

# Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way

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September 3-16, 2023 (14 days)  
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

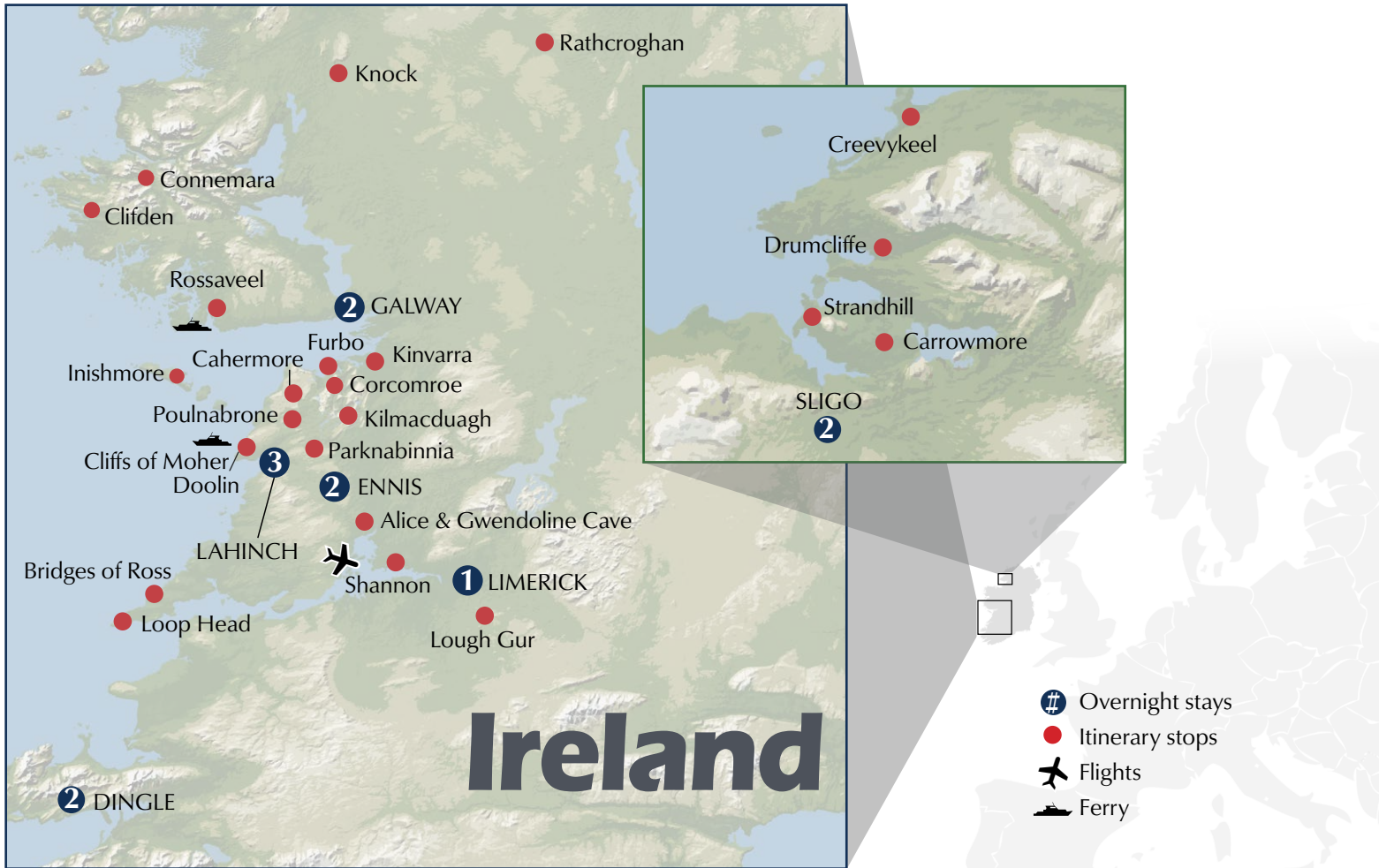


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This tour requires an elevated level of fitness

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Poulabrone dolmen



This journey takes you through the archaeology, history, and landscapes of Ireland’s “Wild Atlantic Way,” from south to north hugging the west coast of Ireland. Explore the breathtaking land and seascapes of the Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry, visiting off-the-beaten-track monuments from all periods of Irish history. Travelling northwards into the incredible karst limestone region of the Burren, County Clare, you will enjoy stunning cliff-top views out to the Atlantic and visit intriguing sites set in a unique geological and ecological landscape. We visit the largest of the remote Aran Islands, to explore the most extraordinary 3,000-year-old promontory fort of Dún Aonghasa and continue north to the dramatic landscape of the Connemara mountains. From here we head to County Sligo and Yeats Country, where you will explore the lives and monuments of the first farmers in Ireland and walk in the footsteps of ancient pilgrims, who in turn respected the traditions of even more ancient peoples. Travel in a small group and enjoy the personal attention and service of a highly respected Irish academic lecturer/host and a charming tour manager, plus several specialist guest guides.



