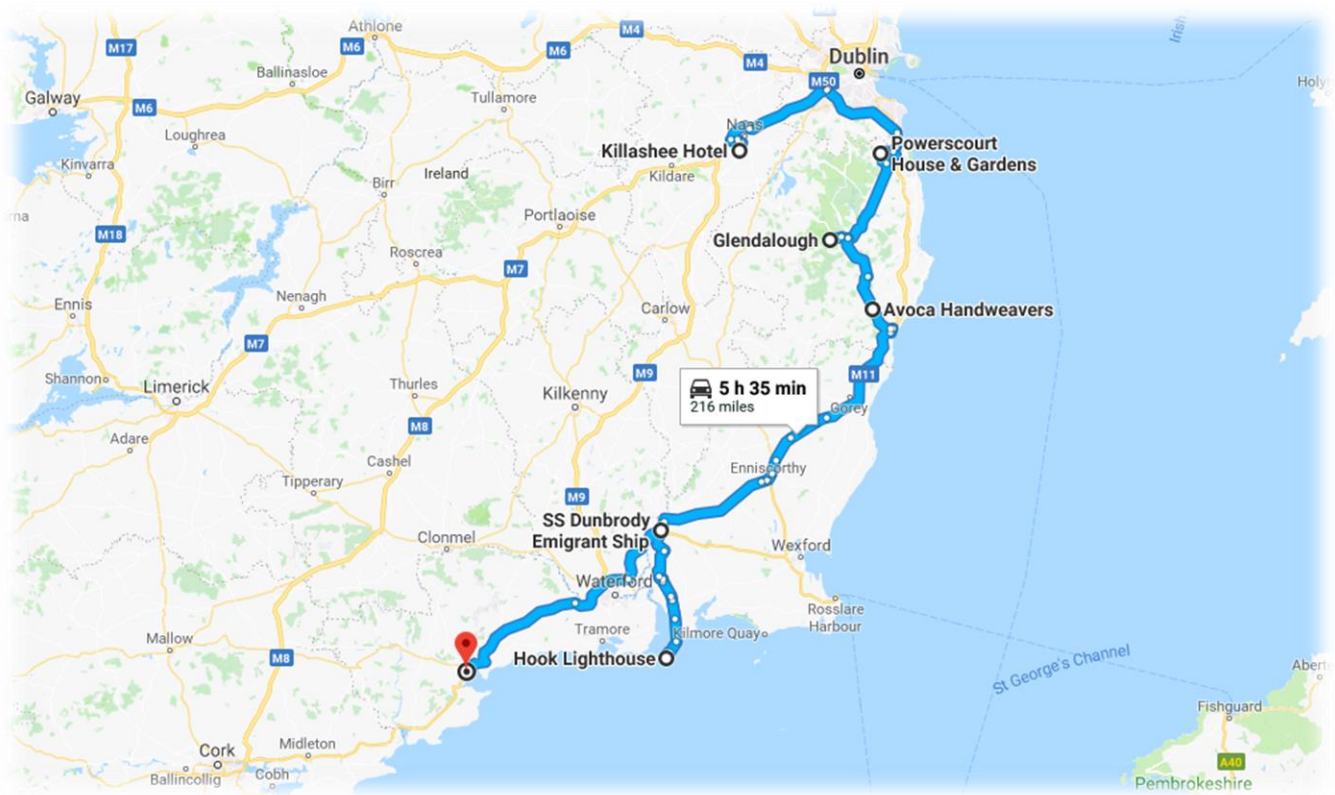
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Day 2

After breakfast, continue your journey south towards the County Waterford harbour town of Dungarvan. On the way, why not visit the majestic Powerscourt House & Gardens, one of the top gardens in the world as voted by National Geographic and The Lonely Planet Guide in 2014. The gardens were started over 250 years ago and today's visitors enjoy its walled garden, striking terraces, fine statuary and varied trees. Other places to visit include the charming village of Avoca or the 6th century monastic site founded by St. Kevin at Glendalough. Set in a glaciated valley with two lakes, the monastic remains include a superb round tower, stone churches and decorated crosses. Other suggestions include the Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience along with the Hook Lighthouse tour. Continue to Dungarvan and check-in to your hotel where the rest of your evening will be free before dinner. Overnight **Park Hotel**, Dungarvan DBB

Approximately 216 miles; non-stop driving time 5 hours 35 minutes



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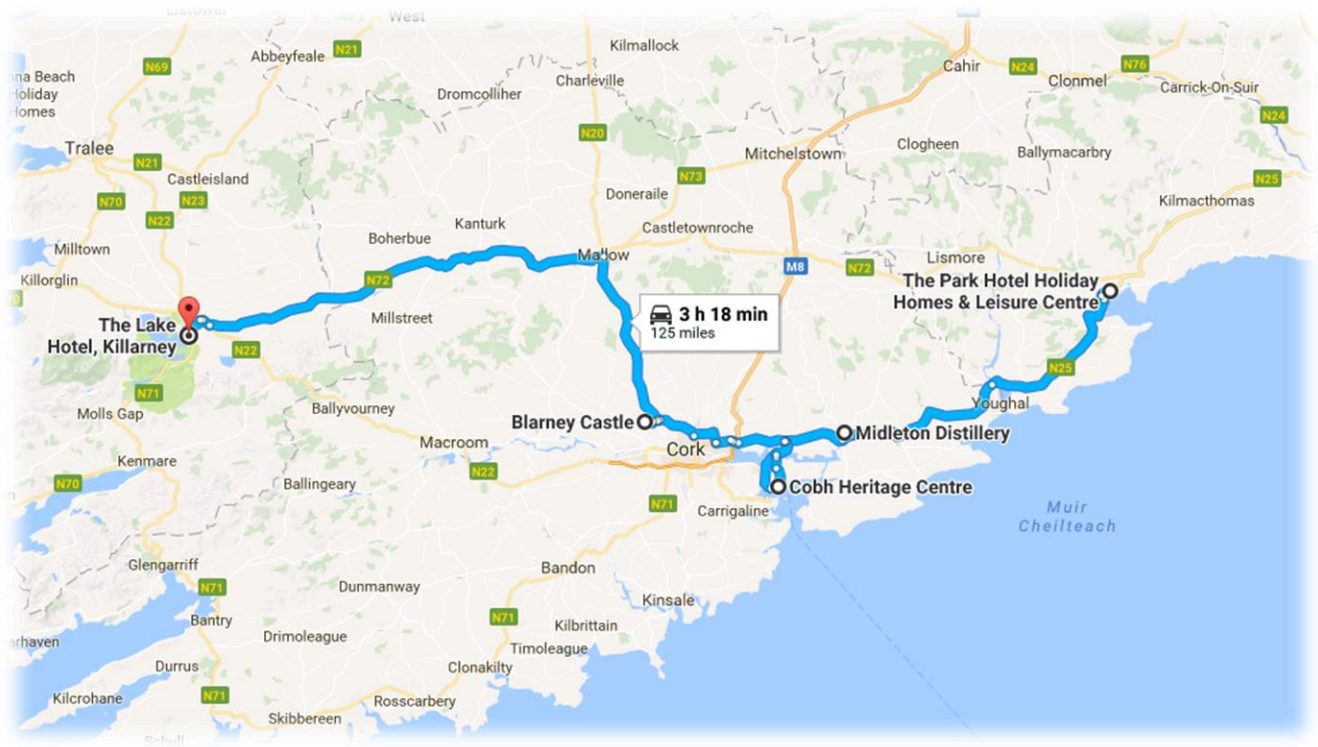
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Day 3

