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Burren Way Walking Holiday — 5 Days (Moderate)

Cliffs, the Burren, and the Atlantic — five days where Ireland's wildest coast meets its strangest landscape

DURATION

5 days

WALKING DAYS

3

TOTAL DISTANCE

46.2 km

GRADE

Moderate

From

€675

per person

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About This Tour

Three walking days along the Wild Atlantic Way: the Cliffs of Moher, the limestone wilderness of the Burren, and the long sweep down to Galway Bay. From Liscannor through Doolin and Fanore to Ballyvaughan, with hand-picked B&Bs and luggage transfers all the way.

Tour Highlights

- **The Cliffs of Moher on Foot**

Walk the official cliff path from the visitor centre to Doolin — 8 km of 200-metre drops, sea-bird colonies, Atlantic spray and the Aran Islands rising to the north-west. Far more rewarding than the bus-tour version.

- **Two Nights in Music-Capital Doolin**

Doolin is where Ireland's living traditional music scene meets the sea — Gus O'Connor's, McGann's and McDermott's are all within five minutes' walk of each other and play live nearly every night of the year.

- **The Burren — Limestone Like Nowhere Else**

You'll walk across one of Europe's most extraordinary landscapes — a 250 km² limestone plateau scattered with rare wildflowers, ancient dolmens, ringforts and stone walls older than most countries.

- **Finish in Ballyvaughan**

Galway Bay on one side, the Burren rising behind, and a village known as the food capital of County Clare. Monk's Bar, the Tea Junction Café and L'Arco Italian — your third evening will be a good one.

Who Is It For?

Walkers who want the Wild Atlantic Way without committing two weeks.

Five days, three walking days, every important Burren-coast highlight included. The Cliffs of Moher, Doolin, Fanore and Ballyvaughan in one short, well-paced trip.

Couples and friends planning a long weekend with substance.

The pace is moderate — 8 to 19 km a day on a well-marked trail — and the villages along the way are sociable, with traditional music in Doolin nearly every night and great food everywhere you stop.

People who like contrast in their walking.

This route gives you genuine variety: cliff-edge drama on Day 2, limestone wilderness on Day 3, then high coastal walking past Black Head Lighthouse on Day 4. Three walking days, three completely different landscapes.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Liscannor

Overnight: Liscannor

Arrive in Liscannor and settle into your first accommodation — a quiet coastal village where your walking holiday begins. Liscannor has good local pubs, a small harbour, a sandy beach to walk along, and the Cliffs of Moher quite literally on your doorstep tomorrow. The traditional music capital of Doolin is a short drive down the coast.

We will provide you with information on how to get here using public transport in your pre-departure pack — or talk to us about private transfer options from Shannon Airport or Ennis train station, the two closest entry points.

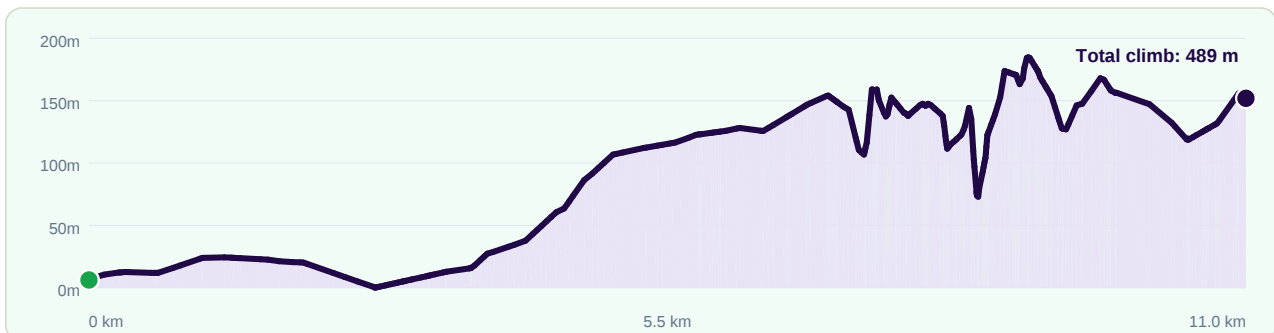
Spend the evening exploring the village, enjoying a pint in a local pub, and getting ready for tomorrow.

DAY
2

Cliffs of Moher to Doolin

Walk: The Burren Liscannor to Doolin (11 km) · Overnight: Doolin

ROUTE 11 km · 489 m ascent · Easy · Liscannor to Doolin



After breakfast we transfer you up the coast to the Cliffs of Moher visitor centre. From there you walk the official cliff path north to Doolin — 8 km of as much drama as Ireland can offer in a single morning. The path runs along the very edge: 200-metre vertical drops, sea-bird colonies on every ledge, the Aran Islands rising white out of the Atlantic to the north-west.

You finish in Doolin, Ireland's traditional-music capital. Spend the afternoon exploring the village or walking down to the harbour — and tonight, find a seat at Gus O'Connor's, McGann's or McDermott's for live music with your dinner.

Note: there is currently a partial closure on one short section of the official clifftop path. Your route notes route around the closed section. If the closure lifts before your trip, the full path is open.

