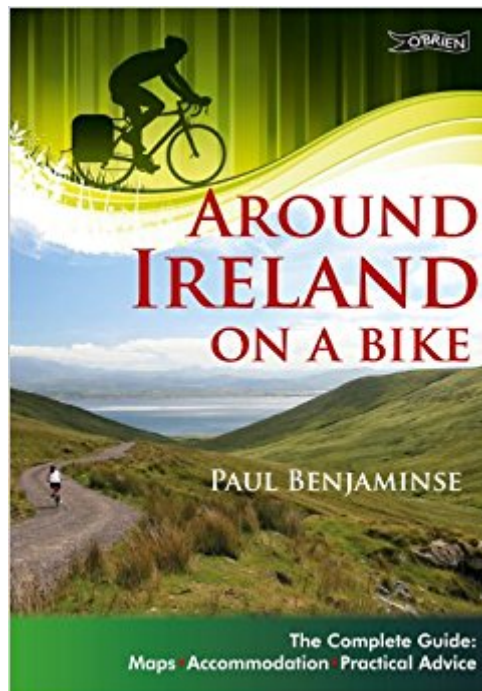




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# Around Ireland On A Bike: The Complete Guide: Maps, Accommodation, Practical Advice



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Why would someone set out on a bicycle tour of Ireland? Because Ireland is as stunning a country as any you'll ever visit. There's the extraordinary light, which adds intensity to everything, making greens and whites appear greener and whiter. It's all there: moss-covered mountains rising ominously from the mist, bright blue skies over white sandy beaches; the ghostlike ruins of ancient monasteries on misty days... With picturesque routes and breathtaking landscapes, Ireland is beloved by cyclists in search of an exhilarating yet memorable experience. In *Green Tour of Ireland*, avid cyclist Paul Benjaminse explores the a route around Ireland from Belfast to Dublin via the most spectacular and scenic routes in the country and offers his expert advice on the best way to see the beautiful parts of Ireland. Includes detailed routes and maps of; Ulster, Sligo, Cork, Connemara, The Burren, Leinster, and the Dublin Mountains.

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Paul Benjaminse is an award winning cartographer and author. He lives in Amsterdam.

Full color maps all over it, easy instructions to go everywhere, and also mentions what to check out when you're in town. Even though this is a short review, I can't say enough good things about it. I'm leaving for Ireland in a few days and I'll let you know if anything changes. Cycle the world!!

I bought this book as a gift for a friend who plans to go to Ireland this fall. She is thrilled with the thoroughness and currency of the information. Another friend who already has bicycled in Ireland admired the book as being a great guide.

This is a useful book. I have one comment about the ride. Most guides say to ride the Ring of Kerry in a counter-clockwise direction. Having just done it, I strongly disagree, for three reasons. First, everyone gets the same advice, so 70% of car traffic is going that way. I prefer my odds against the 30%. Second, the prevailing wind is south to north. If you ride the way suggested you'll have a headwind much of the way. Third, if you ride clockwise you will always be on the ocean side of the road. It's prettier and has a wider margin. Pretty much the same advice applies all the way up the west coast. Go south to north. You'll have the wind at your back, better views, and fewer cars.

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