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IRISH TOURISM

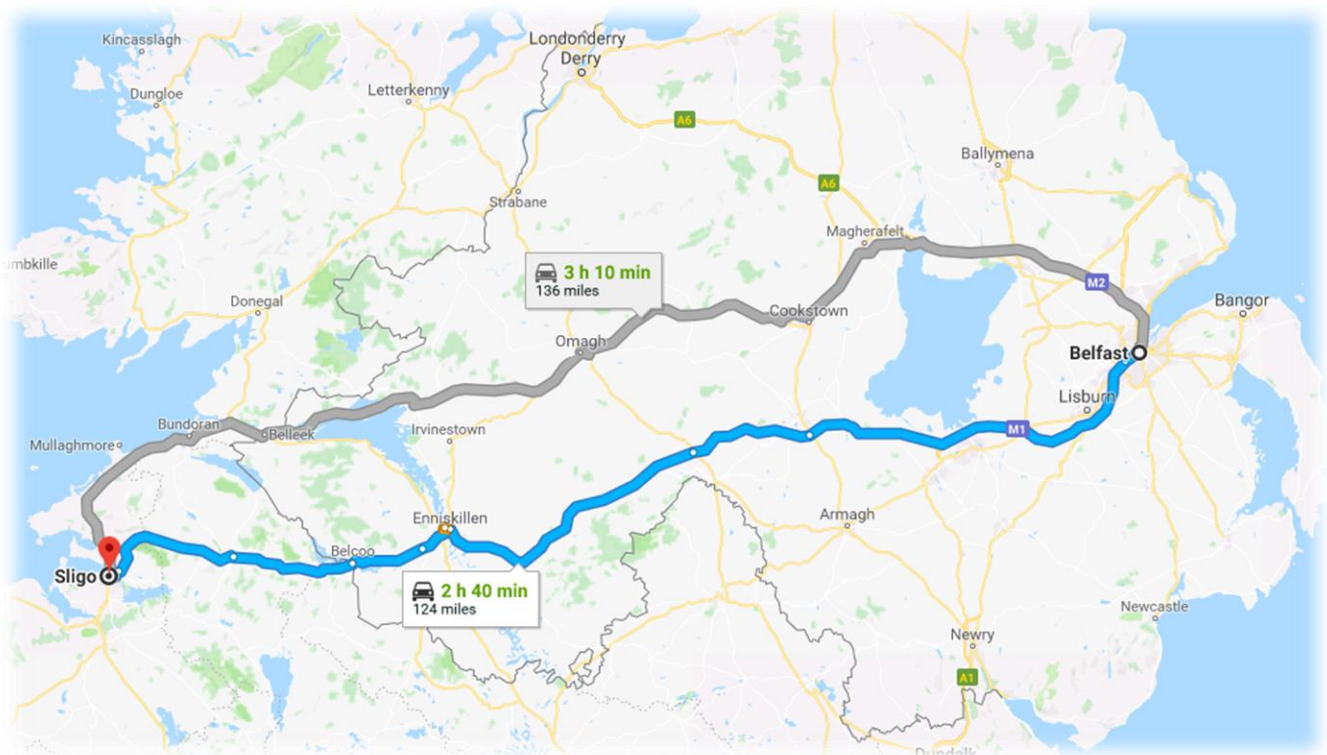
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Day 1

Arrive in Belfast where there are many things to do and places to see in and around Belfast such as the award winning Titanic Belfast, Crumlin Road Gaol, HMS Caroline and Ulster Museum. When you are ready to begin your journey west, there are two suggested routes. Travel via Omagh and visit the Ulster American Folk Museum, a sprawling outdoor history park, which relays the story of those who left their homes to forge a new life across the Atlantic. Alternatively, you can travel on the more direct route which will take you via Enniskillen. Located on the shores of Lough Erne, the town was established beside Enniskillen Castle, built some 600 years ago by the Gaelic Maguires. The site now houses Fermanagh County Museum and The Inniskillings Museum, which are jointly known as Enniskillen Castle Museums. Continue onwards to your hotel in Sligo. Overnight *Radisson Blu Hotel*, Sligo DBB

