

# Forest Hill Walk Club's Ireland's Magical Hidden North Hiking Holiday



June 10-19, 2019

# Forest Hill Walk Club

- The Hidden North of Ireland in 10 days
- Boutique hiking holiday 16 pax
- Dedicated tour guide for the entire holiday
- You are free to extend your travel before and after

# WELCOME



## Cead Mile Failte

(An Irish expression meaning  
One Hundred Thousand Welcomes)

My name is Eimear Flanagan.

I own and run 'Away A Wee Walk.'

It is a dedicated walking tours company based in my native Ireland.

I have the best job in the world! I help people like you to create and experience a wholly authentic, soul-renewing vacation themed around magnificent hikes in the Irish landscape.

What you are about to review has been designed exclusively by me, for you and is not available anywhere online.

Past visitors have told me they will cherish their experience for the rest of their lives.

# WELCOME



## Ireland is Something to Celebrate and Appreciate! Slainte! Cheers!

My name is Cheryl Millett. I am the Founder of the 'Forest Hill Walk Club' a local walking club in Toronto and I appreciate walking for fitness.

The walk is every Sunday with no missing a beat, all year round through the local ravines and neighbourhoods followed by some breathing exercises and stretching.

The Forest Hill Walk Club's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary was an adventure in Ireland with daily walking (June 2018.) Time to venture there again in 2019.

The hiking holiday was so much fun, people are coming back again.

All is welcome to join on this Ireland hiking holiday in the Hidden North for some adventure, history, walking, fun, and more.





## Introducing Your Touring Coach

- A brand new Mercedes Turas 900
- 33 seat Luxury Minicoach
- Fully air conditioned
- Fridge
- USB charging points at every seat



# DAY ONE – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June



- Arrive in Dublin airport for 11:30 pickup
- Meet Eimear Flanagan
- Visit Newgrange including seeing inside the passage chamber. These neolithic passage chambers are older than the Egyptian pyramids. The winter solstice lights up the inner chamber. What a start to our trip!
- Arrive late afternoon in Newcastle, foot of the Mourne Mountains
- Evening free time
- Dine in hotel or town
- Stay Newcastle, Slieve Donard Hotel Resort & Spa
- <https://www.hastingshotels.com/slieve-donard-resort-and-spa/>

# DAY TWO – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June



- Short drive to the Mournes
- Pick up lunch on way to the Mournes
- 4-5 hour hike across the Mourne Mountains over what used to be a smuggling route... the Brandy Pad
- Evening time free and at leisure in same hotel
- Stay Newcastle, Slieve Donard Hotel Resort & Spa (2<sup>nd</sup> night)
- <https://www.hastingshotels.com/slieve-donard-resort-and-spa/>



# DAY THREE – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June



- Traditional Irish bread making in an Irish home including lunch
- Short drive to Belfast for free time from mid-afternoon
- Options to visit Titanic Belfast, do a political tour, visit the city on your own time
- Final itinerary with have list of options and restaurant suggestions
- Catch some live Irish music in the Cathedral Quarter
- Stay Belfast Maldron Belfast
- <https://www.maldronhotelbelfastcity.com>

# DAY FOUR – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June



- Hear and see the full story of Belfast, (warts and all) on a spell binding tour of the city delivered by Eimear – peace walls, the murals, City Hall, Queen’s University, St. Anne’s Cathedral, River Lagan
- Antrim Coast drive with stops at Castles, old fishing villages, visit to Carrick A Rede Rope bridge, visit to the Dark Hedges
- Arrival to coast town of Portrush.
- Own time to enjoy town, dine at leisure locally or take short taxis to great dining options.
- Stay at the Adelphi Portrush
- <https://www.adelphiportrush.com/>

# DAY FIVE – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June



- Short drive to Ballycastle to take ferry ride 40 minutes to Rathlin Island for a day of cycling and bird watching on this permanently inhabited island which lies between Ireland and Scotland
- Return to town of Portrush for evening at leisure
- Stay again at the Adelphi Portrush
- Lonely Planet, biggest travel guide in the world, has announced that Belfast and the Causeway Coast wins the #1 best region to visit in 2018
- And we already booked to go there

# DAY SIX – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June



- Hike the Causeway Cliffs 8k (5miles) of undulating, stunning cliff views. Bring packed lunch to enjoy on hike and enjoy a well timed visit to the Causeway stones
- Visit the UNESCO Giant's Causeway – 40,000 hexagon shaped basalt columns
- Finish off in the Nook pub for a pint of Guinness by the fireside.
- Mid-afternoon head to Derry
- Enjoy short walking tour of the Derry Walls 16th Century
- Stay Derry Maldron Hotel dine in city
- <https://www.maldronhotelderry.com/>



# DAY SEVEN – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June



- Drive into Co Donegal (Currency change to Euro from Sterling)
- Hike at Glenveigh National Park for 7-8k ending at the Castle for a tour and visit to the gardens
- Enjoy the atmosphere of the lovely Irish town and enjoy some fantastic eateries in walking distance
- There are also some great local craft shops
- Head to Donegal Town to stay two nights at the Abbey Hotel Donegal. Dine in hotel or in town
- <https://www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com/>



# DAY EIGHT – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June



- Head out for a short walk and view at Slieve League, the highest sea cliffs in Europe
- Followed by a visit to Glencolmcille for some quality time at the folk village with options of activities including making St Brigid's crosses - an old tradition in Ireland
- Dine in hotel or in town
- 2<sup>ND</sup> night at the Abbey Hotel Donegal
- <https://www.abbeyhoteldonegal.com>

# DAY NINE – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June



- The only longer drive of the entire trip.
- Travel to Dublin but interrupted by a stop and tour at the Hill of Tara... the ancient royal high seat in Ireland
- Optional stop at Guinness Storehouse for own onward travel to hotel. City centre drop off for own onward travel to hotel to enjoy own hop on, hop off city tour. Shopping time at leisure... the choice is yours
- Stay at Staunton on the Green
- <https://www.stauntonsonthegreen.ie/>

# DAY TEN – Wednesday 19th June



- Enjoy Dublin before you fly out or stay another night or two (your choice!)
- Tour ends after breakfast
- Enjoy the many sites in Dublin from the Medieval sector, Dublin castle, Book of Kells and the long library, Trinity College, inner city parks, Howth hiking and seaside boardwalks, city tour, museums, day tours, and much more.

