WALKING HOLIDAY IRELAND

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€890
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SELF-GUIDED WALKING HOLIDAY · CONNEMARA

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5 DAYS

Three walking days on the Western Way — along Lough Corrib, over the pilgrims' pass at Mám Éan, through the Inagh Valley and down to Killary Fjord at Leenaun. About 47km.

DURATION	WALKING DAYS	DISTANCE	GRADE
5 days	**3**	**46.9 km**	**Moderate**
4 nights B&B	13 to 17 km each	about 800 m of ascent	

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Tour code SWA-CO-5M

Your route at a glance

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Overnight · Days 2 and 4 · Day 3

DAY 1 — Arrival in Oughterard
Arrive in Oughterard, the angling town on the western shore of Lough Corrib where…

DAY 2 — By the shores of Lough Corrib —
12.7 km · 162 m ascent · Gentle · back to Oughterard for the night

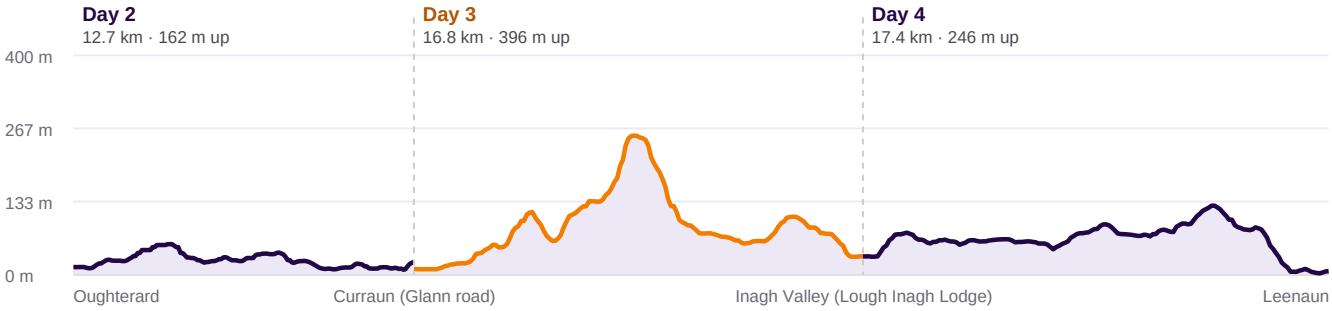
DAY 3 — Maam to Lough Inagh — the
16.8 km · 396 m ascent · Moderate

DAY 4 — Lough Inagh to Leenaun
17.4 km · 246 m ascent · Gentle

DAY 5 — Departure from Leenaun
Your walking holiday ends after breakfast in Leenaun. Public transport from here…

The whole walk in one line

46.9 km · 804 m of climbing over three days · from our GPS tracks



Lough Corrib shore

The Western Way starts along the quiet Glann road beside Ireland's second-largest lake — wooded islands, stone walls and herons in the shallows.

The Mám Éan pilgrims' pass

Cross the Maamturk Mountains where pilgrims have walked for over a thousand years — a tiny chapel, a holy well and St Patrick's statue at the top.

The Inagh Valley

A glacial valley between the Maamturks and the Twelve Bens, with a night at Lough Inagh Lodge, a Victorian fishing lodge on the lakeshore (or similar).

Leenaun and Killary Fjord

Finish at the head of Ireland's fjord — mussel rafts on the water, Mweelrea across the bay and Gaynor's pub for the evening.

Day by day

Elevation, 0 to 400 m · Gentle · Moderate

1 **Arrival in Oughterard.** Arrive in Oughterard, the angling town on the western shore of Lough Corrib where the Western Way begins. It is under an hour from Galway by bus — your pre-departure pack has the details, and we can arrange a private transfer… **Overnight Oughterard**

DAY 2



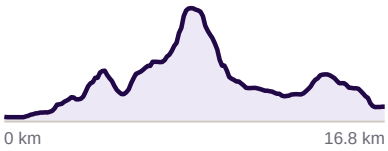
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By the shores of Lough Corrib — Oughterard to Curraun