Today, begin your journey south west towards the County Kerry town of Killarney, for which there are a number of possible routes as displayed below. Suggested stops throughout the different routes include the Jameson Distillery in Midleton, Cobh Heritage Centre, Blarney Castle, Cahir Castle, Kinsale, Clonakilty, Skibbereen, Bantry, Glengarriff and Kenmare. Arrive at your hotel in time for dinner. Overnight *Lake Hotel*, Killarney DBB

Approximately 125 miles; non-stop driving time 3 hours 18 minutes



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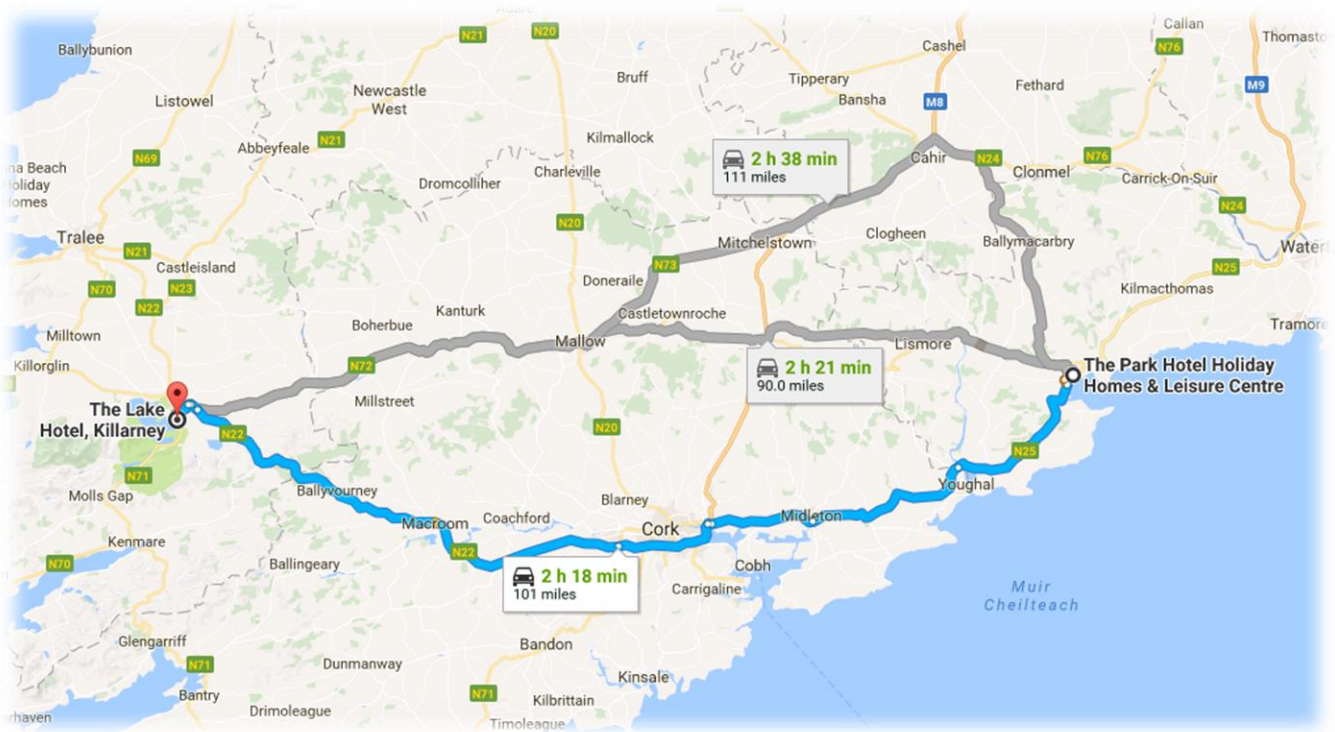
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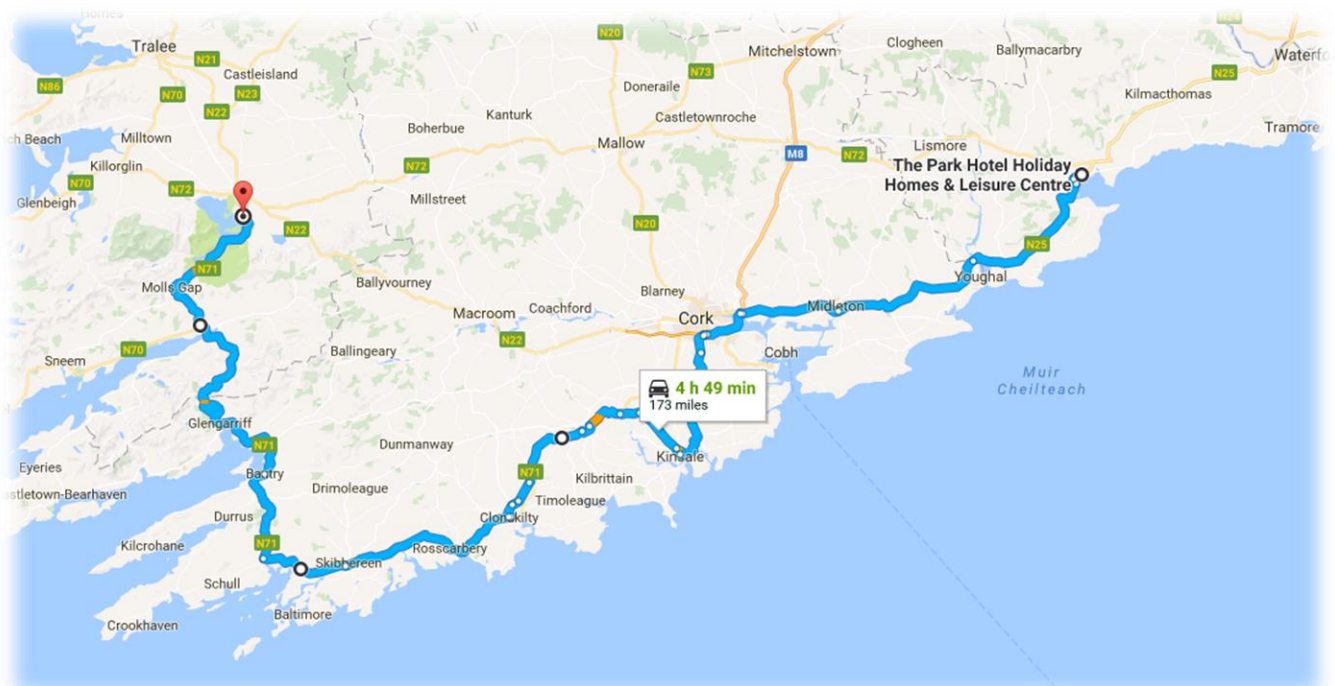
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Main route is approximately 100 miles; non-stop driving time 2 hours 18 minutes