Approximately 130 miles; non-stop driving time 2 hours 45 minutes



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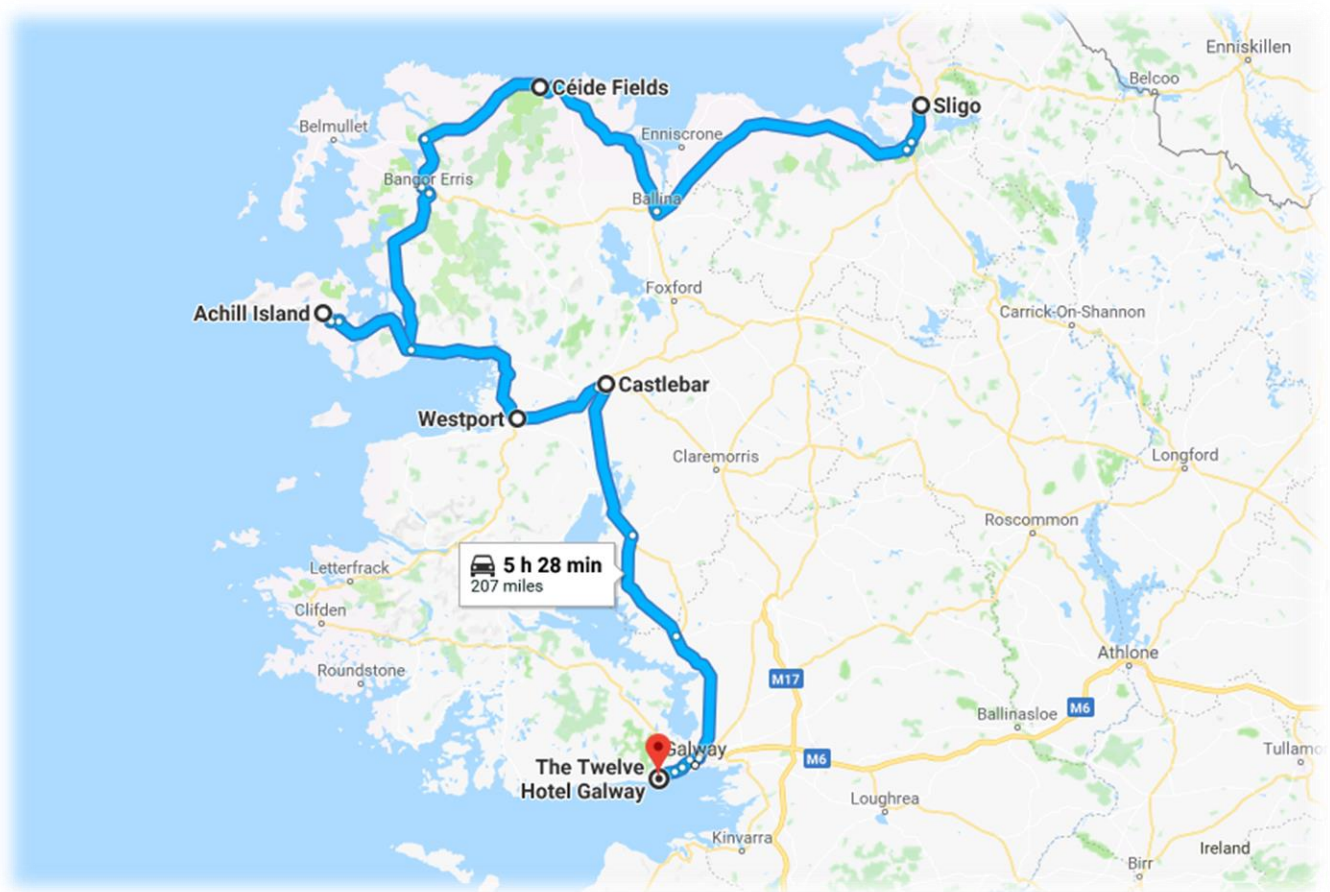
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Day 2

This morning, begin your journey south towards Galway. On the way, there are many places to explore such as the Ceide Fields, a top choice archaeological site which is considered the world's most extensive Stone Age Monument, or perhaps Achill Island, Ireland's largest offshore island which is connected to the mainland by a short bridge. A tour of this part of Ireland would not be complete without a visit to the charming town of Westport, a photogenic, Georgian town with tree-lined streets on the banks of the Carrowbeg River and home to the well-renowned Matt Molloy's pub, the flautist with the hugely successful band The Chieftains. Just outside the town is the magical vista of Clew Bay which is overlooked by Croagh Patrick. Other suggestions include Westport House and the National Museum of Country Life outside the town of Castlebar. The award-winning facility, a branch of the National Museums of Ireland, houses the national collection that delves into Ireland's fascinating rural traditions and skills from the role of the potato to herbal cures, traditional clothing and the importance of folklore. The museum is set in lush grounds which are perfect for an afternoon stroll after a tasty treat in the museum café! Travel onwards to your hotel outside Galway. Overnight *The Twelve Hotel*, Galway DBB

