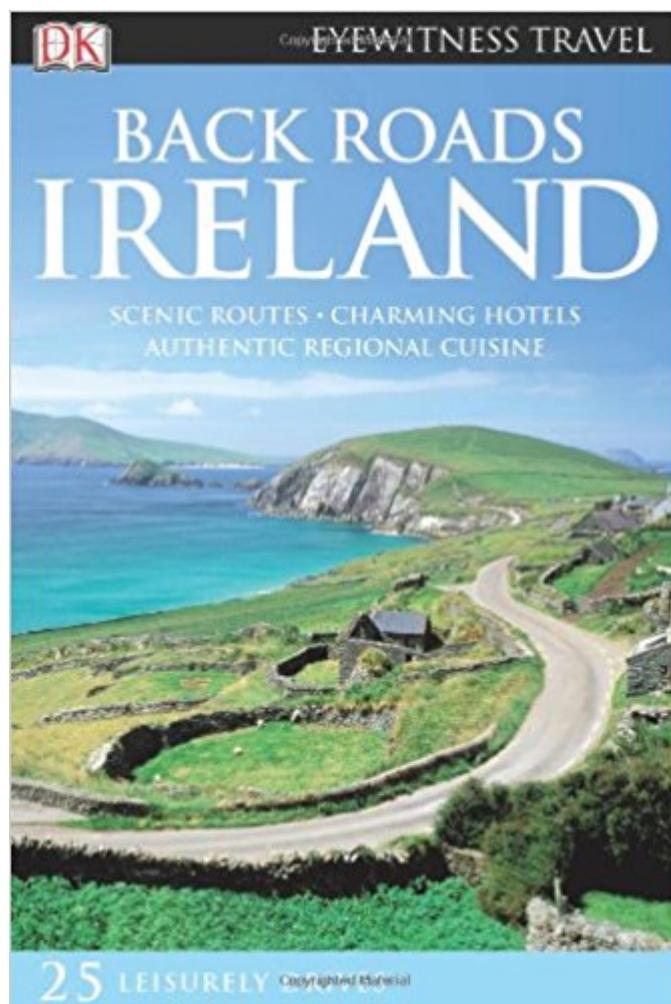


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# Back Roads Ireland (Eyewitness Travel Back Roads)



## Synopsis

DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Back Roads Ireland vacation driving tour guidebook reveals the secret gems and hidden delights that can only be discovered along the Emerald Isle's most scenic routes and back roads. Twenty-five themed drives, each lasting one to five days, introduce travelers to the soul of Ireland " from the golden beaches of Cork and the spectacular Sheep's Head peninsula to the bushy glens of classic Northern Ireland and spellbinding caverns of the lakelands. Along the way, these driving tours of Ireland highlight day trips and activities such as walks and hikes, bird-watching and beach strolls, islands and lighthouses, and children's attractions. Pass by ancient stone circles and megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses, medieval castles, and stately homes. Practical information, such as road conditions, lengths of drives, and zip codes for GPS devices accompanies the complete itineraries and pull-out map, as do listings for the best-value hotels, intimate guesthouses, local produce "friendly restaurants, and cozy pubs. DK Eyewitness Travel Guide: Back Roads Ireland leads you to the most authentic and delightful experiences the country has to offer.

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## Customer Reviews

On a whim we decided to go to Ireland for 5 days. I had only 10 days advance notice, so I immediately jumped onto to purchase my go-to travel guides (Fodor's and Lonely Planet.) They were invaluable in helping me decide quickly which areas of Ireland interested me the most. However, I didn't want a tour of Ireland. I wanted to really see Ireland. I wanted to be away from the

hustle and bustle of the tour buses and meet the true locals. Back Roads Ireland did that for me. I was able look at the drives that were in the general areas we had decided to go, and pick out smaller towns off the beaten track. We did 4 different areas of Ireland in 5 days and this book really made a difference for us. I highly recommend it to all.

This is a book for the unconventional tourist. If you enjoy getting to know a place very well, enjoy landscapes, and enjoy great accommodation, this book gets you there. But pair with a more detailed driving map, because you'll want to get even further back road than the included map here can get you. Also pair it with a hiking or walking map of the areas you'll be visiting if you like that sort of thing. This book is perfect for getting you to places where you'll be really pulling to get out of the car and into the landscape.

This book is Essential if you plan to go on the backroads in Ireland (plus you need a Garmin or some other GPS device). It leads you to some beautiful places and gives a great explanation of what you are viewing. It also gives you driving distances and an idea of how long the trip will take. I recommend it Highly to anyone who wants to get back and see the Real Ireland :)

We just got back from a short trip to Ireland where we drove in order to see some of the places tours could not go. We used the descriptions to find historical sites and certainly used the written directions to find many of the sites. When our large map wasn't enough we could count on the precise directions given in the book. Due to the short length of our trip we couldn't do most of the drives but it was an invaluable tool for the few we were able to take. The car is certainly the way to see the historic sites when you are not interested in seeing the tourist centers. If you do drive, try and go before tourist season as the roads can be tricky and having to deal with less traffic, busses and people really makes the trip enjoyable. This is a great book for the self driving tour of Ireland. Keep in mind that many of the archaeological sites are in sheep fields and you will need shoes for climbing up and down steep hills, over large and small rocks and plenty of sheep pastures (manure piles).

Beautiful book. Even if one has been to The Emerald Isle (and it IS emerald and so many other shades of green too), this is a great tour guide. Its cover evokes some of the many gorgeous visions you will see in every part of this magical country. Only problem I found: NO leprechans were found to picture here. Perhaps, if you find one, you can ask them to put it into the next edition. Great

coverage of Ireland's many beautiful treasures...both natural and hand-crafted.

We followed several of the recommended routes during a trip in September 2014. Rarely did we follow an entire route; rather there would be one or two things along the way that were interesting, and then we moved on to another region. That said, the routes were reasonably accurate, and the book made us aware of a number of towns, attractions and places we wouldn't have found just by reading say Rick Steves' book.

Am planning on a self guided 2 week tour of Spain and would miss key areas if not for this book. I would not have known about the beauty of the drives in the Pyrenees and some smaller towns in Valencia. It presents extremely valuable information in easy to read and understand chapters. A wealth of data in pictures, maps and words. Adds great value to trip planning. I made plans using this and the DK Spain book, then had them reviewed by a native Spaniard who said that this was a great trip and was surprised that I knew so much about the lesser known places. I am very glad that I bought this book, and for half of the amount that retail stores charge.

I usually love the eyewitness travel books, this one was ok. I usually use these books while touring to learn interesting facts of the places I visit and to see what I should not miss. This book, however, ended up just being used to decide what area of Ireland to visit and was not useful as a guide while in that area.

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