

A Coastal Escape in a UNESCO Global Geopark



BURREN AND
CLIFFS OF MOHER



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The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark sits on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way. The Stunning coastline of dramatic cliffs, sea cave and inlets offer stunning views of the Aran Islands and Galway bay as well as a home to migrating seabirds.



Day 1: Drive the Wild Atlantic Way

- Arrive to the Geopark by the Wild Atlantic Way along the N67 Road and explore the beautiful **Flaggy Shore in New Quay**, walk along the Limestone pavement made famous by Yeats and Seamus Heaney.
- After an enlightening and exhilarating walk take a drive through the scenic landscape and discover **Aillwee Mountain** where you can explore the underworld of the Burren in the show **cave**, take a **walk with a hawk** or watch a **flying display at the birds of prey centre**, indulge your taste buds with smoky cheese and sweet fudge at the farm shop
- Before leaving Ballyvaughan grab a bit of lunch at **Burren Hylands Hotel**, where you will be met with a warm welcome, a seasonal Burren menu and the tranquillity to relive your morning.
- Continue your journey on the coast road stopping at **Fanore beach** to take in the sea air, take the walking trail to the top of blackhead, from here marvel in the **spectacular views** of the limestone coast and the open Atlantic.
- Journey onwards to the world famous **Cliffs of Moher**. Grab a bite in the cliff top **cafe**, explore the visitor centre, get a guided tour of the cliffs, and find out why the geology makes for a great nesting location for the thousands of seabirds that make the cliffs their summer home.
- Check into your accommodation before exploring the **coastal village of Doolin**. Enjoy a relaxing pint dinner and some traditional music at **Fitz's bar**, a Burren Food trail restaurant that champions local seafood.



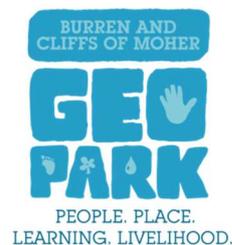
Day 2: Take to the Ocean



- Begin your morning by exploring the **Cliff Walk**, from Doolin to the Cliffs or from Liscannor to the Cliffs, depending on your level of fitness both sections of the walk are stunningly beautiful.
- After an exhilarating morning hiking head back towards the village of Doolin and stop for a light bite at **the Stone Wall Café in Hotel Doolin**, before grabbing a ferry to see the **cliffs of Moher from the sea** and marvel at their dramatic height. **Doolin Ferry and Doolin2Aran Ferries** depart from Doolin Pier every afternoon.
- Back on dry land, take a wander around **Doolin pier**, walk on limestone pavement, explore rock pools and search for fossils.
- Taking in the stunning views of the Aran Islands from afar book your dinner at **Stonecutter Kitchen**, a welcoming family-pub that boasts menus of home cooking with local and seasonal produce, before heading back to one of the Doolin Pubs, world famous for their traditional Irish Music sessions. If you are in the area on a Monday you can't miss the **Wild Atlantic Music session at Fitzpatrick's Bar**, every Monday all year around!



Day 3: Forage on the Seashores



- Enjoy a morning exploring the seashore from a different angle. Meet local guide Oonagh of **Wild Kitchen for a foraging walk**. Discover many edible types of seaweed, herbs, roots, flowers and fruits on this walk along the Burren shoreline followed by a wild food picnic lunch.
- Having worked an appetite head over to the quaint fishing village of Liscannor, discover the Liscannor Stone and **St Brigid's Well** and stop over for lunch at **Joseph McHughes Pub**, their menu is based on fresh local and Irish produce, with all fish and seafood platters sourced locally from the nearby fishing piers of Liscannor and Doolin.
- Meet local Guide **Marie of Burren Experience guided walks** for an enlightening and inspirational walk of the karst limestone pavement that makes this wonderful landscape.
- Drive inland back to the village of Lisdoonvarna and visit **the Burren Smokehouse**, where 10,000 salmons come through door every year to produce 50 tonnes of delicious food, you can visit the smokehouse and learn how the fish is smoked. If you're lucky you might even get to meet and chat with Peadar Reilly, the master smoker, who has been with the company for 20 years now. Top Tip!! While in the smokehouse enquiry about **Anam Coffee**, our very own Coffee roasted in The Burren!
- Spend late afternoon exploring the **Victorian spa wells** in the village of Lisdoonvarna before heading back to New Quay, down by the winding trail of the Corkscrew Hill Road.
- There will be not a better finish to your 3 day tour than stopping for dinner at **Linnane's Lobster Bar**, with a full dinner menu with an emphasis on local produce including shellfish and fish.



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 www.boghill.ie



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 www.hazelwoodlodge.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

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

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