



Discover Iveragh in the Spring & Autumn



Landscape

Geology

The rocks of Iveragh started to form 380 million years ago. Since then, the land has crossed the equator, witnessed the first animals emerge from the water to live on land, it has seen volcanoes erupt, sea levels rise and fall, and has been carved by ice. Evidence of this process can be seen across the peninsula.

Farmland

Across the peninsula, traditional farming practices have shaped the landscape. Small fields divided by stone walls, a mix of sheep and cattle grazing, and lush hedgerows are still part of everyday life here.

Dramatic

From the rugged peaks of Ireland's highest mountains and the spectacle of Kerry's highest sea cliffs to the secluded sandy coves and exposed coasts. Our local weather often leads to theatrical displays across the landscape.

Adventure

Hike

With Ireland's highest mountains to the east and Kerry's highest cliffs to the west, there is no shortage of high points from which to view Iveragh. The peninsula is ringed by the Kerry Way walking route and home to numerous marked trails. Take a self-guided walk or use a trained guide for unique local insights.

Bike

Hire a bike or bring your own. The famous Ring of Kerry Cycle is an annual event but visit in spring or autumn to explore the peninsula and test your legs when the roads are quieter.

Swim, Surf and Sail

The wild Atlantic can be unpredictable in the winter but in spring and autumn, calm days are perfect for swimming, paddling or taking a boat tour. Bring a surfboard for some winter waves or join the braver locals for refreshing winter open sea swim.

Wildlife

Plantlife

Iveragh has some beautiful patches of native woodland around Sneem, Derrynane, and Cahersiveen that are well worth exploring for their trees, mosses, ferns and lichens. Come in spring to enjoy the burst of colour in the spring flowers or in autumn to pick blackberries and see the peninsula turn golden.

Marine Life

Seals, otters, dolphins, whales, and basking sharks are some of the popular marine animals to spot from land or sea, but all year round there are rockpools, beaches, and seaweed covered shores to explore.

Birdwatching

Farmland, bog, ocean, cliff, river, estuary – Iveragh has a range of amazing bird habitats and there's something to see all year. Come in autumn for the migrating waders and spring for the breeding sea birds. It never fails to delight.



Family

Playgrounds

Every village across the peninsula has its own playground, for you to enjoy with your family. To warm up afterwards, families are welcome in the local pubs before 9pm for bowl of soup and a sandwich.

Scoots and Strolls

There is no shortage of beautiful beaches that are worth exploring, whatever the weather. For little legs, explore the sculpture garden in Sneem, find the fairy houses in Derrynane, or ride a scooter along the promenade in Waterville.

Heritage

Many of the historical attractions in Iveragh, have fun, interactive exhibits that the whole family can enjoy while you learn about the local heritage and history of the Iveragh peninsula.

Culture

Archaeology

A wealth of archaeology is dotted across the peninsula. From impressive ring forts that are 1,000 years old to rock art with designs that echo across the western Atlantic fringe of Europe, uniting Celtic cultures.

Language and Art

There are pockets of Gaeltacht around Iveragh – localities where the Irish language is still spoken daily. Iveragh is full of inspiration and creativity, with food markets, art galleries, and of course, some great traditional music in the pubs.

Pioneers and Places

Discover the industrial heritage of Valentia Island, pioneering scientist Maude Delap, Civil War history, and the home place of Ireland's Liberator, Daniel O'Connell.



DISCOVER Iveragh

The Iveragh Peninsula - a magical mixture of panoramic views with a wealth of biodiversity, archaeology and authentic Irish culture. Situated on the wild Atlantic way in south Kerry, Ireland. Visit us to Discover Iveragh!

