

WALKING AREA GUIDE

# CONNEMARA

The Twelve Bens, Killary Fjord, and the strongest Gaeltacht in Ireland — Connemara is one of Europe's last truly wild landscapes.

| TOURS | DURATION | DISTANCE | GRADE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 5 to 8 | 47 to 93 | Moderate |
| self-guided | days | km on foot | 7 to 24 km a day |


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# One trail, three ways to walk it

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## HOW FAR EACH TOUR GOES

Walking km only · every tour adds an arrival and a departure day

| TOUR | START · FINISH | GRADE | WALK DAYS | TOTAL | AVG PER DAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **5 days** | Oughterard → Leenaun | Moderate | 3 | **46.9 km** | 15.6 km |
| **6 days** | Kilronan pier → Leenaun | Moderate | 4 | **58.4 km** | 14.6 km |
| **8 days** | Oughterard → Westport | Moderate | 5 | **92.5 km** | 18.5 km |

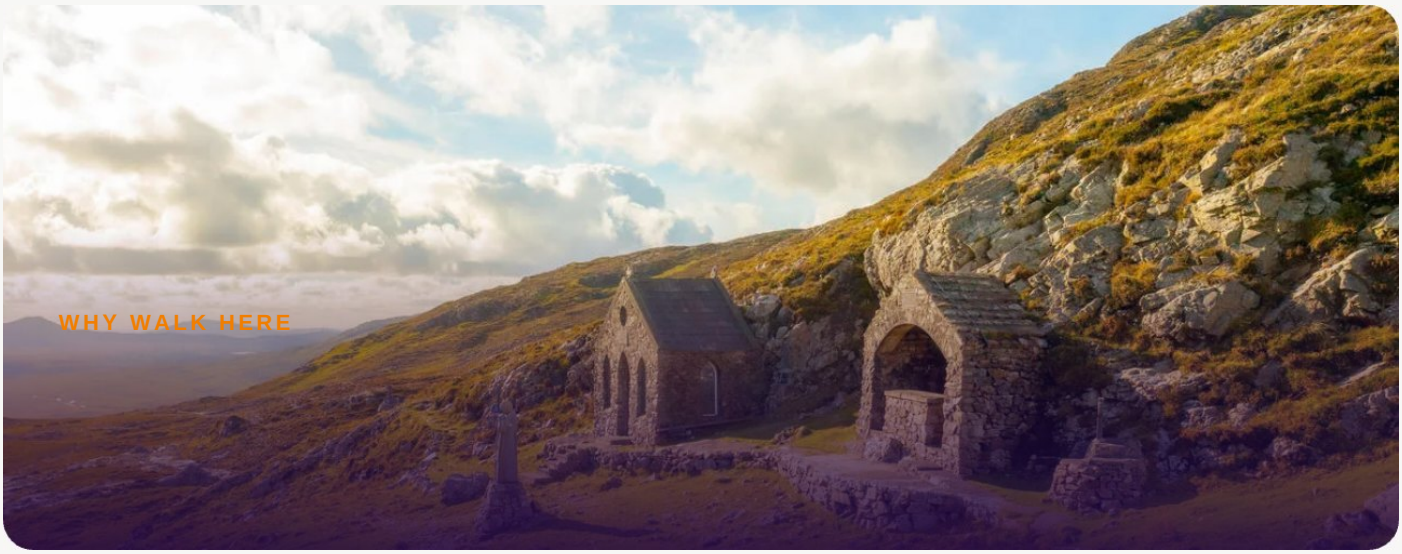
## LANDMARKS ON THE WAY

**Kylemore Abbey**
A Victorian Gothic castle built in 1868 on the shore…

**Killary Harbour**
Ireland's only true fjord — a 16km tidal inlet carved by…

**Connemara National Park and Diamond Hill**
2,000 hectares of bog, heath, grassland and…

**The Twelve Bens**
A compact range of quartzite peaks rising from…




## The landscape

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## History & culture

Connemara is the largest and strongest Gaeltacht in Ireland — the Irish-speaking region that stretches from Oughterard through to the coast. Walking here, you will see Irish on road signs, hear it spoken in shops and pubs, and begin to understand that this is not a heritage performance but…

## Who it suits

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## Is Connemara for you?

