# Wild Atlantic Way

Northern Bliss Luxury Market











### Day 1 | Co. Galway

#### Morning:

# **1** Galway Food Tour Galway City

Winner of Best Food & Tourism Experience in Ireland 2019, Galway Food Tours is a 2 hour culinary walking tour of the city that introduces visitors to our passionate people and our beautiful produce which combine to make Galway one of Ireland's gourmet jewels.

Experience a taste from artisan producers, cheese makers, creative beer projects, artisan chocolatiers, traditional family run businesses to young entrepreneurs. Experienced local guides sharing our favourite places and treasured ingredients.

Allow 2 hours



#### Lunch:

Kai Restaurant | Sea Road, Galway City | https://www.kairestaurant.ie/

#### Afternoon:

# 2 Micil Distillery Tour Salthill, Galway City

Experience six generations of Micil family heritage - the tastes, smells and sights of Galway's only working distillery. An engaging, educational and entertaining quided experience of the history and craft of poitin and gin.

The poitin and gin are both tasted on the tour. The drinks are served with premium mixers and garnish in branded glasses.

Allow 60 mins



# Dinner & Accommodation: Ballynahinch Castle 4\* Luxury | Connemara, Co. Galway https://www.ballynahinch-castle.com/







### Day 2 | Co. Mayo

#### Morning:

# The Lost Valley Louisburgh, Co. Mayo

The Bourke family, who've farmed livestock in this valley for over 7 generations, conduct guided tours highlighting the unique natural and cultural heritage within this majestic valley. It's woodlands, lakes, waterfalls, pristine sandy beaches and spectacular views of Killary Fjord, combine with its deserted famine village to provide a unique window into the west of Ireland as it used to be. Visitors also get to experience life on the farm with pet lamb feeding and a working sheepdog demonstration ensuring an unforgettable immersive experience.



Allow 3 hours

#### Lunch:

Cian's on Bridge Street | Bridge Street, Westport | https://ciansonbridgestreet.com/

#### Afternoon:

#### 2 Irish Soda Bread Way Westport, Co. Mayo

An immersive bread making experience in the beautiful heritage town of Westport. Your chatty local hosts Mary and Carmel will introduce you to fascinating aspects of Irish food culture and heritage. Discover how Irish country butter is made and all the piseogs (superstitions!) surrounding it. Guests make their own traditional Irish soda scones and Irish brown soda bread and while in the oven, it's time for a sit-down together and a chat over a cup of tea.



Allow 2 hours

#### Dinner & Accommodation:

**Ashford Castle 5\*** | Cong. Co. Mayo | https://ashfordcastle.com/







### Day 3 | Co. Mayo – Co. Sligo

#### Morning:

# **1** Ballinglen Museum of Art & Downpatrick Head Ballycastle, Co. Mayo

The Ballinglen Arts Foundation have welcomed world renowned artists on retreat to this quiet coastal location in north Mayo for almost 30 years. Leaving behind incredible works of art, much of which captures the wild beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way, the foundation have accrued an incredible collection which is now on display in a beautiful and tranquil new museum. Explore the collection, meet the curator, reflect on a landscape and people carved out over millennia – this is a true gem of Ireland's west coast.



Then travel the short distance to Downpatrick Head and look out over the cliffs to the sea-stack reaching up from the ocean below.

Allow 2.5 hours - museum and cliffs



**Luskins Bistro** | Ballina, Co. Mayo | https://www.facebook.com/LuskinsBistro5/

#### Afternoon Experience:

## 2 Sligo Oyster Tasting Experience WB's Coffee House, Sligo Town

Indulge in Sligo Bay Oysters at WB'S Coffee House while you are guided by owner Aisling through the history and current farming methods of harvesting oysters on the Wild Atlantic Way. You will be taught how oysters are harvested and learn the tricks of the trade with an oyster shucking demonstration. Then it's time to relax with a selection of naked and dressed Oysters with a glass of carefully selection wine to compliment the oysters.

We also have a selection of Sligo Craft Beer and our full Cafe menu available.

Allow 1 hour

#### Dinner:

Coopershill House | Riverstown, Co. Sligo | https://www.coopershill.com/dinner.html

#### Accommodation:

Markree Castle 4\* Luxury | Collooney, Co. Sligo | https://www.markreecastle.ie/





### Day 4 | Co. Donegal

#### Morning:

**Donegal Castle followed by a guided walk at Slieve League Cliffs**Donegal Castle, Donegal Twon & Teelin, Carrick, Co. Donegal

Experience life in a medieval Castle back in the 15th century when the famous Gaelic chieftains The O Donnell's built the castle and also experience the lifestyle of the later occupants of the Castle, The Brooke family. Take a guided tour or walk through the carefully restored tower and see the different styles of the two previous owners at your leisure. Then, take a guided walk-up Pilgrim's Path at Slieve League Cliffs. Wild, dramatic, majestic, the towering Slieve League Cliffs are among the highest and finest marine cliffs in Europe.



https://www.slieveleague.com/ https://www.magee1866.com/

Allow 1 hour - per experience

#### Lunch:

The Rusty Mackerel | Teelin, Carrick, Co. Donegal | https://therustymackerel.com/

#### Afternoon:

# 2 Sliabh Liag Distillers Carrick, Co Donegal

A visit to the first operational distillery for 175 years in Donegal. Sliabh Liag Distillers is a family owned artisan distillery making a unique Irish Maritime Gin and a botanical vodka in a hand-made copper pot still using seaweed and other botanicals foraged locally. Visitors will get to see a working gin distillery and the bigger plans for Sliabh Liag Distillers whiskey distillery in Ardara. Tours are complete with a tasting of An Dúlamán Irish Maritime Gin and Silkie Irish Whiskey on request.





#### Dinner:

Harvey's Point Hotel 4\* | Lough Eske, Donegal Town | https://www.harveyspoint.com/

#### Accommodation:

**Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel 4\* Luxury** | Lough Eske, Donegal Town https://www.lougheskecastlehotel.com/





### Day 5 | Co. Donegal

#### Morning:

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Raphoe, Co. Donegal

Take a private history tour of this eighteenth century Georgian Deanery, which has won several National awards for the restoration of its gardens and buildings.

The beautiful 100-acre gardens include a host of attractions including walled gardens, sculptures, a hedge maze, lakes, woodlands, and a narrow-gauge railway operating daily.

Allow 2.5 hours



#### Lunch:

Kealys Seafood Bar | The Harbour, Greencastle, Co. Donegal | http://www.kealysseafoodbar.ie/

#### Afternoon:

## 2 Amazing Grace Yacht Charters Inishowen Peninsula

Jump on board 'The Amazing Grace' cruising yacht and explore all the magic that Donegal has to offer. Glide blissfully along the water through the striking landscape of the Inishowen Peninsula. Along the way, embrace nature and awaken your senses as you discover birdlife, wildlife and uninhabited islands. Get up close and personal to the resident dolphin pod on this truly memorable guided cruise.

Allow 4 hours

#### Dinner:

**The Boathouse** | Redcastle, Moville, Co. Donegal | https://theboathouseredcastle.ie/

#### Accommodation:

**Redcastle Hotel & Spa 4\*** | Culineen, Redcastle, Co. Donegal | https://www.redcastlehoteldonegal.com/

### Day 6 | Co. Donegal

Depart for Dublin