



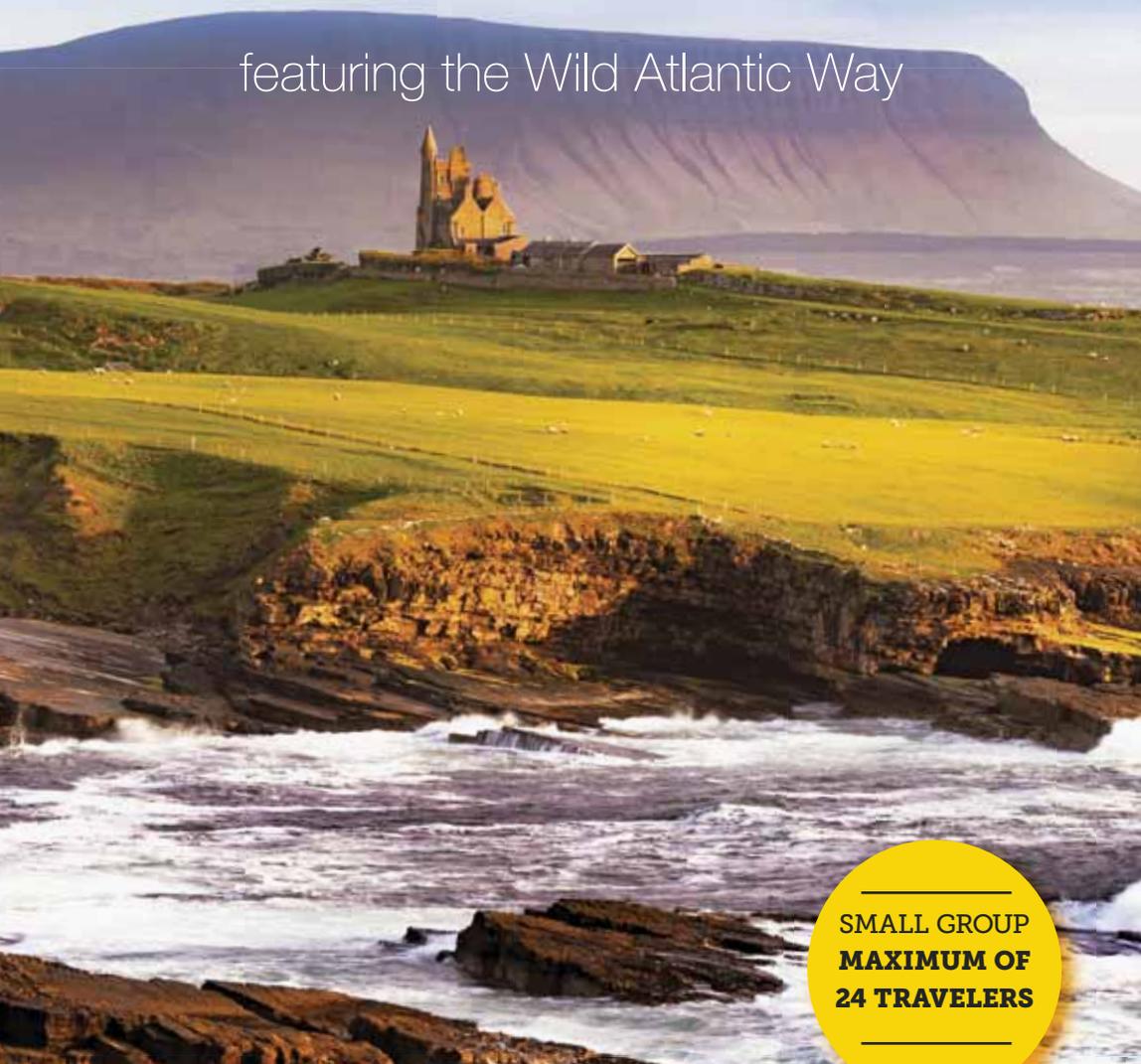
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Coastal Gems of the

Emerald Isle

featuring the Wild Atlantic Way



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May 29 – June 10, 2022

Accompanied by Professor Ritchie Kendall



A World of Discovery

Ireland's gorgeous coastal scenery of towering cliffs and ruggedly beautiful islands awaits you on this magical exploration of the Wild Atlantic Way and hidden gem County Donegal! Embrace the Emerald Isle's natural splendor, vibrant culture and warm welcome on this fulfilling journey!

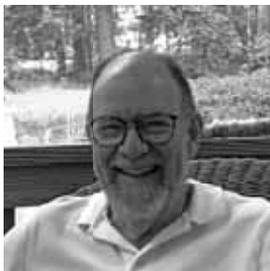
What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic local experiences, we deliver new insights and fresh perspectives to enrich your life.

