# A 2 Day Cultural Discovery in a UNESCO Global Geopark

WILD ATLANTIC WAY

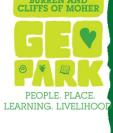
Whatever your interest, from archaeology to adventure, from geology to art and craft, there is something at the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark that will stop you in your tracks!!

## Day 1: Find the inspirational landscapes of The Burren

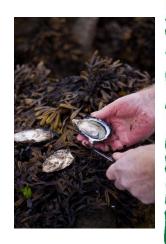
- Arrive in the Geopark along the Wild Atlantic way, stop in the village of New Quay and walk the **Flaggy shore** made famous by Irish poets Yeats and Heaney. Visit **Linnalla Ice-cream cafe** at the end of the shore and indulge in the sweet delights of this Burren Food trail producer.
- Drive a short 3 minutes to New Quay and get an inside look of an Oyster company holding and packing premises. You will receive an educational workshop into the biology of oysters, how they are farmed, how their environment influences their taste, and how we grade and pack our product for the domestic and export markets. Pre Booking necessary Red Bank Food Company +353 (0) 86 3718684
- Meet your Guide Pius of **Walk with Pius**, experience the rare karst landscape of the Burren. Reconnect with nature, while walking on limestone paths, through hazel groves and meadows rich with Burren flowers and plants. Tap into the Spirituality of a Landscape that goes back to Stone Age and Celtic times.
- Head to Lisdoonvarna and check into your Accommodation but do not go to bed until you visit the award winning Roadside Tavern, home of the smallest and most charming Burren Brewery, delight your taste buds with some Burren Smoke salmon and wash it down with a creamy glass of Burren Black while listening to some of the best life traditional Irish music. If beer is not for you enquire about Anam Coffee, roasted in the very first coffee Roastery of The Burren just a few Kilometres away!

### Day 2: Discover the mysteries of the past through the Archaeology and Built Heritage

- Begin your day in the village of Kilfenora, visit **the Burren Centre** an interpretive centre for the natural and cultural history of the Burren explore the medieval Cathedral and the greatest concentrations of high crosses in Ireland. Grab a light bite in the Centre tea room before your cycle
- Explore the **archaeology** from the comfort of an electric bike with local guide Janet from **E-whizz** Visit the iconic **Poulnabrone** dolmen along with lesser known ring forts and ancient cooking sites.
- Stop for lunch at **Burren Fine Wine and Food**, just a couple of Km outside Ballyvaughan before heading for **Caherconnell ring fort**, afterwards roam the fort and watch sheep dog demonstrations before travelling to Doolin.
- Arriving to Doolin visit The Ekotree studio, Ireland's only knitwear visitor centre & working knitwear studio where you will get a thorough insight into the daily workings of a designer-maker knitwear studio.















- Check into your accommodation and enjoy the best of Life Irish music at **Fitzpatrick's Bar in Hotel Doolin**!
- Before you leave the next day make sure to visit **Irish Craft Shop** in Doolin and take some memories home with you!

#### Accommodation in Doolin

- Seaview House: Offers a retreat from the hustle of everyday life. Open decks, pastoral and ocean views form a setting for relaxation or lively conversations +353 (0) 87 267 9617 www.seaview-doolin.ie
- Hotel Doolin: Consists of a boutique style hotel with deluxe bedrooms, Chervil Restaurant, Fitzpatrick's Bar, Stonewall Cafe & Pizzeria, The Piper's Chair Gift Shop and Gallery, outdoor garden courtyard and a Tourist Information Office.
   +353 (0) 65 707 4111 www.hoteldoolin.ie

#### Accommodation in Lisdoonvarna

- Ballinsheen House: Countryside peace and tranquillity yet only 5 minutes' walk from Lisdoonvarna +353 (0)65 707 4806 www.ballinsheen.com
- Boghill Centre: A refreshing change from a hotel or B&B, stay at this Eco retreat open all year around +353 (0) 65 707 4644 <u>www.boghill.ie</u>
- Sheedy's Hotel: a Four Star Hotel with an award winning restaurant receiving two Rosettes from AA for 14 years. It is family owned and managed. +353 657074026 www.sheedys.com

#### Accommodation in Ballyvaughan

 Hylands Burren Hotel: The hotel's relaxing atmosphere is matched by quality service which is what makes Hylands Burren Hotel so special

+353 (0) 65 707 7037 www.hylandsburren.com

- Hazelwood Lodge: This special family-run accommodation lodge prides itself on offering all visitors the warmest of welcomes and will assist you in every way possible in planning your stay +353 (0) 65 707 7092 <u>www.hazelwoodlodge.ie</u>
- Wild Atlantic Lodge: The Wild Atlantic Lodge has been extensively refurbished over the last two years. All of the bedrooms have been completely remodelled to a very high standard as have the Bar and Restaurant. +353 (0) 65 7077003 www.thewildatlanticlodge.com
- Gregans Castle: Experience the ultimate luxury hideaway, with it's myriad botanical, archaeological and cultural treasures and with breathtaking views across Galway Bay and the visually enchanting and unique Burren limestone landscape.
  +353 (0) 65 7077005 www.gregans.ie

#### Accommodation in Kilfenora

 Kilfenora Hostel: Stay in Kilfenora, one of the most historical and enduring Irish country villages in North Clare with comfortable, affordable accommodation.
 +353 (0) 65 708 8908 www.kilfenorahostel.com



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#### Accommodation in Ennistymon

 The Falls Hotel: Nestled in a wooded vale, surrounded by 50 acres of rolling countryside, with the River Inagh running along the perimeter, guests can enjoy riverside walks and kayaking, both available on site.
 +353 (0) 65 707 1004 www.fallshotel.ie



#### Accommodation in Kinvara

The Merriman Hotel: Is an iconic building being the largest thatched roofed structure in Ireland. The Merriman is a 32 bedroomed, three star hotel in heart of the village of Kinvara
 +353 (0) 91 638222 www.merrimanhotel.com

All the businesses listed on this itinerary are members of The Burren Ecotourism Network, by exploring the Burren with them you are not only creating amazing memories but you are also contributing to the conservation of our beautiful landscape.