Gallarus, on the Dingle Peninsula © Mandal

## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Dr. Stephen Mandal** is an expert on the Irish landscape, its archaeology, history, and geology. He is the co-founder of award-winning educational organizations: the Irish Archaeology Field School, Cultural Tourism Ireland, and Dig it Kids. The project he co-founded at the Blackfriary was awarded funding under

the AIA's Site Preservation program, and his company's flagship project, 'Digging the Lost Town of Carrig,' is an ongoing major research and teaching excavation of the first castle built by the Anglo-Normans following their invasion of Ireland in A.D. 1169. He has presented academic and public talks on these projects in Ireland and internationally, including to the Smithsonian. On completion of his Ph.D. in Geoarchaeology (Trinity College, Dublin), he spent two years as a post-doctoral research fellow in the Archaeology Department, University College Dublin. Stephen has served as Vice Chairperson of the Royal Irish Academy Committee for Archaeology (2009-2014); as External Examiner to Sligo Institute of Technology (2012-2015); and on a European committee to review cultural heritage tourism across the European Union (2013). He is a standing international guest speaker for the AIA's national lecture program. Stephen has a wealth of experience in communicating geology, archaeology, and history at all levels, and on this AIA tour he will assist you in viewing the Irish landscape from the perspective of the people who lived there in the past.



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## ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)=Reception, (D)= Dinner


### **Sunday, September 3, 2023: Depart home**

Depart home on independent flights to Shannon, Ireland.

### **Monday, September 4: Arrive Shannon, County Clare, Ireland | Limerick, County Limerick | Welcome reception**


Arrive in Ireland at Shannon Airport (SNN), where a group transfer (time TBD) will take you to our hotel in Limerick city, about a half hour away. At 12:30pm you will meet your AIA study leader, Dr. Stephen Mandal, and your tour manager. After a light lunch, take the opportunity to rest a while, or go on a short walk through Limerick. We return to our hotel for a welcome reception and introductory talk, followed by dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Strand Hotel](#). (L,R,D)*

### **Tuesday, September 5: Lough Gur | Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry | Dingle**

*1 mile and little ascent – rough pathways; plus optional 1 mile and steep ascent (Connor Pass mountain walk) *

This morning we drive the short distance to Lough Gur, a lake that has seen over 6,000 years of human activity and habitation, from the Stone Age through to the post-medieval period. Highlights of our gentle walk here include the Early Christian 'crannog' (a man-made island that served as a defended dwelling); ringforts; an early prehistoric wedge tomb; and the Great Grange Stone Circle, Ireland's largest stone circle, comprising 113 standing stones. After a picnic lunch at Lough Gur, we continue on to Dingle, County Kerry. Some of Ireland's finest coastal scenery can be found in West Kerry, on the Peninsula, and the road around the Peninsula is truly spectacular. This peninsula is famous for its Celtic, pre-Christian monuments and its Christian churches. It is also a 'Gaeltacht' (Irish speaking) area, where the Irish language and traditional ways of life are preserved. This evening your host will present a lecture on the formation of Ireland's landscape. Dinner will follow in the hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star [Dingle Skelligs Hotel](#) for two nights. (B,L,D)*

### **Wednesday, September 6: The Dingle Peninsula**

*Overall 2 miles and little ascent with short drives in between – some rough pathways *

This morning we will be joined by local archaeologist, folklorist, and traditional musician Dr. Billy Mag Fhlionn for a tour of the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula. Visit some of the hidden archaeological gems along the world famous and breathtakingly beautiful Sleat Head drive, including the enigmatic Reask Monastic site (An Riasec), the ruins of an early Christian religious community. After lunch in a lovely local restaurant, the afternoon will be spent exploring the most hidden of archaeological sites, as well as the iconic

AIA travelers and Dr. Mag Fhlionn at the Reask Monastic site



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*“Diverse, interesting sites, extraordinary knowledge by Stephen and fellow archaeologists, [the tour manager] tells great folklore stories, gorgeous hotels, delicious food...”*

