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*Céad Mile Fáilte!*

## Ireland

### Sample 5 Nights Galway City

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## OVERVIEW

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<b>Morning</b>	Arrivals to Shannon Airport  Cliffs of Moher Visit  Travel through The Burren National Park	Interactive Galway City Walking Tour  1st Stop for Scones with Sean Nos Dancer demonstration  2nd stop for Irish Coffee Demonstration	Travel to The Aran Islands by boat  Panoramic tour followed by walk of Dún Aonghasa	Connemara Tour  Visit to Dan O' Haras Farm	Departures
<b>Lunch</b>	Moran's Oyster Cottage	The Dail Bar	Joe Watty's Restaurant and Pub with Irish Ballad Singer	Fennel Seed Restaurant	
<b>Afternoon</b>	At Leisure	Gaelic Games	Return by boat	Kylemore Abbey	
<b>Evening</b>	Pullmans Restaurant	Galway dine around	Kirwans Lane Restaurant	Farewell Gala at your hotel	
<b>Overnight</b>	Glenlo Abbey	Glenlo Abbey	Glenlo Abbey	Glenlo Abbey	

### DAY 1 - ARRIVALS, CLIFFS OF MOHER, DINNER AT PULLMAN RESTAURANT GLENLO ABBEY

Arriving into Shannon Airport you will be met by your guide. Our journey today will take us North along the Wild Atlantic Way to the spectacular **Cliffs of Moher**. The Cliffs of Moher are some of Europe's highest sea cliffs and amongst the most impressive coastlines in the world. The crowning glory of the Clare coastline, like a viewing platform for prehistoric giants who wish to peer over the edge of Europe, the cliffs provide an unrivalled view across the vast boiling wildness of the Atlantic Ocean, a world unchanged since the pre-Celtic masters of magic, the Tuatha Dé Danann ruled Ireland.

Continuing on, we will drive through The Burren, a karst-landscape region or alvar. The Burren is one of the largest karst landscapes in Europe and spreads over 250 square kilometers. The word "Burren" comes from an Irish word "Boireann" meaning a rocky place. This is an extremely appropriate name when you consider the lack of soil cover and the extent of exposed Limestone Pavement. Enjoy lunch at **Morans Oyster Cottage seafood Restaurant**, a World Famous Seafood restaurant with a traditional thatched cottage that dates back over 250 years. In the 1800's it did a flourishing trade when the Weir was a prosperous little port. Today, thanks to the tremendous upsurge of interest in Seafood, Moran's is a must for anybody with an interest in sampling the crustaceous delights of Galway Bay.

On arrival to your hotel you will be greeted with a staff line up and a Piper Welcome. Check in and freshen up before enjoying the most unique dining experience in Galway at Pullman Restaurant. Step back in time and dine aboard the Orient Express at Glenlo Abbey Hotel.



## DAY 2 - GALWAY CITY TOUR, DINNER AT MORAN'S OYSTER COTTAGE

**Galway City** is an ancient city, full of rich cultural heritage combined with stunning beauty which creates a wonderful destination. Galway is known as the festival capital of Ireland and the Gaelic Capital of Ireland. Galway is home to some of Ireland's largest festivals and has a year round packed events calendar. There are nearly 7000 Irish speakers in Galway city, nearly 10% of the population. Galway city has a reputation amongst Irish cities for being associated with the Irish language, music and song, and dancing traditions.

You will be split into two groups for a **walking tour** of this medieval city with interactive stops along the way. Enjoy lunch followed by a free afternoon to explore the city.

This evening **dine around of Galway City**.



## DAY 3 - ARAN ISLANDS AND DINNER IN GALWAY CITY

In Galway Bay, lie three rocky limestone outcrops that make up **the Aran Islands**. They are a bastion of traditional language, culture and music, unique in their geology and archaeology and unrivalled in their potent sense of history.

Each of the three islands, Inis Mór, Inis Meáin and Inis Oírr have their own distinct atmosphere and character, but the dramatic landscapes and endless sea form a backdrop to a labyrinth of meandering stone walls and tiny, tightly packed fields. In between, a network of narrow winding roads and grassy lanes sweep from pristine beaches and craggy shores to the dizzying cliffs that mark the edge of Europe. **Dún Aonghasa** is the most famous of several prehistoric forts on the Aran Islands. Dún Aonghasa is perched spectacularly on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean; this is the largest of the prehistoric stone forts of the Aran Islands. It is enclosed by three massive dry-stone walls and a "chevaux-de-frise" consisting of tall blocks of limestone set vertically into the



ground to deter attackers. Today you will explore the magical island of Inis Mór as you journey to Dún Aonghasa with a local guide. Of course no visit to the island is complete without a music session in one of the local pubs.

This evening transfer to Galway City for dinner. Close to Shop Street and most central attractions in Galway, Kirwans Lane Restaurant is located in the heart of the medieval centre of Galway in the historical Kirwan's Lane, which still exhibits a strong presence of 16th and 17th century architecture. Owner Mike O'Grady opened the two-floor restaurant in 1996, soon after the lane was restored from its derelict state. They offer modern Irish food prepared with quality fresh local produce. Their speciality is seasonal seafood, but diners have plenty of choice, from meat to vegetarian dishes. After Dinner choose to take the first return coach home or sample some of Galway's lively pubs with a visit to The Quays Bar.



#### DAY 4 - CONNEMARA TOUR AND DINNER AT FAREWELL DINNER

Today we will travel out into the Wild West of **Connemara**. Immerse yourself in the Connemara culture. From the rugged Twelve Bens mountain range in the north through lake-rich Roundstone Bog to the golden beaches reaching out into the Atlantic Ocean, you'll know you're in Connemara by the light that constantly changes the mood and tone of the landscape.

First stop today will be the restored **pre famine cottage of Dan O' Hara** who was forced to emigrate in the 1840's when he was evicted from his home. You will get to see many traditional farming methods such as turf cutting and bread making. Here, Nora and Martin offer you a C ad M ile F ilte to Connemara. Martin's family has been farming in Connemara for 5 generations. Martin, your guide at the center, will take you back in time with stories from the mid 1800's, in front of an open fire.



Continue on through Connemara taking in the spectacular views. Take a quick stop at **Kylemore Abbey**. Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden Originally built as a Castle in 1867 as a romantic gift, Kylemore Abbey and the surrounding mountains and lakes are steeped in history. Learn of tales of tragedy, romance, engineering initiatives and royal visits. It became home to a community of Benedictine Nuns in 1920 and has been renowned as a place of spirituality and education. The story of Kylemore – both Castle and Abbey – is a truly remarkable one. The twists of fate which have marked its history at crucial moments from its beginning to the present day combine to create a colourful and moving history.

Tonight's farewell **Gala Dinner** will take place at Glenlo Abbey with very special entertainment. Performers who have captivated audiences in extraordinary and ground-breaking productions such as "Riverdance", "The Chieftains" and "Lord of the Dance" have gathered on one stage to present an unforgettable entertainment experience . The music will touch your soul and the dancing will take your breath away. Showcasing the amazing talents of legendary trad musician Máirín Fahy, the featured soloist with Riverdance and The Chieftains and also features an outstanding array of World Champion Irish dancers. Tonight's show will be a truly remarkable experience .



## DAY 5 - DEPARTURES

Breakfast in your hotel. Check out and transfer to the Airport for departure.

