



THE MAGICAL SOUTH

Encounter a landscape born in the mists of time.

Days 1 - 2

It's not such a long way from Shannon to County Tipperary and **Cashel**, where we begin our adventure. This lovely "Heritage Town" is the ancient seat of the Munster kings. Take a brief historic tour and visit the Rock of Cashel, one of Ireland's most magnificent ecclesiastical sites, before our first banquet together. ● Pedal down quiet lanes through the lush Golden Vale and the fabled Glen of Aherlow to **Kilmallock**, an important stronghold in medieval days. We'll reveal hidden field monuments and ancient fortifications such as the impressive Cahir Castle as we pass through the small villages that dot this amazing landscape.

Days 3 - 4

Ride delightful backroads through Counties Limerick, Cork and Kerry on your way to **Killarney**, a colorful town surrounded by richly forested mountains and sparkling glacial lakes. Killarney's much-acclaimed National Park and MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Ireland's tallest peaks, form the backdrop for our two-night stay. ● We've arranged a day of exploration with an intoxicating array of choices. Ride through the Gap of Dunloe; visit the palatial Muckross House; hike part of the Kerry Way; boat across Lough Leane; or combine more than one of these exciting possibilities!

Days 5 - 6

Breathtaking coastal scenes and the towering Slieve Mish Mountains become the norm as we cycle on to **Dingle** for our next two-night sojourn. The Dingle Peninsula is an outdoor wonderland and a mother lode of ancient history. It's also a well-known Gaeltacht, a centre of Irish language and culture. ● During your layover you can ride around Sleat Head with its fantastic ocean side panoramas, set out in search of ancient monuments on a guided hill walk, or simply unwind in one of Dingle's lively pubs – there are more than 50 from which to choose!

Days 7 - 8

Conquer Connor Pass en route to our Victorian era lodgings in the lovely seaside resort of **Kilkee**, County Clare. With some of the finest coastal scenery anywhere and a mighty reputation for traditional music and dance, the locals just say "Clare is magic." We'll finish with a final banquet fit for kings. ● After breakfast we'll see you safely to Shannon for your final departure, and our heart-felt "Slan Abhaile!" Or you can keep on cycling with our "Clare to Connemara" tour.

We invite you to bicycle with us through Ireland's great province of Munster. There you will encounter a landscape born in the mists of time—an enchanting assortment of deep forests, majestic mountains, wild seacoasts and pastoral glens. Once the proud domain of High Kings, and now home to the mighty giants of hurling, (Ireland's national pastime), it is a land of immense contrast, indelible history, and tremendous hospitality so characteristically Irish.

We begin in Ireland's heartland, County Tipperary, a frequently overlooked treasure-trove of pastoral beauty and ancient legacy. From Cashel's famous Rock, along the banks of the Suir and through the Glen of Aherlow we ramble westward. On to Kilmallock, Killarney, and Dingle, with scenery so gorgeous it will take your breath away, quiet country lanes that are a joy to ride, and food fit for kings and queens. Finally we cross the River Shannon, for a brief taste of County Clare's dramatic cliffs, picturesque villages, and world famous pubs.

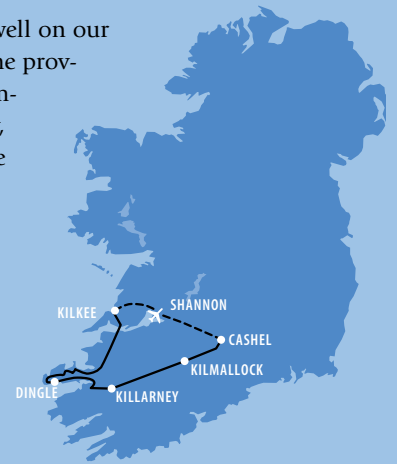
We love to share this part of Eire, and do so as well on our "Best of the West" adventure, which features both the provinces of Munster and Connacht. However, if you simply can't break away for that full fifteen-day journey, then consider this worthy alternative. Come visit the land that, for centuries, captivated Kings of Ireland. We'll show you a magical good time!

Tour length: 8 days/7 nights

Terrain: Gently rolling with moderate to hilly patches.

Mileage: Average 40 miles/day.

Arrive/depart: Shannon, Ireland





2007 TOUR DETAILS THE MAGICAL SOUTH

TOUR DATES: • June 16 – 23, 2007
• July 14 – 21, 2007
• Custom Dates upon request

COST: \$2095 for 8 days/7 nights.

INCLUDES: • All accommodations in deluxe B&Bs and guesthouses w/private bath
• Most meals – all breakfasts, two lunches, and five dinners
• All internal land transportation (including airport transfers)
• All ferries
• Support vehicle for you and your gear
• Two or more experienced guides & naturalists
• Admission to historic sites and special events
• Detailed maps and other interpretive information
• Pre-departure packet and assistance
• Planet Earth Adventures T-shirt

BIKE RENTAL: Included – top quality 21-24 speed Bianchi hybrid.

TERRAIN & MILEAGE: Gently rolling, with moderate to hilly stretches. Average 40 miles a day.

ARRIVE/DEPART: Shannon, Ireland

"I always love to be 'off the beaten path' and your trip was the perfect fit. Thanks!"

Karen Jenneman, Plainfield, IL

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