

IRELAND SOUTH WEST LINKS GOLF PACKAGE

Courses: Lahinch Old, Doonbeg, Ballybunion Old & Cashen, Tralee, Waterville, Dooks, Killarney Killeen

Accommodation: 2 nights 4 star Vaughans Lodge Hotel, Lahinch, Co Clare & 5 nights 4 star The Malton Hotel, Killarney, Co Kerry

Lahinch Old

Lahinch founded in 1892 is one of the oldest golf clubs in Ireland and the Old Course is one of the most respected links courses in the world. It sits right on the Atlantic coastline on the South West Coast of Ireland in county Clare. Lahinch Golf Club has two courses the Castle Course and the Old Course. The Old Course is frequently referred to as the 'Saint Andrews of Ireland' as it looks out on the ever-changing Atlantic Ocean. It is a classic links course with rolling dunes and fairways and typical MacKenzie greens. There isn't a mundane shot on the entire golf course, and your jaw will often drop at the views. Undulating fairways, heavily guarded greens and blind shots are among Lahinch's challenges. *"Lahinch will make the finest and most popular course that I, or I believe anyone else, ever constructed."* Dr. Alastair Mackenzie

Course: Links

Length: 6,950 yards

Par: 72

Doonbeg Golf Club

Doonbeg Golf Club founded in 2002 is situated about 4 miles North of Doonbeg village and only 45 minutes drive from Shannon International Airport. Set along 1.5 miles of crescent-shaped beach and dunes on Ireland's southwest coast, Doonbeg Golf Club designed by two-time British Open champion Greg Norman is a thinking man's course, with premium on accuracy over power. The majestic dunes, centuries old, reach almost 100 feet. Norman's philosophy of least disturbance has produced a course created by nature and laid out by man. The **par-72** layout features a single loop of nine holes out and nine back, playing 6,885 yards from the back tees. The speed and direction of the wind causes consistent variation in play – to allow for a range of conditions and abilities, most holes feature five or more tee locations. The most natural routing within the existing dunes resulted in an uncommon combination of five par 3's and five par 5's. With such unique attributes and stunning views of the Atlantic from 16 holes, it's clear you'll never play another course like it.

Course: Links

Length: 6,885 yards

Par: 72

Ballybunion Old

Ballybunion's Trent Jones Cashen Course, located along the sweeping, undisturbed shoreline, was founded in 1981 and offers breathtaking views throughout. There is a wild look to the place. Long grass covers the dunes that pitch and roll throughout the course. With its succession of formidable par fives and breathtaking beauty, amply qualifies as one of the world's masterpieces. Every hole, every hazard and every shot is defined by nature's infinite presence.

Course: Links

Length: 6,802 yards

Par: 71

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Par: 72

Tralee Golf Club

Tralee Golf Club founded in 1980 is located 8 miles Northwest of Tralee town on the Barrow Peninsula. A sensational Arnold Palmer designed links course alongside a beautiful rugged coastline where one can see the ocean from every hole and a seascape. It lies on the Southwest coast of Ireland at the gateway to the Dingle and Fenit Peninsulas and is one of the world's most scenic and spectacular true links golf courses. The magnificent beach and surrounds featured prominently in the epic film Ryan's daughter on the gentler outward nine you will negotiate the 6th, 7th and 8th known locally as Palmer's loop. The back nine is a world of extraordinarily wild and massive dunes. The 12th hole is probably the most examining 2nd shot hole in golf where you are faced with a second shot to an elevated green with a deep ravine protecting the green. From the 14th tee there is a breathtaking view of Banna Strand which is renowned in song and story. The downhill par three 16th and the doglegged 17th are two more outstanding holes. *"I have never come across a piece of land so ideally suited for the building of a golf course. I am happy we have one of the world's great links."* Arnold Palmer

