# Ireland 2026



## **Inishbofin Tour, 2026**

We will be staying in Ireland's most westerly Island Hotel. 4000 km of Atlantic Ocean worth of fresh air, with hundreds of acres of open spaces, pristine seas, breath-taking scenery, beautiful sunsets and silence! The island is small but there are many different walks and <u>activities</u> to explore. The most important activity of all is to slow down and be nourished by the wild Atlantic sea air and landscapes! <u>There will be no bus on the Island, we are on foot unless you rent a bike!</u> At your leisure, you can take a stroll on the island's official Looped Walks. These trails will lead you through stunning cliffs, and breathtaking coastal views. It's not just a walk; it's a chance to breathe in the fresh air, clear your head, and find some inner peace.

### 10 Nights: 6 May – 15 May (Dispersing morning of Sat 16th May)

<u>Park Inn</u>, Shannon Airport... Co Clare <u>Murray's Doonmore Hotel</u>, Inishbofin Island... Co Galway

First & Last Nights 8 Nights

\$3,400 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin) \$4,100 Per/Person (Single)

#### (Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

Check or money order only, payable to Mahog Music. (No credit card, sorry) Mahog Music: PO Box 1256, Talent, OR 97540 USA

Includes:10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Activities/Visits — Meal-tips.Excludes:Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — and Insurance.

Contact: Bronagh Keigher E-mail: <u>mahogmusictours@charter.net</u>

"Working Itinerary" Please note: all activities are weather permitting.

### Day 1 Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

 Activity As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the Park Inn, and check in under MAHOG MUSIC TOURS. At 6pm, we gather in the bar area for a Welcome Drink, prior to Dinner at 7.00pm
 Evening After Dinner: Evening free to relax and prepare for morning departure.
 Hotel Park Inn, Shannon Airport

### Day 2 Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Activity Today will leave for Inishbofin via a stop at Brigit's Garden in Rosscahill. All 4 Seasons are celebrated at Ireland's Award-Winning Celtic Gardens & Visitor Centre. (provided lunch at Brigit's garden)
 Evening After Dinner: Presentation by Tommy Burke, a 'Bofin native for an audio visual & chat.
 Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

#### Day 3 Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- Activity Explore the <u>Island</u>, looking for wildlife every step of the way from corncrakes and starlings to red clover and wild thyme. Along the hedgerows, among the sand dunes and on 'Bofin's beautiful seashore each day is different from the last on magical Inishbofin! (Independent lunch)
  Evening After Dinner: Showcasing a film about Inishbofin, 35min.
- Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

#### Day 4 Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

ActivityBoat trip around the Island for dolphin, whale, seal and bird watching.<br/>(Independent lunch)EveningAfter Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests 'Vinegar Bill'.HotelMurray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

### Day 5 Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- Activity This afternoon we will meet with ornithologist Cian Cardiff for a birdwatching walk. Inishbofin is a breeding area for many species of birds which can be viewed from a distance without causing distress to the breeding population. (Independent lunch)
  Evening After Dinner: Short Film "Death of an Island (*Inis Airc, Bás Oileáin*), Evacuation of Inishark in 1960" (35 mins)
- Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

## Day 6 Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Activity Continue the morning with Cian then an afternoon Guided walk on the island with archaeologist Michael Gibbons, the founder of the Clifden Hill Walking Club. Michael has also lectured Archaeology at Smithsonian's, Harvard, Sydney & Melbourne Universities. His special interests include Pilgrimage Mountains & Islands of Ireland.
 Evening Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

### Day 7 Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026

- Activity Depending on the weather and landing possibilities, we make the crossing to the neighboring island of Inishturk (approximately 45 min. journey). Inishturk is renowned for its' majestic cliffs and is regarded by many as the highlight of their visit. We will be in Michael Gibbons & Tommy Burke's company for a walk around the Island. (Provided lunch in the Island's community center)
  Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.
- Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

### Day 8 Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026

ActivityDay to explore the island.<br/>(Independent lunch)EveningAfter Dinner: concert featuring the Inishbofin Céili Band.HotelMurray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

### Day 9 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Activity This afternoon we will (weather permitting) we will take the rib boats out to <u>Inishark</u> in the company of local historian Tommy Burke. (Independent lunch)

- Evening After Dinner: Entertainment with James and special guests.
- Hotel Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway

#### Day 10 Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

ActivityWe depart Inishbofin for the Park Inn, Shannon Airport. On the way south we will have a<br/>leisurely stop in <u>Galway</u>, arriving back at the Park Inn late afternoon.<br/>(Independent lunch in Galway)EveningAfter Dinner, Men of Worth host a final concert program with Special Guests<br/>Andrew (accordion) Mark (fiddle) Brendan (Guitar & Vocals)HotelPark Inn Co. Clare

#### Day 11 Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Activity Breakfast is included, served between 6:30am and 10am. (Not as a group)

## This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You! You could plan to fly out of Shannon this morning...or make other plans.

Note: For purely logistical reasons it is a good idea to talk with Bronagh prior to the booking of flights, or additional time in Ireland. James (541) 941-9415 Bronagh (541) 326-6808 email:mahogmusictours@charter.net

For those staying an additional night, or nights, at the Park Inn before or after the tour. We can arrange Extra Night/s for you with the Park Inn at Shannon Airport. We will ask you in good time if extra nights are required and will make the reservations on your behalf. You don't need to contact the Park Inn; just show up with your

Card.

(The 2026 price for extra nights is not ready yet, we will let you know in good time). This arrangement is booked through Bronagh and James. Your credit card will not be required until you reach the hotel desk.

