

Our 5 destinations:

Inis Mór, Inishbofin, Inishark, Clare Island and Westport



Magic Islands along the Wild Atlantic Way in Ireland

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Inishark and Clare Island

17 – 27 July 2023 (11 days)



Inis Mór



Inishbofin



Connemara



Clare Island

Registration as early as possible, **latest by 1 May 2023**. limited places.
Flights are reasonable if booked early. The trip will be confirmed as soon as we have 12 registrations.

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Easy hikes in the very different landscapes of the four islands with local guides. From them and other islanders we will get interesting information about island life and the struggle for survival today and in earlier times. We will visit Inishark and get to know why people had to leave a long time ago. On the way to Clare Island we drive through the beautiful landscape of Connemara, where we will visit a sheep farm. The trip ends in Westport where we will attend a music session in Matt Molloy's (member of "The Chieftains") famous pub: a trip with a lot of time to relax and explore by yourself.

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Programme:

17 July: 16.30: meeting point in Galway, bus (50 min.) and boat to Inishmore (40 min.), transfer to Kilmurveyhouse and dinner. (D)

18 July: Info about the island and programme with Elizabeth, chat with Treasa Ní Mhiolláin, sean nós singer, visit Vincent, fisherman and basket maker and the seaweed factory, hike along the cliffs to the ancient site of Dun Aonghasa (2 hrs.), dinner in Catherine's homely coffee shop, overnight stay: Kilmurveyhouse, (B/D).

19 July: Cliffwalk to Dún Dubh Chathair, (2 ½ hrs.), free time in the village of Kilronan, have a pint of Guinness or a coffee, shopping, overnight stay Kilmurveyhouse, (B).

20 July: Boat to Rossaveal, bus to Cleggan and crossing to Inishbofin (40 min). In the afternoon you can join the Eco tourism walk with Tommy Burke or explore the Island yourself, overnight stay: Inishbofin House Hotel, (B/D).

21 July: Morning: chat with Tommy about the Island, time to explore on your own, afternoon: walk along the shore with Elizabeth (2 hrs.), overnight stay: Inishbofin House Hotel, (B)

22 July: Morning: free time, afternoon boat trip to the seal colony and the uninhabited Inishark Island (45 min.) walk with Tommy as our guide (1hr), overnight stay: Inishbofin House Hotel, (B)

23 July: 1 pm Boat to Cleggan, bus tour through the mountains and moors of Connemara, visit the Glen Keen Sheep Farm and learn about their life and the area, tea and scones, to Roonagh Pier, crossing to Clare Island (20 min.) time to explore or swim, overnight stay in luxurious, friendly B+B's, (B/L/D).

24 July: Whiskey tour and listen to stories about the island, visit the castle of Grainne Mhaille, the rebel and pirate queen, walk to the old Abbey and follow the green road. time to relax, 6 course organic dinner at the Macalla farm, overnight stay in the B+B's, (B/D)

25 July: Archaeological walk with Peter Gill, tour with Ciara on the Macalla farm visit the handweaver Beth Moran, time at your own disposal, evening session with the locals in the only pub, overnight stay in the B+B's, (B).

26 July: Morning: back to mainland, bus to the picturesque little town of Westport, time to explore and for shopping, Music Session in the cozy Matt Molloy Pub (member of the famous group "The Chieftains"), overnight stay in the ****Castlecourt Hotel and Spa, (B).

27 July: Return or onward journey (good connections to Dublin by train)

The walks are easy with a lot of time to relax: 1-3 hours of hiking and most of the walks can be shortened if necessary.

B= breakfast D= dinner

Participants: 12 - 16

Costs: (from Galway to Westport) **Euro 1560 - 1740.-**, depending on numbers of participants and exchange rate.

Included: All transportation (bus and boat), 10 nights with a large Irish breakfast, sharing, 5 dinners, all activities according to programme, organization and guiding by the experienced Ireland expert Elizabeth Zollinger.

Not included: Travel to Galway and from Westport, 5 dinners, lunches (mostly picnic), drinks and tips, insurances.

Supplements: single room: Euro 310.-, most of the accommodation is small and they don't have many single rooms. We would appreciate if people who don't know each other would be willing to share a room, may be even part of the time.

Application deadline: No later than 1 May 2023 (places are limited and flights are cheaper if we can book early and we only can confirm when we have the minimum of 12 participants)

German and English translation available

Additional nights can be booked: on Inis Mór, in Galway and Westport from **Euro 60.-/night B+B sharing.**



Dun Aonghasa Insi Mór



Vincent Inis Mór



The Petticoat boys from Inishark, 1915



Beach on Inishbofin



Seal on Inishbofin



Clare Island