Approximately 207 miles; non-stop driving time 5 hours 30 minutes



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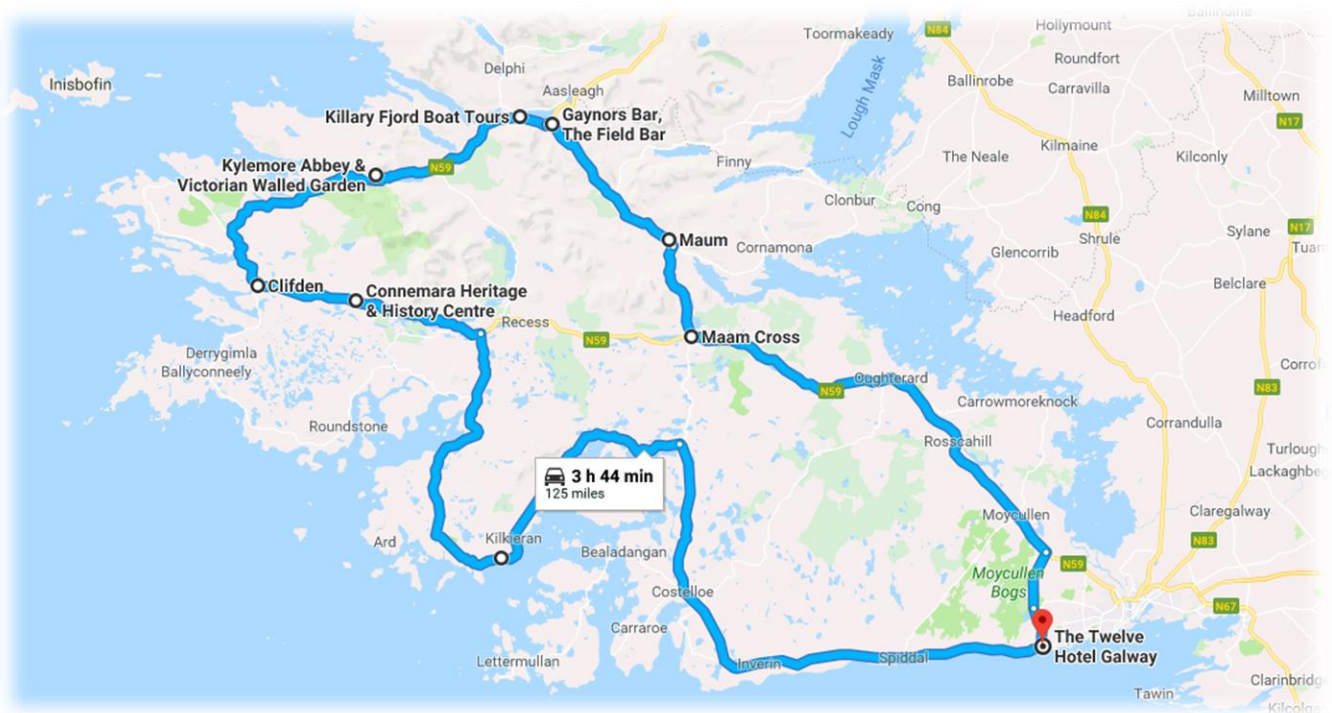
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Day 3

Today, why not 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; 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; Killary Fjord, Ireland's only fjord and Gaynor's, a cosy authentic Irish pub located at Killary Harbour which played a starring role in the 1990 film *The Field*; the town of Clifden where one can drive the scenic Sky Road. Overnight *The Twelve Hotel*, Galway BB

Approximately 125 miles; non-stop driving time 3 hours 45 minutes



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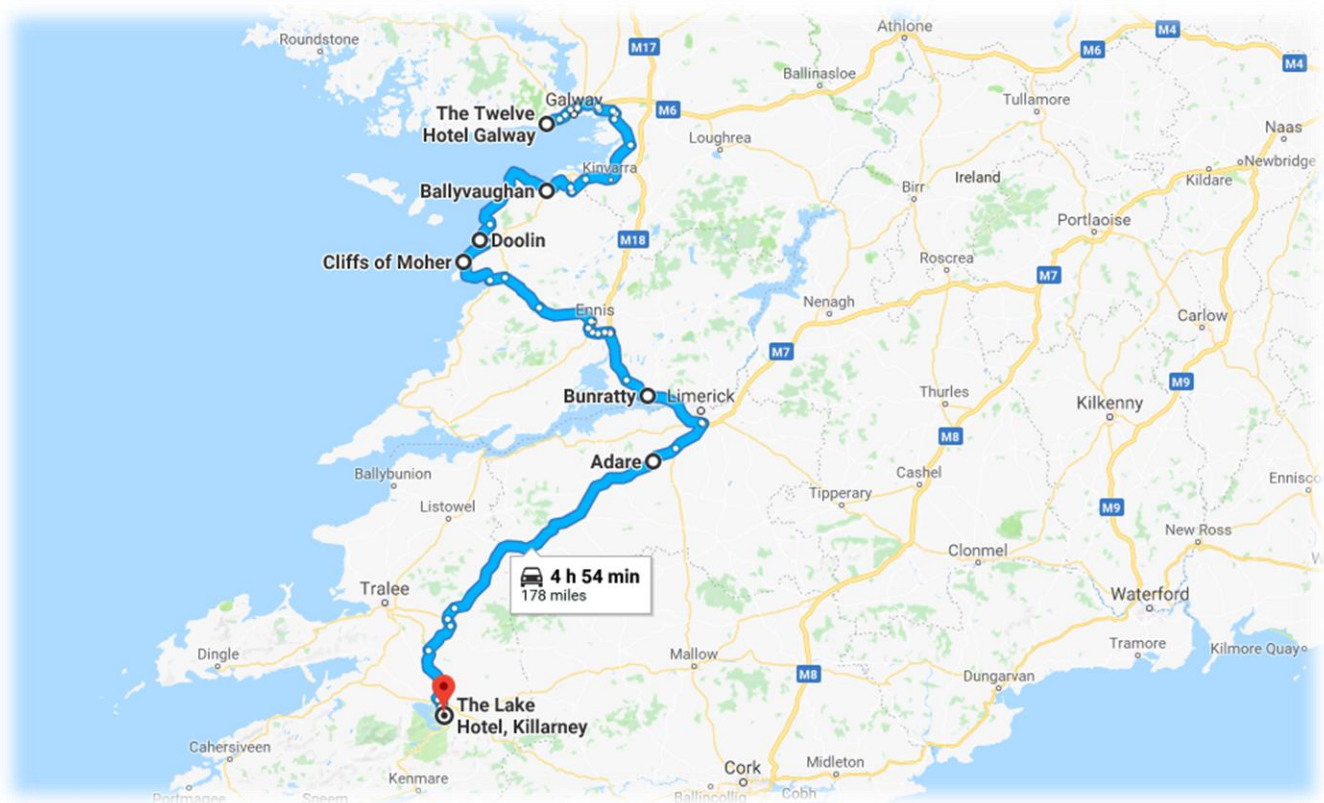
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Day 4

