

Kerry Camino - 2026 Annual Guided Walk

Since the launch of Kerry Camino in 2012, Kerry Camino has seen thousands walkers enjoying the beauty of West Kerry on the Tralee to Dingle 58km section of The Dingle Way. This year's annual guided walk has just been completed, with 250 enthusiasts of the great outdoors taking to the hills and paths of the Sliabh Mish Mountains, crossing streams and stopping at stages to rest and enjoy the views. Most of this year's walkers came from Irish locations but some others came from further afield, namely: UK 19; USA 6; Canada 2; Poland 2 and one each from Croatia, Hungary, France and Netherlands. Some came on repeat visits having enjoyed the Kerry Camino so much in previous years.

The weather was in our favour all weekend as pilgrims departed St. Johns Church Tralee on Friday 1st May with a blessing from Fr. Pdraig Walsh (St. Brendan's Parish) and Fr. David Rugatt (St. John's Parish.) Walkers made their way to Camp via Tralee's canal bank; Blennerville; Tonevane; Derrymore and Killelton. Refreshments were enjoyed at The Railway Tavern and experiences shared before walkers returned to Tralee by bus or staying in local accommodation.

The group of 250 pilgrims returned on Saturday morning to Camp for the second section of the walk – Camp to Annascaul. The path took the group through Maumnahaltora and Emlagh Bog to Inch and beyond, with refreshments and music at Hanafin's Bar in Annascaul. A group with us this year was from Belfast on a hen party, and they played lovely trad.music and sang in the sunshine in Annascaul.

The third and final day of Kerry Camino saw our walkers depart Annascaul early on Sunday morning for The Church of St. James in Dingle via Minard and Lispole. Everyone enjoyed the scenery, meeting fellow walkers and hearing stories and history of the localities with our guides over the weekend. Certificates of Completion of the Kerry Camino were signed at St. James Church and a welcome meal and refreshments enjoyed at Paul Geaney's Bar. Transport again was provided to Tralee for anyone needing it, with some walkers staying on to extend their stay in Dingle and West Kerry.

All in all, it was another very successful weekend on the Kerry Camino. Amongst our mainly Irish contingent this year were international participants – UK 19; USA 6; Canada and Poland 2; Croatia, Hungary, France and Holland 1 – the interest in the Kerry Camino route has grown! Walkers have returning to their homes with many happy memories and intentions to return to walk again in this beautiful part of The Kingdom.

Go dte sibh slán.

Adrienne McLoughlin
Kerry Camino

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