

## ***Dublin City Trek & Wicklow Walk***



A unique opportunity to mix both the pleasures of a walk in the historical, Viking City of Dublin and its bouncing nightlife with the joy's of hiking the peaceful hills and valleys of Wicklow ..... the Garden of Ireland.

The Self-Guided City walk will allow you to explore some of the sites of this ancient City, visit the places made famous by Beckett, Swift, Joyce, Shaw, O'Casey and Behan, doing this at your own pace with the notes and directions provided. Then it's a lovely walk out of the city starting at the gardens of Marley Park, and during the next few days, Enniskerry, the waterfalls at Powers and on to Glendalough ... with its monastic majesty, vast history and breathtaking views.

Then you have the option to continue this holiday for an extra two nights and three days,... what a great way to see, experience, explore, walk, savour, what is unique in today's modern world. ... a rural/urban mix with the one Programme.

### ***Trip Outline***

**Day 1:** Arrive Dublin Airport and transfer to the first nights accommodation in Dublin City Hotel. Transfer time from Airport to Hotel approx 50 minutes.

**Day 2:** Dublin City Trek ... See the historical side of this modern European City and follow the trail of "Molly Malone" as she wheeled her wheelbarrow.... through Dublin's fair city !!! Evening option to take the famous Dublin Literary Pub Walk. Overnight Dublin City Hotel.

**Day 3:** You will be transferred/driven by a short Taxi ride across the city to begin your first walk at Marley Park to the start of the Wicklow Way. You walk through Marlay Park before rising to cross the Dublin Mountains, enjoying sea and mountain views. Crossing the boundary into County Wicklow and descending into the Glencree Valley you walk to your accommodation in Enniskerry village. Overnight Enniskerry.

Walk Details: Approx. Distance: 18 kms. Approx. Duration: 5.5 hours. Max. Height: 500 metres. Path, some road walking, forest track and mountain path. Can be wet underfoot. Boots essential.

**Day 4:** Back on the Wicklow Way we continue across the Glencree Valley, around the shoulder of Djouce Mountain and over White Hill to finish in the lovely village of Roundwood. This walk takes you past the impressive Powerscourt Waterfall before climbing to walk around Djouce Mountain to

your high point for the day on White Hill. As you descend you have glorious views of the spectacular glacial lakes of Lough Tay and Lough Dan. Overnight in Roundwood.

Walk Details: Approx. Distance: 21 kms. Approx. Duration: 7 hours. Max. Height: 630 metres. Forest track, some road walking, mountain path. Some sections can be very wet and boggy. Boots essential.

**Day 5:** Leaving Roundwood you walk over Paddock Hill to the village of Laragh at the entrance to the valley of Glendalough. Today's walk takes you around the perimeter of the Barton Estate before crossing Paddock Hill and descending by an old Mass Path to Laragh. You will have time to continue to Glendalough to visit this wonderful monastic settlement which is a truly magical place which demands time to enjoy. Overnight in Laragh/Glendalough.

Walk Details: Approx. Distance 12 kms (to Laragh). Approx. Duration: 4 hours. Max. Height: 360 metres. Some road walking, mountain path and forest track. Boots essential.

**Day 6:** After a full Irish Breakfast we have the option to return to Dublin via the Public Bus or Private Bus services, both available from Glendalough/Lauragh. There is also a Bus and Taxi service to Wicklow Town where there is a good Train Service south to Rosslare and north to Dublin.

**OR**

**Day 6:** From Laragh/Glendalough walk into the valley of Glendalough before climbing to cross over into the valley of Glenmalure. This walk follows an old "green road" to near the Upper Lake before climbing steeply beside Paul an Eas Waterfall and continuing to the pass of Borenacrow (option to climb Mullacor Mountain from the pass). Descending into Glenmalure - with good views of the valley and Lugnaquilla, which is the highest mountain in County Wicklow - you finish your walk at the pub in Drumgoff/Glenmalure crossroads. Overnight in Rathdrum.

Walk Details: Approx. Distance: 17 kms/19 kms. Approx. Duration: 6.5 hours. Max. Height: 550/650 metres. Track, forest track, short section of mountain path. Mountain path is boggy. Boots essential.

**Day 7:** From Drumgoff/Glenmalure crossroads we start today's walk, which crosses the mountains back to Laragh by a different route. Following forest tracks, you climb to the summit of Mullacor. The route continues along the mountain ridge to Cullentragh Mountain and Derrybawn Mountain, before descending to Glendalough. Alternatively, if the weather is unfavourable you can descend from Mullacor via the Wicklow Way through the forest. Overnight at Laragh/Glendalough

Walk Details: Approx. Distance: 17 kms. Approx. Duration: 6.5 hours. Max. Height: 660 metres. Forest track and mountain path. Boots essential.

**Day 8:** After a full Irish Breakfast we have the option to return to Dublin via the Public Bus or Private Bus services, both available from Glendalough/Lauragh. There is also a Bus and Taxi service to Wicklow Town where there is a good Train service, south to Rosslare, and north to Dublin. Bus transfer time to Dublin City centre is approx one hour.

This is NOT a holiday for a single person booking. Single Supplement is available for single room with double or twin booking.

We reserve the right to alter this itinerary due to weather conditions, the conditions of the walks, or the ability of clients. The above Walk Details are only a guideline - these may not be accurate on the day due to weather or individual walking pace.

Please note that Ireland can be a wet country both underfoot and overhead. Irish weather is unpredictable, that's one of the "joys" of walking in Ireland, and the nature of walks can change quickly and dramatically because of the weather. For all self-guided holidays you must be able to map read and navigate with a compass.

There is some roadwalking on self-guided holidays. Some parts of the walks in Ireland are very remote in places. Very often there are no opportunities to purchase a mid-day lunch – a packed lunch is required in such locations.

**Included in the Self-Guided holiday is:**

- We book the accommodation for you. Five or Seven night's bed and Full Irish Breakfast, (a meal in itself!) Private bathrooms. 2 Nights Dublin City Hotel with 3 or 5 days in Wicklow
- Move your luggage each walking day - when required
- Give you full walking details and maps of the area, through which you walk each day.
- Full walking descriptions of each walking day
- Information booklet of the area through which you are walking
- All transfers/transport that is required during the walking holiday, as part of the day's activities
- Meet and greet telephone contact to assure that all is in order with your arrival.
- Pre-departure information pack to allow you to plan and get the most from the walks
- 24 hrs Emergency/Information contact number
- A "mighty" holiday guaranteed
- Other Airport transfers arranged/booked if required
- Full Public transport details, Bus, on [www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie) or [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie) and train, on [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)
- Weather Details, [www.met.ie](http://www.met.ie)
- This holiday can start/finish any day of the week.

