





Cork & Southwest Ireland

THE SOUTHWEST CONTAINS SOME OF IRELAND'S MOST ICONIC SCENERY:

crenulated coastlines, green fields criss-crossed by tumbledown stone walls, and mist-shrouded mountain peaks and bogs.

This idyllic area claims the country's top three peninsula drives – the Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula and Ring of Beara – as well as a shoal of charming fishing towns and villages that have helped establish the southwest as a gourmet heartland, fanning out from the country's spirited second-largest city, Cork.

The region's exquisite beauty makes it one of Ireland's most popular tourist destinations, but there's always an isolated cove or untrodden trail to discover along its roads.



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Garinish (Innacullin) Island The view from the exotic gardens on the island (Trip 18)

Classic Trip

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Ring of Kerry 4 Days

Weave your way past jaw-dropping scenery as you circumnavigate the Iveragh Peninsula. (p163)

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Dingle Peninsula 3–4 Days

Dingle's ancient landscape is ringed by quaint fishing villages and spectacular beaches. (p175)

Classic Trip

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Southwest Blitz 4 Days

Blitz the best of southwest Ireland's coast, countryside and cosmopolitan city life. (p185)

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Southwestern Pantry 5 Days

Sample some of the country's finest seafood, artisan produce and sociable markets. (p199)

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West Cork Villages 7 Days

Colourful villages burst with life in West Cork, including its picturesque peninsulas. (p207)

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Shannon River Route 4 Days

Meander alongside Ireland's mightiest river and get out on the water too. (p215)

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The Holy Glen 2–3 Days

Awe-inspiring mountain vistas and sacred sites including the extraordinary Rock of Cashel. (p223)



DON'T MISS

Hunt Museum

Limerick's true treasure hunt – open drawers and poke around its collections on Trip **19**

Garinish (Innacullin) Island

Sail from Glengarriff past islands and seal colonies to Garinish's subtropical gardens on Trip **18**

Killarney Jaunting Cars

Clip-clop in a traditional horse-drawn jaunting car on Trips **14 15 16**

Cork City Gaol

Models of suffering prisoners bring home the harshness of the 19th-century penal system on Trip **16**

Rough Point Diving

Dive crystal-clear waters and spot whales and dolphins on Trip **15**

Durrus Farmhouse Cheese

Taste Durrus' famous cheese at its farm on Trip **17**