The incomparable value of our journeys is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These outstanding professionals create a welcoming atmosphere and handle every last detail so you can focus on the wonder of the world before you. We also partner with the most knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

We invite you to turn the page on a remarkable new chapter with this AHI Journey for the Curious Traveler!

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the Wild Atlantic Way's sensational beauty at **the Burren and Cliffs of Moher**.
- ▶ Take in the wondrous **Slieve League** sea cliffs and **Giant's Causeway**.
- ▶ Tap your toes to a rousing **Irish music and dance performance**.
- ▶ Taste the best of Irish cuisine on a **Donegal food tour**.
- ▶ Explore Northern Ireland's historic walled city of **Derry-Londonderry**.
- ▶ Visit **Kylemore Abbey** and **Glenveagh Castle**, two 19th-century castles.
- ▶ Admire the craggy Atlantic Coast on an **Arranmore Island cruise**.
- ▶ Watch in delight as **talented dogs herd sheep** on a family farm.



Ritchie Kendall

Ritchie Kendall recently retired from UNC. While at UNC, he coordinated the selection of Honors Carolina students and was responsible for Honors course programming and extracurricular activities. He is an award-winning English professor who served as Director of Undergraduate Studies, Director of Graduate Studies, and Assistant Chair of the Department of English and Comparative Literature. His studies examines a range of emergent economic activity in London in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries as represented in the city comedies of Dekker, Heywood, Jonson, Middleton, and others. Changing modes and sites of production and distribution of goods, shifts in concepts of credit and exchange, and alterations in the patterns of accumulating and dispersing wealth are among the areas investigated. Dr. Kendall earned his undergraduate degree from Yale, and then master's and PhD degrees at Harvard.

Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Ireland's dazzling coastal beauty takes center stage on this heart-warming, 11-night journey that includes less explored County Donegal and Northern Ireland. Explore the Wild Atlantic Way, including the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher and the fossil-laden limestone terrain of the Burren. Feast your eyes on the starkly beautiful islands of Inishmore, Achill and Arranmore. Amid Connemara's glacier-carved landscape, watch lively dogs herding sheep on a family farm. In pristine County Donegal, take in awe-inspiring Slieve League, Ireland's highest sea cliffs, and taste Donegal's delectable food on a culinary tour. From there, journey into Northern Ireland to discover the walled city of Derry-Londonderry and Giant's Causeway, an eye-catching natural wonder. This well-rounded, small-group experience also features traditional Irish storytelling, music and dancing.

Along the way, expert lecturers and guides will share insights and historical context to help you fully appreciate your excursions. You'll also 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 reserving today.

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert '70

President

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Kylemore Abbey, Connemara



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Republic of Ireland. 🌐

Day 2 | Shannon, Republic of Ireland | Ennis

Arrive and transfer 🚗 to the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis. Later, join your Travel Director for a short stroll in this lively market town.

Gather for tonight's Welcome Reception and Dinner featuring local dancers and musicians.

Day 3 | Ennis

Enrichment: Irish Seanchaí. Ireland's premier folklorist/seanchaí, Eddie Lenihan, tells classic tales of folk heroes, myths and the supernatural.

Discovery: The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher. Revel today in the Wild Atlantic Way's dramatic coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. Start with

an exclusive guided walk across the Burren, one of the world's most striking landscapes, as local expert Tony Kirby shares fascinating insights about this karstic limestone plateau. After a pub lunch nearby, travel to the iconic Poulabrone, a stark limestone portal tomb built between 2500–2000 B.C. Next, drive along the coastline to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, and enjoy the panoramic views.

Day 4 | Aran Islands

Discovery: Aran Island of Inishmore. Ferry across Galway Bay to explore this scenic island where Gaelic is the first language. The largest of the Aran Islands, it also features a karst limestone landscape. Explore the island on a minibus as your local guide shares stories about the island's past and life today. Stop at a family-run business that hand-harvests edible seaweeds and sample



Poulabrone dolmen, Burren



Inishmore, Aran Islands



Dun Aengus

this ancient food source. This area is also known for its Bronze Age stone forts. See the most famous, Dun Aengus, before enjoying lunch.

Day 5 | Galway | Westport

After breakfast this morning, depart for Westport.

Discovery: Galway. Delight in this spirited city's colorful, medieval lanes buzzing with music and street performers. On a guided stroll, see Eyre Square, Galway Cathedral and other highlights. Check in to the Westport Plaza Hotel.