After breakfast, begin your journey south once again, taking in the picturesque scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way. Venture through the unique, karst landscape of the Burren whilst passing through the charming villages dotted throughout such as Ballyvaughan and Ireland's traditional music capital, Doolin. Next, it's onto the majestic Cliffs of Moher. The cliffs rise to 214 meters (702 feet) and the views from the visitor centre are breathtaking. Afterwards, continue onwards to the historical village of Bunratty where you may opt to visit 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. Continue your journey south towards Killarney via the heritage town of Adare. Lined with thatched cottages built by the 19th century English landlord, the Earl of Dunraven, the town is home to many fine restaurants and one of Europe's most prestigious golf courses. Venture onwards to Killarney, a town that is set amidst sublime scenery. Overnight **Lake Hotel (Lake View Rooms)**, Killarney, DBB

Approximately 180 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 50 minutes



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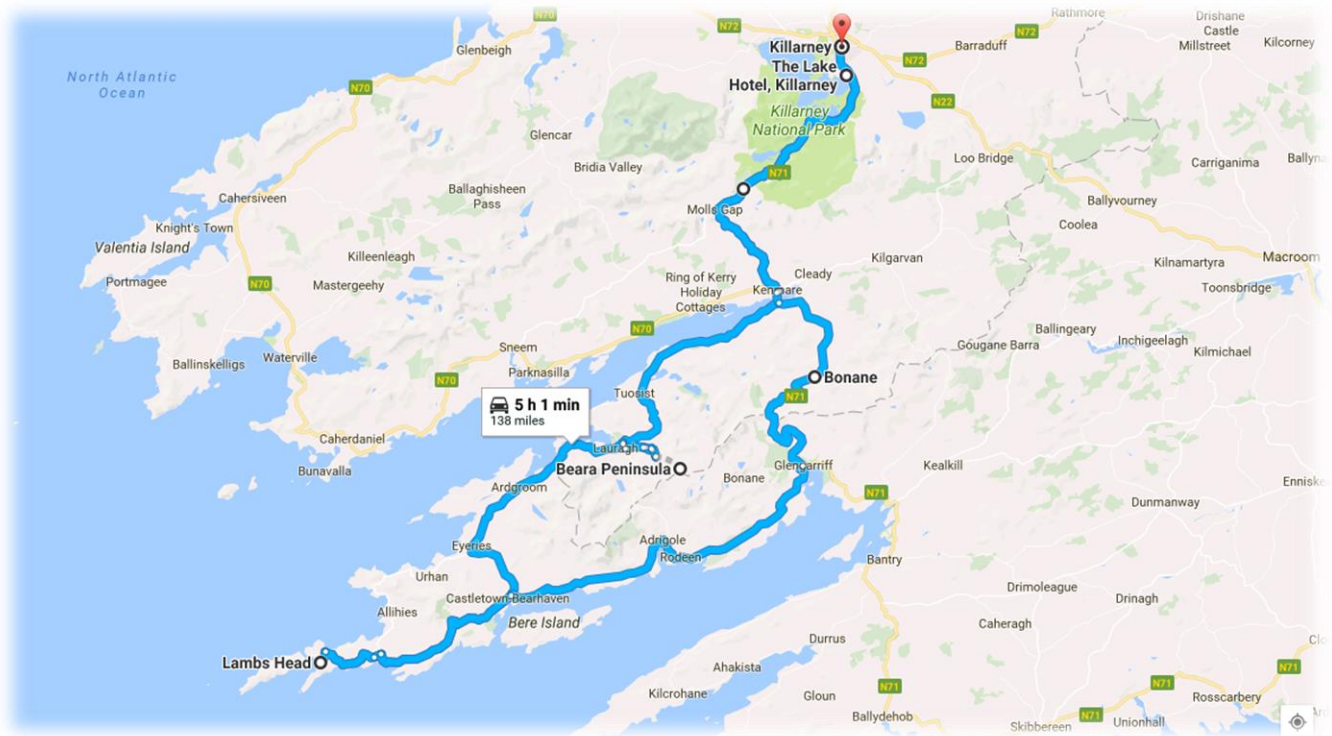
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Today you have the below choice of routes to take or just simply enjoy the sites of Killarney. Overnight **Lake Hotel (Lake View Rooms)**, Killarney DBB

