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## HIKING HOLIDAYS IRELANDS WESTERN WAY

Connemara, Aran Islands & Cliffs of Moher.

Ireland: land of contrasts! Rough and spectacular at some points, idyllic and peaceful in other places. The Cliffs of Moher mark the beginnig of your week along the green coast of Ireland. The walk along the coastline is one oft he most spectacular trails in the world. Then things get more peaceful on the Aran Islands. The setting sun brings a dreamy atmosphere to this small village in the bay of Galway. From here you continue on the Great Western Way where you experience Ireland at its best. Boggy landscapes, green hills and the Fjord of Killary Harbour as final destination of your hiking week in Ireland.

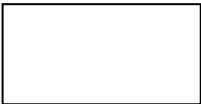


8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



# ITINERARY




DAY  
1

## Individual arrival in Doolin

DAY  
2

## Cliffs of Moher


The cliffs of Moher tower more than 120 metres over the west coast of Ireland. This coastal line makes the setting for your first hiking day. After a short transfer you will start your hike close to Liscannor. Your walk leads along the Cliffs of Moher Trail that leads along the coastline back to Doolin.

 approx. 5 h      approx. 12 km      450 m      500 m

DAY  
3

## Aran Islands

Transfer to the harbour and with the Ferry to Inis Mor, the biggest of the Aran Islands. Countless stone walls were built on this island to harvest the poor soil. Your walk leads past a seal colony to the ruins of Dún Aenghus (UNESCO world heritage site). When you arrive at the site the tourist busses have left already and you can take a close look at this spectacular fortress. Then you make your way back to Cill Rónáin.

 approx. 5 h      approx. 17 km      225 m      225 m





DAY  
4

## Aran Islands

The Aran Islands are known as the home of the Gaelic language and music. If you are interested in traditions, a lot can be discovered on this island. If you would rather enjoy the fresh air, rent a bike or put on your walking boots once again to discover the many other monuments and fortifications on the island.





DAY  
5**Oughterard - Maam's Cross**

You rise early to catch the first ferry back to the mainland. A transfer brings you from Ross a' Mhil to the starting point of your hike at Lough Boffin. You follow a trail through a colourful forest that ends on the shores of Lough Corrib. At the end of the lake a landscape typical for Connemara awaits you. Swamps, green hills and sparkling rivers make for an idyllic ending of this lake. At the end of the trail you will be picked up and be brought to Tiernakill valleyour accommodation.

 approx. 5.5 h     approx. 19 km     245 m     245 m





DAY  
6**Maam's Cross - Lough Inagh**

Short transfer back to the valley of Tiernakill. Today you walk towards the Maumturk Mountains. The way up to Maum Ean pass shows Connemara at its best. Endless green hills, myriads of sheep and a wonderful views are waiting today. Hundreds of years ago St. Patrik walked this trail as well and blessed the hills of Connemara from the top of Maum Eans pass. Today a small chapel, a celtic cemetery and a statue of St. Patrik mark this sacred site. From here you descend to the valley and walk towards the 12 Bens and Lough Inagh.

 approx. 5 h     approx. 16 km     395 m     345 m

DAY  
7**Lough Inagh - Leenane**

Trees are scarce in Ireland but today you walk through several forests. The landscape is varied. You leave the hills of Maumturk mountains and the 12 bens behind and walk through boggy forests towards Killary Harbour. At the end of Connemaras only Fjord Leenane is waiting for you. This idyllic coastal village is the ending point of todays hike.

 approx. 5 h     approx. 15 km     165 m     225 m

DAY  
8**Departure or extension**



# TOUR CHARACTER

You must not have vertigo when walking the Cliffs of Moher coastal trail. For the other legs you need to be in a good shape for hikes up to 20 kilometres. Surefootedness is needed for the descent from Maum Ean Pass.





PRICES & DATES

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: DOOLIN

Season 1	Season 2
06.04.2024 - 26.04.2024   28.09.2024 - 13.10.2024   Arrival daily	30.03.2024 - 05.04.2024   27.04.2024 - 27.09.2024   Arrival daily

Ireland’s Western Way, 8 days, IR-COWDL-08X

Base price	1'269.-	1'399.-
Surcharge single room	519.-	519.-

Category: country hotels and B&B’s

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: DOOLIN

Season 1	Season 2
Apr 6, 2024 - Apr 26, 2024   Sep 28, 2024 - Oct 13, 2024   Arrival daily	Mar 30, 2024 - Apr 5, 2024   Apr 27, 2024 - Sep 27, 2024   Arrival daily

Doolin

Double room p. P.	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	99.-	99.-

Leenane

Double room p. P.	135.-	135.-
Surcharge single room	35.-	35.-

Prices per person in CHF

# SERVICES & INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned incl. breakfast
- Luggage transfer (from day 5)
- Transfers and ferry crossings according to programme
- Carefully elaborated route
- Detailed travel and tour documents 1x per room (German, English, French)
- Service hotline

### Note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Luggage transfer Aran Islands (with ferry crossings luggage needs to be taken autonomously)
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

### Optional:

- Organized transfer from Leenane to Westport, CHF 85.- per person, reservation required, payable on the spot. From Westport in 3.5 hours with the train to Dublin Heuston.

## Information

### Arrival/Departure:

- Airport Dublin or Shannon.
- Airport Dublin. Via Citylink-bus ([www.citylink.ie](http://www.citylink.ie)) to Galway, approx. 2.5 hours. Or from Dublin Heuston via train ([www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)) to Galway, approx. 2 hours. From Galway via bus ([www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie)) to Doolin, duration approx. 2 hours.
- Airport Shannon via bus and train to Doolin, approx. 2.5 hours.
- Organized transfer from Leenane to Westport available. Westport via train to Dublin Heuston, approx. 3.5 hours.

### Other important information:

- The distance travelled is approximate and may differ from the actual distance.
- Travel cancellation insurance, including travel interruption insurance is recommended.

# CONTACT & BOOKING

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.

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