- Kathleen, California

Early Christian church of Gallarus. In the afternoon we will head to Dingle town, a thriving fishing town with plentiful pubs, narrow streets, and a busy harbor. This evening, back at our hotel, we will enjoy a short presentation on the archaeology and history of music, including some demonstrations (and you can have a try yourself!) using ancient instruments made and played by Dr. Mag Fhlionn. A quiet dinner and cozy chat will follow. (B,L,D)

**Thursday, September 7: Alice and Gwendoline Cave, County Clare | The Burren | Cliffs of Moher | Lahinch**

*2 miles and ascent by steps – pathways; Alice and Gwendoline Cave includes walking on unmarked, rough paths* 🚶

Today we depart the Dingle Peninsula and begin our journey northwards along the Wild Atlantic Way. Our first stop is Alice and Gwendoline Cave, scene of a remarkable archaeological discovery that established the earliest date of human occupation of Ireland to be 2,500 years earlier than previously thought. We will be joined there by the lead author of the study, cave archaeology expert Dr. Marion

Dowd. Continue on through the Burren, a National Park with a dramatic landscape renowned for its unusual geology and unique mixture of Arctic and Mediterranean flora. This limestone wonderland boasts archaeology from the Neolithic, early Christian, and early medieval periods. After a picnic lunch we visit the iconic Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland’s most spectacular sights. Five miles long and 750 feet at their highest point, the Cliffs of Moher offer one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay, as are the valleys and hills of Connemara. At our hotel in Doolin this evening, we enjoy a lecture by Dr. Dowd on the archaeology of Irish caves, and she will join us for dinner afterwards. *Overnight at the 4-star [Lahinch Coast Hotel](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

**Friday, September 8: The Burren | Kilmacduagh | Parknabinnia | Cahermore | Poul nabrone | Lahinch**

*1 mile and ascent in places – bill walk on karst limestone, 0.5 miles and little ascent – pathway (Poul nabrone)* 🚶

Today we begin to explore the Burren landscape, including its archaeology, history, mythology, geology, and ecology. We will start with a visit to Kilmacduagh, just north of the county border into Galway. This is



Dunguaire Castle




Kilmacduagh

*"I've traveled in Japan, Israel, and Europe, and I've lived overseas. There have been many wonderful trips, but this was the best...Dr. Mandal's extraordinary mix of personal, scholarly, and leadership gifts was central."*

- Victoria, Kansas

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a beautifully preserved ruin of a multi-period monastic site, founded in the 7<sup>th</sup> century by Colmán mac Duach (St. Colmán) and later the site of an Augustinian Friary in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Afterwards, we will make our way to the tiny village of Carran for a hearty pub lunch. After lunch we will stop at Parknabinnia wedge tomb before visiting the iconic Poul nabrone dolmen, a dramatic Neolithic portal tomb and the earliest megalithic tomb in Ireland, built ca. 3800 B.C. Time permitting, we will stop at the spectacular 9<sup>th</sup>-century Cahermore stone ringfort, excavated as part of the Third Harvard Archaeological Expedition, led by Hugh O'Neill Hencken in 1934, before returning to our hotel. Enjoy dinner in Lahinch under your own arrangements. (B,L)

**Saturday, September 9: The Burren | Kinvarra | Corcomroe | Furbo | Lahinch**  
*1 mile and ascent in places – hill walks on karst limestone* 

Our first stop for the day will be at the beautiful coastal village of Kinvarra to visit Dunguaire Castle, a tower house castle built in the early 16<sup>th</sup> century by the O'Hynes clan. After a delicious lunch at Monks of Ballyvaughan, we will journey to the ruins of Corcomroe Abbey, a 13<sup>th</sup>-century Cistercian monastery set in a beautiful Burren landscape. Time permitting, we will stop at Furbo to visit an excellent example of a Martello tower, one of the approximately 50 small, circular forts built in Ireland in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to defend the area against possible attacks from France. This evening, enjoy a short informal talk by your host before dinner in our hotel. (B,L,D)

**Sunday, September 10: Doolin ferry for Inishmore, Aran Islands | Dún Aonghasa | Inishmore ferry for Rossaveel | Galway**

*3 miles and steep ascent in places – mixed walk; roads, paths, uneven terrain* 

This morning we travel west to the fishing port of Doolin, where (weather-permitting) we will catch a ferry to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. With a population of about 800, the island is famous for its strong Irish culture, loyalty to the Irish language, and a wealth of Iron Age and Christian ancient sites. Perhaps its most notable monument is Dún Aonghasa (Dún Aengus), a semi-circular stone fort built ca. 1100 B.C. at the edge of a 300-foot-high cliff, offering spectacular views out over the Atlantic. The route to the fort is a partly steep and uneven rough limestone pathway. Ankle support boots are advised.



