

SEAWEED WEEK

ON THE ISLE OF INIS MÓR, IRELAND

8. – 15. April 2012



Accommodation:



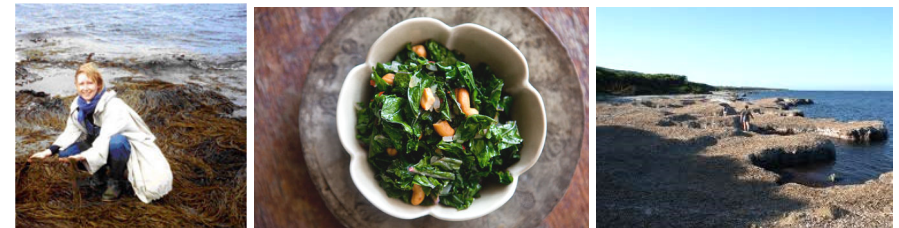
Kilmurvey House, Inis Mór
small, very comfortable *** Guest-house with friendly landlady and excellent food



Elizabeth's House (Centre)
cosy and comfortable selfcatering accommodation, lovely seaview, 2 rooms



Holiday home: 5 Min. walk from centre, luxurious, comfortable selfcatering house with spectacular 180 degree seaview from living room.



Discover with us the wonderful world of algae on the shores of the beautiful island of Inis Mór. Doctor and algae specialist Prannie Rhatigan will show us how to harvest the plants sustainably. Depending on the level of the water we will find eight to ten different species of edible seaweed, get to know their names, and learn about the nutrients they contain.

In the comfortable kitchen of Joe's house, we will prepare simple and tasty recipes with Prannie.

With Mairtin Concannon we will collect more algae, which will be dried in his drying facilities ready for us to take home. There will also be time for nice walks through the exciting landscape of the island, to relax in the beautiful surroundings and to explore on your own.

Information and bookings:

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Day 1: Meeting in Galway at 16.30, transfer with bus and boat to the Island, dinner in the Bayview Restaurant, transfer to the accommodation

Day 2: Morning: Info about program and island, afternoon: getting to know and collect many different species of seaweed with Prannie Rhatigan and cooking dinner using the collected seaweed as an ingredient

Day 3: Morning: Preparation of delicacies for brunch and lunch with seaweed ingredients, and more information about using various algae for cooking and health, afternoon: collecting more algae with island man Mairtin Concannon, which will be dried for us to take home

Day 4: Morning: visit Mairtin in his seaweed factory, free afternoon, dinner: cooking in the house and trying more recipes from Prannies book or eating out

Day 5: Walk along the cliffs to Bunghabhla, opportunity to collect more algae on the way for evening meal or eating out

Day 6: Walk in Kileany, the soft and sandy east end of the island, visiting St. Enda's monastery, along the cliffs to the prehistoric Dun Dubh Cathair, ending up in Kilronan, time for tea and shopping, dinner: Vegetarian buffet at Joel's

Day 7: 12:00 Departure to Galway, time for sightseeing and shopping in Galway, dinner in a lovely restaurant and visit to a music session in one of the famous old pubs

Day 8: official end of the program in the morning



delicious recipes from Prannie's seaweed book

Accommodation: option of luxurious holiday home, Elizabeth's cosy house with self-catering or in ***Kilmurvey Guesthouse with service and delicious breakfast buffet (3 km from centre, transport by minibus)

Participants: 10 - 12 The course is being organized as a promotion for the members of the association „Friends of Celtic Spirit“. Members have precedence. If you are not a member we would be delighted to put your name on a waiting list and you will be informed 15 January the latest

Costs: in the selfcatering houses: approx. Fr. 1180. - (members Friends of Celtic Spirit: CH 1120), **in Kilmurveyhouse:** approx. 1390. - (members: CHF 1330) (sharing rooms), prices may vary slightly depending. upon Euro course

Supplements: Single room in the selfcatering houses: (6 nights): standard: CHF 110, en suite: CHF 150

Kilmurveyhouse: CHF 240.-, Galway last night: 40.-

Included: Course with Prannie Rhatigan and Mairtin Concannon, drying of the algae, 2 dinners in restaurant, 6 nights sharing (self catering in the houses, B+B in Kilmurveyhouse) last night B+B in Galway

Not included: travel to and from Galway, ingredients for meals, drinks, tips

Application deadline: 15 January 2012 (important! members of "Friends of Celtic Spirit" please register before the 15th. After this date I will also accept applications from other interested people)

Travel: Flights to Dublin or Shannon, then bus from the Airport to Galway, arriving before 16.30 pm. I can help with flights if you travel from Switzerland, cheapest fares usually through internet but I also have a good contact to a travel agency.



Long ago Algae was known and used by our ancestors as a healthy food supplement, and still is today in Japan, China and along the coasts of North, Central and South America. Happily this sea vegetable is also regaining importance in Europe and not only for the increasingly popular sushi rolls! The high nutritional value of edible algae makes it a popular choice for a healthy diet. Western medicine is currently investing in exploring the medicinal value of algae and some evidence exists for its usefulness in lowering blood pressure, purifying blood and protecting the stomach and guts. Antivirus, antibacterial and anticancer effects have also been proven.

In traditional Chinese medicine, seaweed is already used since over 5000 years. It is worth noting that the low rates of breast cancer in Japanese women is very low and Japan is the country with the largest consumption of this sea vegetable.



Prannie Rhatigan is a doctor and has been collecting algae and learning how to use them in the kitchen since childhood. Born in the North West of Ireland she became interested in the connection between food and health a long time ago. In 2009 her beautiful book "Irish Sea Weed Kitchen" was published. With over 150 old and new easy, delicious recipes it received wide acclaim in Ireland and abroad.

As a member of "Slow Food" she has represented Ireland at various events abroad. She regularly gives seminars and lectures on health and algae. Since the publication of her book she is almost overwhelmed with requests and I am very grateful that she agreed to work with us in this new and exciting program. www.prannie.com