Approximately 173 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 50 minutes



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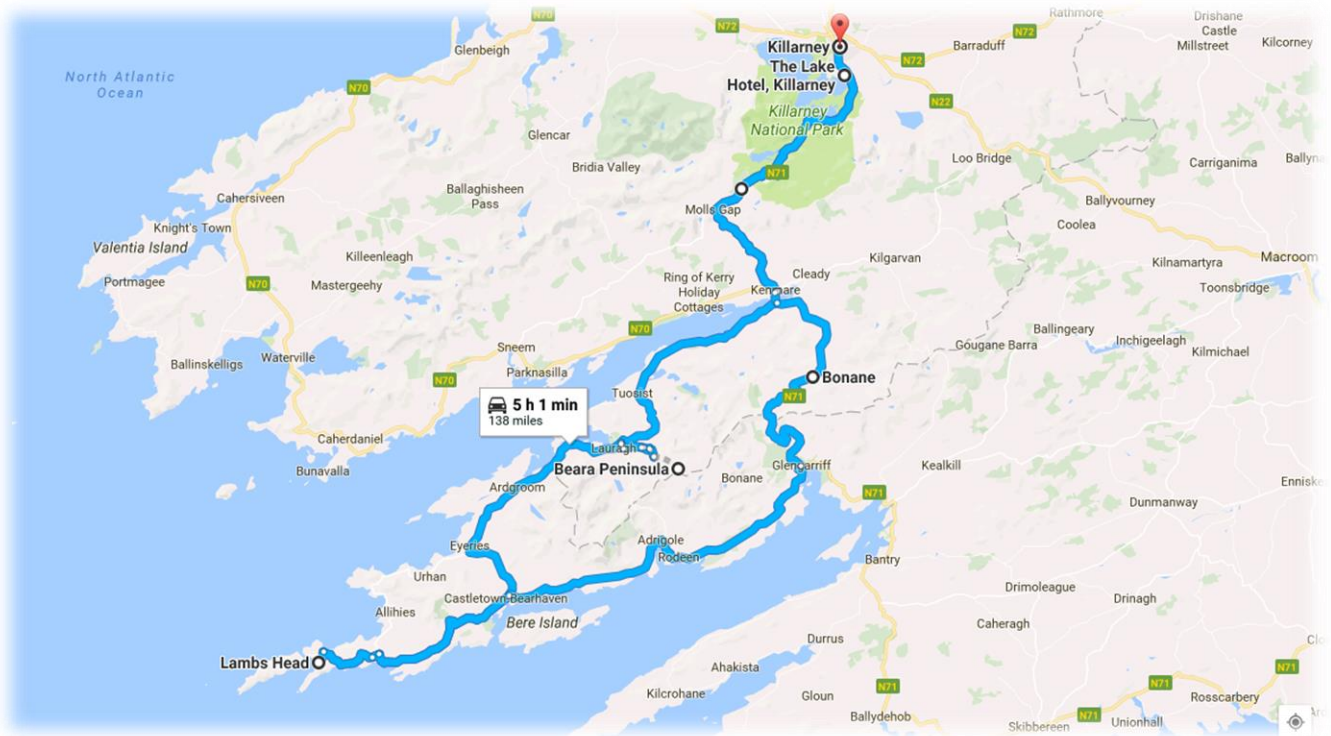
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Today you have the below choice of routes to take or just simply enjoy the sites of Killarney. Overnight **Lake Hotel**, Killarney DBB

Beara Peninsula

Located south of Killarney, the Bera Peninsula has two mountain ranges running down its centre, the Caha Mountains and Slieve Miskish Mountains. On this route there are several interesting and beautiful sites to visit – Garnish Island, Glendochu Park, Uragh Stone Circle, Bamboo Park, Derreen Gardens to name a few.