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The Iron Age fortress of Dún Aonghasa on Inishmore



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Dr. Stephen Mandal stands with Dr. Marion Dowd at the entrance to the Alice and Gwendoline Cave.



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AIA travelers inside the Alice and Gwendoline Cave



Dún Aonghasa, Inishmore

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This walk is unsuitable for those with less than optimal stability and requires a good level of fitness. Our taxi will take us on a tour of the island, and we will spend some time in Kilronan village before travelling by ferry to Rossaveel, and onward to Galway, where we gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Galmont Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Monday, September 11: Connemara landscape and archaeology | Clifden | Galway

*1 mile and some ascent – rough pathways and uneven grass* 🐾

This morning we drive through the breathtakingly beautiful landscape of Connemara, the heart of Connaught. We will explore some off-the-beaten-track archaeological and historical monuments, as well as examine the geological and glacial formations that carved this spectacular landscape. We will stop at the scenic town of Clifden for lunch before returning to our hotel. The evening is at your leisure to explore Galway. (B,L)

### Tuesday, September 12: Knock | Sligo, County Sligo

*0.5 miles and 100 ft. of ascent - rough pathways and uneven grass* 🐾

This morning we travel north to county Sligo, stopping along the way at the town of Knock, famous as a pilgrimage site and visited by Pope John Paul II in 1979. It provides a fascinating insight into the role of Catholicism in Ireland. After lunch, we continue our journey northwards to Sligo town where, after dropping off our luggage, you will have the option of visiting the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Green Fort, built to protect Sligo Town during the Jacobite war between William of Orange and King James II. We enjoy a pre-dinner talk by Sam Moore, lecturer in Applied Archaeology at the Sligo Institute of Technology. *Overnight at the 4-star [Glasshouse Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)



### Wednesday, September 13: Strandhill | Carrowmore | Sligo

2.5 miles and little ascent – grass pathways and beach walk 🚶

This morning we explore the Sligo area (Yeats Country) in the company of Sam Moore, who is finalizing his Ph.D. on the archaeology of the area and is a true expert on all aspects of the archaeology, history, and folklore of this spectacular landscape. Our morning will be spent visiting a wealth of curious, off-the-beaten-track sites including the shell middens at Strandhill beach. Set beneath the domineering Knocknarea mountain, these middens are the remains of fishing waste left by people for millennia, from the Mesolithic to the last century. After lunch in a local pub, we drive to Carrowmore, one of the four large passage tomb complexes in Ireland, to discuss their siting, construction, purpose, and extent in this breathtaking landscape. Dinner is on your own this evening in the town of Sligo. (B,L)



Drumcliffe Church

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### Thursday, September 14: Drumcliffe | Creevykeel | Rathcroghan | Ennis

Very little walking at Drumcliffe and Creevykeel – pathways

0.5 mile – gentle walk on uneven grass at Rathcroghan 🚶

We drive northwards this morning, stopping in Drumcliffe to visit the grave of W.B. Yeats, in the shadow of the beautiful Benbulbin Mountains, the inspiration for much of his work. Also visit Creevykeel, one of Ireland's finest examples of a full-court tomb, dating from the Neolithic period but reused in Early Christian times by iron smelters. After lunch, we drive south to Ennis, County Clare. On our journey, we will visit the Royal Site of Rathcroghan, seat of the High Kings of Connaught from at least the Iron Age (Celtic Period). The landscape is as remarkable as the other royal sites of Ireland, with over 200 identified archaeological sites spanning over five millennia of human history. *Overnight at the 4-star [Old Ground Ennis Hotel](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)



Creevykeel

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### Friday, September 15: Ennis | Bridges of Ross | Loop Head | Ennis: Farewell dinner

1 mile and 50 ft. of ascent – grass pathways; optional uneven, rocky foreshore 🚶

This morning we drive west to explore the stunning landscape of Loop Head, including the spectacular geological folds of the Bridges of Ross. This part of Ireland was densely populated in early Christian times and we will visit some of the hidden gems of the headland. After lunch we will return to Ennis for a few hours at your leisure before gathering to enjoy a farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,R,D)



Bridges of Ross

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### Saturday, September 16: Fly home