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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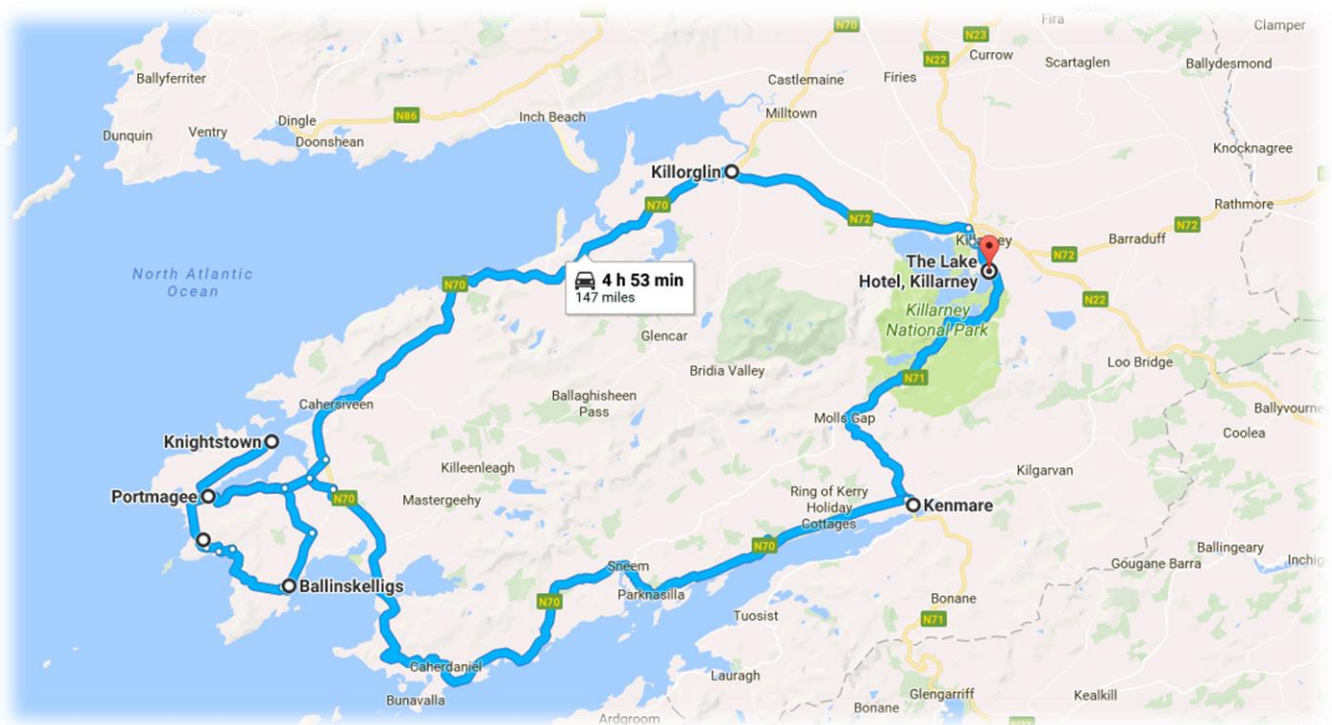
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Ring of Kerry