GENTLE · MODERATE · CHALLENGING

Graded **Moderate**

| 7 to 24 | 128 to 674 | 3 to 5 |
|---|---|---|
| km a day | m climb a day | walking days |

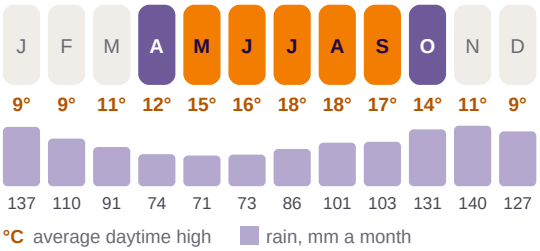
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### Terrain

Our Connemara walking holidays are graded Moderate. The core route follows the Western Way and old railway line on well-established paths and tracks. There are no technical sections, scrambles, or exposed ridgelines on the standard itinerary.

## When to go




- **Best months.** Connemara is walkable from May through September. May and June are ideal: the bog comes alive with wildflowers, the days are long, and the trails are quiet.
- **Season.** Tours start between 15 April and 15 October.
- **Weather.** Mild all season, 12 to 18°C by day. Expect some rain on any trip and pack a good waterproof.

Met Éireann 1991–2020 averages, Belmullet, the nearest long-term station.

# Three walking holidays in Connemara

The further you go, the quieter the trail gets. Prices are per person sharing and include B&B, luggage transfers, route notes and our app.

**5 DAYS**

### The Western Way from Oughterard to Leenaun

Oughterard - Leenaun · 3 walking days · 46.9 km

FROM **€890** per person

**6 DAYS**

### Inis Mór and the Western Way — Galway to Leenaun

Kilronan pier - Leenaun · 4 walking days · 58.4 km

FROM **€965** per person

**8 DAYS**

### Oughterard to Westport — Lough Corrib, the Inagh Valley, Killary and…

LONGEST

Oughterard - Westport · 5 walking days · 92.5 km

FROM **€1,195** per person

● Overnight village ● Where the tour ends Single travellers welcome, a…



## Every tour includes

- ✓ En-suite B&B rooms, chosen…
- ✓ Full Irish breakfast every morning
- ✓ Daily luggage transfer
- ✓ Route notes and our GPS app
- ✓ Pre-departure pack
- ✓ 24/7 emergency support

## Not sure which?

Tell us your fitness and your dates. We have walked these trails and will say honestly which version fits.

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1
### Choose your route
Pick a tour and your dates. We check availability.

2
### We plan everything
B&Bs, transfers, route notes, app. A pack arrives before you travel.

3
### You walk
At your own pace, with a daypack. We are a phone call away.

4
### Bags waiting at your door
Your main bag moves while you walk and is there at the next B&B.

## GETTING THERE & PRACTICAL

Getting here: All tours begin in Oughterard, approximately 45 minutes from Galway city. We transfer you from Galway at the start and return you at the end. Galway is connected by train and bus from Dublin (approximately 2.5 hours) and has its own regional airport.

Language: Connemara is a Gaeltacht region — Irish is widely spoken, particularly west of Maam Cross. English is understood everywhere.

Mobile signal: Coverage is patchy in the Inagh Valley and along the Killary shore. Download route maps offline before each stage. Our route notes include GPS tracks for every day.
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## WHERE YOU'LL STAY



Accommodation on the Connemara route ranges from remote valley B&Bs to one of the finest small lodges in the west of Ireland. The contrast is part of what makes the route interesting.

Oughterard, your arrival town on Lough Corrib, has good lakeside B&Bs — small, relaxed, and well-placed for a…

## Ready to walk Connemara?

See live availability, full daily itineraries and current rates on our website, or ask us anything first. A deposit holds your dates; the balance is due before you travel.

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