



# DRIVE TO DISCOVER IRELAND

**BEST IRELAND  
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TRIP BEER TOUR**



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Road Trip Drive	Distance	Driving Time
Dublin to Athlone	78 miles	1 hour 23 minutes
Athlone to County Tipperary	80 miles	2 hours 4 minutes
County Tipperary to Cork	53 miles	1 hour 9 minutes
Cork to Waterford	75 miles	1 hours 48 minutes
Waterford to Dublin	105 miles	1 hours 50 minutes
<b>Total Distance Covered:</b>	<b>399 miles</b>	

Chances are if you're planning a trip to Ireland you'll want to enjoy a pint or two of its world famous beer. In this round-trip Dublin Beer Tour itinerary we'll highlight some of the best bars and breweries in Dublin, and take you on an epic round-trip Ireland beer tour which is sure to exceed your expectations. On this route you'll enjoy a pint at two of the oldest pubs in Ireland - truly historic landmarks. You'll also enjoy a mandatory tour of the famous Guinness Brewery, and the less known (to travelers) White Gypsy Brewery.

As you drive to discover each iconic destination on this Irish beer tour, you'll enjoy classic scenery between destinations, and enjoy a stay in some fabulous cities and villages off the beaten path. Sláinte - let's get started!

**TO/FROM: Dublin Airport**

In this road trip guide, you'll begin and end your journey at Dublin's Airport.

**1. Dublin - Guinness Brewery**

A rich, heady pint of Ireland's most famous brew is a great way to unwind. Take a tour of the Guinness Storehouse Brewery to learn the history of this iconic landmark, and cap off the day with a pint or two enjoyed at the Sky Bar - offering a lively atmosphere and amazing views of the Dublin skyline. When your head hits the pillow back at your hotel, jet lag will be the last thing on your mind.

**2. Athlone - Sean's Bar - Ireland's Oldest Pub**

Your next destination is about an hour and a half away: Sean's Bar in County WestMeath. This is the oldest pub in Ireland (Guinness World Record has it as the oldest pub in all of Europe), and a must-visit destination for anyone serious about Irish beer. Check into a hotel in Athlone Ireland before walking to 13 Main Street in Athlone, located on the west bank of the River Shannon. Don't just have a beer here - strike up a conversation with the bartender to see if you can leave with a few stories of this unique pub's long history.

**3. County Tipperary - White Gypsy Brewery**

Next, head south to County Tipperary - the largest landlocked county in Ireland. While the Cliffs of Mohr are certainly worth visiting, central Ireland offers several mountain ranges and beautiful hills. The center of this county is known as "The Golden Vale" - a striking pastoral section of Ireland in the Suir basin. If you find you have some extra time, it's not a bad idea to take some side-roads to extend this drive and explore central Ireland.

At the White Gypsy Brewery, they make good beer and we think that's a pretty good reason to include it on our Ireland beer tour. We really like the ethos of this small brewery - they attempt to draw all of their materials from local suppliers, and keep their beer customers local as well. It's an excellent place to experience a different side of brewing in Ireland. After your tour of the brewery, head to Larkins Music Pub - an excellent, lakeside eatery with terrific food, brew, and traditional Irish music and dancing. It's a great way to cut loose at this point in the trip!

**4. Cork - Castle Cafe**

On the southern coast of Ireland, County Cork might be as close to heaven as you can get. After enjoying breakfast in County Tipperary, and you can explore this historic city, eat lunch on the water, and comfortably make your evening reservations at The Castle Café in the evening. A break from the previous night's atmosphere, The Castle Café offers slick, modern European dishes in a refined atmosphere that overlooks a stunning castle. It's an impressive place to enjoy a high-end dinner and a beer (or perhaps take a break and enjoy a nice glass of wine in this stylish setting. You can always ask your waiter for their recommendation of a nearby pub to visit after dinner.

**5. Waterford - Oskars Bar & Restaurant**

Waterford awaits to the Northeast of Cork, and you'll be treated to a stunning coastal route along the way. You might start your day with a tour of Waterford Crystal (perhaps picking up an elegant beer stein or two), For a change of pace from traditional Irish brewing, visit Metal Man Brewing Co. at 14 Tycor Business Centre. If you arrive on a Friday they offer afternoon tours of the Brewery, which are excellent. For dinner in Waterford we recommend Oskars Bar and Restaurant. Not only do they offer all of Ireland's mainstream beers on tap, they also have an excellent selection of craft beer, so you're sure to find something which pairs perfectly with your delicious entrée.

**6. Dublin - The Brazen Head**

After a scenic drive from Waterford, we recommend that you enjoy at least one final night in Ireland before your return flight. The best place to grab a pint and experience the historic pub scene in Dublin is at The Brazen Head, a pub which (like Sean's Bar) claims to be the oldest pub in Ireland. Perhaps it's best not to bring it up with ownership, and just enjoy a night of beer and pub food at one of Ireland's iconic bars. With famous patrons like James Joyce, Brendan Behan and Johnathan Swift having frequented The Brazen Head, you'll enjoy a palpable sense of history here (along with excellent food and beer).

After around 400 miles in your car rental, you'll have experienced a great deal of Irish pub and brewing culture on this Ireland beer tour, and we think you'll enjoy the leisurely pace and room for exploration which driving in Ireland allows.