



#### SPRING & AUTUMN SUMMER

stile :	Viaggi a Piedi Autoguidato
difficoltà :	
durata :	11 giorni
periodo:	Mar Apr Mag Giu Lug Ago Set Ott
codice:	IRL02

## La Kerry Way - Ireland

### Viaggio Autoguidato lungo la Penisola di Kerry

11 giorni, prezzo da € 1434



The Kerry Way, stretching 230km, is the longest of Ireland's Waymarked Trails and is traditionally hiked in a clockwise direction, beginning and ending in Killarney.

Divided into 9 stages, the route passes through charming Kerry towns like Glenbeigh, Caherciveen, Waterville, Sneem, and Kenmare. It skirts the base of the MacGillycuddy's Reeks, home to Ireland's two highest peaks, Carrauntoohil (1038m) and Caher (1001m), towering over the Black Valley. While avoiding these lofty summits, the trail weaves through quiet roads, open moorlands, woodlands, and field paths. Some isolated sections can be wet and muddy, with occasional steep climbs.

You can customize your journey by adding airport transfers, a night in Dublin, or a rest day; just let us know, and we'll handle the arrangements!

## Itinerario

### **Giorno 1 Arrivo a Killarney**

Killarney, one of Ireland's gems, is renowned for its stunning national park and breathtaking views. You can explore Killarney National Park, home to enchanting lakes, lush forests, and the famous Torc Waterfall. The town serves as a perfect starting point for venturing onto the Ring of Kerry, a scenic route that showcases spectacular landscapes. History enthusiasts can visit Muckross House and the ancient ruins of local monasteries, while outdoor lovers can enjoy hiking, horseback riding, and cycling tours. With its traditional pubs and vibrant cultural scene, Killarney offers an unforgettable experience for all its visitors.

### **Giorno 2 Da Killarney alla Black Valley, 22 km**

The Kerry Way officially begins at the Tourist Office in Killarney, leading south along the Muckross Road. The trail enters Bourn Vincent Memorial Park, offering stunning views across Lough Leane and the Shehy Mountains. A steep climb by Torc Waterfall brings you to the old Kenmare Road, a medieval path with mountains on either side. The route continues through Esknamucky Glen's oak forests, eventually reaching Galway's Bridge and Black Valley. Expect tranquil landscapes but prepare for steep climbs and some busy areas near popular sites like Lord Brandon's Cottage.

*Distanza: 22 km*

*Dislivello: +400 m*

### **Giorno 3 Dalla Black Valley a Glencar, 20 km**

Leaving the Black Valley, the Kerry Way ascends with stunning views over Bridia Valley. The trail alternates between quiet tarmac roads, gravel paths, and forest tracks, offering breathtaking views of the Caragh River Valley and Mulaghanattin Peak (773m). A surprise awaits at the Cooky Monster's Café in this remote area. Reaching the head of the pass, the panorama opens to Lough Acoose and Ireland's highest peak, Carrauntoohil (1,039m). The route then skirts Lough Acoose before connecting to the main road towards Glencar.

*Distanza: 20 km*

*Dislivello: +500 m*

### **Giorno 4 Da Glencar a Glenbeigh, 18 km**

Starting from The Climbers Inn, the trail meanders through quiet country roads and forestry paths in the scenic Glencar Valley, offering beautiful views of the McGillycuddy Reeks, Seefin Mountain, and Lough Carragh. The route eventually reaches Gortdirragh. You'll face a climb to the Windy Gap, and you'll be rewarded with stunning vistas of Rossbeigh, Inch Strand, and the Dingle Peninsula. A rough descent follows, leading to a small road at Gowlane, with the final 2km of tarmac taking you into the heart of Glenbeigh.

*Distanza: 18 km*

*Dislivello: +420 m*

### **Giorno 5 Da Glenbeigh a Caherciveen, 28 km**

This strenuous section is rewarded by the breathtaking view of Dingle Bay and Peninsula from the slopes of Drung Hill (640m). As you walk through woodlands and rural roads toward Cahersiveen, you'll pass historic field systems where locals once used seaweed to make arid land fertile. The remnants of this land reclamation, seen in stone fences and terraced fields, offer a glimpse into the area's agricultural past, once primarily used for potatoes and grazing.

*Distanza: 28 km*

*Dislivello: +450 m*

### **Giorno 6 Da Caherciveen a Waterville, 22 km**

From Teeraha, the Kerry Way trail ascends a ridge of small hills, gradually reaching peaks over 300 meters. The descent leads through minor roads to Mastergeehy and onward to Coomduff. At the summit of Coomduff, enjoy sweeping views: to the north, you'll see Aghatubride, Foilclogh, and Beenduff, while the south-east is dominated by Coomcallee. To the southwest lies Lough Currane, framed by the mountains of Mullaghbeg, Cahernageeha, and Farraniaragh. Waterville and the Atlantic Ocean stretch out on the western horizon. The trail continues over rough terrain and Knag Hill, leading to the charming seaside village of Waterville.