Approximately 138 miles; non-stop driving time 5 hours



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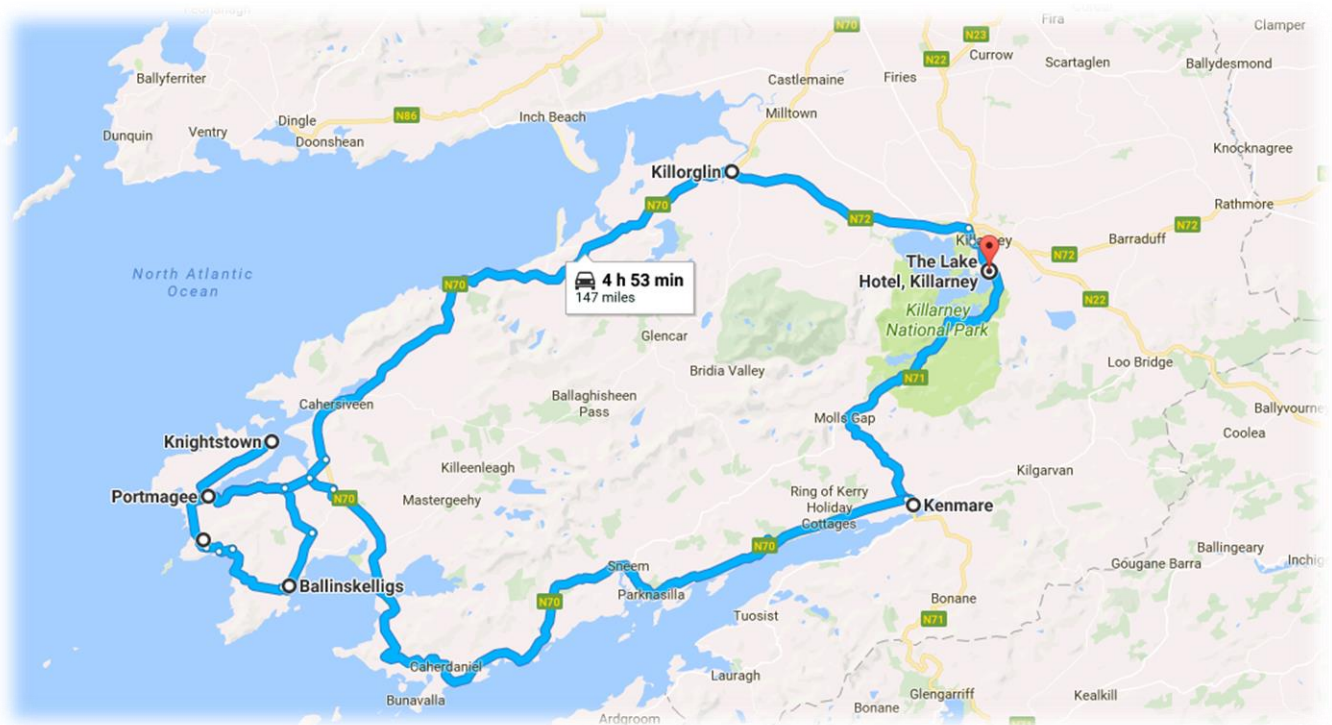
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Ring of Kerry

From Killarney, travel to the town of Kenmare and then onto the colourful village of Sneem, Waterville (one of Charlie Chaplin's favourite spots), Valentia Island to view the Skellig Islands (featured in Star Wars), Glenbeigh, Killorglin and of course Killarney. Note that coaches travel the Ring anti-clockwise so we suggest your direction is clockwise. Some of the sights you will see are Ladies View, Molls Gap, Staigue Fort, Derrynane House, Kells Bay House & Gardens, the Bog Village and the Gap of Dunloe to name a few.

Approximately 147 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 53 minutes



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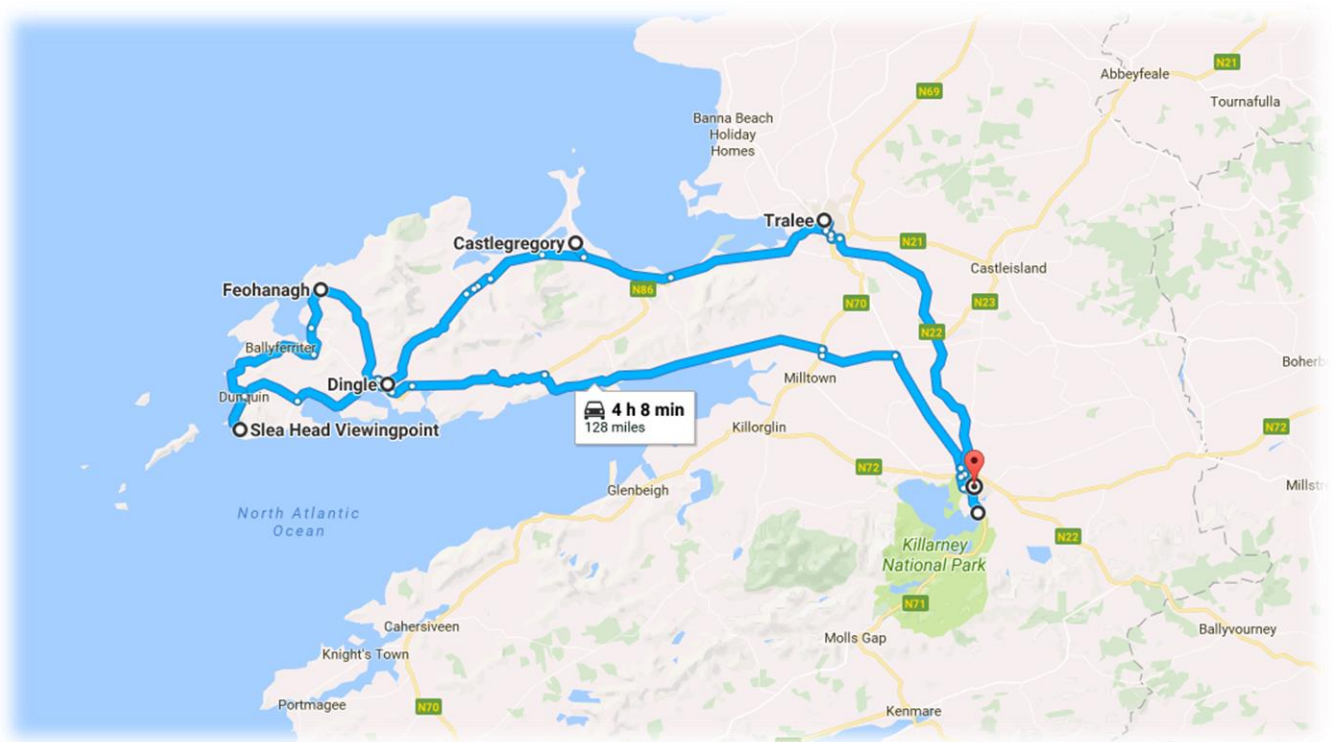
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Dingle Peninsula