Discovery: Westport. Get to know this lovely Georgian town near Clew Bay on a walking tour.

Day 6 | Achill Island

Enrichment: A Vision of Ireland. A local artist/art historian reveals how Irish history and culture have been translated on to canvas.

Discovery: Achill Island. This island's untamed scenery of rocky headlands, sheltered beaches and peatlands has long inspired writers and artists. Visit the Deserted Village of Slievemore with more than 80 abandoned stone cottages, a moving testament to the effects of the Great Famine. Later, after lunch in the village of Keel, learn how to make an authentic Irish coffee.



Westport

Day 7 | Connemara

Discovery: Connemara. Today, take in this brooding, sweeping terrain of rugged mountains and windswept bogs that writer Oscar Wilde called a "savage beauty." Stand at the base of mighty Croagh Patrick, deemed Ireland's holiest mountain and a popular pilgrimage site, where St. Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days in 441 A.D. Continue to romantic Kylemore Abbey, a 19th-century castle overlooking a serene lake. Find out about the love story behind its creation as you tour the restored rooms, the Victorian gardens and the tiny church. Enjoy lunch on-site.

AHI Connects: Glen Keen Farm. Observe border collies expertly maneuvering a flock, and hear about their training and sheep farming.

Day 8 | County Sligo | Donegal | Slieve League | Rathmullan

Discovery: County Sligo. In "Yeats' Country," discover the glorious countryside beloved by the great Irish Nobel poet laureate William Butler Yeats, and visit his grave at Drumcliffe Cemetery in the shadow of splendid Benbulbin mountain, the setting of one of his last poems.

Free Time: Stop in quaint Donegal for some free time and lunch on your own.



Achill Island



Discovery: Slieve League. Spectacular vistas await you atop the highest accessible sea cliffs in Europe! Gaze out across stunning Donegal Bay, and take note of alpine flora and fauna on a guided walk along the footpath.

Check in to the Rathmullan House.

Day 9 | Arranmore Island | Donegal

Discovery: Arranmore Island Sea Safari.

Embark on a wonderful boat tour around this island off coastal Donegal. See fishing villages, local landmarks, marine life and seabirds while learning about the area's seafaring history.

Discovery: Donegal Food Tour. Meander through County Donegal's small towns and villages to savor an exciting food scene driven by up-and-coming chefs serving authentic dishes with innovative twists.

Day 10 | Glenveagh National Park

Discovery: Glenveagh National Park.

Surrounded by the Derryveagh Mountains, this remote park is a pristine wilderness of lakes, woodlands and rocky hilltops. On the shores of Lough Veagh sits stately Glenveagh Castle, which was completed in 1873. Delve into its story on a guided tour, followed by free time in the lovely gardens and lunch on the grounds.



Croagh Patrick Mountain

Discovery: Glebe House & Gallery. Visit the former home of Derek Hill, a famed portrait and landscape artist. Full of character, this intimate house is packed with an eclectic art collection and decorated in William Morris textiles.

Discovery: Leo's Tavern. Sip an Irish coffee and relax in this famous pub owned by present and former members of the band Clannad, including Enya and Moya Brennan.

Day 11 | Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland | Giant's Causeway | Glaslough, Republic of Ireland

This morning, check out of the hotel and journey into Northern Ireland.

Discovery: Derry-Londonderry and Giant's Causeway. On a guided walk, discover vibrant Derry's highlights. See the impressive defenses of its 17th-century walls lined with cannons and learn why it's also known as Londonderry and Doire. After a break for lunch in Derry, travel to the curious natural wonder, Giant's Causeway, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Hear the legend of Finn McCool and marvel at the otherworldly,



Guild Hall, Derry-Londonderry



Giant's Causeway

UNESCO Global Geopark

Burren & Cliffs of Moher Global Geopark

UNESCO World Heritage

Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast

interlocked basalt columns left behind by a giant or an ancient volcanic eruption.

Check in to The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate.

Day 12 | Glaslough

Free Time: One of Ireland's last great castle estates still in the hands of its founding family, Castle Leslie rests on 1,000 acres of sparkling lakes and ancient woods. Spend your final day relishing this idyllic setting. Find the perfect spot for a picnic lunch, go fishing on Glaslough Lake, or enjoy the estate's other amenities.

Tonight, end your Irish adventure on a high note as you share in a Farewell Reception and Dinner with your fellow travelers on the estate.

