VBT Bicycling Vacations Welcomes the Dartmouth Alumni Group on our 2020 Ireland: Galway & Connemara Coast Tour Group #299017

Ireland: Galway & Connemara Coast

Ennis • Lisdoonvarna • The Burren • Galway • The Aran Islands • Dublin

E-bikes Available

GROUP LEADER:
Martha Beattie,
Vice President Emeritus,
Alumni Relations

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AIR PACKAGE: July 13 - 21, 2020
Pricing varies by departure city. Example: from Boston, $4,495 per-person (double-occupancy). Most major U.S. airports are available upon request.

TOUR ONLY: July 15 – 20, 2020
$3,595 per-person (double-occupancy)

*The Air Package is the best value and includes round-trip international airfare, all overseas airport and hotel transfers with VBT meet-and-greet services, 1 extra night in Ennis, and 1 extra night in Dublin.

Custom Air: With the Air Package, you may customize your dates of travel and extend your vacation, or fly into, or home from, a non-tour airport – ask your Tour Consultant!

Bikes: Road, Hybrid or e-bikes (“first-come”) are available.

Singles (Private rooms) – Two Single rooms are available per tour date. Single Supplements are $495 in addition to the Air Package tour cost and are based on availability. The Pre and Post tour also have single supplements. Single guests will also have the option to share a room with a friend or request for VBT to find a roommate for them. If requesting for VBT to find a roommate, we would try to match you with a single traveler of the same gender. We will charge you only 50% of the single supplement; if a match is available, we will refund the single supplement after your return. If sharing with a friend, your roommate’s name must be given at time of booking and booked within 24 hours of your reservation in order to hold their space on tour.

Call one of our wonderful Tour Consultants to reserve your space at 800-245-3868 Option 1. Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and mention Group #299017.

vbt.com/tours/ireland-galway-connemara-coast-guided-bike-tour
Daily Discoveries

Ireland: Galway & Connemara Coast

Begin your journey with an optional pre-trip extension in Cork.

**July 13-14 :: Fly to Shannon, Ireland/Ennis**

**July 15 :: Bike tour begins/Lisdoonvarna**
Shuttle from Ennis to Lisdoonvarna, stopping to marvel at the famed Cliffs of Moher, rising 600 feet above the Atlantic. Upon arrival at your hotel, enjoy a warm-up ride along country roads. This evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner.

**July 16 :: The Burren/County Clare**
Cycle along the scenic rocky coast to the Burren, a starkly beautiful limestone landscape dotted with wildflowers. As you ride around Black Head, enjoy views of Galway Bay and majestic mountains. Later, enjoy a walk with a local Burren expert and visit the Poulnabrone Megalithic Tomb. Enjoy live music this evening.

**July 17 :: Kilfenora and Carran/Galway**
Ride or shuttle this morning to Kilfenora, the City of Seven Crosses that once held great spiritual importance. Then cycle to Noughaval, home to sacred sites, and Carran, where the dramatic Corcomroe Abbey stands in ruins. Shuttle to Galway for some exploring on your own.

**July 18 :: The Aran Islands**
After breakfast, ferry to Inishmore, largest of the three Aran Islands. After a ride, you may opt to hike to some of the finest prehistoric sites in Europe. Visit the Dun Aengus Druid site and the Dun Aengus prehistoric site. You may also venture to Kilronan Harbor and its Heritage and Interpretive Center.

**July 19 :: Rossaveel/Connemara**
Return to the mainland today, getting back on your bikes at Rossaveel for a ride into Connemara, a “Wild West” of romantic and rugged countryside. Ride among beaches, pristine lakes and rivers, and Ireland’s famous peat bogs. Later, arrive on the shore of Lough Inagh.

**July 20 :: Renvyle Peninsula**
Follow the shores of Lough Inagh to Kylemore Abbey, the oldest Benedictine abbey in Ireland. Take time to admire this 350-year-old structure. Then cycle along stunning coastal vistas of crashing surf and silver bays on the unspoiled Renvyle Peninsula.

**July 21 :: Bike tour ends/Dublin**
After breakfast, transfer to the Dublin airport, where the tour ends. Air Package guests will continue to Dublin and have the rest of the day to explore.

**July 22 :: Fly home or continue your journey with an optional post-trip extension in Dublin**

Find detailed itineraries at vbt.com.

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Extend Your Stay and Your Value (available with the Air Package)

**Pre-trip Extension :: Cork**
2 nights plus hotel and airport transfers
$395 per-person (double occupancy). Single Supplement is $95

**Post-trip Extension :: Dublin**
2 nights plus hotel and airport transfers
$395 per-person (double occupancy). Single Supplement is $295

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Trip Leader Spotlight

“Brian gave information about local history throughout our tour and provided suggestions if I wanted to explore the areas through literature. He really enjoyed his work and was attentive to not only the bikes but riders as well.”

—Joann E., VBT Traveler

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Activity Rating
Easy/Moderate
Average Daily Mileage
18-38 miles
Average Daily Cycling Time
2-5 hours