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Western Gems *of the*
Emerald Isle

ENNIS & MALLOW



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June 25 – July 4, 2023



A World of Discovery



Top: Footpath along the Wild Atlantic Way

Above: Musicians, Ennis

Come along on a grand adventure through western Ireland brimming with warm hospitality, cherished traditions and glorious beauty that touches the soul! Gaze across the windswept splendor of the Cliffs of Moher and the Aran Island of Inishmore, plus behold iconic ancient monuments. Ireland's illustrious literary heritage also springs to life as you discover sites that inspired the great poet William Butler Yeats. Indulge in delectably fresh cuisine and feel your spirits lifted by heartwarming music! This wonderfully enriching journey features six nights in the charming town of Ennis and two nights on a country estate in Mallow.

Inspiring Moments

- Soak up the spectacular panorama of the Wild Atlantic Way at **the Burren and Cliffs of Moher**.
- Marvel at the breathtaking, cliff-lined coast along the **Loop Head Peninsula**.
- Get a taste of classic Irish culture on the unspoiled **Aran Island of Inishmore**.
- Savor farm-fresh dishes at a memorable dinner on a **country estate**.
- Enjoy an intimate, entertaining session of **traditional music in a private home**.
- Admire the atmospheric **Rock of Cashel**, the majestic seat of ancient kings.
- Celebrate **Ireland's creative spirit**, from stirring music and dance to renowned poetry and prose.
- Take in picturesque Lough Derg and the River Shannon on a **relaxing cruise**.
- Experience a **UNESCO Global GeoPark**.

Cover: Cliffs of Moher
Mail panel: Local man |
Thatched-roof cottage, Adare



Alumni Association
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Delight in sensational landscapes, authentic culture and irresistible cuisine in the west of Ireland on this eight-night adventure! For six nights, you'll make your home in Ennis, a friendly town along the River Fergus filled with historic buildings, restaurants, shops and cheery pubs. On your final two nights, revel in a relaxing stay at a refined country house hotel built in 1720 and situated on a wooded estate.

Be dazzled by the Wild Atlantic Way's coastal splendor during visits to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, the fossil-laden Burren and the Loop Head Peninsula. Discover rich history on the pristine Aran Island of Inishmore and the imposing Rock of Cashel, plus witness the favorite refuges of the poet W.B. Yeats. Other standout events include a fun evening of music in a private home and an artisanal, farm-to-fork dinner on the estate.

Enjoy the ease and camaraderie of group travel with opportunities to explore independently. Also, throughout your travels, expert guides and lecturers offer enrichment on Irish history and literature. This well-rounded program is a perennial favorite of travelers, so ensure your place by reserving today. We look forward to sharing this inspiring journey to Ireland with you! Be sure to make your reservations today by calling AHI at 800-323-7373.

Sincerely,

Tricia Essenpreis
Director of Business Development
CU Boulder Alumni Association

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Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center



Ennis

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland. 🚗

Day 2 | Shannon, Ireland | Ennis

Arrive and transfer 🚗 to Ennis.

Check in to the Old Ground Hotel.

Discovery: Ennis. Take a guided walk in this vibrant market town founded in the 11th century and hear about its history and folklore.

Tonight, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner. Afterward, tap your feet to the lively beat as a céilí band and local dancers entertain you.

Day 3 | The Burren | Cliffs of Moher

Enrichment: History of Ireland and County

Clare. Trace a storied history shaped by the Celts, Romans, Vikings, Anglo-Normans and the British.

Discovery: The Burren and the Cliffs of Moher.

Take in these stunning natural wonders that sit on the Wild Atlantic Way, Ireland's sensational western coastline of cliffs, sea caves and inlets. One of the world's most unique landscapes, the Burren's rocky plateau features karstic limestone formations and diverse flora. Join expert Tony Kirby for an exclusive guided walk rich in geological, archaeological and botanical insights. Refuel with lunch at a family pub and then, at a nearby museum, learn about hurling, the intrinsically Irish field game that's been played for thousands of years. Next, see the portal tomb, Poul nabrone, and revel in the dramatic sweep of the Cliffs of Moher over the Atlantic Ocean.

Day 4 | Coole Park | Thoor Ballylee

Enrichment: Ireland's Treasured Literature.

