

An aerial photograph of a rugged coastline in Ireland. The image shows a mix of dark, rocky cliffs and vibrant green fields. The ocean is a deep blue, with white waves crashing against the shore. In the distance, a small town with white buildings is visible on a hillside. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds.

Ireland's Hidden North  
Nine Nights & Ten Days  
June 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

Join me...

# Forest Hill Walk Club and Walking Holidays



- The Hidden North of Ireland in 10 days
- All is welcome, members and non members of the FHWC
- Ground Only
- 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.

2020 will be my eighth season in business.

# WELCOME



## Something to Celebrate and Appreciate!

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 in again in 2020.

All are welcome to join on this Ireland hiking holiday...members, members' family and friends, others who just love adventure, history, walking, and travel.

# 10 Days Route North Ireland



# Your Luxury Transportation

## Touring Coach Info

- **Dedicated driver**
- **24 seat coach for a maximum group size of 16 pax**
- **Air-conditioning**
- **Comfortable seats**
- **Image is coach or similar**



# DAY ONE – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June



- Arrive in Dublin airport for 11:30 a.m. pickup
- Meet Eimear Flanagan
- Travel to the town of Newcastle making a lunch stop and cultural visit in the Boyne Valley on route
- Arrive late afternoon in Newcastle, foot of the Mourne Mountains
- Evening free time
- Dine in hotel or town
- Stay Newcastle, Burrendale on outskirts of this lovely Irish coastal town
- <https://www.burrendale.com/>

# DAY TWO – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June



- Short drive to the Mourne via local taxis
- Pick up lunch on way to the Mourne
- 5-7 hour hike across the Mourne Mountains over what used to be a smuggling route... the Brandy Pad – this is a very scenic 7 miles hike but will be the most challenging of all our walks
- Evening time free and at leisure in same hotel
- Return to hotel Burrendale via local taxis pre-arranged









# DAY THREE – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June



- Traditional Irish bread making in an Irish home (you might leave with enough bread for lunch over the next 2-3 days)
- Short drive to Belfast for free time to enjoy Titanic Belfast or shop or do a black taxi tour, etc
- Depart Belfast late afternoon for drive to the coastal town of Ballycastle
- Stay at the Marine Hotel for two nights
- [Marinehotelballycastle.com](http://Marinehotelballycastle.com)



# DAY FOUR – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June



- Enjoy the best of the Glens of Antrim with a visit to the beautiful Glenariff Waterfall, the Dark Hedges, Ronan's Way for a short and very scenic walk and a final visit to cross the famous Carrick-A-Rede Rope Bridge
- Stay at the Marine Hotel in Ballycastle



# DAY FIVE – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June



- Short walk to take ferry ride 40 minutes to Rathlin Island for a day of bird watching and short walks on this permanently inhabited island which lies between Ireland and Scotland
- Immerse ourselves in a true escape from the world by staying overnight in the Manor House on Rathlin Island
- [Manorhouserathlin.com](http://Manorhouserathlin.com)



# DAY SIX – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June



- Return to the mainland via ferry and pick up our coach
- Hike the Causeway Cliffs 8 km (5 miles) 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 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June



- Drive into Co Donegal (currency change to Euro from Sterling)
- Hike at Glenveigh National Park for 7-8 km ending at the Castle for a tour and visit to the gardens followed by a further 1 km walk after lunch in the tearoom
- Head to Donegal Town to stay two nights at the Central Hotel
- [centralhoteldonegal.com](http://centralhoteldonegal.com)
- Soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful Irish town on Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way



# DAY EIGHT – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June



- Visit the mystical west coast at Glencolmcille for some quality time at the folk village with options of activities including making St Brigid's crosses - an old tradition in Ireland, relax on the nearby beach before enjoying lunch
- Head back to Donegal with a stop for a short walk and view at Slieve League, the highest sea cliffs in Europe
- Stay for a second night at the Central Hotel

# DAY NINE – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

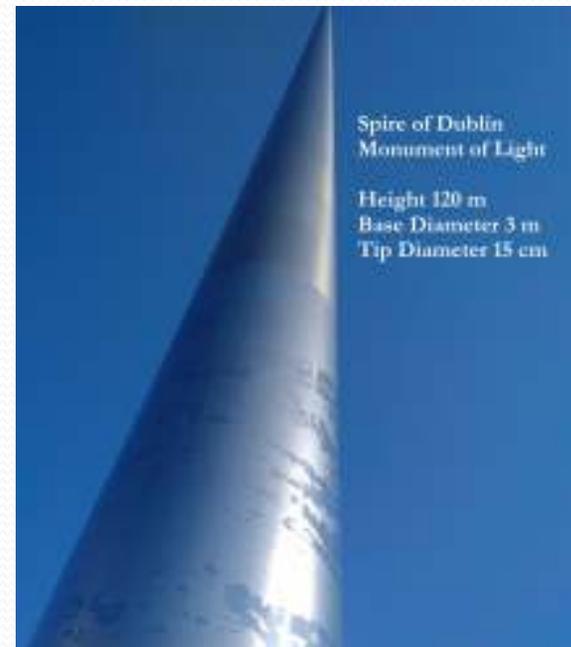


- The longer drive of the entire trip
- Travel to Dublin but interrupted by a stop and tour at both Enniskillen Castle and the Hill of Tara.... the ancient royal high seat in Ireland
- Enjoy Dublin at your leisure with a visit to EPIC emigration museum, the Guinness storehouse or the Book of Kells at Trinity College, etc.
- End of driver and guide coach services
- Stay overnight in Dublin, Maldron Hotel, Kevin St.

# DAY TEN – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June



- Enjoy Dublin
- Tour ends after breakfast
- Make your own way to the airport on Thursday or enjoy the plans you have arranged



# Further Information

## **Inclusions:**

9 nights: Good 3-4 star hotels

All rooms Ensuite. Transportation from airport on Day 1 until drop off in Dublin on day 9 at Hotel.

Breakfast from Day Two onwards – full Irish breakfast!

All booked visitor attractions entrance fees included, including ferry transport.

All guided hikes: Mournes, Causeway cliffs, small towns, waterfall walk, Rathlin Island walk, Glenveigh National Park and more.

24 seat luxury coach with air-conditioning.

Dedicated driver throughout trip.

Fully guided, designed and accompanied by Eimear Flanagan of Away A Wee Walk until late afternoon on day 9.

## **Exclusions:**

Flights, Personal Travel Insurance, lunch and dinners (except for the bread making day when lunch is included), 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 24 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.

# Your Walking Holiday Price

Price per person sharing:  
£1786 approx \$2950 CAD

With single supplement:  
Limited to 4 spaces  
£2276 approx \$3,750 CAD

16 Passengers (PAX) max

Special Arrangement: 12 PAX to make the trip viable

20% Initial Deposit \$600 Cdn (SS \$750)

All fees are the responsibility of the travellers.

