

**Ireland – Wicklow Way Hiking Tour 2023**  
**Self-Guided Tour**  
**8 Days / 7 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**

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**

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## Route



## Technical Characteristics

**Tour Profile:** Medium. 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.

**Total distance:** 112 – 120 km

**Travel Season:** Departures daily from April 8 to October 15, 2023

Season 1: April 15 – May 12 and September 23 – October 15

Season 2: April 8 – April 14 and May 13 – September 22

**Price per person:**

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| Double Occupancy B&B Season 1              | € 899.00   |
| Double Occupancy B&B Season 2              | € 979.00   |
| Single Occupancy Supplement                | € 359.00   |
| Surcharge Single Traveler                  | € 175.00   |
| Extra Nights Tinahely Double Occupancy B&B | € 89.00    |
| Extra Nights Tinahely Single Occupancy B&B | € 154.00   |
| 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 nights' accommodation
- Breakfast
- Luggage transfer ( 1 suitcase per person, maximum 15 kg)
- Transfers according to program
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel and tour documents
- Service hotline

**Not Included:**

- Bus ride Marlay Park – Dublin