Gain insights about the factors that cultivated the talents of the country's many celebrated writers.

Discovery: In the Footsteps of Yeats. William Butler Yeats, the acclaimed Nobel poet laureate, was profoundly moved by the serene settings and wildlife within the idyllic woods of Coole Park. Stroll with your guide to see the old copper beech where he and other literary notables carved their initials. Then, delve more into Yeats' life and poetry as you visit Thoor Ballylee, a 14th-century tower house beside a river that became his treasured summer writing retreat.

Free Time: See more of Ennis this afternoon.

Day 5 | Loop Head Peninsula

Enrichment: Irish History and Genealogy.

At the Clare Heritage and Genealogy Center, hear



Poul nabrone Dolmen, The Burren



Loop Head Lighthouse, Loop Head Peninsula

the story of Irish emigration to the United States and get tips on researching your own family tree.

Discovery: Loop Head Peninsula. Untamed cliffside scenery surrounds you as you head to the tip of this headland that juts out between the Atlantic Ocean and the Shannon estuary. Tour the Loop Head Lighthouse with your guide. Hear the powerful crash of the waves, feel the breezes and take in expansive panoramic views from this excellent vantage point.

Day 6 | Birr Castle Demesne | Killaloe

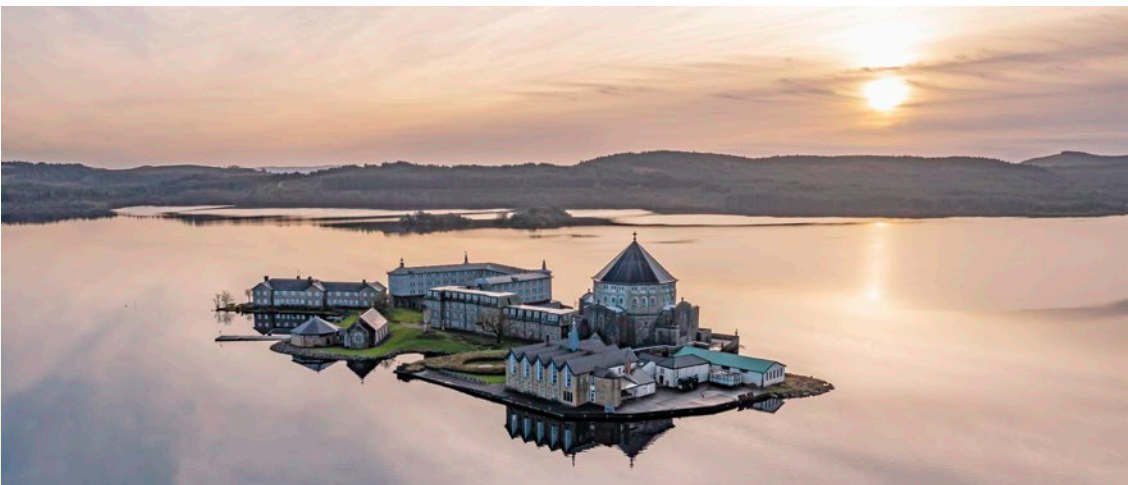
Discovery: Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center. Get a fascinating glimpse at technology that was once state-of-the-art at this 400-year-old castle. Owned by the lords of Rosse, the castle

became a hub of scientific activity when the third Earl of Rosse built a massive telescope. From 1845 to 1914, it was the world's largest, credited with significant discoveries and considered an important piece of astronomy history. See this groundbreaking telescope, learn about scientific innovations made here, and admire magnificent trees and rare plants on the grounds.

Discovery: Killaloe and Lough Derg Cruise.

Sit down for a delicious lunch in Killaloe before embarking on a pleasant cruise on Lough Derg and the River Shannon. Admire lovely views of counties Clare and Tipperary!

Back in Ennis, gather for a group dinner in town.



Lough Derg



Dun Aengus, Inishmore, Aran Islands

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Burren & Cliffs of Moher | Global Geopark

Day 7 | Inishmore | Doolin

Discovery: Aran Island of Inishmore. Head to Doolin and ferry across Galway Bay to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. As you explore on a minibus, your local guide will share entertaining stories about life on this starkly beautiful island, where Gaelic is the first language. On your route, meet a family that hand-harvests edible seaweed, an often-forgotten ancient food source, and try

some samples. Later, see cliffside Dun Aengus, the most famous of the Aran Islands' Bronze Age forts, and enjoy lunch before your return ferry.

