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Western Ireland beckons travelers with its many charms. Galway hops with youthful energy thanks to its university and music-filled pubs. Timeless Connemara unfolds a rustic quilt of peat bogs, green mountains and cozy cottages, all sewn together by the dry-stone walls that gird the farmers' fields. The sweet smoke of burning peat warms the Atlantic air from seacoast villages to the rugged Aran Islands, a fragrance linking centuries of a people who have guarded their Irish language and traditions proudly.

Above: Galway

Below: Walled garden, Kylemore



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Irish traditions at **Teálta na hÓige Workshop**, a cultural center that preserves the Irish way of life.
- Listen to the captivating stories of a **seanchaí**, a traditional storyteller.
- Enjoy performances of energetic **sean nós dancing** and lively **traditional music**.
- Watch an expert craftsman make a **bodhrán**, a traditional Irish drum.
- Explore **The Burren**, a beautiful rocky plateau, and the **Cliffs of Moher**, which offer dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean.
- Cruise to Inishmore, one of the **Aran Islands**, and see the ruins of Dún Aengus, an ancient fortress.

Alumni Campus Abroad® Advantages

The unique, value-added features of Alumni Campus Abroad® programs deliver an outstanding educational travel experience.

- **A carefully selected hotel** with comfortable accommodations is the perfect base for exploring the region's renowned landmarks and off-the-beaten-path treasures while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in the local culture and lifestyle.
- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- **An extensive meal plan** is seasoned with traditional specialties.
- **Meet the People** opportunities allow you to interact with local residents and gain personal insight into their everyday lives.
- **Knowledgeable guides** lead your excursions and **local experts** present insightful educational lectures.
- **An experienced Campus Director** ensures attentive service for the duration of your stay.
- **All gratuities** for excursion guides and drivers are included.



Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Western Ireland is a timeless escape and a hub of Irish culture, making it an inspiring place for exploration and learning.

We invite you to join us on the Alumni Campus Abroad program in Western Ireland. The itinerary includes relaxing excursions through breathtaking countryside to see rustic farms and postcard-perfect villages. We'll go beyond Galway Bay to the rugged Aran Island of Inishmore.

Your opportunities to learn about Irish ways of life are rich with this program's Cultural Immersion component. We've partnered with the Teálta na hÓige Workshop in Ros a' Mhíl, a state-of-the-art cultural center where travelers will attend talks on the Irish arts, participate in hands-on workshops and delight in meeting local people eager to share their heritage.

Enjoy delicious cuisine, personalized service and deluxe accommodations throughout your journey. A thoughtful balance of leisure time and stimulating excursions with like-minded travelers makes this program a treat.

Space is limited to ensure maximum comfort, so we encourage you to make your reservation today.

Sincerely,

Marguerite I. Jones

Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University

*May you always walk in
sunshine. May you never
want for more. May Irish
angels rest their wings
right beside your door.*

~Irish proverb

*"There is no language
like the Irish for
soothing and quieting."*

~ John Millington Synge,
Irish playwright,
1871-1909

*"Think where man's glory
most begins and ends,
and say my glory was
I had such friends."*

~ William Butler Yeats,
Irish poet and dramatist,
1865-1939

*"Ireland, sir, for good
or evil, is like no other
place under heaven, and
no man can touch its sod
or breathe its air without
becoming better or worse."*

~ George Bernard Shaw,
Irish playwright,
1856-1950

Right: Clifden
Below: Pre-famine cottage, Connemara



Explore the medieval streets of Galway before the coastal roads of Connemara take you from isolated villages to the Gothic revival fantasy of Kylemore Abbey and the austere Twelve Bens Mountains. The finest craftsmen show you their arts, storytellers weave their yarns and local tearooms present tempting fresh-baked pastries to revive you for your next Irish adventure.

DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland, aboard scheduled jet service.†

† Provided for Air Program participants.

DAY TWO

SHANNON & GALWAY

Upon arrival in Shannon, transfer† to Galway to check into the Ardilaun Hotel. Explore this historic town and walk along the promenade in the seaside resort of Salthill.

This evening at the hotel, enjoy the company of your fellow travelers and the music of a traditional Irish harp at a Welcome Reception before your Welcome Dinner.

DAY THREE

CONNEMARA

B/L/D

Cultural Immersion: *Connemara and Irish Heritage.* Journey to Ros a' Mhíl, overlooking the Irish coast, and the Teálta na hÓige Workshop. Learn of Ireland's colorful past, from the life of pirate queen Gráinne Mhaol to the history of Galway's 14 family tribes to the country's struggle for independence from the United Kingdom.



Above: Statue of Jesus overlooking Kylemore Abbey
Above right: Malachy Kearns assembles a bodhrán

D Local Flavor: A trip through rugged Connemara leads to lunch at a restaurant in RosCahil.

Excursion: *From Cottage to Kylemore.*

Meet the family who owns a pre-famine-era cottage and runs its farm. Hear their stories about 19th-century life and help cut peat, which the Irish have used for generations to heat their homes. Then wend your way past mountains and lakes to Kylemore Abbey, built in 1867 by English gentleman Mitchell Henry. Experience the Victorian atmosphere of the restored abbey and magical walled garden. The Gothic church and woodland walks are serene, and local tearooms offer breathtaking views of Connemara National Park.

Educational Focus: *Irish Seanchaí.* After dinner, a storyteller will spark your imagination with lore, tragedy and humor.

DAY FOUR

CLIFDEN & ROUNDSTONE B/L

Cultural Immersion: *Irish Performing Arts.* Return to the Teálta na hÓige Workshop



to learn about Irish musical instruments and hear musicians play their energetic and mysterious music. Celebrate exuberant sean-nós dancing as performers demonstrate this unique style of folk dance.