Day 13 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Dublin 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 or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches and boats



Castle Leslie

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally situated for exploring acclaimed landmarks while also providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Old Ground Hotel | Ennis



Westport Plaza Hotel | Westport



Rathmullan House | Rathmullan



The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate | Glaslough



Coastal Gems of the Emerald Isle

Trip #:6-27329W

Call the Tar Heel Travel Office at 877-962-3980 to reserve your place (preferred registration method).

Please be prepared to provide the information below while on the phone.

You may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

Send to The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association
Attn: Travel Office, P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660
Toll Free: **877-962-3980**

Your 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 _____

I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

_____ Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$735 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Shannon, Republic of Ireland, with a return from Dublin, to depart from:

_____ Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 15, 2022** (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.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 29 – June 10, 2022

Land Program dates: May 30 – June 10, 2022

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$5,245	\$250	\$4,995

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$395 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 accommodations are an additional \$735 (limited availability).

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Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

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For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

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- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
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- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
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INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **3 nights** in Ennis, County Clare, at the first-class Old Ground Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Westport, County Mayo, at the first-class Westport Plaza Hotel.
- **3 nights** in Rathmullan, County Donegal, at the first-class Rathmullan House.
- **2 nights** in Glaslough, County Monaghan, at The Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate, a first-class property.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 5 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

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Delight in an Irish music and dancing show.
 - Listen to the tales of an Irish storyteller.
 - Marvel at the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren.
 - Cruise to Inishmore, the largest Aran Island.
 - See Galway and Westport on guided walks.
 - Ponder Ireland's past on Achill Island.
 - Admire Kylemore Abbey in Connemara.
 - Enjoy a sheepherding demonstration.
 - Soak up the wild splendor of County Sligo.
 - Be awed by the Slieve League sea cliffs.
 - Take a fun cruise around Arranmore Island.
 - Sample Donegal's delicious cuisine on a tour.
 - Visit Glenveagh National Park and its castle.
 - Tour an artist's home and visit a famous pub.
 - Explore walled Derry-Londonderry and Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **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.



Sheep farm visit

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're 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** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
 - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local 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, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



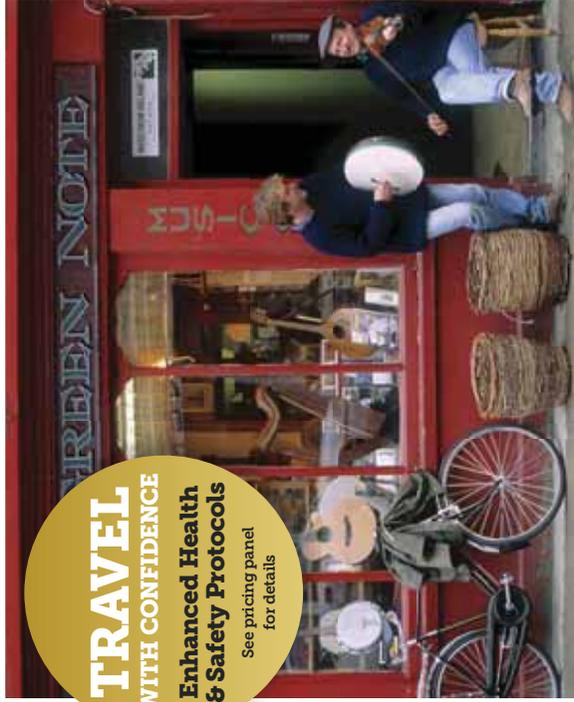
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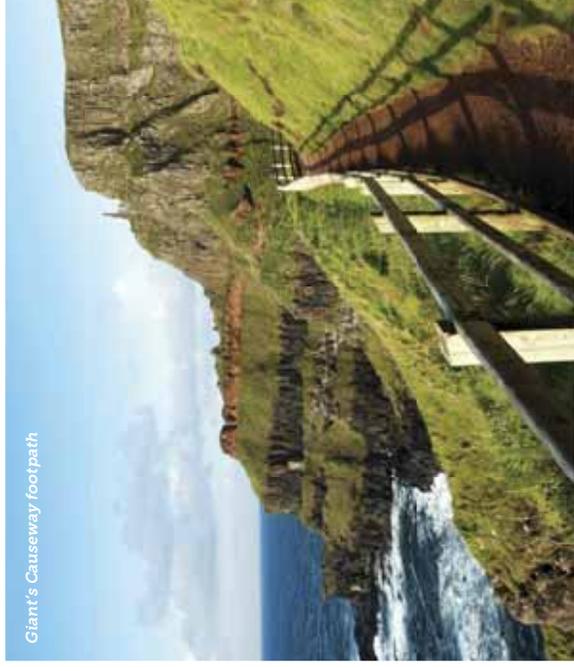
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Giant's Causeway footpath



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