

CONNEMARA ISLAND BEAUTIES

Self-guided cycling and walking 2008



Visit two of the most beautiful islands in Connemara, Inishbofin and Inishmore, the biggest of the Aran Islands. You will spend two days walking, and finally end your journey in Galway, the bustling and historical city, Gateway to Connemara.

Several choices are there to decide from, should you wish to cycle longer distances and it will take a route mainly around the coast, giving a glimpse of some dramatic scenery and the opportunity to meet real Irish characters. We provide well chosen pre-booked accommodation, as well as bikes and any equipment that is needed. The luggage is transferred in order to lighten the load. A full itinerary, maps, and suggested options are also part of this attractive package.

Duration:

8 days (7 nights)

Tour Dates 2008:

ANY DATE (April - Oct)

Level:

Gentle, some occasional hill, average of 35km daily with shorter and longer options available on most days.

Bicycle:

Touring Bike
CANNONDALE HYBRID €75 extra

Equipment:

Helmets, front handlebar bag, water bottles, bicycle repair-kit.

Accommodation:

Approved B&B's

Meals:

All Irish breakfasts

Transfers:

Luggage transfers (as far as Rossaveal), ferry to Inishbofin and Inishmore (largest of the Aran Islands), taxi from Clifden to ferry port in Rossaveal for Aran Islands. From Rossaveal to Galway city you travel by public bus, which you pay directly.

Miscellaneous:

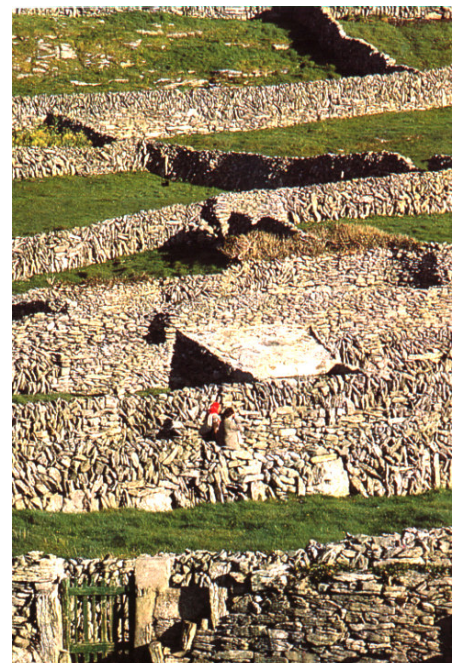
Detailed route notes and maps.

Meeting Point:

A Killary Tours representative will meet you at your first nights accommodation in Leenane.

Departure Point:

You depart from your last night's accommodation in Galway city. There are direct bus and train services daily from Galway city.



PRICE 2008:

Price per adult €789.00 per person sharing

All prices are in EURO, and based on per person sharing. Per person sharing means two people in one room. Single Room supplement is applied when people require a room for themselves as part of a booking of two or more. This is €195.00pp.

We offer rates of Euro €715.00pps per person for 4 or more.



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive in Leenane (we can help with arranging transfers). Warm welcome and chance to settle in. You will be given your route pack and general information to study overnight. If there is time we will allocate bikes and equipment. Stay the night in local B&B.

DAY 2

You stay a second night in Leenane village and the cycling options for today include an excursion into the Delphi Valley (35km) or into the Maam valley (48km). Thirdly you may opt to take the boat up the Killary Harbour for a sightseeing expedition.

DAY 3

You leave Leenane today and head for the small village of Cleggan, where you stay in a B&B for the next two nights. Your route takes you around the coastline to Tully Cross and further to Letterfrack home of the Connemara National Park (40km) and onwards to Moyard and to Cleggan. Cleggan is a small fishing village and the departure point for Inishbofin.

DAY 4

You can leave the bikes behind, as today will be an all day excursion to the island off Cleggan, Inishbofin. It is one of the most beautiful islands off the west coast. Today it has a population of about 200 people, but was chosen in 655 by St Coleman for the site of his monastery, as it was a place of tranquillity and peace. After a lovely day of exploration you return on the evening ferry to Cleggan and to your B&B.

DAY 5

Today you are leaving Cleggan for Clifden. You depart after breakfast via Claddaghduff (visit the island of Omev if the tide is out) and the Sky Road offering you fabulous views over Clifden Bay and the islands lying out in the Atlantic (35kms). Clifden is often labelled the capital of Connemara. Dinner tonight is not included, as there are many options open to you in the town of Clifden. You stay in guesthouse/B&B in the town of Clifden.

DAY 6

Leave the bicycles behind (we will collect them from your B&B), as a taxi picks you up and brings you to Rossaveal in time to take the morning ferry to Inishmore. The ferry takes about 45minutes. There are many antiquities on the island, and some of the most fascinating are Dun Aengus, Dun Eoghasa, early Christian monasteries and many more. You may want to discover them on foot, or alternatively there are bicycles for hire at the pier. Stay the night in an island B&B.

DAY 7

Return to the mainland with either the morning or the evening ferry and take the public bus (at your own expense) from Rossaveal into Galway. Spend an afternoon in this bustling, historic town. Enjoy the many shops, galleries and the many restaurants, and afterwards the lively pub scene. You will be staying in a B&B in the city.

DAY 8

Breakfast, followed by departure.



Please be aware that the programme given for this tour is strictly intended as a guide only and may not be fully adhered to. Climatic conditions, safety regulations and travel options may subject the programme to changes and/or modifications without due notice, at any time. In such case, Killary Tours reserves the right to make any necessary decisions.

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