Discovery: Doolin. Doolin is synonymous with music due to the many musicians who live in the village. Be welcomed at a musician's home for a session of traditional songs and a glass of wine.

Day 8 | Adare | Mallow

Check out of the hotel and depart for Mallow.

Discovery: Adare. Along your way, visit this pretty village, established in the 13th century and lined with thatched roof cottages, colorfully painted shops and cozy pubs. Take a guided walk, then meander on your own at leisure



Doolin



Rock of Cashel

before rejoining your group for a tasty lunch.

Continue to Mallow, and check in to Longueville House, a family-owned hotel in a 300-year-old Georgian country house on a 400-acre estate.

AHI Connects: Field to Fork Dining. Meet the owners of Longueville House who will share details on how they revitalized the farm, gardens and orchard to realize their farm to table vision. Savor the estate's garden-fresh bounty during an afternoon tea with scrumptious treats and later at an exceptional dinner prepared by the chef-owner with homegrown ingredients.

Day 9 | Rock of Cashel

Discovery: Rock of Cashel. Perched regally over the Tipperary countryside, this historic site boasts impressive medieval church ruins and an intriguing past as the stronghold of the Kings of Munster. See its grandeur on a guided visit.

Free Time: Perhaps you'll immerse yourself in the estate's pastoral scenery on a leisurely walk or take advantage of the hotel's amenities. Conclude your marvelous Irish adventure tonight with a festive Farewell Dinner on the estate.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer ➡ to the Shannon airport for the return flight ✈ to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and ➡ transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.



Note About Activity Levels

We have rated the activity levels of our excursions to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website for more specific details.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their ideal locations and ambience. In the heart of Ennis, the Old Ground Hotel offers the inviting comforts and style of a luxury hotel inside an elegantly restored, 18th-century manor house. Stately Longueville House, nestled amid peaceful parkland, charms guests with a warmly decorated drawing room, a Victorian conservatory and splendid grounds. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of their services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



Old Ground Hotel | Ennis



Longueville House | Mallow



Western Gems of the Emerald Isle

Trip #:4-28150W

Call our travel experts at 800-323-7373 to reserve your place! (Preferred registration method.)

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

Send to CU Boulder Alumni Association
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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Shannon, Ireland, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

☐ First Class ☐ Business Class ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by April 11, 2023 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by Bank Transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. If paying by check, please call for details before submitting.

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Program Dates

Air Program dates: June 25 – July 4, 2023

Land Program dates: June 26 – July 4, 2023

Land Program

Full Price

\$4,845

Special Savings

\$250

Special Price*

\$4,595

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Let us arrange your flights

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **Price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- ▶ Arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- ▶ **Flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights
- ▶ **Assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than six decades, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:



- **Included AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers travel- and health-related contingencies; available for U.S. residents only
- Increased booking **flexibility** and relaxed cancellation penalties
- Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey
- **Travel Directors** specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols
- A global network of partners rigorously following enhanced procedures and protocols
- Rigorous sanitization practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups
- Hand sanitizer available for guest use



Left: Guide, Rock of Cashel | Below: Thoor Ballylee



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Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **6 nights** in Ennis, Ireland, at the first-class Old Ground Hotel.
- **2 nights** in Mallow at the first-class Longueville House.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic, local cuisine.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at a maximum of 24 travelers.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
 - Stroll along the winding streets of Ennis.
 - Marvel at the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher.
 - Visit sites that inspired poet W.B. Yeats.
 - Admire picturesque Loop Head Peninsula.
 - Tour Birr Castle, Gardens & Science Center.
 - Relax on a scenic cruise of Lough Derg.
 - Explore the rugged Aran Island of Inishmore.
 - Enjoy classic songs in a musician's home.
 - Delight in Adare's colorful character.
 - Relish a special dinner on a country estate.
 - Take in the Rock of Cashel's medieval aura.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Traditional Irish music session

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

Travel Consultants | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.

Passenger Service Representative | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. Our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.

Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.

Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our engaging local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



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Maximum of
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