Not as busy as the Iveragh Peninsula where the Ring of Kerry is found, the dingle peninsula is just as interesting and beautiful. The town of Dingle is a small fishing port where you will find plenty of pubs, cafes and restaurants to have lunch. Then to the west of the town the scenery is particularly rugged with views out to the formerly inhabited Blasket Islands. Visit the Blasket Center which celebrates the story of the Blasket Islanders, the unique literary achievements of the island writers and their native language, culture and tradition. Take a boat tour and see Fungi, its resident dolphin, visit many Neolithic forts and beehive huts and drive through Ireland's highest mountain pass – The Conor Pass.

Approximately 128 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 10 minutes



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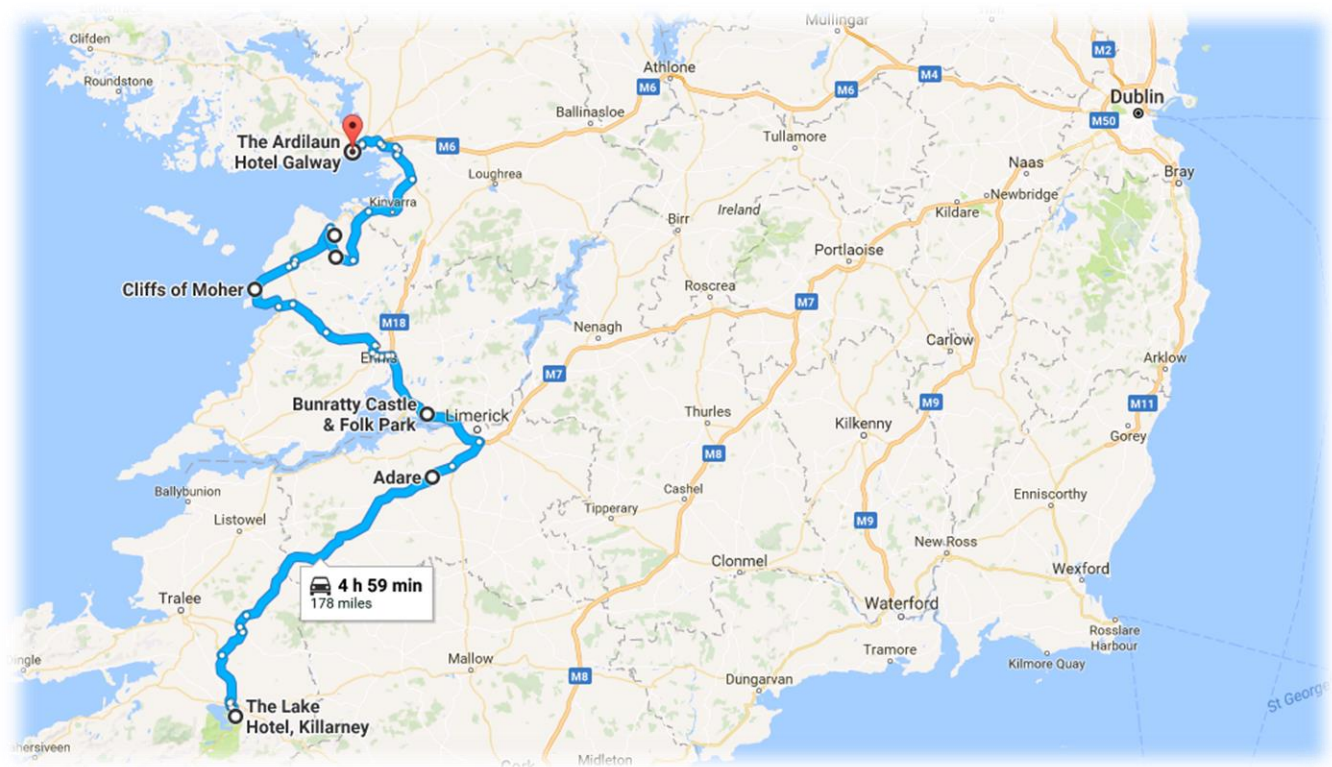
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Day 5

This morning depart the town of Killarney and begin your journey north. On the way, stop off in the heritage town of Adare. Walk along the main street which is lined with thatched roofed cottages or visit the old priory and monastery before departing for Bunratty, another historic village that is home to one of Ireland's complete castles – Bunratty Castle. Built in 1425 it was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour and now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art which capture the mood of those times. Within the grounds of Bunratty Castle is Bunratty Folk Park where 19th century life is vividly recreated. Journey onwards to the majestic Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs rise to 214 meters (702 feet) and the views from the visitor centre are breathtaking. Alternatively, you could stop in the fishing village of Doolin, visit the Aillwee Caves or take a look at Caherconnell Fort. Travel through the limestone landscape of the Burren to Galway arriving in time for dinner. Overnight **Ardilaun Hotel**, Galway DBB