# Further Information

## **Inclusions:**

9 nights: Good 3-4 star hotels

All rooms Ensuite. Transportation from airport on Day 1.

Breakfast from Day two onwards.

All visitor attractions: Newgrange, Belfast city tour, Antrim Coast, Castles, Dark Hedges, Derry castle wall tour, Hill of Tara, Irish traditional bread making.

All guided hikes: Mourne Mountains, Causeway cliffs, Rathlin Island, Glenveigh National Park, Glencolmcille, small towns and plenty of stretching (signature of all the walks with Cheryl Millett, Founder of the Forest Hill Walk Club).

33 seater Mercedes 900 coach with air-conditioning, USP port at every seat.

Dedicated driver throughout trip.

Fully guided, designed and accompanied by Eimear Flanagan of Away A Wee Walk, throughout.

## **Exclusions:**

Flights, Personal Travel Insurance, Some Meals, Gratuities



# Insurance



1. You must have your own personal travel insurance to cover your own inability to attend or for general insurance in Ireland regarding loss of personal belongings, etc.
2. **Away A Wee Walk** carries Public Liability Insurance which will cover you in the event of purposeful or accidental negligence on my part.
3. All monies for the trip are held in a **Travel Trust Fund** and are only spent on direct costs for the trip until the completion of the trip.
4. **Away A Wee Walk** has a contingency guide in place who will stand in and deliver the trip in the event of Eimear Flanagan being unable to attend for whatever reason.

### **Advice on gear.**

Irish weather is variable. It is extraordinarily temperamental. It can easily be raining in the morning and brighten up to be a beautiful day and then get showery again later in the day.

As accustomed walkers you will know how to dress in layers for any weather conditions.

Many locations in Ireland can sometimes be muddy underfoot.

I strongly recommend both good hiking boots and light rain gear. Packing list provided.



### **Setting the scene.**

From watching the movie 'The Quiet Man' to reading 'How the Irish Saved Civilisation' or anyone of the abundant books on Ireland, you may wish to prepare for your trip by brushing up on the story of Ireland.

### **Price comparison.**

Careful. It will be very tempting to take the coach element of this trip and the number of days and to try to find it online. You won't!

Compare apples with apples at least. If you want a good place to start for comparison try a company like Mountain Kingdoms. Like 'Away A Wee Walk' they don't go for eye watering prices in an effort to attract a mass market. Most online coach tours are in 50 seater coaches full to capacity, guided by employed tour directors. Most of them do not include guided hikes and there is a lot of time on the coach.

This tour, your tour, is for 16 people in a 33 seater luxury coach, designed and delivered by the same person who owns the walking company. My passion for Ireland and commitment to your tour is unsurpassable.

# What People Shared

In 10 words or less describe the June 2018  
Irish experience:

Emerald, manicured, wet, magical, fun, musical, historical, beautiful, majestic, interesting.

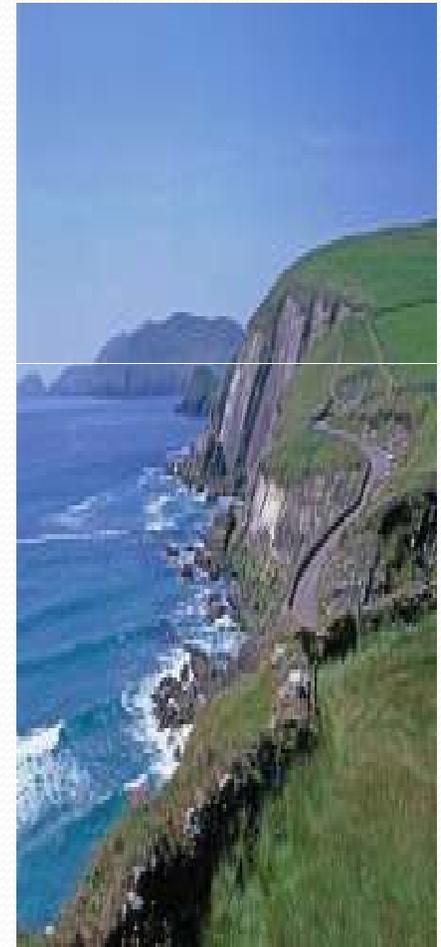
I thoroughly enjoyed the trip so very very diverse in every way! Hikes, entertainment, scenery, personalities, food, accommodation, etc.  
Thank you so much for organizing this trip.

Ireland has a soul and you can really feel it.

Friendly, musical, breath taking vistas with amazing history and traditions.

I loved it and want to go back.

Our first hike (Mournes), we were all in Awe with the beauty. I actually had tears in my eyes.



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# Your Walking Vacation Price

Price per person sharing:

£ 1,915 approx \$3,190 CAD

Add on price for single travellers:

£2,390 approx \$3,980 CAD

Single or sharing your choice!

Deposit required upon booking: 20% of Price

Note: All Cdn \$ is an approximate and will fluctuate based on the currency rate.



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