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Day Tour Options

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- Date:** Monday 14th June 2010
Date: Tuesday 15th June 2010
Date: Wednesday 16th June 2010
Date: Thursday 17th June 2010
Date: Friday 18th June 2010

Details

Time: 09.30hr – 17.30hr approx return time
Ticket Price: €25.00

Note any refreshment breaks and additional venue entry fees are not included

This magnificent day tour includes the most interesting aspects of the Burren to enable you to get the best possible view and knowledge of the changes which have occurred over the centuries. You will have many stops to explore and photograph each area. Also giving you plenty of time at Ireland's most spectacular sea-cliffs, the famous Cliffs of Moher, which are 200m high and are extended for 8km long.

We depart Galway at 09.30hr, through the village of Oranmore where the view of Galway Bay unfolds, next is on to Clarenbridge. The tour turns right at Kilcolgan on to the pretty fishing village of Kinvara. Our first stop will be at Dunguaire Castle, a 16th Century tower house. Next we view 12th Century Cistercian Corcomroe Abbey and then on to Ballyvaughn. The tour stops at the famous Aillwee caves where our passengers have the choice of visiting the caves or enjoying tea and scones in the cafeteria before moving on to the centre of the Burren. *(Entry fees or refreshments are not included as part of the tour)*

This is a remarkable bare limestone area with its combination of many unusual factors, its geology, its flora, caves and archaeology. This is the area where the first stone age dwellers settled. Our next stop is the famous Poul nabrone dolmen, a 5000 year old tomb used by the stone dwellers to bury their dead. Next we view Leamanagh Castle, once home of Maire Rua O'Brien, Kilfenora, Lisdonvarna where the matchmaking festival is held in the month of September and then on to the world famous Cliffs of Moher for our next long break.

Our lunch break will happen in a local pub, just before we head for the Cliffs of Moher. We leave the Cliffs of Moher and now it's time for the Atlantic drive towards Black Head lighthouse, with breathtaking views of Fanore beach, the blue Atlantic, the Connemara coast and the three Aran Islands of Inis Mór, Inis Meáin, Inis Oirr and arriving back at Galway City centre at 17.30hr It's an experience we hope you will treasure for many years of one of the most beautiful spots of Ireland.

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This day tour includes the most interesting aspects of Connemara to enable you to get the best possible view and knowledge of the changes which have occurred over the centuries. This is an ideal opportunity for you to forget about the left hand side of the road for a day. Sit back and relax on our luxury coaches. You will have many stops to explore and photograph in each area. Our day tour leaves Galway City at 09.30hr along the very scenic Connemara coast road with breath taking views of Galway Bay, the limestone Burren and the Hills of Clare.

Approaching the charming village of Spiddal, we stop at Standúns sweater and souvenir shop for refreshments. Next it's on to the deserted famine village where ample time is given to explore and photograph the village. Rossaveal were ferrys to the Aran Islands can be found.

We take a leisurely drive along the Atlantic Coast, the route trod by those who were leaving Connemara during the Famine. Our professional guide will take you through the villages of Bearná, Furbo and Spiddal into the heart of Connemara, referred to as "The Gealtacht" where Irish is still the first language.

We will then follow the coast road to Baile n hAbhann, home to the Famine Village and here you will have a twenty five minute walk through the ruins of the Famine Village and see the remains of the original houses left behind by those trying to escape the famine. You will also see some restored cottages and there will be plenty of photo opportunities as your guide explains the story of the famine and the mass emigration.

Your tour then continues along the coast past Rossaveal, the major fishing port of Connemara and on through the Blanket Bog area, where we will show you how "Turf" was cut together with a stop at the Leprechaun's Cottage and Screeb Waterfall. We continue now at a leisurely pace to Maam Cross, the crossroads of Connemara. At Maam Cross, the Connemara "crossroads", there is a replica of the cottage used in the 1950's John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara film "The Quiet Man" filmed locally. From Maam Cross our tour heads out towards the world famous Kylemore Abbey on a journey of unsurpassed beauty driving through the green Inagh Valley that divides the two sets of mountains - the Maam Turks and the Twelve Bens. The Ben Ban is the highest mountain in Connemara. Here you can photograph the mountains, and the lakes and pools shining like little pieces of broken mirror.

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The magnificent Kylemore Abbey which is an 18th century castle that is now in the care of the Benedictine Nuns. This is where we have our next long break with ample time for lunch and a visit to the abbey and its beautiful gothic church. We spend around 2 hours here to give you time to explore and have lunch. Following the Visit to Kylemore Abbey. we depart on the homeward journey. We follow the road towards Leenane stopping at Killary Fjord, the only one of it's kind in Ireland. We now enter the village of Leenane, famous for the film "The Field". The pub scenes in the film were shot in Gaynor's, one of three bars which serve this tiny one-street village.

Now we head on towards the Maam Valley. As we arrive at Maam Cross, completing the Connemara Loop, we stop at the replica cottage made famous in the film "The Quiet Man". Again you have some photo opportunities here and then it's homeward bound as we drive towards Oughterard and Moycullen before we arrive back into Galway.

Clifden, the capital of Connemara, was founded by John D'arcy in 1812. Clifden is an ideal holiday centre. Aviation history was made at Derrygimlagh bog near Clifden when Alcock and Browne crashed landed after their historic transatlantic flight in 1919. The Connemara pony breeders association come together every August to hold the world famous Connemara pony show. As we leave Clifden we see the Clifden Glen holiday homes.

Note that any refreshment breaks are not included in the ticket price. There are only a few venues in the tours that you may wish to visit that are not included in the ticket price- Aillwee Caves and Kylemore abbey- approx €8 entry fee each.

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