Approximately 178 miles; non-stop driving time 5 hours



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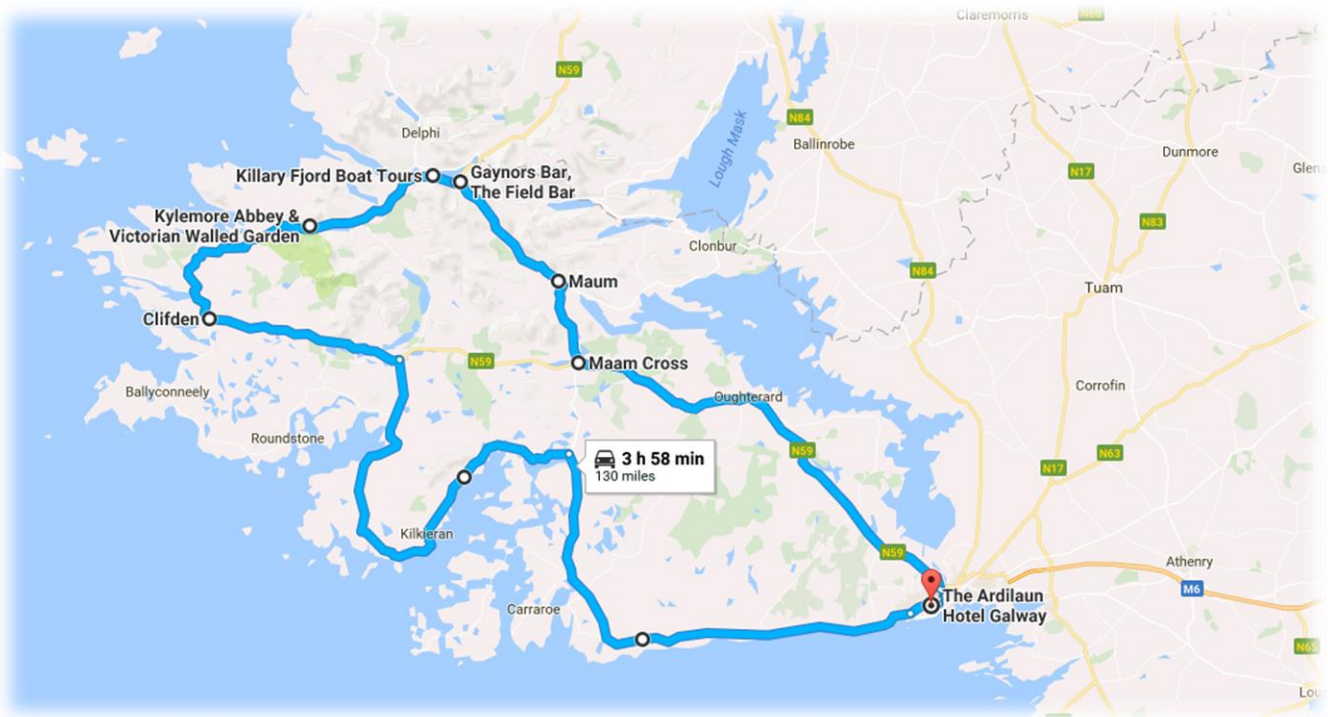
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Day 6

Today, explore the wild and rugged Connemara region. Here the constantly changing cloud formations give hills, lakes and peat bogs an added dimension. Visit Connemara History & Heritage Centre, where you will be introduced to the history of the area from prehistoric times to the foundation of the Irish Free State along with visiting Dan O'Hara's pre-famine cottage. Next, it's onto Kylemore Abbey which is home to the Benedictine Nuns – while here, why not have a delicious lunch in one of the abbey's eateries along with visiting the walled garden and Gothic church. Other places that are worth a stop include Killary Fjord, the town of Clifden where one can drive the scenic Sky Road along with Gaynor's, a cosy authentic Irish pub located at Killary Harbour which played a starring role in the 1990 film *The Field*. Return to Galway in time for dinner. Overnight **Ardilaun Hotel**, Galway DBB

Approximately 130 miles; non-stop driving time 3 hours 58 minutes



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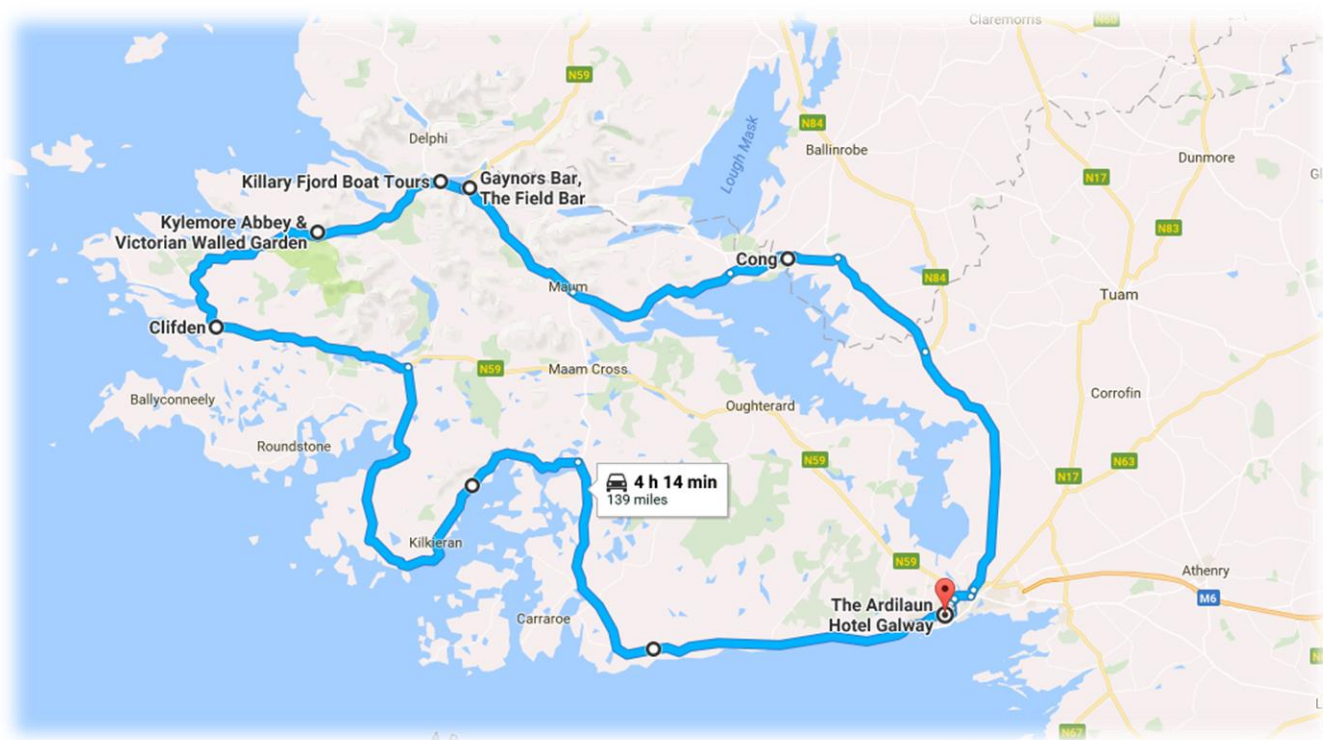
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Approximately 139 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 15 minutes