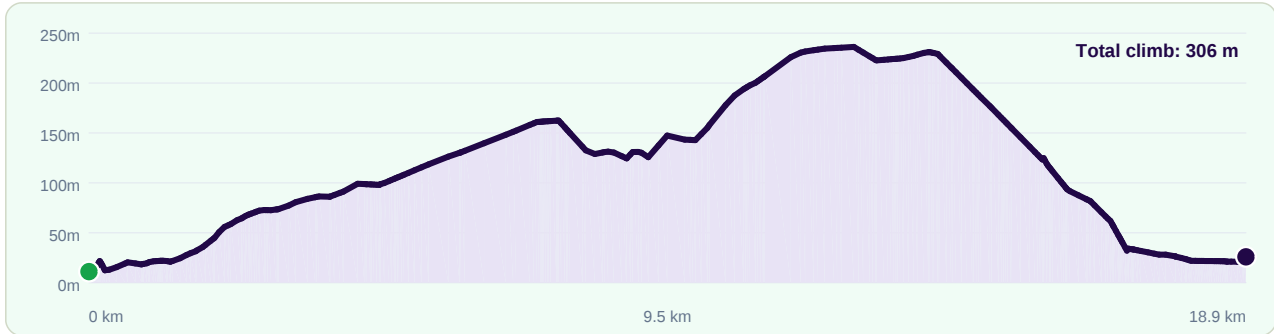
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Doolin to Fanore

Walk: Burren Doolin to Fanore (18.9 km) · Overnight: Fanore

ROUTE 18.9 km · 306 m ascent · Moderate · Doolin to Fanore



Today the Burren begins. Out of Doolin you climb gently inland onto the limestone plateau — bare grey pavement scored by glacial fissures, rare wildflowers in every crack, stone walls older than most European cities. It looks unlike anywhere else in Europe.

The route descends through traditional farmland to the long sandy strand at Fanore — one of the few proper beaches on the Wild Atlantic Way. Settle into your accommodation, walk down to the beach for a paddle if the weather plays along, and enjoy a quiet dinner.

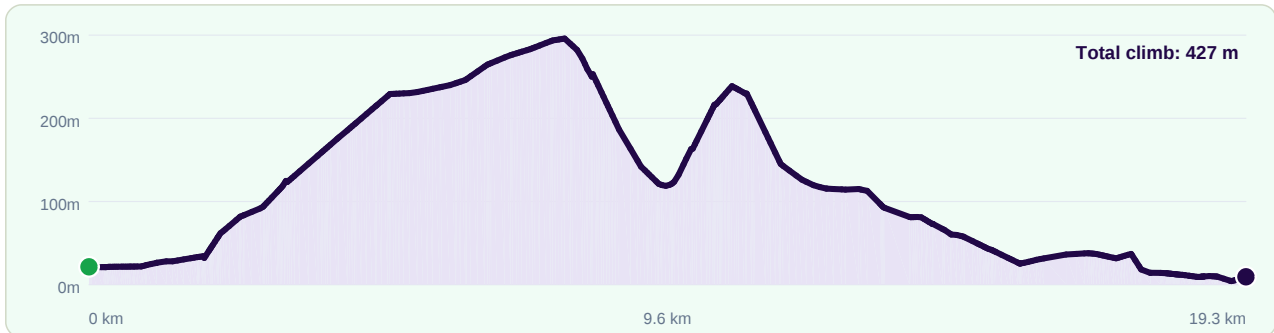
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Fanore to Ballyvaughan

Walk: Burren Fanore to Ballyvaughan (19.3 km) · Overnight: Ballyvaughan

ROUTE 19.3 km · 427 m ascent · Moderate · Fanore to Ballyvaughan



Your final walking day is the showpiece. Out of Fanore the path climbs onto high coastal ground above Galway Bay, with views across the water to Connemara that genuinely stop you in your tracks. The dramatic Black Head Lighthouse sits at the northwestern tip of the Burren — you pass within sight of it on the descent.

From Black Head the path drops gradually through traditional Irish farmland into Ballyvaughan — a small harbour village that has quietly become known as the food capital of County Clare. Monk's Bar, the Tea Junction Café and L'Arco Italian are all within five minutes' walk; tonight will be a good one.

DAY

5

Departure from Ballyvaughan

A leisurely morning. A last full Irish breakfast. A last look at Galway Bay.

Make your way onward — Galway city is around 50 minutes by road, Shannon Airport around 1 hour 30 minutes. Many guests add a night in Galway before heading home; it's well worth it.

What Our Walkers Say

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The Burren Way was unique and well organised from start to finish.

- Jan de Vries - 2025

A fantastic experience on the Burren Way. The routes were easy to follow in the app, and the scenery was unlike anywhere else in Ireland.

- Lotte van den Berg - 2025

The Burren Way offers a landscape that feels completely different from the rest of Ireland. Cliff helped us choose the right tour and length. The daily walks were varied and interesting. The accommodation was of a high standard, and each host made us feel welcome. The route notes in the app were detailed and reliable. This was a unique and very well organised walking holiday.

- Marieke Smit - 2025

Ready to Walk Ireland?

Every tour is self-guided with hand-picked accommodation, daily luggage transfer, detailed route notes and GPX files, plus our personal local support throughout your walk. Dates and group sizes are flexible — just ask.

What's Included

- ✓ Accommodation: Welcoming en-suite B&B rooms
- ✓ Breakfast: Full Irish breakfast every morning
- ✓ Luggage Transfer: Daily transfer of your main bag between accommodations
- ✓ Personalised Itinerary and route app for your smart phone that keeps you on the trail at all times.
- ✓ Support: 24/7 emergency support throughout your holiday
- ✓ Pre-Departure Pack: Information pack sent before you travel, so you know exactly what to expect

Not Included

- ✗ Flights: Travel to Ireland is not included
- ✗ Insurance: You'll need travel and walking holiday insurance
- ✗ Meals: Lunches and dinners are not included (though we'll recommend great local spots)



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