

Westport, Achill Island & The Wild Connemara



Departs: Sunday 8th June

Returns: Saturday 14th June

Only £989

Single supplement £239
All single rooms are double
or twin for sole use

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Carrick on Shannon visit
- Kylemore Abbey visit
- Westport Guided Tour
- Westport House & Gardens Guided Tour
- Achill island visit
- Galway visit



County Mayo is the heartland of traditional, rural Ireland and the town of Westport is not only acknowledged as one of the best places to live in Ireland but also as one of Ireland's most popular tourist destinations due to its charm and the warm Irish welcome offered to visitors. From Westport we explore the stunning scenery of Achill Island and discover the heritage of Westport House plus we have an opportunity to take in the Connemara National Park and enjoy a visit to the stunning Kylemore Abbey.

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing your local pick-up point today we make our way to Holyhead for the ferry across to Ireland. Leaving the ferry, we travel to our overnight hotel, the Westgrove Hotel, Clane, Co Kildare with one night dinner, bed and breakfast provided.

Day 2 After breakfast today we head first to Carrick on Shannon for lunch & free time before then making our way to Westport and the superb Wyatt Hotel with four night's dinner, bed & breakfast.

Day 3 This morning, we visit stunning Kylemore Abbey, the home of Benedictine Nuns since 1920, and one of Ireland's best loved attractions, set amongst the splendour of the Connemara landscape. The Nuns have restored the abbey, gothic church and beautiful 6-acre Victorian walled garden, which is divided in two by a mountain stream. There is also



a visitor experience that tells the story of the abbey through the generations. We have free time to explore and enjoy lunch in the stylish café.

After, we journey via the Wild Atlantic Way from Killary Fjord to Clew Bay passing the Aasleagh Falls into the Doo Lough Valley and further, making a stop to view the holy pilgrimage mountain of Croagh Patrick and the National Famine memorial.

Day 4 After a leisurely breakfast our tour guide will meet us at the hotel for a 1 hour guided gentle walking tour of Westport town. Our expert local guide will tell us all we need to know about Westport including fascinating facts on its history and culture, and we will get to hear all the insider information on the best places to visit - from the best pubs and Irish music to the best ice cream and hot chocolate! After the tour we take the coach the short distance to the nearby Westport House & Gardens, considered a national treasure. Here we discover over 300-years of history at Westport House in 'Ireland's Most Beautiful Home.' Its legendary beginnings date back to Pirate Queen of Connacht Grace O'Malley, whose castle forms the foundations of Westport House.

Day 5 A journey of scenic wonder today as we head for Achill Island. Rugged mountains and peat bogs combined with clean beaches and the crystal-clear waters of the famous Wild Atlantic Way. Our route takes us via Clew Bay, Granuaile's tower house and along Atlantic Drive to view the White Cliffs of Ashleam and Keem Beach, one of the most picturesque bays in Ireland.

Day 6 We depart Westport today and head to Galway for lunch and free time, before then making our way to the Osprey Hotel, Naas, for the night with dinner provided.

Day 7 An early departure this morning as we head to Dublin Port for the return ferry crossing with breakfast included on board the ship. On arrival in Holyhead, we continue our journey with suitable comfort stops en-route arriving back home early evening.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances