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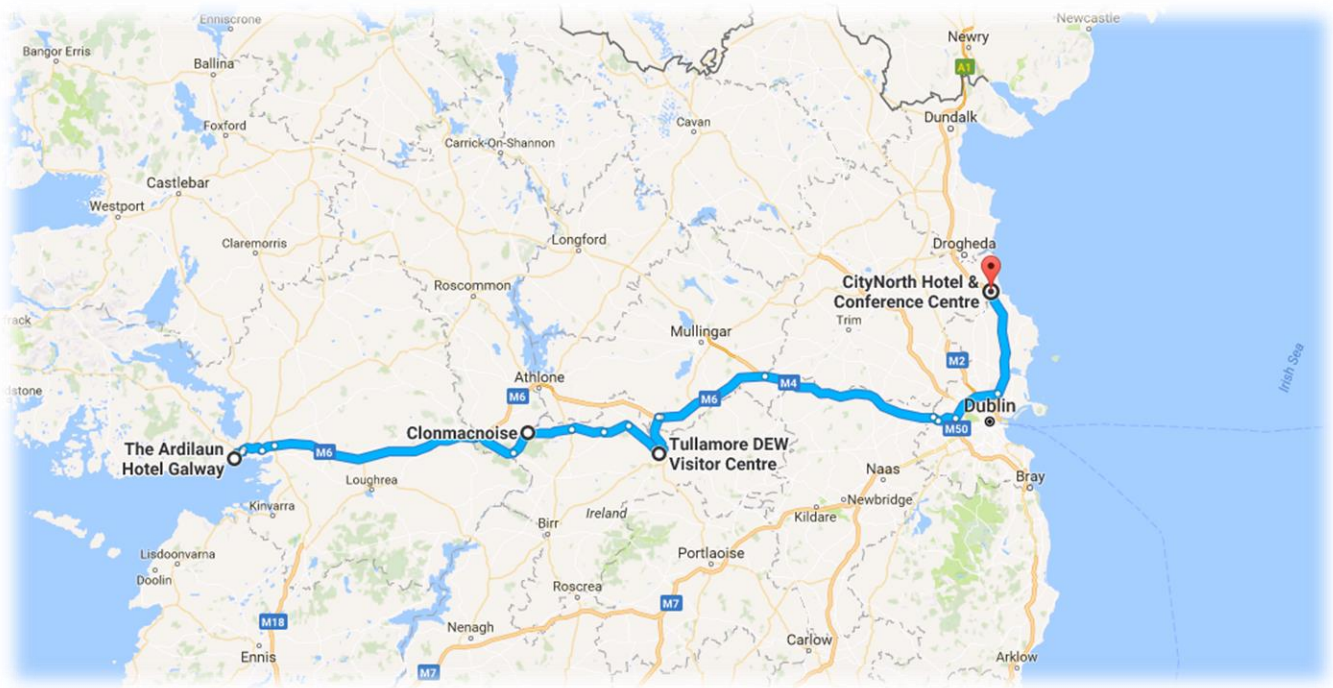
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Day 7

After a leisurely breakfast, begin your journey east back to Dublin. On the way, why not visit the monastic site of Clonmacnoise or Tullamore D.E.W. Heritage Centre which relates the story of Tullamore Dew Whiskey and Irish Mist Liqueur. Arrive at your hotel in North Dublin and enjoy dinner this evening. Overnight *City North Hotel*, Dublin DBB

