



Sky Road Loop, Connemara

## ‘Galway & Connemara’ Tour, 2022

County Galway, with James Keigher and Donnie Macdonald

10 Nights: Sept 21<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30  
(Dispersing morning of 1<sup>st</sup> Oct)

<u>Park Inn at Shannon Airport...Co Clare</u>	1 Night
<u>Abbeyleen Castle Hotel, Connemara...Co Galway</u>	4 Nights
<u>Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill...Co Galway</u>	4 Nights
<u>Park Inn at Shannon Airport...Co Clare</u>	1 Night

\$2,950 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin))

\$3,450 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 — Ferries — Activities/Visits — and Meal-tips.**

**Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — and Insurance.**

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**Proposed Itinerary:** Weather in September can affect slight changes.

## **Day 1**      **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, 2022**

**Activity**      As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the Park Inn, and check in under **MEN OF WORTH TOUR**.  
**6.00pm**, we gather in the bar 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 (D. B)**

## **Day 2**      **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 2022**

**Activity**      Heading for Connemara, we will stop in Athenry for a break and a guided tour of the **Castle**. Athenry is the best-preserved medieval town in Ireland, retaining the upstanding remains of most of its original high-status buildings Free time for lunch and shopping in this Medieval town. On our way to the hotel we will stop at **Peacocke's** in Maam Cross for a break.  
(Independent Lunch, in Athenry)  
**Evening**      After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Hotel**          **Abbeyglen Castle Hotel, Connemara, Co Galway (D.B.)**

## **Day 3**      **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2022**

**Activity**      Today we visit **Kylemore Abbey**, then a circular tour through the rugged beautiful **Connemara** landscape, a place of contrasts, colours, and wilderness. On to Clifden for independent lunch.  
(Independent Lunch)  
**Evening**      After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth and guests**.  
**Hotel**          **Abbeyglen Castle Hotel, Connemara, Co Galway (D.B.)**

## **Day 4**      **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022**

**Activity**      Morning free in **Clifden** for shopping and lunch in the capital of Connemara. After lunch we meet up with renowned archeologist **Michael Gibbons**, for a journey on the western part of the Connemara Loop. Time with Michael is quality time indeed, as he has a rare talent for clarifying the past and how it relates to the present. We shall be on the bus listening to his commentary - a coastal drive through **Ballyconnelly** and **Roundstone**.  
(Independent Lunch)  
**Evening**      After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**  
**Hotel**          **Abbeyglen Castle Hotel, Connemara, Co Galway (D.B.)**

## Day 5 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Today we head for the picturesque village of **Cong**, famous for scenes from the movie *The Quiet Man*, which starred John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. We will also take a one hour history cruise on **Lough Corrib** - Step on board and join local historian and boat captain Patrick Luskin as he takes us on a fascinating journey through time. During the cruise we'll experience the breath-taking scenery of the surrounding Connemara Mountains and see Ashford Castle from the water. The Old Steamers Quay and views of Lord Ardilaun's Obelisk are highlights.

There will be time to explore the village and have lunch in Cong.  
(Independent Lunch)

**Evening** After **Dinner**, After **Dinner**, Evening at leisure.

**Hotel** **Abbeyglen Castle Hotel, Connemara, Co Galway (D.B.)**

## Day 6 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Depart for Salthill via **Brigit's Garden** in Rosscahill. All 4 Seasons are celebrated at **Ireland's Award-Winning Celtic Gardens & Visitor Centre**.

Then on to hotel.  
(Provided Lunch)

**Evening** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

**Hotel** **Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co Galway (D. B.)**

## Day 7 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Depart 9.00am for a 10.30am sailing to the **Aran Islands**. We drive along Galway Bay to the town of **Rossaveal** for a 35-min ferry journey to **Inis Mor**.

This visit will include a visit to **Dun Aengus Fort** and a guided tour of the island by van. Return sailing at 5.00pm. We arrive back at our hotel 6.30pm.

(Provided Lunch, on the Island)

**Evening** After Dinner, Evening at leisure.

**Hotel** **Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co Galway (D. B.)**

## Day 8 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Free day in **Galway City**. Ireland's most bohemian, musical, artistic, cultured urban space. The City of the Tribes has something to excite every type of visitor, its cobbled and winding streets a variety of great pubs, hip cafés, tasty restaurants, heaving music venues, art galleries and any other bastion of culture that one could imagine. The pedestrian sections are popular with street musicians, and entertainers.

(Independent Lunch, wherever you are)

**Evening** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

**Hotel** **Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co Galway (D. B.)**

## Day 9 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Depart for a leisurely drive south on Galway Bay to Co Clare and the Burren. We will visit the Aillwee Cave and bird sanctuary.  
(Independent lunch in Ballyvaughan)

**Evening** After **Dinner**, Entertainment with **Men of Worth**

**Hotel** **Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Co Galway (D. B.)**

## Day 10 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2022

**Activity** Depart 11am for the return drive to the Park Inn. En route, we will stop at the lake side village of Killaloe for lunch. We will then take an hour-long cruise on the River Shannon and Lough Derg aboard the Spirit of Killaloe.  
(Provided Lunch in Killaloe)

**Evening** After **Dinner**, **Men of Worth** host a final concert program with **Special Guests Andrew (accordion) Mark (fiddle) Brendan (Guitar & Vocals)**

**Hotel** **Park Inn, Shannon Airport (D. B.)**

## Day 11 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2022

**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 this morning...or make other plans.**

Note: For purely logistical reasons it is a good idea to talk with Donnie prior to the booking of flights, or additional time in Ireland.

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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. Donnie will ask you in good time if extra nights are required, and he will process and pass these requests on to James, who will make the reservations on your behalf. You don't need to contact the Park Inn; just show up with your Card.

**(The 2022 price for extra nights is not ready yet, we will let you know in good time).**

This arrangement is booked through James.

Your credit card would not be required until you reach the hotel desk.