Local Flavor: Savor local specialties in a restaurant in Clifden, Connemara's capital.

Excursion: *The Drumbeat of Ireland.*

Within the walls of a Franciscan monastery in Roundstone, watch Malachy Kearns craft a *bodhrán*, an 18-inch, one-sided drum. Learn about this ancient instrument from one of the world's leading experts.

Educational Focus: *Irish Literary Greats.*

As evening falls, enjoy a talk exploring the work of Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, W.B. Yeats and James Joyce. Examine the environmental and historical conditions that shaped their works.

**DAY FIVE
THE BURREN**

B/L/D

Excursion: *The Burren and Cliffs of Moher.* The Burren has one of the world's most unusual landscapes. This rocky plateau features diverse flora, karstic formations and man-made wonders. Watch trained birds of



prey hunt near Ailwee Cave. Visit the Poul nabrone Dolmen, a portal tomb dating from 2500-2000 B.C., and journey through Burren National Park. See Kilfenora's famous 12th-century cathedral and high crosses, then drive along the scenic Burren coast to the majestic Cliffs of Moher, rising 700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, before stopping by the Corcomroe Abbey ruins.

**DAY SIX
GALWAY**

B/L

Independent Exploration: Enjoy the morning at leisure in Galway.

Excursion: *Irish Treasures.* See Irish crystal being made at a local workshop. Then see Celtic-inspired Brigit's Garden. Close by is Quiet Man's Bridge, made famous by a 1952 movie starring John Wayne. Continue to Aughnanure Castle, a stronghold built in the early 16th century by the fierce O'Flaherty



*Left center:
Poulabrone
Dolmen*

*Left:
Boats in
Roundstone*

*Below left:
Corcomroe
Abbey ruins*

clan. Standing on a rocky island, the castle is a striking example of an Irish tower house.

DAY SEVEN

GALWAY & INISHMORE

B/L/D

Cultural Immersion: *Traditional Irish Sports.*

At Teálta na hÓige, learn about the Gaelic Athletic Association. Its sporting events have unified Irish communities since 1884. Watch a leading athlete demonstrate Gaelic football and hurling.

Excursion: *Windswept Inishmore.*

Cruise to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands. Encounter prehistoric forts and megalithic tombs. Walk to the ruined cliff-side fortress of Dún Aengus for breathtaking vistas of the Atlantic Ocean.

In Galway, visit a pub to hear local musicians playing in their natural environment!

DAY EIGHT

GALWAY

B/D

Cultural Immersion: *Irish Singing.*

Learn about the “passing down” of Irish songs and hear some of the best performed.

Independent Exploration:

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore Galway.

Join fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner at the hotel. An Irish music and dance performance complete the evening.

DAY NINE

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Depart for the airport in Shannon for the return flight to your gateway city.†

Note: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Any excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

*Included meals indicated each day as
B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.*

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Spend **seven nights** in Galway at the first-class **Ardilaun Hotel**.

Meals

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, five lunches and five dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try local cuisine independently.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a special Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Reception followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Your Exciting Travel Program

(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions:**
 - Visit the restored cottage and farm once owned by Dan O’Hara.
 - Explore lovely Kylemore Abbey and its Victorian gardens.
 - Enjoy picture-perfect Clifden at the foot of the Twelve Bens Mountains.
 - Visit quaint Roundstone and its Franciscan Monastery.
 - Marvel at the eerily beautiful Burren National Park and the dazzling Cliffs of Moher, and explore Kilfenora Cathedral, the High Crosses and lovely Corcomroe Abbey ruins.
 - Delight in Brigit’s Garden, Quiet Man’s Bridge and Aughnanure Castle.
 - Journey to the Aran Island of Inishmore.

Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** and expert guides.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Ardilaun Hotel Galway

The Ardilaun Hotel offers well-appointed, comfortable accommodations close to Galway's city center and Galway Bay. Nestled in a tranquil wooded setting, the family-owned hotel is surrounded by lush lawns, gardens and stone patios. Its white-tablecloth restaurant, the Camilaun, is known for a warm, welcoming atmosphere, freshly prepared cuisine and fine wines, with views of the hotel's beautiful grounds. For casual meals, enjoy dining al fresco and the Blazers Bistro. Exercise in the hotel's superb leisure club, with its 18-meter swimming pool, Jacuzzi and steam room. The hotel's full-service beauty salon can help refresh and pamper you as well.



Gaeltacht and Living Irish Traditions

A Gaeltacht is an Irish-speaking region where the goal is to preserve Irish as the primary language and to save other Irish traditions as well. In County Galway near Connemara sits Ireland's largest Gaeltacht, but they operate in Kerry and several other counties as well. Throughout the Galway Gaeltacht, you will see thriving Irish culture: from bilingual road signs in Irish and English to sean-nós dancing (a style of folk dance that is associated mostly with western Ireland) to the continued use of peat to heat homes. Restored Galway *hookers* — traditional workboats with rusty red sails — ply the coastline again after near extinction in the 1970s. And the mysterious and joyous sounds of the *bodhrán* drum and other musical instruments bring to life local forms of music enjoyed by the Irish through the ages.



Above: Quiet Man's Bridge

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Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

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Land Program

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Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.

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May 21-28, 2013

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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
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May 20-28, 2013

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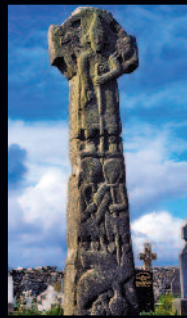
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