The Western Way leaves Oughterard heading north-west along the quiet Glann road, with Lough Corrib on your right — wooded islands scattered across the water and the hills of Joyce Country rising ahead. Stone walls, old lakeside farms, herons in the shallows. It is unhurried walking and a gentle start to the week. You walk as far as Curraun, where we collect you and bring you back to Oughterard for a second night. Trail note (November 2026): beyond Curraun, a 2km boardwalk section of the Western Way beneath Lackavrea has been closed for safety since 2024, with no waymarked diversion. Rather than…

Overnight Oughterard · back to Oughterard for the night

DAY 3



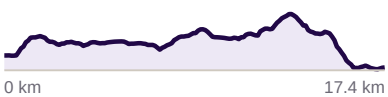
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Maam to Lough Inagh — the Pilgrim Trail

After breakfast we drive you to Maam in the Joyce Country valley, where the trail picks up again. A quiet minor road climbs gradually west toward Mám Éan, the pass through the Maamturk Mountains that pilgrims have crossed for well over a thousand years. At the top there is a tiny chapel, a holy well, stations of the cross and a statue of St Patrick, who is said to have blessed Connemara from this spot — and a view that opens straight down into the Inagh Valley. The descent brings you into the valley with the Twelve Bens rising sheer on the far side. Tonight you stay at Lough Inagh Lodge, a Victorian fishing lodge on…

Overnight Inagh Valley (Lough Inagh Lodge)

DAY 4



17.4 km · 246 m up · Gentle

Lough Inagh to Leenaun

The Western Way runs north along the western slopes of the Maamturks, the length of Glen Inagh, with the lough below and the Twelve Bens across the water. Then the trail curls around the northern end of the mountains toward Killary Harbour, Ireland's fjord, finishing along an old coach road into Leenaun at its head. Mussel rafts on the water, Mweelrea across the fjord, and Gaynor's — the pub from the film The Field — for the evening. Trail note (November 2026): the Western Way footbridge at Tullyconor, on the approach to Killary, is currently closed. Your route notes and GPS track follow the open route…

Overnight Leenaun

5 **Departure from Leenaun.** Your walking holiday ends after breakfast in Leenaun. Public transport from here is limited, so we send the current bus options in your pre-departure pack, or we can book a private transfer to Galway or Westport. Want more? Our 8-day tour carries on over the hills into Mayo and finishes in Westport.

Is this walk for you?

GENTLE — MODERATE — CHALLENGING

13 to 17 km	804	3
a day	m of climbing in total	walking days

For walkers with a few days to spare who want the best of the Western Way without a full week. You should be comfortable walking 13–17km a day on mixed ground, including one mountain pass of about 400m. Ideal as a first self-guided walk in the west of Ireland, or to add to a few days in Galway.



INCLUDED

- ✓ **Accommodation.** 4 nights in 3-star or better en-suite B&B, guesthouse or hotel
- ✓ **Logistics.** Luggage transfers to each night's accommodation
- ✓ **Transfers.** Day 2 pick-up at Curraun and return to Oughterard; Day 3 transfer to Maam
- ✓ **Breakfast.** Full Irish or continental breakfast every morning
- ✓ **Navigation.** Personalised digital itinerary and route app for your smartphone that keeps you on the trail at…
- ✓ **Support.** 24/7 emergency contact line throughout your trip
- ✓ **Preparation.** Pre-departure information pack

NOT INCLUDED

- ✗ Flights to/from Ireland
- ✗ Travel to Oughterard and onward travel from Leenaun (we send public transport details, or can book…
- ✗ Travel and hiking insurance
- ✗ Lunches and dinners (though we'll suggest brilliant local spots)

Want to walk further?
6 days to Leenaun from €965 · 8 days to Westport from €1,195

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€890
per person sharing

Single room supplement applies. See the website for current rates.

How booking works

1. Tell us your dates and how many walkers. We check the B&Bs.
2. A 25% deposit holds your places; the balance is due before you travel.
3. Your travel pack arrives 14 days before departure.

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