*Distanza: 22 km*

*Dislivello: +270 m*

### **Giorno 7 Da Waterville a Caherdaniel, 13 km**

Begin with a stroll past a statue of Charlie Chaplin, who was a frequent visitor to the area. After crossing the Currane River, the trail follows a quiet back road shared with the Ring of Kerry Cycle Route, offering views of Ballinskelligs Bay and the Skellig Islands. Along the way, you'll pass Loher Fort, an ancient stone structure from the 9th century, and fields that bear the remnants of the Great Famine of 1845. As the path turns, stunning views of Derrynane Bay and its islands open up. The last stretch takes you through Derrynane National Park's ancient forest, ending in the village of Caherdaniel.

*Distanza: 13 km*

*Dislivello: +300 m*

## Giorno 8 Da Caherdaniel a Sneem, 19 km

Today you walk along "green roads," including part of the Old Kenmare Road, with stunning views over Kenmare Bay towards Bantry. A must-see is Staigue Fort, an impressive Iron Age ring fort with 4-meter-thick stone walls and an intriguing system of steps leading to the top. After passing a stone bridge, the route follows an old stagecoach road with elevated views of Staigue and Kenmare Bay. The final 2.5 km winds through forests, brens, and quiet roads before arriving in the colorful village of Sneem.

*Distanza: 19 km*

*Dislivello: +400 m*

## Giorno 9 Da Sneem a Kenmare, 23 km

This penultimate section is long but mostly flat, starting in Sneem and weaving through serene oak, birch, and holly woods around the Parknasilla estate. Passing the quiet village of Tahilla, the route offers stunning views of Coongar Harbour and Lough Fadda. Along the way, you'll encounter the traditional bamboo rushes used for thatching, now revived with flame-resistant treatments. The trail follows forest paths, roads, and mountain trails, crossing Blackwater Bridge with its picturesque surroundings, passing historical sites like Dromore Castle and Cappanacush Castle. As you near Templenoe, you'll enjoy views of the Kenmare Estuary and the Cahal Mountains on the Beara Peninsula. Two climbs over Lacka and Gortamullin Hills bring you to a peaceful gravel path leading into Kenmare's lively market square.

*Distanza: 23 km*

*Dislivello: +520 m*

## Giorno 10 Da Kenmare a Killarney, 26 km

The final stage features a challenging ascent to the Windy Gap (320m) via Strickeen Hill. From the summit, hikers are rewarded with sweeping views of Killarney National Park and a ring of mountain peaks, including Eagles Nest and Purple Mountain. As the trail descends, it splits, offering a scenic route through oak forests and above the treeline, with the majestic MacGillycuddy Reeks visible to the northwest. Retracing earlier steps, the path leads through the tranquil Esknamucky Glen and Torc Waterfall before passing Muckcross Estate. The final 2.5km brings walkers back to Killarney, completing the adventure beside Lough Leane and Muckcross House.

*Distanza: 26 km*

*Dislivello: +630 m*

## Giorno 11 Arrivederci, Kerry Way!

I servizi terminano dopo al colazione se non ne avete prenotati altri.

## Informazioni pratiche

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### Arrivo:

L'aeroporto più vicino si trova a Dublino.

Dalla stazione ferroviaria di Dublino, prendere il bus locale per Killarney (spesso è previsto un cambio).

### Partenza:

Da Killarney prendere l'autobus locale per Dublino (spesso è previsto un cambio).

## Incluso

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### La quota comprende

- 10 pernottamenti in camera doppia in Pensione e B&B con prima colazione;
- Trasporto bagagli da albergo ad albergo
- Descrizioni dettagliate del percorso in formato digitale, mappe, tracce GPS e App
- Assicurazione medico-bagaglio
- Supporto telefonico 24h su 24

### La quota non comprende

- Viaggio per raggiungere le località di arrivo e partenza
- I pranzi e le cene, salvo dove diversamente indicato.
- Le visite e gli ingressi - le mance
- Gli extra di carattere personale
- Eventuali tasse di soggiorno
- Tutto quanto non specificato sotto la voce "la quota comprende"

### Servizi aggiuntivi

Si possono richiedere oltre ai servizi compresi nella quota

- Supplemento camera singola
- Assicurazione annullamento
- Giorni extra di riposo
- Notti Extra a Dublino
- Eventuali transfer per arrivare alla località di partenza o per ritornare dal punto di arrivo, che potranno essere quotati su richiesta