Approximately 158 miles; non-stop driving time 3 hours 12 minutes



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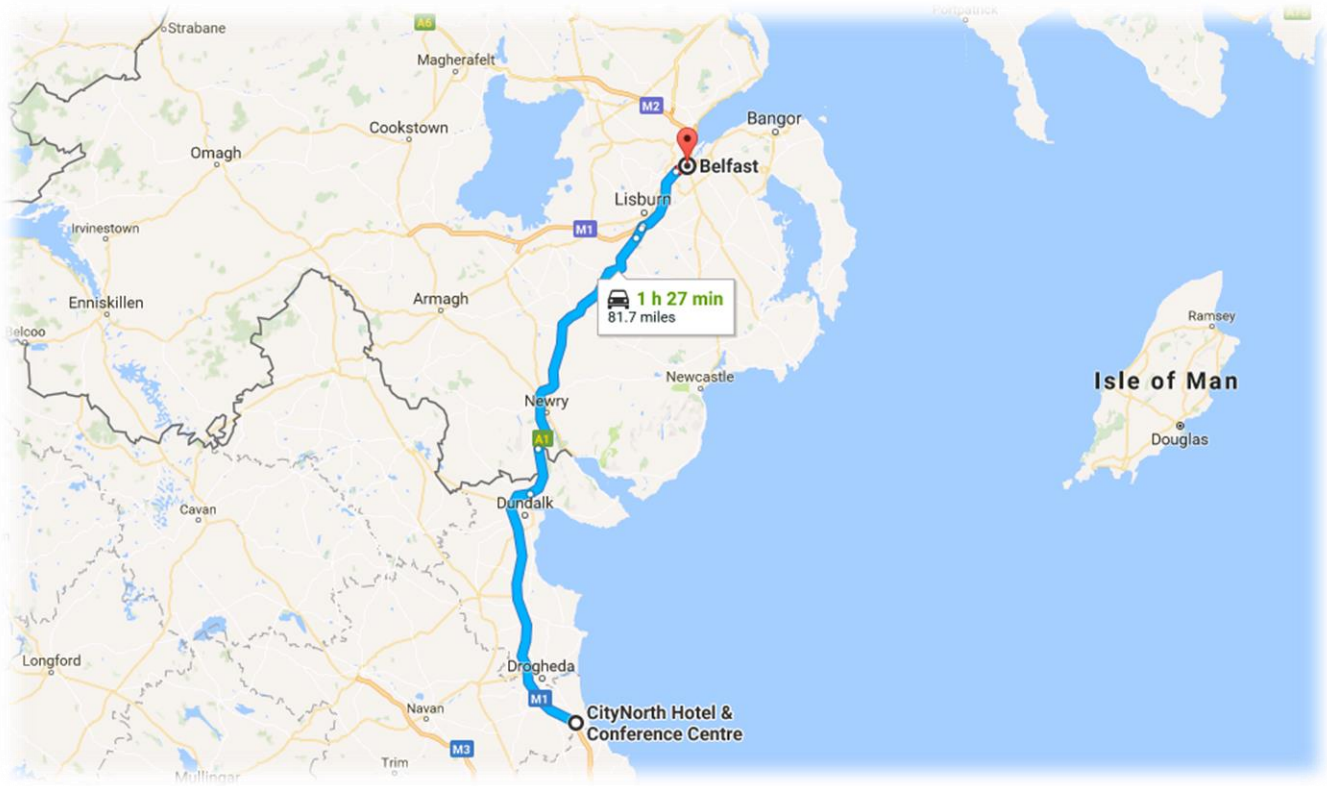
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Day 8

This morning depart for Belfast or Dublin Port where you will board your return ferry to the UK.

To Belfast: Approximately 80 miles; non-stop driving time 1 hours 30 minutes



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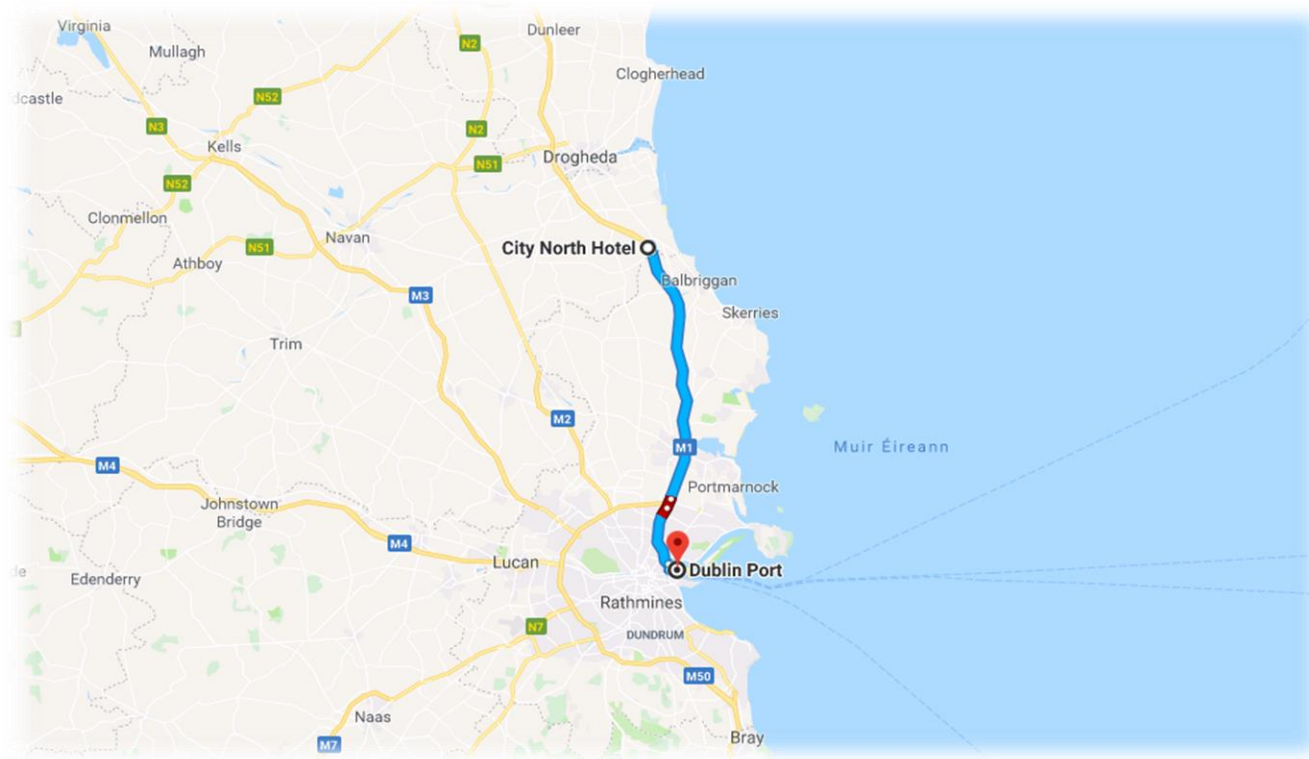
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To Dublin Port: Approximately 22 miles; non-stop driving time 38 minutes



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DBB = Dinner, Bed & Irish Breakfast

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