Transfer as a group (time TBD) to Shannon Airport (SNN) for independent flights homeward. (B)



Benbulbin Mountains

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## What to Expect

*This exclusive tour has been tailor-made to combine walks through the stunning landscapes of the west of Ireland with expert-led visits to archaeological sites, and is for active walkers who are interested in Ireland's rich heritage and landscape.*

The duration of each day's walking is estimated within the enclosed itinerary. We will mostly walk on rough pathways, quiet roads, and uneven terrain. There will be some steps and/or steep ascents along the way, and surfaces may be wet. The average daily walking distance is just less than two miles (plus some optional walks, for those who are interested), with varying amounts of ascent (generally around 200 feet or less). We do not expect to walk for longer than two hours at a time. There are two days when the overall walking totals about three miles on uneven ground, and one day when there is the option of climbing Knocknarea, weather permitting (900 ft. ascent). However, we will do our best to provide gentler options for guests who do not feel like a longer walk on any particular day. Please bear in mind that some sites (for example, Dún Aonghasa on Inishmore) can only be visited if you walk to them.

The actual itinerary is subject to variables such as the abilities and interests of the group and the weather conditions. All participants are expected to be physically active, not be an impediment to others on excursions, and enjoy traveling as part of a group. Participants who are not able to walk unassisted for extended periods (at least two miles a day) are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand, and discuss whether or not the program is appropriate for you.

Lunches may be packed and eaten outside when appropriate or, where possible, lunch will be taken in a local restaurant or pub. September weather conditions vary from cool to warm and back again within a week—or even within a day. While we can hope for a maximum daytime temperature of 65–80° F, it is important to be prepared for cooler temperatures, including packing clothing to cope with rain, which could be blustery and heavy, and with anything from cool, windy weather to warmer temperatures. Coastal walks, in particular, are likely to be breezy and on the hills it can turn cold quickly. Average temperatures at night will usually drop to around 55° F. *Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.*

## Accommodations (4 stars)



LIMERICK: *One night at the [Strand Hotel](#)*



DINGLE: *Two nights at the [Dingle Skelligs Hotel](#)*



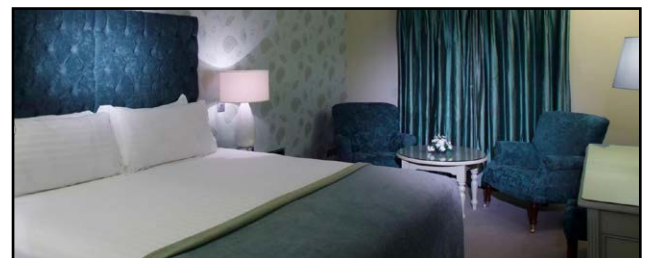
LAHINCH: *Three nights at the [Lahinch Coast Hotel](#)*



GALWAY: *Two nights at the [Galmont Hotel](#)*



SLIGO: *Two nights at the [Glasshouse Hotel](#)*



ENNIS: *Two night at the [Old Ground Ennis Hotel](#)*





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Dingle Peninsula

## Tour Prices Per Person (12 Nights)

Double Occupancy (10-12 participants) .....	\$9,445
Double Occupancy (8-9 participants) .....	\$10,445
Single Supplement (limited availability) .....	\$1,345

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.  
With fewer than 8 participants a small group surcharge may be applied.*

## PRICES INCLUDE:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer & host Dr. Stephen Mandal** and services of a **professional, local tour manager/guide** throughout
- **12 nights' accommodations** in ideally-located, four-star accommodations as indicated in the itinerary
- **Most meals:** Breakfast daily, 12 lunches, and 9 dinners; as well as welcome and farewell receptions with beer or wine
- **All gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, hotel staff, restaurant staff, and porters
- **Group airport transfers** (times TBD) on program arrival and departure dates
- **All sightseeing and excursions** as indicated in the itinerary, weather permitting
- **All entrance fees** to sites included in the itinerary
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**, including bottled water, parking fees, highway tolls, and local taxes
- Tickets for all indicated **ferry transfers**
- **Baggage handling** (one bag per person)
- Complete **pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

## FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare from/to home is not included in the tour cost. Group transfers (times TBD) are provided for arrival on September 4<sup>th</sup> and departure on September 16<sup>th</sup> to/from Shannon Airport (SNN). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact AIA Tours first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this tour?  eNewsletter  mailing  website  friends/family  other \_\_\_\_\_

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(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed)  Twin (two beds)  Single

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed).

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reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.