

A Sense of Ireland Learning Journey 30 September – 6 October 2018



Wild Atlantic Way; Letterkenny, Happy Pear cafe, Rathmullen House Garden

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Programme itinerary: 30 September to 6 October 2018

Sun 30 Sept :

- 08.40-09.40** Travel from Glasgow International Airport to Dublin.
Ryanair FR5771. Dep: 08.40 Arr: 09.40
Aer Lingus EI3221. Dep: 0820 Arr: 09.30 (Sandy & Jordan only)
Transfer to Citywest Hotel. <https://www.citywesthotel.com/>
[Coach Company Sun to Tues inclusive: Dualway Coaches.](#)
- 10.45** Arrive at Citywest Hotel.
- 11.15-12.00** Welcome and Group briefing in the Mosacre Suite.
- 12.30-14.30** Visit to Clondalkin Round Tower (Brú Chrónáin) &
Interpretation Centre, meet Bernardine Nic Giolla Phádraig,
coordinator of Volunteer Tour Guides
Presentation at The Happy Pear and meet with David Flynn,
Owner and Mark Matanes, Manager. Lunch.
<https://thehappypear.ie/about/>
Meet Alex Mac Uaid who will take us to -
- 14.45 – 17.00** Visit Aras Chronain, Irish Cultural Centre to enjoy the
Cultural Experience Package. <http://www.araschronain.ie/>
- 19.00** Dinner in The Woodlock Restaurant at Citywest Hotel
<https://www.citywesthotel.com/hotel/woodlock-brasserie>
Accommodation – Citywest Hotel, South Dublin.

Mon 1 Oct :

- Breakfast
- 09.00-11.00** Workshop 1 (Jackie Ellis – Food Networks) and case study
time in The Silken Thomas Suite, Citywest Hotel.
- 11.30-12.30** Visit to Partas. Meet with John Kearns, Chief Executive, Partas
www.partas.ie which promotes both local and social
enterprise. Presentation and visit their speciality
coffee shop and craft brewery at the Tallaght Enterprise
Centre.
- 12.45-14.30** Meet with Shirley O'Kelly, Director, Timberrove Country Store
& Café www.timbertrove.com . Lunch at Timberrove
- 15.00-17.00** A Sense of Ireland Seminar/networking event hosted by South
Dublin Chamber of Commerce at The Tallaght Stadium.
Presentations include:
South Dublin Chamber of Commerce – Peter Byrne, CEO
Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce – Val Russell, CEO
Wilson Auctions – Ricky Wilson. <http://www.wilsonauctions.com/>
South Dublin County Council – Frank Nevin, Director of
Economic Enterprise and Tourism Development
Tea/Coffee break/Networking
Learnings Journeys – A Legacy - Sheila Gilmore, Visit Arran
& Stuart Fraser, The Oak Tree Inn
- 20.00** Dinner in The Woodlock Restaurant at Citywest Hotel.
Accommodation – Citywest Hotel, South Dublin.



Tues 2 Oct:

06.45 Breakfast/Check out
09.15-10.15 Depart to County Donegal
Visit to The Food Hub, Drumshanbo. Meet with Fergal McPartland, Manager. <http://thefoodhub.com/>
12.30-14.45 Lunch and Visit to LYIT Tourism College, Killybegs
15.00-16.00 Visit to Sliabh Liag distillery.
<https://www.sliabhliagdistillery.com/>
17.30 Check in to Dillons Hotel. <https://www.dillons-hotel.ie/>
19.30 Dinner at hotel
Accommodation – Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny

Wed 3 Oct:

[Coach company for Wednesday & Saturday – Mangan Tours](#)
Breakfast
09.00-11.15 The Tirhillon Room: Workshop 2 (Robert Singer - Developing Food Stories) & Case study groups
11.30-12.00 Visit to Kinnegar Brewery. <https://kinnegarbrewing.ie/>
12.30pm Lunch – The Narrow Quarter, Kerrykeel
<https://www.facebook.com/TheNarrowQuarter/>
1.30pm Visit to Fanad Lighthouse
Visit to Portsalon – Wild Atlantic Way
Visit to Rathmullen House
Dinner – An Bonnan Bui, Rathmullan Pier
<https://www.anbonnanbui.ie/>
Visit Wild Garlic Table Cookery School – Ramelton
<https://www.wildgarlictable.com/>
Return to hotel
Accommodation – Dillons Hotel.

Thur 4 Oct:

Breakfast
09.00-12.00 The Tirhillon Room: Case study groups
12.15-13.45 Lunch
14.00-18.00 **Seminar: Shared Experiences.** The Drumlurgagh Suite, Dillons Hotel. Session facilitated by Jackie Ellis, Tourism Angles
Outline programme:
Welcome – Chief Executive Donegal County Council/
Letterkenny Local Enterprise Office and
Val Russell, CEO, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce
Shared Experiences: Beyond Local
Fiona Richmond, Scotland Food & Drink
Andrew McElhinney, O'Donnells Bakery
Shared Experiences: Developing Food Stories
Cathrine Burke, Breac House <https://breac.house/>
John Coghill, Sligachan Hotel
Shared Experiences: Food Networks
Barbara Wardlaw, Fife Farmers Market
Eve – Anne McCarron, The Food Coast Network.

Dinner/networking event – The Lemon Tree Restaurant
<http://www.thelemontreerestaurant.com/>
Accommodation – Dillons Hotel



Fri 5 Oct:

Breakfast
09.00-09.45 Case study groups
09.45-11.30 Workshop 3: Beyond Local –
Joe McHugh, Government Chief Whip and Minister for the
Irish language, Gaeltacht and the Islands.
He is also Fine Gael Donegal TD
11.30-12.30 Case Study Groups
12.30-16.45 Letterkenny Mystery Shopping
16.45-17.15 Project de-brief
18.45 for 19.00 Wild Atlantic Way Dinner at Dillons Hotel
Accommodation – Dillons Hotel

Sat 6 Oct:

Breakfast & Checkout
Departures back to the UK.
Departure Time from hotel tbc
Flight from Donegal Airport to Glasgow.
Loganair LM0204
Dep: 15.40 Arrive: 16.20

(Please note that some elements/timing of this programme may change, prior or during the visit.)

