

Men of Worth

Ireland – May 2018



Roscommon & Inishbofin

Abbey Ruins, Inishbofin

‘Roscommon & Inishbofin’ Tour, 2018

A visit back to Roscommon and Inishbofin with Men of Worth

10 Nights: 16 May - 25 May
(Dispersing morning of Sat 26 May)

The Park Inn, Shannon Airport... Co Clare	1 Night
Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon... Co Roscommon	3 Nights
Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Inishbofin Island... Co Galway	5 Nights
The Park Inn, Shannon Airport... Co Clare	1 Night

\$2,850 Per/Person (Sharing room, Double or Twin)

\$3,150 Per/Person (Single)

(Note: Limited Single space. Please check availability)

Check or money order only, payable to Mahog Music. (No credit card, sorry)

Mahog Music PO Box 1256, Talent, OR 97540 USA

Includes: 10 nights Dinner, B&B — Coach — Ferries — Activities/Visits — and Meal-tips.
Excludes: Air Travel — Lunches — Driver-tip — and Insurance.

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“Working Itinerary”

Day 1 **Wednesday, 16th May, 2018**

Activity As tour members arrive independently at Shannon Airport, cross the road to the Park Inn, and check in under **MEN OF WORTH TOUR**.

At **6pm**, we gather in the bar area for a **Welcome Drink**, prior to **Dinner at 7.00pm**

Evening After **Dinner**, Evening free to relax, and prepare for morning departure.

Hotel **Park Inn, Shannon Airport (D. B)**

Day 2 **Thursday, 17th May, 2018**

Activity Depart Shannon at 9:00am. Driving through County Clare, we head for the [Cliffs of Moher](#), the [Burren Centre](#) and then on to [Galway town](#); here we will have time for lunch, shopping, etc... From Galway, we travel to Gleeson’s Townhouse Hotel in Roscommon. Independent lunch.

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with Men of Worth.

Hotel **Gleeson’s Townhouse, Co. Roscommon (D. B.)**

Day 3 **Friday, 18th May, 2018**

Activity Depart Gleeson’s at 11:00am for [Strokestown Park](#). A Georgian Palladian mansion preserved with its original furnishings and fabrics with a six acre walled pleasure gardens restored to their original splendour giving an insight into horticultural design and architecture from the 1740's to the present day.

Provided lunch.

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment featuring Vinegar Bill.

Hotel **Gleeson’s Townhouse, Co. Roscommon (D. B.)**

Day 4 **Saturday, 19th May, 2018**

Activity Depart hotel at 10.30am for **Viking** boat trip (1.5hrs) on the River Shannon. Arrive at the **Clonmacnoise** Monastic site for a 2.30pm guided tour of an Early Christian settlement founded by St. Ciarán in the mid-6th century on the eastern bank of the River Shannon.

The site includes the ruins of a cathedral, seven churches (10th -13th century), two round towers, three high crosses and the largest collection of Early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe. Depart at 4pm for hotel, arriving at 5pm.

Independent lunch.

Evening After **Dinner**, Entertainment with Men of Worth.

Hotel **Gleeson’s Townhouse, Co. Roscommon (D. B.)**

Day 5 Sunday, 20th May, 2018

Activity

Depart at 10am for **Cleggan**, Connemara. In Cleggan we board the 2.00pm passenger ferry for [Inishbofin](#) (45min). Upon arrival on the island, we check into **Murray's Doonmore Hotel**, our home for five nights. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore the island with plenty of time for settling in.

Independent lunch.

Evening

After **Dinner**, Entertainment in the Function Room.

Hotel

[Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway \(D. B.\)](#)

Day 6 Monday, 21st May, 2018

Activity

12.00pm guided walk on the island with archaeologist [Michael Gibbons](#), the founder of the Clifden Hill walking Club. Michael has also lectured Archaeology at Smithsonian's, Harvard, Sydney & Melbourne Universities. His special interests include Pilgrimage Mountains & Islands of Ireland.

4:30pm* Boat tour of Island - meeting at the pier (14 passengers) approx. 1.5 hr.

NOTE: We are happy to see many talented musicians in the group, so please make good use of the Function Room for practice and playing.

Independent lunch.

Evening

After **Dinner**, Entertainment in the Function Room

Hotel

[Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway \(D. B.\)](#)

Day 7 Tuesday, 22nd May, 2018

Activity

11.00am - a slides presentation on the local birds by Guide/Ranger **Dermot Breen**, followed by a bird-watching hike in the afternoon.

NOTE: Inishbofin provides breeding grounds for many species of birds. One of the rarest is the corncrake, which has been breeding here for many years. Its distinctive call can be heard late at night. Other breeding birds include terns, lapwings, choughs and skylarks.

Independent lunch.

4:30pm* Boat tour of Island - meeting at the pier (14 passengers) approx. 1.5 hr.

After **Dinner**, Céili, featuring the Inishbofin Céili Band (Function Room).

Evening

Hotel

[Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway \(D. B.\)](#)

Day 8 Wednesday, 23rd May, 2018

Activity

Today we plan to charter a boat with local guide [Tommy Burke](#), and make the short crossing to the neighboring island of [Inishark](#).

NOTE: Inishark is a small island south of Inishbofin. Now uninhabited, the last 23 residents of this isolated fishing and farming community were evacuated in 1960.

(Inis Airc in Irish; sometimes known as Shark Island)

Independent lunch.

Evening

After **Dinner**, we are at leisure.

Hotel

[Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway \(D. B.\)](#)

Day 9 Thursday, 24th May, 2018

Activity

A free day on Inishbofin.

For those that are not up to walking or hiking, we will have the small, hotel people carrier and we will coordinate a couple of tours around the Island.

Independent lunch.

4:30pm* Boat tour of Island - meeting at the pier (14 passengers) approx. 1.5 hr.

Evening

After **Dinner**, Short concert with **Men of Worth**

Hotel

Murray's Doonmore Hotel, Co. Galway (D. B.)

Day 10 Friday, 25th May, 2018

Activity

We depart Inishbofin. The ferry back to Cleggan is at 1.00pm where we board the bus for a short 20min journey to [Clifden](#) for lunch and a shopping opportunity. Depart for the Park Inn at 3.30pm.

Independent lunch.

Evening

After **Dinner**, **Men of Worth** host a final concert program with **Special Guests**

Andrew (accordion) Mark (fiddle) Brendan (Guitar & Vocals)

Hotel

The Park Inn Co. Clare (D. B.)

*** Weather and tides permitting;** we will board a small craft (**14 passengers**), and tour with local fisherman and guide Aidan Day. **This is as an optional activity.** It's approximately 1.5 hours in and around the Island. Pickup and drop-off at the pier. We have arranged this for three days to accommodate our number and to give everybody the option.

Day 11 Saturday, 26th May, 2018

Activity

Breakfast is included, served between 6:30am and 10am. (Not as a group)

This is the Official End of the Tour! Thank You!

You could plan to fly out of Shannon this morning...or make other plans.

Call Donnie (916) 723-6320 to discuss flights before booking.

We can arrange Extra Night/s for you with the Park Inn at Shannon Airport. Donnie will ask you in good time if extra nights are required, and he will process and pass these requests on to James, who will make the reservations on your behalf. You don't need to contact the Park Inn; just show up with your Card.

Also, if you would like help from Donnie or James relating to flights, and/or any additional time you plan to spend in Ireland, check with...

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