

# Ireland Bike

Cycle from Dublin to Tipperary



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Ireland is the third largest island in Europe and the twentieth largest in the world and is situated in the Atlantic Ocean and separated from Great Britain by the Irish Sea.

Our bike ride takes us to the Wicklow Mountains a range of mountains in the Southeast of Ireland, through to Enniskerry which is known as the 'Garden County of Ireland' and played host to the popular BBC TV programme of the 90's Ballykissangel!

We continue onto the medieval city of Kilkenny where people are often referred to as cats, before our final leg to Dublin – the wonderful and most inviting capital of this Emerald Isle.



# Detailed itinerary

## Day 1: London to Dublin to Glendalough (30 miles)

Depart London on an early flight to Dublin. On arrival to we transfer to Enniskerry the starting point of our bike ride. Enniskerry is a village just outside Dublin at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains, a great starting place is Powerscourt House and Gardens (the ancestral home of the Slazenger family) and a feature in many films where we will meet the guides, fit the bikes will be and people can change into their cycling gear and listen about the challenge ahead.

From here there are 2 possible routes that can be taken. There is little difference in Mileage but an extra challenge can include tackling Sally Gap, one of Irelands Highest roads (1600ft). The scenery in Wicklow is one of rolling hills with views of the Sugarloaf Mountain. Most people are surprised at how remote and unspoilt this part of the country is, given its proximity to the centre of Dublin.

The overnight stop is Glendalough. The villages of Glendalough and Laragh nestle in a valley surrounded by mountains.

## Day 2: Glendalough to Kilkenny (72 miles)

After an early breakfast we enjoy the second day of cycling the Emerald Isle. Today is the real challenging aspect of the cycle, with 72 miles to complete. The cycle starts with a climb to leave the valley over Glenmalure. There is a rugged and remote beauty to this landscape and fortunately what goes up must come down and a lovely freewheel brings us to the pleasant village of Aughrim With the hilliest section of the ride now behind us, we head on through the towns of Baltinglass and Carlow to arrive in the historic city of Kilkenny. The city is best known for its lovely castle, 13th Century cathedral and laneways lined with small shops and pubs where we can enjoy a well earned pint of the same name!

## Day 3:Kilkenny to Cashel (30 miles)

The last leg of the cycle sees us cross the border into Co Tipperary and our final destination the historic town of Cashel. Cashel is dominated by the famous “Rock of Cashel”. These ecclesiastical remains dominate the surrounded landscape and are one of Irelands most visited historic monuments.

## Day 3 cont.:

Once we have de-fitted the bikes and had some lunch we will transfer back to Dublin for our celebration dinner and if people have enjoy energy visit the Temple Bar – Dublin’s place to be.

## Day 4: Dublin to London

Depart on our flight back to London.

## Challenge grade

Moderate - Tough

## Best time of year

May to September

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*This itinerary is complex and subject to change*

