

World Wide Travel Adults Only Escorted Trip to Ireland

July 4th – 14th 2012

(Click on the hotel name or attraction for more information)

Day 1 - Thursday 05 July 2012

Dinner

Arrive in Dublin Airport and board motor coach for travel to Westport

Travel through Mullingar and Longford and stop in Strokestown.

Visit the [Strokestown House and Famine Museum](#)



Dinner & Overnight in [Atlantic Coast Hotel Westport](#)

Day 2 - Friday 06 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Tour Connemara passing under the mountain Croagh Patrick. It is said that Saint Patrick fasted for 40 days on the mountain's summit in 441 AD. Climbing the mountain is a custom that has been faithfully handed down from generation to generation.

Travel to Luisburg passing the mountain sheep farms of the west coast



Visit [Kylemore Abbey](#). This scenic abbey is nestled at the base of Duchruach Mountain on the northern shore of Lough Pollacappul, in the heart of the Connemara Mountains. It is regarded as one of Ireland's most romantic buildings.



Travel through Letterfrack & Connemara National Park to Clifden



Return to Westport through Lough Corrib to **Cong**, the location of the John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara Epic movie, *The Quiet Man*

Dinner & Overnight in [Atlantic Coast Hotel Westport](#)

Day 3 - Saturday 07 July 2012

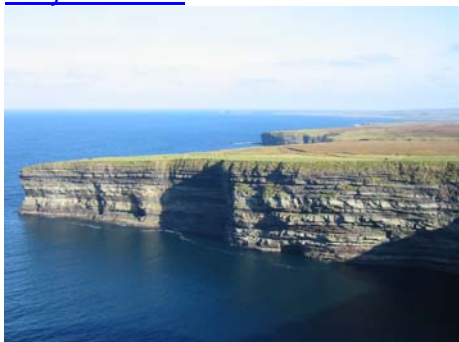
Breakfast & Dinner

Tour North Co Mayo

Travel along Lough Conn to Ballina and continue onto Killala with its round Tower



Travel along the North Mayo coast and explore the [Ceidi Fields on North Mayo Coast](#)



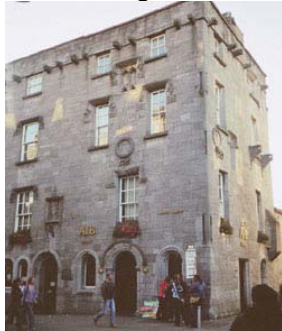
Return to the [Atlantic Coast Hotel Westport](#)

Day 4 - Sunday 08 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Depart for Galway, the city of the tribes

Stop for stroll through Galway. Walk down Shop Street past Lynch's Castle, which is now a bank, but in the past was the home of James Lynch the Warden of Galway. James Lynch is know for hanging his own son for murder in 1493, when he could not find a hangman to do it for him.



Travel along the south shore of Galway Bay, past Dunguire Castle



Continue through the [The Burren](#), with it's lunar landscape, of which one of Cromwell's generals wrote 'it is a country where there is not water enough to drown a man, wood enough to hang one, or earth enough to bury him'.

Visit the dramatic 650ft [Cliffs of Moher](#)

Later this afternoon [Shannon River Crossing by Ferry](#)

Continue on through County Kerry to Killarney passing Listowel and Tralee

Dinner & Overnight in [Killarney Towers Hotel](#)

Day 5 - Monday 09 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Tour the Ring of Kerry via Killorglin, Glenbeigh, Cahersiveen, and Waterville.

Stop in Waterville to see turf or peat being harvested.



Go through Coomakesta Pass with its magnificent views over Derrynane, home of Daniel O'Connell, known as "The Liberator".

Travel through Castlecove & Sneem, Moll's Gap, Ladies View, Killarney National Park and along the Lakes of Killarney.
Experience a sheepdog demonstration at a local farm



Dinner & Overnight in [Killarney Towers Hotel](#)

Day 6 - Tuesday 10 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Depart for Cork

Pass over the Cork/Kerry Mountains via the Irish speaking villages of Ballymakeery & Ballyvourney to the old market town of Macroom, where you will see Macroom Castle, once home of Sir William Penn, whose son was the founder of the state of Pennsylvania.

Travel on to the village of Blarney via the valley of the river Lee

Visit the [Blarney Castle](#)

Have the opportunity for shopping at Blarney Woollen Mills
Visit the Old Middleton Distillery and taste some Irish whiskey

Dinner & Overnight in [Imperial Hotel Cork](#) (4 star city centre hotel)

Day 7 - Wednesday 11 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Visit [The Rock of Cashel](#). This was the seat of kings and medieval bishops for 900 years and flourished until the early 17th century. Brian Ború was crowned King of Munster here in 977 and he became High King of Ireland in 1002.

In the afternoon visit [Cobh Heritage Centre](#)

In the evening experience a real Irish welcome as you stay in a Farmhouse B&B outside Kilkenny. Neighbouring farm families will host you this evening, giving you a good opportunity to interact with an Irish family and experience their daily life. Dinner and overnight - [Kilkenny Farm Houses](#)



All bedrooms have private facilities

Day 8 - Thursday 12 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Travel through Carlow and then over the Wicklow Mountains to Visit [Glendalough](#)

The steep wooded slopes of Glendalough, the “valley of the two lakes”, harbour one of Ireland’s most atmospheric monastic settlements. Sacked time and again by the Vikings, it nevertheless flourished for over 600 years.



Later in the afternoon visit the [Powerscourt Gardens](#), which are among the finest in Ireland, both for their design and for their dramatic setting at the foot of the Great Sugar Loaf Mountain.

Continue to Dublin

Dinner & Overnight in [Wynn's Hotel](#) (3 star city centre hotel)

Day 9 - Friday 13 July 2012

Breakfast & Dinner

Spend the day in Dublin

Depart on guided tour of Dublin city including visits to [St. Patrick's Cathedral](#), and [Trinity College](#), home to the Book of Kells. Our tour will include many of the city’s finest 18th century Georgian terraces & squares including Merrion Square, Dublin’s largest and grandest Georgian square

In the afternoon visit the [Guinness Storehouse](#) and enjoy a pint of Guinness in the Sky Bar followed by a free afternoon



Dinner & Overnight in [Wynn's Hotel](#) (3 star city centre hotel)

Day 10 – Saturday July 14th

Breakfast

Transfer to Dublin Airport for return flight home

Price per person sharing twin/double \$2998.00

Single Room Supplement = \$650.00 additional

Price includes:

Round trip airfare from Denver to Dublin (July 4 – 14, 2012)

9 Nights Bed and full Irish breakfast in named Hotels

9 Evening Dinners; All 3 Courses with choices on each course + tea/coffee

Experienced Driver/Guide for 10 days including all Driver/Guide gratuities

Luxury Air Conditioned Coach for 10 days

All visits and admissions listed on the itinerary including:

Strokestown House and Famine Museum

Kylemore Abbey & Gardens

Cliffs of Moher

Mountain Sheep Dog Demonstration

Blarney Castle

Cobh Heritage Centre

Old Midleton Distillery

Rock of Cashel

Powerscourt Gardens

Glendalough

St. Patrick's Cathedral

Trinity College & Book of Kells

Guinness Storehouse including complimentary pint

Not included:

Drinks except tea/coffee at dinner

Lunches

Trip Cancellation Insurance, which we strongly recommend, can be purchased for an additional \$150 per person.

Prices are subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment for your air-inclusive tour. Prices are not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increased government-imposed taxes or fees.