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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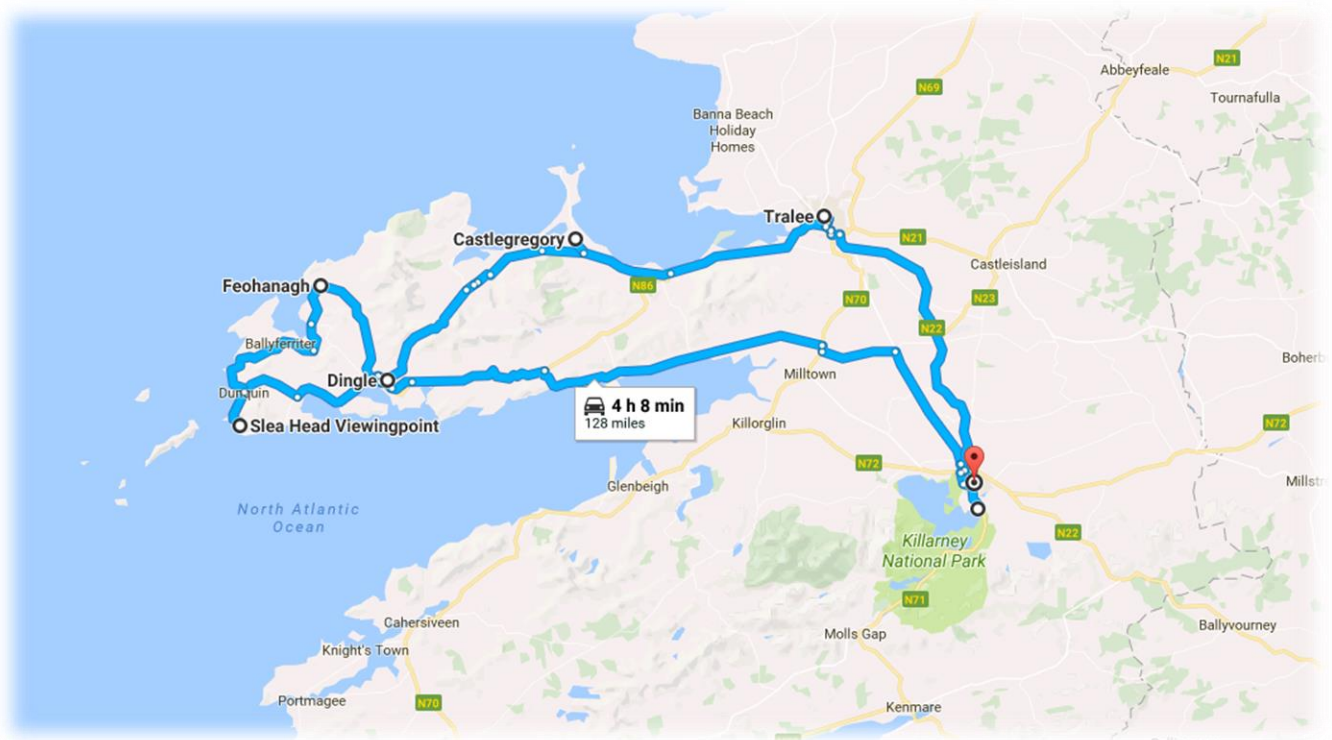
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Dingle Peninsula

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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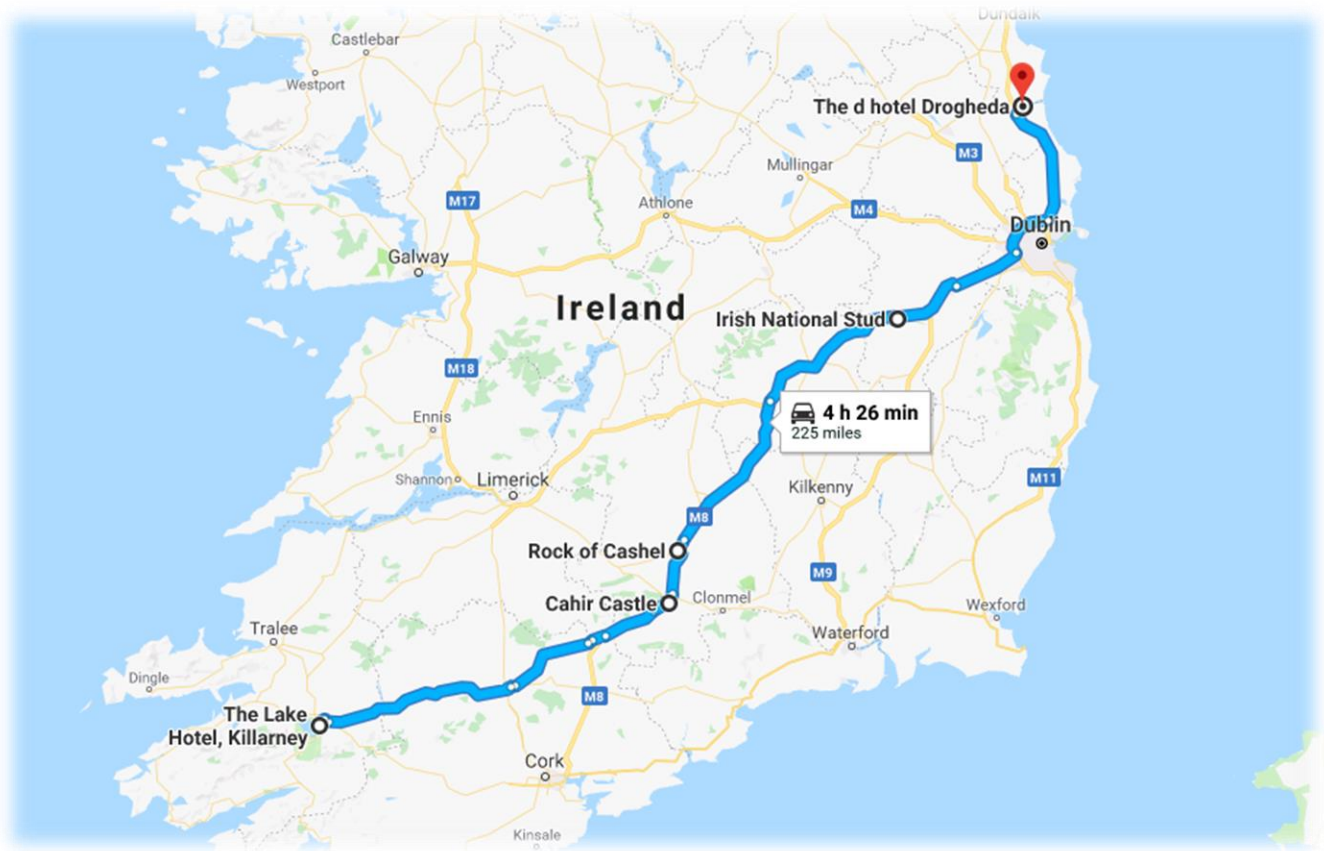
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Day 6

