Ireland WILD ATLANTIC WAY

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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.

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

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythms of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, brimming with spectacular scenery, wonderful food and rousing music!

Inspiring Moments

- 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.
- Visit romantic Kylemore
 Abbey, nestled along
 a lakeshore in the
 Connemara mountains.
- Explore warm and welcoming Westport, home to traditional music and Irish food at its best.
- Explore Stone Age 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.



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We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

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And that's the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like me, simply can't wait for your next travel adventure, I encourage you to register today for this or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

James A. Mazza '88 Associate Vice President for Alumni Affairs Cornell University 800-323-7373

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Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History



Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland. \bigstar

Day Two

Westport, Ireland

Upon arrival in Shannon, transfer to Westport and check in to the Westport Plaza Hotel.

Discovery: *Westport.* Get to know your new home base on a walking tour of the bustling town center along the Carrowbeg River.

This evening, meet your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception featuring a performance by local dancers and musicians, and then gather for a Welcome Dinner at the hotel.

Day Three Westport

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Enrichment: *Irish Folklife.* Delve into the traditions of rural life with a visit to the County Mayo branch of the National Museum of Ireland. Enjoy an engaging talk, then explore the exhibits that reveal the heritage of Irish trades, crafts, domestic life and more. Savor a delicious lunch in town.

Discovery: *Westport House.* Set within a parkland estate, this stately,18th-century manor house was built by the descendants of Grace O'Malley, the 16th-century Pirate Queen of Connaught, who followed in the footsteps of her father, a seafaring Gaelic chieftain. On a guided tour, step back in time as you wander through beautifully decorated period rooms.



Day Four

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Foxford | County Sligo

Discovery: Sligo and William Butler

Yeats. Head to County Sligo, known as "Yeats' Country," to discover the majestic countryside that so enthralled the legendary poet and Nobel Prize winner. Begin at one of Ireland's famous woollen mills, Foxford, established in 1892 by a Sister of Charity. See firsthand how craftspeople produce fine blankets, tweeds and other items using traditional techniques. Then visit Lissadell House, a grand Greek Revival manor built in the 1830s and the former residence of Constance Markievicz, an Irish nationalist and the first woman elected to the British House of Commons. Markievicz and her family entertained William Butler Yeats at Lissadell. Later, at Drumcliff Cemetery, pay a short visit to Yeats' final resting place. Enjoy a relaxing lunch break in Sligo town.



Enrichment: *W.B. Yeats.* The childhood summers Yeats spent in County Sligo resonated deeply with him. During a presentation by a Yeats Society Fellow, learn about the poetry and life of Yeats.

Discovery: *Megalithic Ireland.* Visit the otherworldly Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery, 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.

Day Five

Achill Island

Enrichment: *A Vision of Ireland.* A local artist and art history lecturer shares how Irish culture and history are portrayed in the works of the country's major artists.

Discovery: Ireland's Rugged Beauty.

Explore remote Achill Island, the largest island off Ireland's coast, noted for its magnificent, wild beauty and pristine beaches. Visit the Deserted Village at Slievemore, a haunting reminder of Ireland's pastoral history, with more than 80 abandoned stone cottages.

Try local specialties at lunch in the village of Keel on Achill Island.

In Mulranny, learn how to make Irish coffee and then sip your delicious drink while enjoying stunning views over Clew Bay.

Day Six

Connemara

Discovery: Connemara. Marvel at the





starkly beautiful landscape shaped by ancient glaciers that Oscar Wilde described as "savage." See Croagh Patrick Mountain, where St. Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days in the fifth century. Visit the familyowned Glen Keen farm for a sheepdog demonstration and chat about sheep farming with a member of the family. Continue to Kylemore Abbey, a romantic, 19th-century castle overlooking a beautiful lake, where you will tour the home and gardens. Originally built by a wealthy Londoner for his beloved wife, the castle was later purchased by Benedictine nuns in 1920. Conclude your day with a trip to the delightful town of Clifden and return via scenic Inagh Valley.

Day Seven

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Cong | Galway

Discovery: *Cong.* Journey to the picturesque village featured in "The Quiet Man," starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Meander in the splendid grounds of Cong's Augustinian abbey, founded in the early 12th century by Turlough O'Connor, High King of Ireland.

Discovery: *Galway.* This spirited city radiates energy with live music, street performers and students from the National University of Ireland/Galway. On a guided walking tour, explore its network of medieval cobbled streets. Discover more of Galway on your own during free time after the tour.

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Day Eight

Westport

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Free Time: Spend your final day at leisure. Hike Croagh Patrick, take a cruise to Clare Island, go fishing or rent bikes for a leisurely ride along the Great Western Greenway.

This evening, raise a glass and wish your fellow travelers "Sláinte" as you share in a celebratory Farewell Dinner.

Day Nine

In Transit

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

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

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B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



Elective experiences available at an additional cost

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

• Seven nights in Westport, Ireland, at the first-class Westport Plaza Hotel.

TRANSFERS

• Deluxe motor coach transfers during the land program, including baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

 Seven breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

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 streets of Westport.
 - -Study Irish culture at the National Museum of Ireland-Country Life.
 - -Visit Westport House and learn about the legendary pirate queen.
 - -Discover County Sligo and the renowned poet, William Butler Yeats.
 - -See traditional textiles being made at the Foxford Woollen Mills.
 - -Tour the elegant Lissadell House.
 - -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 frisky sheepdogs maneuver a flock during a herding demonstration.
 - -Admire the majestic Kylemore Abbey.
 - -Spend time in picturesque Clifden.
 - -Journey to the quaint village of Cong.
 - -Enjoy Galway's medieval charm.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
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- 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 quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



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April 17-25, 2018 April 18-25, 2018

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Price: USD \$895 per person, double occupancy; USD \$1,090 single occupancy

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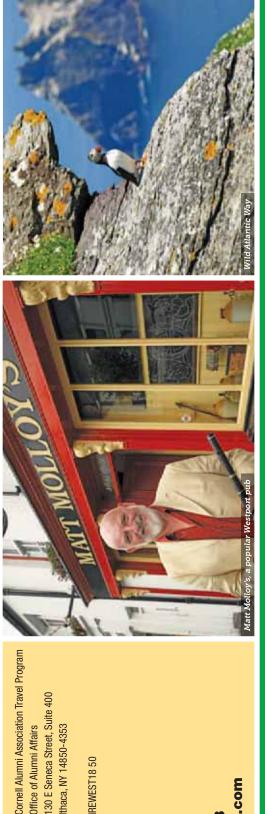


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