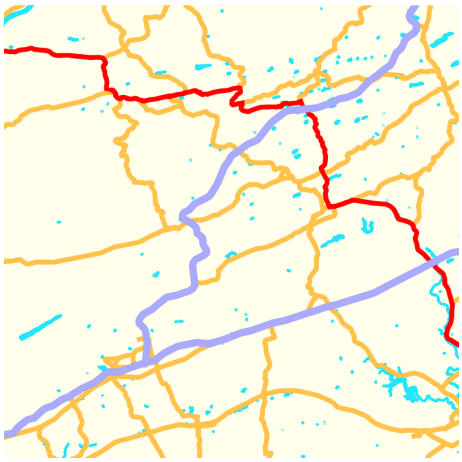


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The Wicklow Way - Ireland

9 days, PRICE FROM *€ 946*



The Wicklow Way is a captivating journey through Ireland's most scenic and tranquil landscapes, often referred to as “The Garden of Ireland”. Starting just outside Dublin, this trail winds through the breathtaking Dublin and Wicklow mountains, offering a perfect mix of rugged beauty and serene countryside. From Rathfarnham to the charming village of Clonegal, the trail meanders through a variety of terrain—forest paths, open mountain tracks, and ancient Irish roads known as boreens. With highlights like the stunning Powerscourt Waterfall, the serene Lough Tay, and the ancient monastic site of Glendalough, every step offers a new discovery. This walk is a perfect blend of nature, history, and traditional Irish charm.

Whether you’re hiking through quiet forests, passing shimmering lakes, or traversing mountain paths with sweeping vistas of the Wicklow Mountains, this trail is an unforgettable experience for any outdoor enthusiast. With its blend of natural beauty, historical landmarks, and vibrant local culture, the Wicklow Way is the perfect escape into Ireland’s heartland.

You can specify how many days you'll be walking when making your reservation. You can add airport transfers, an overnight stay in Dublin, or a rest day along the way; simply let us know and we will gladly quote you a price and make the necessary arrangements.

Route

Day 1 Dublin to Coolakay, 23,3 km

Marlay Park is situated on the south side of Dublin in Rathfarnham, approximately 4km from the city centre. From Marlay Park, you will follow the **Wicklow Way** trail through the **park** and out the back.The Wicklow Way travels along the base of **Kilmashogue Forest** towards **Two Rock Mountain**, named after the granite tors that sit atop it. Keep following the trail down the side of Tibradden and onto the road towards **Glencullen**. The stage concludes at **Coolakay**, a picturesque farm known for its scenic views and welcoming atmosphere, offering a perfect spot to rest and take in the beauty of the surrounding Wicklow countryside.

Distance: 23,3 km

Elevation Gain: +404 m

Day 2 Coolakay to Old Bridge, 16,9 km

Continue on the Wicklow Way trail towards **Crone Wood**. Follow the well-marked path through the forest, which eventually opens up along the edge of a cliff, offering **breathtaking views of Powerscourt Waterfall**, part of the Dargle River. The trail then leads through a deforested area managed by **Coillte**, the **Irish Forestry Board**. For those seeking an additional challenge, there is the option to climb **Djouce** and rejoin the Wicklow Way after descending. As the trail leads south, a boardwalk guides you over boggy terrain, offering views of Luggala and the stunning **Lough Tay** in the distance. This is a perfect spot to pause for lunch and enjoy the dramatic landscape. As you descend from White Hill, you will pass a commemorative plaque honoring **J.B. Malone**, **the founder of the Wicklow Way**. Continue along the trail until you reach the R759 road, where you can enjoy views of the **Guinness Estate** and **Lough Tay.** From here, a transfer take you to your accommodation.

Distance: 16,9 km

Elevation Gain: +502 m

Day 3 Old Bridge to Laragh (Glendalough), 7,2 km

Glendalough, one of the most visited areas in County Wicklow, is renowned for its stunning **glacial U-shaped valley** and rich historical significance. The **monastic site of St. Kevin**, founded in the 6th century, features a **remarkable 100ft round tower** and is a must-see while visiting. Exploring this area can **easily fill an extra day**, with numerous scenic walks, including a visit to the beautiful Poolanass Waterfall near the Upper Lake.

Distance: 7,2 km

Elevation Gain: +240 m

Day 4 Laragh (Glendalough) to Glenmalure, 15,6 km

Today you pass through the monastic site and cross the Avonbeg River before climbing alongside **Mullacore** and **Lugduff**, offering breathtaking views of the Glenmalure Valley and Lugnaquilla, **Wicklow's highest peak**. The trail descends in a zig-zag pattern through forested paths, eventually leading to the Drumgoff Crossroads.

Distance: 15,6 km

Elevation Gain: +432 m

Day 5 Glenmalure to Iron Bridge (Aughrim), 11,9 km

From **Glenmalure**, the Wicklow Way follows the **historic Military Road**, crossing the **Avonbeg River** and passing the ruins of the Drumgoff Barracks, a reminder of the British military presence in the early 1800s. The trail leaves the road and takes you along a peaceful, forested path on the side of **Slieve Maan** (Middle Mountain). You'll soon reach the halfway point marked by a sign as you enter the dense woodland. The path runs parallel to the Military Road before crossing the Aghavannagh River, continuing along **Carrickashane Mountain**, and eventually reaching **Iron Bridge**, which crosses the River Ow.

Distance: 11,9 km

Elevation Gain: +398 m

Day 6 Iron Bridge (Aughrim) to Tinahealy, 21,9 km

Follow quiet roads and charming boreens, offering pleasant walks especially in summer when the paths are lined with vibrant wildflowers. Despite the **peaceful setting**, it's important to stay alert and walk on the right side, facing oncoming traffic. Heading south from **Moyne**, a scenic lane leads to **Sandyford Bridge**, where you can stop by the nearby **St. Colmcille's Holy Well** for a quick visit. You'll then arrive to **Tinahely**, nestled in the Derry River Valley. Tinahely offers opportunities for exploring, like a walk along the old railway line or a visit to **Tomnafinnoge Wood**, one of **Ireland's largest oak forests**.

Distance: 21,9 km

Elevation Gain: +303 m

Day 7 Tinahealy to Shillelagh, 17,2 km

Today you start walking along the road that leads you over a small bridge and towards **Stranakelly Crossroads**. Here, a stop at the famous **"Dying Cow" Pub** is highly recommended for a refreshing break. With a cozy atmosphere and a relaxing beer garden, it's a perfect spot for a bite to eat. Keep following the Wicklow Way uphill, passing along the northern side of **Cronelea Hill**. From here, follow the minor road into **Shillelagh**, a charming village with granite-built houses. Shillelagh sits on the **Derry River** and is known for being the birthplace of the traditional Irish weapon, the Shillelagh, crafted from blackthorn sticks.

Distance: 17,2 km

Elevation Gain: +171 m

Day 8 Shillelagh to Clonegal, 20,9 km

Continue through the scenic countryside as you head towards Ballard Crossroads and enter the woods at **Raheenakit**. The trail meanders through Barnamuinga and Aghowie Upper, offering stunning views over **counties Carlow** and **Wexford**. From Wicklow Bridge, the final stretch leads 3km south to **Clonegal**, where the Wicklow Way concludes, marked by an information board and stone bench. A well-deserved stop at **Osbourne's Pub**, famous for its historic coffin-lid counter, is the perfect way to celebrate completing the trail. Don't miss picking up your Wicklow Way Certificate here. Adjacent to the charming village is **Clonegal Castle**, a 17th-century granite structure steeped in history and local legend.

Distance: 20,9 km

Elevation Gain: +317 m

Day 9 Arrivederci, Wicklow Way!

Our services end after breakfast unless you have booked another service with us.

Practical info

On Arrival:
The closest airport is in Dublin.

On Departure:
From Bunclody take the local bus to Dublin (sometimes you have to change).

Included

What is included

- 8 Nights in double room in Guesthouses and B&B with breakfast;
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel (max 1 item per person);
- Transfers as per programme;
- Maps and detailed description of the itinerary in digital form, App;
- Medical and luggage travel insurance;
- 24h phone assistance.

What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour;
- Lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated;
- Visits and entrance fees - tips;
- Personal expense;
- Possible sojourn taxes;
- Everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement;
- Cancellation insurance;
- Rest days along the way;
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.