This morning, begin your journey north once again. Depending on what route you would like to take, the key places to visit include the iconic Rock of Cashel, Cahir Castle, Tullamore Dew Heritage Centre, the Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens along with the vast Neolithic necropolis of the Boyne Valley which includes the passage tombs of Newgrange and Knowth. Overnight *The D Hotel*, Drogheda, DBB

Approximately 225 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 25 minutes



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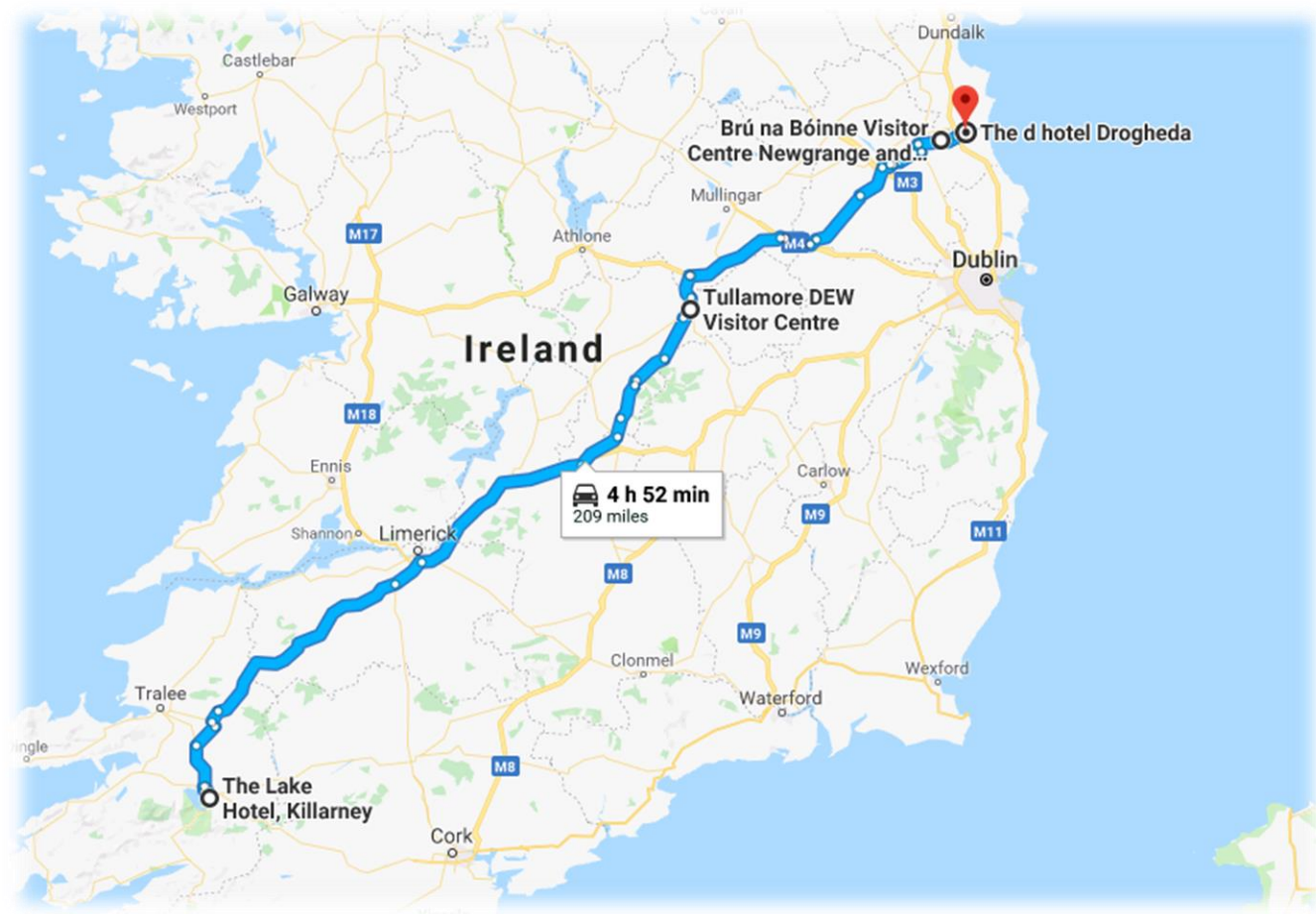
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Approximately 210 miles; non-stop driving time 4 hours 50 minutes



