

NEW and REVISED TOUR

Ireland's Hidden North – 9 nights, 10 days

June 13th-22nd, 2023



Forest Hill Walk Club

- The Hidden North of magical **Ireland** in 10 days
- **Walking** excursions
- **Irish activities**
- 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 vacations 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

2023 will be my 11th 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 10th anniversary was an adventure in Ireland with daily walking (June 2018.) Time to venture back in 2023 for our 15th anniversary

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



10 Days Route North Ireland



Touring Coach, ferries, taxis

- All transport and transfers included
- Airport transfer at start of trip to Newcastle
- Local private transfer for hiking day in Mournes
- Ferry to Rathlin Island
- Dedicated coach and driver for touring days
- Dublin airport transfer on departure day is NOT included



DAY ONE – Tuesday 13th June



- Arrive in Dublin airport for 11:30 a.m. pickup
- Meet your guide - Eimear Flanagan
- Travel to the town of **Newcastle** making a lunch stop and cultural visit in the **Boyne Valley** en route
- Arrive late afternoon in Newcastle, foot of the **Mourne Mountains**
- Evening free time
- Dine in hotel or in town
- Stay Newcastle, Burrendale hotel on outskirts of this lovely **Irish coastal town** with magnificent views of the Mournes
- Hotel has a pool



DAY TWO – Wednesday 14th June



- Canoe and Cake... paddle briefly on **Strangford lough** on an 'sit on top' canoe and then...enjoy...traditional **Irish bread making** in an Irish home (you might leave with enough bread for lunch over the next 2-3 days) – have a VERY light breakfast as you want to be hungry!
- Short drive to **Belfast** for some free time to enjoy Titanic Belfast or shop or do a black taxi tour, etc...
- Depart Belfast late afternoon for return to Newcastle for a second night

DAY THREE – Thursday 15th June



- Short drive to the Mourne via local taxis
- Pick up lunch on the way to the Mourne
- A 3-4 hour hike in the **Mourne Mountains**
- Full **hiking** gear required, boots, raincoat, good wicking layers, walking poles if preferred
- Visit to a **whiskey distillery** for a wee dram after our hike
- Drive to and stay at the Londonderry Arms in Carnlough, County Antrim on the **Antrim coast**, north of Belfast

DAY FOUR – Friday 16th 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 17th June



- A short walk to take a lovely ferry ride 40 minutes to **Rathlin Island** for a glorious day of bird watching and short walks on this permanently inhabited island which lies between Ireland and Scotland
- After an enjoyable day on Rathlin Island, take a short ferry ride back for a second night in the beautiful coastal town of **Ballycastle**

DAY SIX – Sunday 18th June



- Hike the **Causeway Cliffs** 8km (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 a walking tour of the **Derry Walls** 16th Century
- Stay Derry Maldron Hotel, dine in the city



Hotel
access
only



DAY SEVEN – Monday 19th June



- Drive into **County Donegal** (currency change to Euro from Sterling)
- Hike at **Glenveigh National Park** for 7-8km ending at the Castle for a tour and visit to the gardens followed by a further 2km walk after lunch in the tearoom
- Head to **Donegal Town** to stay two nights at the Central Hotel
- Soak up the atmosphere of this beautiful Irish town on **Ireland's wild Atlantic way**



DAY EIGHT – Tuesday 20th 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 stopping 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 21st June



- The only 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
- Stay at the Maldron Hotel, Kevin St, Dublin – enjoy Dublin at your leisure with a visit to **EPIC** emigration museum, or the Guinness storehouse or the Book of Kells, etc.
- End of driver and guide coach services
- Stay overnight in Dublin, making your own way to the airport on Thursday

DAY TEN – Thursday 22nd June



- Enjoy **Dublin** one or two more nights if you choose or explore other areas of magical Ireland
- The **North Ireland magical holiday** and tour ends after breakfast

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

Breakfast from Day two onwards

All visitor attractions entrance fees included, including ferry transport

All guided hikes: The Mournes, Causeway cliffs, small towns, waterfall walks, Rathlin walk, plus 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 and Assurance

- 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, health, etc.
- **Away A Wee Walk** carries Public Liability Insurance which will cover you in the event of purposeful or accidental negligence on our part
- 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
- **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 Banshees in Inisherin’** 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. **‘Fergal Keane’** YouTube documentary is also excellent.

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 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.

This **UNIQUE tour** is a one time only, for us – delivered by me.

Your Walking Vacation Price

Price per person sharing:
£2445 . approx \$3,950 Cdn

Single supplement - single spaces are very limited:

Book Early
£495 . approx \$800 Cdn
Total \$4,750 Cdn

[FX rate varies, based on Feb 8, 2023 and approx]

