

Ireland

WILD ATLANTIC WAY



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Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

Your next travel tale unfolds along Ireland's western coast, a stunning seaside stretch dubbed the Wild Atlantic Way, that brims with dazzling scenery, wonderful food and rousing music!

- ▶ Take in **Achill Island's majestic, untamed beauty**, from moorlands to verdant mountains to magnificent shoreline.
- ▶ Feel the animated pulse of life in **vibrant and colorful Galway**.
- ▶ Delight in romantic **Kylemore Abbey**, nestled along a lakeshore in Connemara.
- ▶ Explore **warm and welcoming Westport**, home to traditional music and Irish food at its best.
- ▶ Stand before weathered tombs over 5,000 years old in **Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery**.
- ▶ Marvel at the sensational, rugged, cliff-lined coastal scenery along Ireland's **Wild Atlantic Way**.



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friend as you delight in a quintessentially Irish experience based in charming, laid-back Westport along Ireland's magical western coast. For seven nights, you'll make your home in this friendly, flower-filled town of colorful shops, lively cafés, wonderful restaurants and cheery pubs humming with the stirring beat of classic Irish melodies.

From Westport, you'll set out to delve more deeply into the country's history and culture and to marvel at the spectacular scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way. In County Sligo, discover the glorious countryside that gripped the imagination of poet W.B. Yeats and wander among Stone Age tombs in an ancient cemetery. Admire Achill Island's beguiling, untamed landscapes and romantic Kylemore Abbey tucked amid the Connemara mountains. Relish the charm of Cong and Clifden, and in Galway, feel the city's lighthearted energy radiating along its medieval lanes.

In addition to all these engaging excursions, you'll enjoy the ease, camaraderie and value of group travel with opportunities to explore on your own. Ensure that you're a part of this marvelous Irish adventure by booking this experience today!

Yours at Carolina,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas".

Douglas S. Dibbert '70

President

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Achill Island's rugged coast





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland. 🇮🇪

Day 2 | Shannon, Ireland | Westport

Arrive in Shannon and transfer 🔄 to the Westport Plaza Hotel.

Discovery: Westport. Get to know your charming home base on a short walking tour.

Join your fellow travelers tonight in the hotel for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Achill Island

Enrichment: A Vision of Ireland. A local artist discusses how the country's great artists imbue their work with Irish culture and history.

Discovery: Ireland's Rugged Beauty.

Witness the untamed beauty of remote Achill Island and discover why the west coast is called the Wild Atlantic Way. Admire the verdant scenery of rolling mountains and peatlands, as well as the powerful waves crashing against the rocky cliffs. Visit the Deserted Village at Slievemore, a haunting reminder of Ireland's pastoral history, with more than 80 abandoned stone cottages.

Have lunch in the Achill Island village of Keel.

In Mulranny, learn how to make Irish coffee.

Sip your drink with a view of pretty Clew Bay.

Day 4 | County Sligo

Discovery: Sligo and William Butler

Yeats. Head northeast to County Sligo, known as "Yeats' Country," to discover the glorious



Above: Westport | Inset: Sligo

Irish countryside that so enthralled the legendary poet and Nobel Prize winner.

Discovery: Megalithic Ireland. Visit the intriguing Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery. With 30 surviving tombs, it is Ireland's largest Stone Age burial site. Contemplate what life must have been like for Ireland's ancient inhabitants as you gaze at monuments they constructed over 5,000 years ago.

Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Sligo town.

Enrichment: W.B. Yeats. Learn about the poetry of Yeats from a Yeats Society Fellow.

Revel in the breathtaking coastal scenery along the Wild Atlantic Way on a scenic drive to Mullaghmore. At Drumcliff Cemetery, pay a visit to Yeats' final resting place.

Day 5 | Westport

Discovery: Irish Folklife. At the County Mayo branch of the National Museum of Ireland, rural traditions come to life through exhibits about farming, trades, hunting, crafts,



Great Western Greenway

domestic life and more. Gain insights from a staff member and enjoy free time on your own.

Relax over a hearty lunch at a local pub.

Free Time: Set your own agenda this afternoon. Westport is filled with historic landmarks, locally produced goods, book stores and more! Don't miss the opportunity to stroll around to see the colorful shop fronts and savor the local ambience.

Discovery: Ireland's Music and Dance.

Explore artistic traditions during an interactive exchange about music and dance.

Day 6 | Galway | Cong

Discovery: Taste of Galway. This spirited city exudes a youthful energy, filled with live music, street performers and students from the National University of Ireland/Galway. Take a culinary walking tour to visit local artisans, such as chocolatiers, cheese makers and craft brewers, to sample their creations. Afterward, take in vibrant Galway on your own, exploring medieval cobbled streets, listening to the music of street performers and maybe even popping into a pub for a pint.

Discovery: Cong. Travel to Cong, the delightful village featured in the classic 1952 movie, "The Quiet Man," starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Then, meander in the splendid grounds of the Augustinian abbey, founded in the early 12th century.

Day 7 | Connemara

Discovery: Connemara. Today, appreciate why playwright Oscar Wilde described the beauty of Connemara as "savage." Marvel at



this starkly beautiful landscape shaped by ancient glaciers. See Croagh Patrick Mountain, where St. Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days, and the poignant National Famine Memorial.

AHI Connects: Glen Keen Farm. Watch frisky dogs expertly maneuver a flock of sheep during a demonstration at a family-owned farm. Then, enjoy a chat about sheep farming with a member of the family.

Visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th-century castle overlooking a tranquil lake, where you'll tour the house and garden and enjoy lunch. In the 1840s, Mitchell Henry, the son of a wealthy English cotton merchant with Irish origins, and his wife, Margaret, built a castle here after becoming enchanted by Connemara's beauty. In 1920, Benedictine nuns purchased the castle and established a convent and a girls' school, which graduated its last class in 2010.

Conclude your day in the town of Clifden, situated near the foothills of the Twelve Bens. Spend some free time browsing in the shops or relax in the bustling Market Square.

Day 8 | Westport

Free Time: Create your own adventure today! Hike the stunning countryside, take a harbor cruise or rent bikes for a leisurely ride along the Great Western Greenway.

This evening, share the highlights of your Irish adventure with your fellow travelers at a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner, featuring local dancers and musicians.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Westport, Ireland, at the first-class Westport Plaza Hotel.

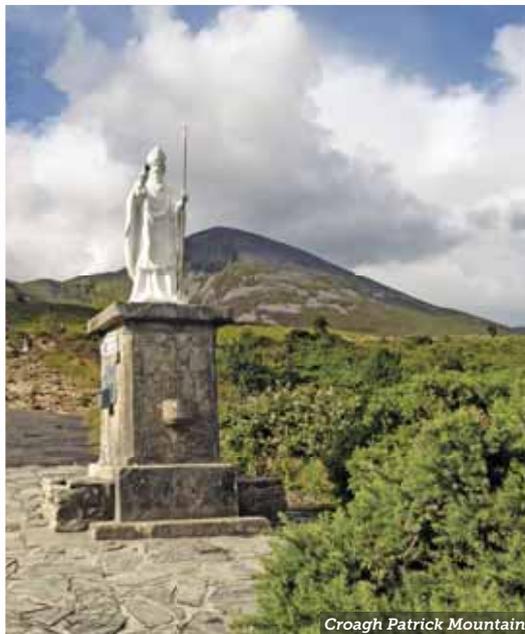
Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Tour the Georgian center of Westport.
 - Explore rural traditions at the National Museum of Ireland — Country Life.
 - Discover County Sligo and the renowned poet, William Butler Yeats.
 - Delight in scenic waterfront vistas on a drive to Mullaghmore.
 - Step back into the Stone Age at Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery.
 - Ponder Ireland's past at the Deserted Village at Slievemore on Achill Island.
 - Witness Connemara's striking beauty.
 - Watch a shepherding demonstration.
 - Admire majestic Kylemore Abbey.
 - Spend time in picturesque Clifden.
 - Sample tasty culinary treats in Galway.
 - Journey to the quaint village of Cong.

- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Croagh Patrick Mountain



Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to Shannon airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches



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AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL | WESTPORT



Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class hotel in the heart of Westport near the town's shops and restaurants. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.

Reserve your trip to Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way today!

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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State: _____ ZIP: _____

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Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Shannon, Ireland, to depart from:

Departure City

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **July 27, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$50 for singles, \$60 for couples) to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form. I understand that reservations will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated. I understand that the balance is to be paid 75 days prior to departure.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card # _____

Expires _____ / _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: October 10-18, 2020

Land Program dates: October 11-18, 2020

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,445	\$250	\$3,195

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights!

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- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.
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Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.



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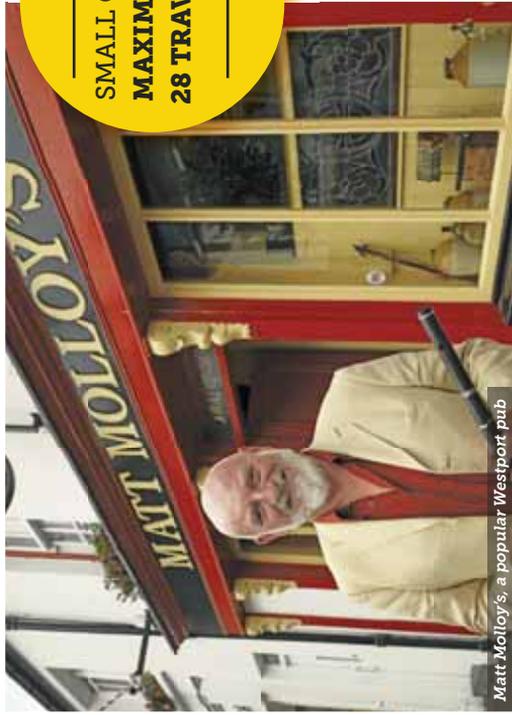
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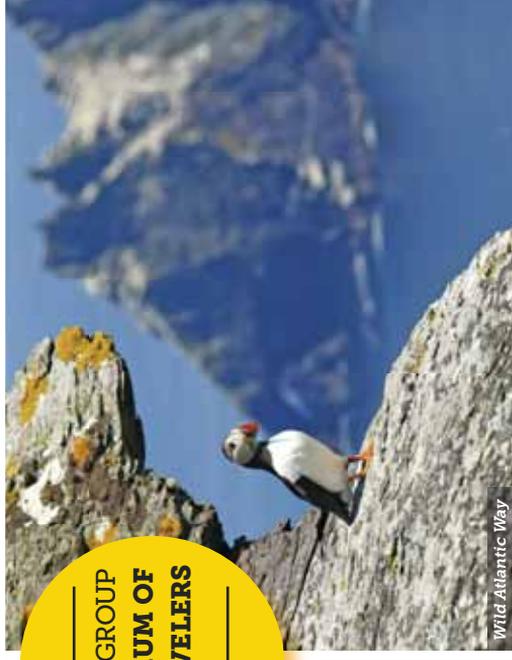
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Matr Molloy's, a popular Westport pub

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