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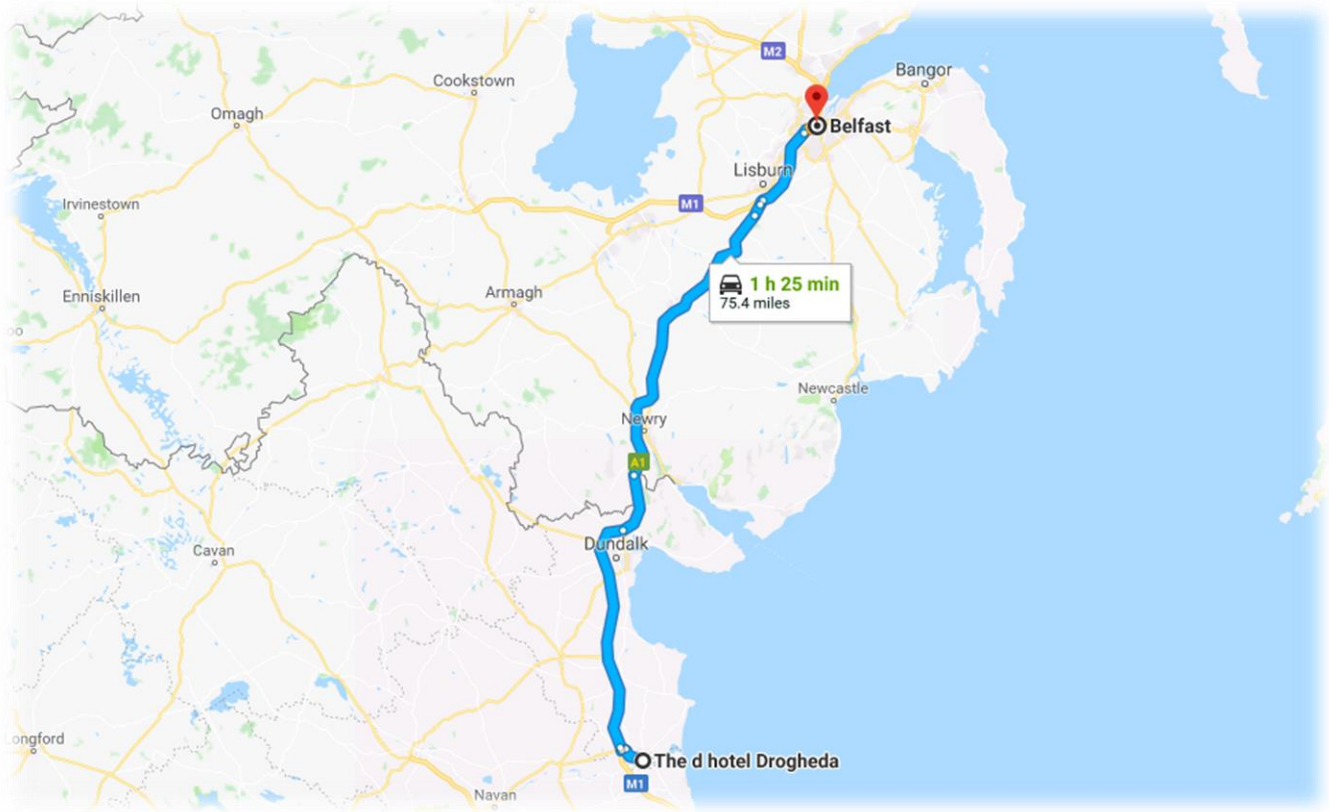
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Day 7

This morning depart for Belfast in order to board your return ferry to the UK.

Approximately 75 miles; non-stop driving time 1 hour 25 minutes



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DBB = Dinner, Bed & Irish Breakfast

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