



Croagh Patrick as seen from Rosbeg

Back to Westport, Inishbofin and Inishturk with James and Donnie.

‘Westport & Inishbofin’ Tour, 2023

10 Nights: 26 April – 5 May (Disperse morning of Sat 6th May)

<u>Park Inn, Shannon Airport... Co Clare</u>	1 Night
<u>Westport Coast Hotel, Westport... Co Mayo</u>	4 Nights
<u>Murray’s Doonmore Hotel, Inishbofin Island... Co Galway</u>	4 Nights
<u>Park Inn, 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)**

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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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Current Itinerary

Day 1 Wednesday, 26th April 2023

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the Park Inn, and check in under **MEN OF WORTH TOUR**.
Evening At 6pm, we gather in the bar area for a **Welcome Drink**, prior to **Dinner at 7.00pm**
Hotel After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.
Park Inn, Shannon Airport (D. B)

Day 2 Thursday, 27th April 2023

Activity Today will have a guided tour of [Ballintubber Abbey](#). Founded in 1216 by Cathal Crovderg O'Connor, this important sacred Irish historical site celebrated its 800-year anniversary in 2016. After the Abbey we will head to Westport town and on to hotel.
(Provided lunch)
Evening After **Dinner**, entertainment with Men of Worth.
Hotel **Westport Coast Hotel, Co. Mayo (D. B.)**

Day 3 Friday, 28th April 2023

Activity Today we will take a picturesque drive to Northwest Mayo. Our destination is [Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park](#), with several stops along the way. The park comprises of 15,000 hectares of Atlantic blanket bog and mountainous terrain, covering a vast uninhabited and unspoilt wilderness dominated by the Nephin Beg mountain range. Relax and enjoy the hospitality of Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre which houses an interactive exhibition, experienced guides, [Ginger & Wild Café](#) and the accessible Tóchar Daithí Bán Nature Trail.
(Independent Lunch)
Evening After **Dinner**, Concert featuring the return of [Vinegar Bill](#) a renowned folk/trad band.
Hotel **Westport Coast Hotel, Co. Mayo (D. B.)**

Day 4 Saturday, 29th April 2023

Activity **A free day in [Westport Town](#) for shopping etc...**
You may choose to climb 2,500ft [Croagh Patrick](#); This requires comfortable hiking boots! The bus will leave for the 15min journey to the base of the mountain from the hotel at **8:30am**. There is a gift shop, restaurant and public conveniences at the drop off point at the base. **The pathway to the top of Croagh Patrick is steep in parts and can be loose underfoot, it is advisable to take sturdy footwear, rainwear and some drinking water.** Climbing sticks are for rent at the Centre.
Good views of Clew Bay from the top, allow three hours up and two hours down.
8:30am depart for Croagh Patrick - 3pm for hotel.
(Independent lunch)
Evening After **Dinner**, Evening free in Westport town.
Hotel **Westport Coast Hotel, Co. Mayo (D. B.)**

Day 5 Sunday, 30th April 2023

Activity

Today we will visit **Tom Hennigan's Heritage Farm**. This is a favourite with our groups as we experience a hands-on guided tour of the historical life and times of Mayo from Tom himself. Later in the afternoon, we travel to James's hometown, **Charlestown**, for dinner and a concert with local musicians.

(Independent lunch)

Evening

After **Dinner**, Benefit Concert with local musicians.

Hotel

Westport Coast Hotel, Co. Mayo (D. B.)

Day 6 Monday, 1st May 2023

Activity

Today we leave Westport for Inishbofin. We will stop at **Kylemore Abbey** for a self-guided tour and lunch before journeying onward to the village of Cleggan and the ferry.

(Independent lunch)

Evening

After **Dinner**, Entertainment in the Function Room

Hotel

Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway (D. B.)

Day 7 Tuesday, 2nd May 2023

Activity

Today we will meet with wildlife Ranger **Dermot Breen** for a slide presentation and 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.

Free afternoon on the Island.

(Independent lunch)

Evening

After **Dinner**, entertainment with Men of Worth

Hotel

Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway (D. B.)

Day 8 Wednesday, 3rd May 2023

Activity

FREE DAY - Explore the **island**, 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! - Guided walk option with local guide **Tommy Burke**.

(Independent lunch)

Evening

After **Dinner**, concert featuring the **Inishbofin Céili Band**.

Hotel

Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway (D. B.)

Day 9 Thursday, 4th May 2023

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 **Tommy Burke's** company for a walk around the Island.

(Provided lunch in the Island's community center)

Evening

After **Dinner**, entertainment with **Men of Worth**

Hotel

Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway (D. B.)

Day 10 Friday, 5th May 2023

Activity We depart Inishbofin for the **Park Inn, Shannon Airport**. On the way south we will have a leisurely stop in [Clifden](#), arriving back at the Park Inn late afternoon.
(Independent lunch in Clifden)

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

Hotel **Park Inn Co. Clare (D. B.)**

Day 11 Saturday, 6th May 2023

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 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 2023 price for extra nights is not ready yet, we will let you know in good time).

This arrangement is booked through Donnie.

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