Course: Links

Length: 6,975 yards

Par: 72

Waterville Golf Links

Waterville Golf Club founded in 1889 is located on the Ring of Kerry, approximately 1 mile from the village of Waterville and 50 miles from Killarney. Links land is a geological rarity, less than one percent of all the courses in Ireland and the British Isles are championship links, Waterville is one of these. After 80 years of play, the original nine hole course was redesigned by the famous Irish golf architect, Eddie Hackett and the late owner, John A. Mulcahy. Today Waterville is truly mystical. The course gradually introduces the player to its special tempo and rhythm and concludes with a symphony of links beauty. Each hole at Waterville is a wonderful experience, with the 2nd and 3rd holes, both par fours, being particularly impressive. The par three, 17th is probably Waterville's feature hole. Waterville is one of the finest links golf courses in the world, never mind Ireland.

The Links resort includes Waterville Golf Links, Waterville House, the Directors residence, and a four star 18th century manor. Guests enjoy preferential access to Golf Links and one of the finest salmon and sea trout fisheries in Ireland.

Course: Links

Length: 7,355 yards

Par: 72

Dooks Golf Club

Located 8 miles southwest of Killorglin off the N70 Ring of Kerry route. Golf has been played here since 1889 and the course represents traditional Irish links golf at its best, offering the visitor a unique links experience in a majestic environment. The golf links is set out on one of the three stretches of sand dunes at the head of Dingle bay. In the immediate foreground are the sand dune peninsulas of Rossbeigh and Inch and just a few miles away the whitewashed houses of Cromane fishing village provide an eye catching distraction. South eastwards are the famed McGillycuddy's Reeks, to the Southwest are the lovely cooms and hills of Glenbeigh and across the bay to the north are the Slieve Mish and Dingle mountains. A truly magical location for a stunning golf course. *"Dooks is maybe the loveliest little golf club in the world. Certainly I have never been more totally surrounded by superb scenery than at Dooks"* David Davies *"The Guardian"*

Course: Links

Length: 6,586 yards

Par: 71

Killarney Killeen

Killarney Killeen is one of three parkland courses at Killarney Golf & Fishing Club, located 3 miles west of Killarney Town. It is nestled amidst the splendour of the famous Killarney lakes with the spectacular backdrop of the Macgillycuddy Reeks, the highest mountain range in Ireland. The Killeen Course is the jewel in the crown, offering spectacular lakeside scenery but is the most challenging of the three. It is consistently rated amongst the world's top courses. At 6564 metres it will challenge long hitters with accuracy being vital as there is water on virtually every hole.

Killeen was the host venue of the 2010 and 2011 Irish Open with England's Ross Fisher and Simon Dyson emerging the respective winners.

Course: Parkland

Length: 7,123 yards

Par: 7

Vaughan's Lodge Hotel

Vaughan Lodge is a 4 star property located in Lahinch with breath-taking views over the ocean and golf courses. It is an intimate 4 star modern designer Country Town House Hotel. Owned and operated by local 4th generation hoteliers Michael and Maria Vaughan. The hotel was built in 2005 and is a low-key high quality retreat complete with superb Seafood Restaurant and a lovely cocktail lounge. The atmosphere is informal but the service is professional and to the highest standard.

The Malton Hotel

The Malton Hotel formerly The Great Southern Hotel has been a favourite in Killarney for over 150 years. This historic hotel is tucked away on six acres of landscaped gardens, fountains and pathways for rambling and is centrally located. The Malton is unique in combining wide open space with the convenience of the town. Every room offers luxury, whether in the Main House, with its high Victorian ceilings and impossibly tall windows, or the newer Garden Wing, for contemporary comfort and style with all the modern amenities. There are many dining options available in this hotel, the Grand Foyer and Coffee Rooms which is a great meeting place offers a daily menu, The Punchbowl Bar offers wine, cocktails and an extensive range of bar food, Peppers a la carte Restaurant and the Garden Room serving breakfast and dinner every day. There is a leisure center offering all what you would expect including a fully equipped gym and spa.