



NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT for Solo Travelers

Western Gems of the Emerald Isle

Ennis & Mallow

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Soak up the spectacular panorama of the Wild Atlantic Way at **the Burren** and **Cliffs of Moher**.
- ▶ Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast along the **Loop Head Peninsula**.
- ▶ Get a taste of classic Irish culture on the unspoiled **Aran Island of Inishmore**.
- ▶ Savor farm-fresh dishes at a memorable dinner on a **country estate**.
- ▶ Enjoy an intimate, entertaining session of **traditional music in a private home**.
- ▶ Admire the atmospheric **Rock of Cashel**, the majestic seat of ancient kings.
- ▶ Celebrate **Ireland's creative spirit**, from stirring music and dance to renowned poetry and prose.
- ▶ Take in picturesque Lough Derg and the River Shannon on a **relaxing cruise**.
- ▶ Experience a **UNESCO Global GeoPark**.



Irish musician

Come along on a grand adventure through western Ireland brimming with warm hospitality, cherished traditions and glorious beauty that touches the soul! Gaze across the windswept splendor of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Island of Inishmore, plus behold iconic ancient monuments. Ireland's illustrious literary heritage also springs to life as you discover sites that inspired the great William Butler Yeats. Plus, indulge in delectably fresh cuisine and feel your spirits lifted by heartwarming music! This wonderfully enriching journey features six nights in the charming town of Ennis and two nights on a stately country estate in Mallow.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Shannon, Ireland. ✈

Day 2 | Shannon, Ireland | Ennis

Transfer 🚗 to the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis.

Discovery: Ennis. Take a guided walk in this lively market town and hear about its history and folklore. Tonight, delight in a Welcome Reception and Dinner, capped off by music and dancing by local performers!

Day 3 | The Burren | Cliffs of Moher

Enrichment: History of Ireland and County Clare.

Discovery: The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher. Take in these marvelous natural wonders that sit on the Wild Atlantic Way, the sensational western coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the world's most unique landscapes, the Burren features a rocky plateau of karstic limestone formations and diverse flora. Join expert Tony Kirby for an exclusive guided walk rich in geological, archaeological and botanical insights. Refuel with lunch at a family pub and then learn about hurling, the intrinsically Irish field game that's been played for thousands of years, at a nearby museum. Next, see the portal tomb, Poul nabrone, and revel in the dramatic Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet over the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 4 | Coole Park | Thoor Ballylee

Enrichment: Ireland's Treasured Literature.

Discovery: In the Footsteps of Yeats. The acclaimed Nobel poet laureate William Butler Yeats was profoundly moved by the serene settings and wildlife within the idyllic woods of Coole Park. Stroll with your guide to see the old copper beech where he and other literary notables carved their initials. Then, delve more into Yeats' life and poetry while visiting Thoor Ballylee, the imposing, 14th-century tower house by a river that became his treasured summer writing retreat.

Free Time: Explore Ennis on your own this afternoon.



Day 5 | Loop Head Peninsula

Enrichment: Irish History and Genealogy. At the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center, a local expert will relate the story of Irish emigration to the United States and offer tips on researching your own family tree.

Discovery: Loop Head Peninsula. Soak up the untamed cliffside scenery on either side of you as you head to the tip of this headland that juts out between the Atlantic Ocean and the Shannon estuary. Relax over lunch before touring the Loop Head Lighthouse.

Day 6 | Birr Castle Demesne | Killaloe

Discovery: Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center. Take a fascinating look at technology that was once state-of-the-art at this 400-year-old castle. From 1845 to 1914, it was home to the world's largest telescope, credited with significant discoveries and considered an important piece of astronomy history. See this massive telescope, learn about other scientific innovations made here, and admire magnificent trees and rare plants.

Discovery: Killaloe and Lough Derg Cruise. Sit down for a delicious lunch in Killaloe before embarking on a pleasant cruise on Lough Derg and the River Shannon. Take in lovely views of counties Clare and Tipperary! Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town.

Day 7 | Inishmore | Doolin

Discovery: Aran Island of Inishmore. Drive to Doolin and then ferry across Galway Bay to the largest of the Aran Islands. As you explore Inishmore on a minibus, your local guide will share entertaining stories about life on this starkly beautiful island, where Gaelic is the first language. Meet a family that hand-harvests edible seaweed, an often-forgotten ancient food source, and try some samples. Next, see cliffside Dun Aengus, the most famous of the Aran Islands' Bronze Age forts, and enjoy lunch prior to your ferry back to Doolin.

Discovery: Doolin. In Ireland, the village of Doolin is synonymous with music due to the many musicians who reside here. Be welcomed into a musician's home for a session of traditional songs and a glass of wine.

Day 8 | Adare | Mallow

Check out of the hotel and depart for Mallow.



Discovery: Adare. On your way, visit this pretty village, established in the 13th century and lined with thatched-roof cottages, colorfully painted shops and cozy pubs. Take a guided walk, then meander on your own at leisure before rejoining your group for a tasty lunch.

Continue to Mallow, and check in to Longueville House, a family-owned hotel in a 300-year-old Georgian country house on a 400-acre estate.

AHI Connects: Field to Fork Dining. Meet the owners who will discuss how they revitalized the farm, gardens and orchard to realize their farm to table vision. Enjoy afternoon tea and an exceptional dinner prepared by the chef-owner with homegrown ingredients.

Day 9 | Rock of Cashel

Discovery: Rock of Cashel. This remarkable site above the Tipperary countryside boasts impressive medieval church ruins and an intriguing past as the stronghold of the Kings of Munster. See its grandeur on a guided visit.

Free Time: Pursue your own interests on the estate. At tonight's Farewell Dinner, celebrate your adventure!

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the airport in Shannon for the return flight to your gateway city.

Included Features

Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- 6 nights in Ennis, Ireland, at the first-class Old Ground Hotel.
- 2 nights in Mallow at the first-class Longueville House.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- A Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions.

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