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Eco Experience In The Burren Itinerary

Day 1



Arrival - Shannon Airport

Ceád Mile fáilte! One Hundred Thousand Welcomes to Ireland!

Your private driver will meet you in the arrivals hall to begin your Ireland tour.



Cliffs of Moher

Visually spectacular, the Cliffs of Moher sit astride the striking landscape of the Burren on one side and the Wild Atlantic Ocean on the other. Rising out of the Atlantic waters to a height of over 700ft at O'Brien's Tower and running along the coast of Clare for almost 14 kilometres, or 8 miles, the Cliffs of Moher were formed over 320 million years ago, and today form part of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. The Cliffs of Moher is in a Special Protection Area for Birds and Wildlife. The magnificent Cliffs on the Wild Atlantic Way host major colonies of nesting sea birds and are one of the country's most important bird-breeding sites.



Check into Co. Clare Hotel (4 nights, carbon-neutral accommodation)

Day 2



The Burren Visitor Centre

An essential introduction to the world-famous UNESCO Geopark, and to thousands of years of history reflected in ancient tombs, forts, castles and distinctively natural farming practices. Find it in the heart of the historic village of Kilfenora – the 'City of the Crosses' – and situated next to the ancient Kilfenora Cathedral.

Visit the Burren exhibition, which enables the visitor to experience the development of the Burren and its civilisation from formation 320 million years ago to how the Burren is today. Also be sure to check out the The Kilfenora Céilí Band Exhibition, which celebrates Ireland's living musical artists. Musical instruments, photos, historical artefacts, explanatory panels and lively video provide a fascinating, educational and unforgettable introduction to an Irish traditional music treasure trove – North Clare and specifically the Kilfenora Céilí Band, 111 years old and still thrilling audiences and dancers with its combination of world-class musical skills and youthful energy.



Burren Smokehouse

The Burren Smokehouse is a family-run business set up in 1989 by the owners Birgitta & Peter Curtin in Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare.

The visitor centre is a fully interactive space where the story of Irish salmon is told, from its place in Irish mythology and history right up to the role salmon aquaculture plays in sustaining coastal communities in some of Ireland's most remote rural locations.

Follow the iconic King of Fish through history; watch the story of the Salmon of Knowledge unfold before your eyes, and unlock knowledge through the different interactive displays.

They will explain their unique smoking process and techniques from start to finish, showing you their custom-designed kiln and smoke box, which is an integral part of their award-winning smoked Salmon products. Through learning about the carefully selected local ingredients and how they are used in each part of the process, you will experience how they contribute to the unique taste which you will enjoy when sampling the Burren Smoked Irish Organic Salmon.



Doolin Cave

For 40 years after its chance discovery by British caving students in the early fifties, the cave was popular with visiting potholers who would regularly undertake the arduous crawl to view the Great Stalactite. The cave and the surrounding land was purchased by John and Helen Browne in the 1990's. Over the decades, the Browne family have proceeded with great determination to develop the cave into one of North Clare's premier attractions and share its wonders with a wider audience.

There are 125 steps down and up from the cave. Every ten steps there is a landing and a handrail all the way.

The temperature in the cave remains a constant 11°C (52°F) so it appears cool in summer and warm in the winter. A light jacket or warm sweater will keep you cosy for the tour.

A sturdy pair of walking boots or shoes are advisable. Open-toed footwear is not suitable for the cave tour as it is slightly muddy and uneven terrain underfoot.



Day 3



Explore The Burren

Greet the day with a guided morning cycle through the Burren, where the crisp air and stunning scenery set the perfect tone for a peaceful start. Your journey leads to Burren Fine Wine & Food, where you'll savor a delicious locally sourced breakfast in a setting celebrated by National Geographic as one of the Top 10 Activities along the Wild Atlantic Way.



Burren Wine & Food

Nestled in the heart of the Burren, this unique spot offers handcrafted wines made from Irish fruits, paired with local artisan foods. Enjoy a tasting with views of limestone landscapes and a warm welcome from the family-run team.

Afterwards, spend the afternoon at your leisure, with options for additional eco-activities or a relaxing exploration of the local area.



Day 4



Scattery Island

Today, set sail for a day trip to Scattery Island.

This little island, now uninhabited, offers a calm and tranquil environment in which visitors can explore a wonderful range of interesting sites all within walking distance.

Scattery Island contains the remains of an ancient monastic site featuring a round tower, the cathedral and several medieval churches. As well as these historic sites the island also has a lighthouse, an artillery battery, the deserted village where the islanders once lived and beautiful semi-natural grass land which is home to an array of wild bird, animal and plant life which is of great interest to ecologists who visit.



Day 5



Shannon Airport - Departure

Today, a driver will bring you from your hotel to Shannon Airport, where you will board your departure flight home. Safe travels!

