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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythms of Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way, brimming with spectacular scenery, wonderful food and rousing music!

- ▶ Take in **Achill Island's majestic, untamed beauty**, from moorlands to verdant mountains to magnificent shoreline.
- ▶ Feel the animated pulse of life in **vibrant Galway**.
- ▶ Delight in romantic **Kylemore Abbey**, nestled along a lakeshore in the Connemara mountains.
- ▶ Explore **warm and welcoming Westport**, home to traditional music and Irish food at its best.
- ▶ Stand before weathered tombs over 5,000 years old in **Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery**.
- ▶ Marvel at the sensational, rugged, cliff-lined coastal scenery along Ireland's **Wild Atlantic Way**.

Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we delight in a quintessentially Irish experience based in charming, laid-back Westport along Ireland's magical western coast! For seven nights, you'll make your home in this friendly, flower-filled town of colorful shopfronts, lively cafés, wonderful restaurants and cheery local pubs humming with the stirring beat of classic Irish melodies.

From Westport, we'll set out to delve more deeply into Irish history and culture and to marvel at the spectacular scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way. In County Sligo, discover the glorious countryside that gripped the imagination of poet W.B. Yeats, and wander among Stone Age tombs in an ancient cemetery. Admire Achill Island's beguiling, untamed landscapes, and feel the romance of Kylemore Abbey, nestled among the Connemara mountains. Delight in the charm of Cong and Clifden, and in Galway, feel the city's lighthearted energy radiating along its medieval lanes.

Enjoy the ease, camaraderie and value of group travel with opportunities to explore on your own. Make your reservation today, call AHI Travel at **877-223-9274**.

Sincerely,



Pauline Ranieri
Director, UW Alumni Tours
UW Alumni Association

P.S. Your friends and family are welcome to join you on our tours, even if they're not UW alumni!

UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.

Exclusive offering! Experience a greater portion of the thrilling Wild Atlantic Way and witness the incredible Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark when you combine this journey with our **West Ireland: featuring County Kerry** program (May 14-22). A complimentary transfer between hotels is included when you reserve both programs.

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Achill Island's rugged coast





Day 1

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Shannon, Ireland.✈

Day 2

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Shannon, Ireland | Westport

Arrive in Shannon and transfer✈ to the Westport Plaza Hotel.

Discovery: Westport. Get acquainted with Westport on a short walking tour.

Join your fellow travelers tonight at a Welcome Reception, featuring local dancers and musicians, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3

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Westport

Discovery: Irish Folklife. At the County Mayo branch of the National Museum of Ireland, rural traditions come to life through exhibits that reveal the heritage of Irish farming, trades, hunting, crafts, domestic life and more. After an insightful talk with a museum staff member, enjoy free time to wander through the museum on your own.

Enjoy a hearty lunch at a local pub.

Discovery: Westport House. Explore the legacy of Grace O'Malley, the 16th-century Pirate Queen of Connaught, at Westport House. O'Malley's great-great-granddaughter and her husband built a home atop the ruins of one of the Pirate Queen's castles in 1650. Less than a century later, the family expanded the house to the grand manor house that exists today. Venture down into the dungeons to see remains of the castle.



Above: Westport | Inset: Westport House

Day 4

B | L | D

County Sligo

Discovery: Sligo and William Butler Yeats. The majestic landscapes of County Sligo enthralled legendary poet William Butler Yeats. Tour Lissadell House, a stately Greek Revival home where the Nobel Prize winner was a frequent guest of Constance Markievicz and her family. Markievicz was the first woman elected to the British House of Commons and an Irish nationalist. At Drumcliff Cemetery in the shadow of the Benbulbin mountain, pay a visit to Yeats' final resting place.

Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Sligo town.

Enrichment: W.B. Yeats. Learn about Yeats, his life in Ireland and his work during a talk by a Yeats Society Fellow.

Discovery: Megalithic Ireland. Visit the intriguing Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery. With 30 surviving tombs, it is Ireland's largest Stone Age burial site.



Great Western Greenway

Day 5

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Achill Island

Enrichment: A Vision of Ireland. A local artist discusses how the country's great artists imbue their work with Irish culture and history.

Discovery: Ireland's Rugged Beauty.

Witness the untamed beauty of remote Achill Island and discover why the west coast is called the Wild Atlantic Way. Admire the verdant scenery of rolling mountains and rough peatlands. Listen to the powerful waves crashing against the rocky cliffs. Visit the Deserted Village at Slievemore. More than 80 abandoned stone cottages are a haunting reminder of the harsh realities of agricultural life and the effects of the Famine.

Have lunch in the Achill Island village of Keel.

In Mulranny, learn how to make Irish coffee. Sip your drink with a view of pretty Clew Bay.

Day 6

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Connemara

Discovery: Connemara. Discover why Oscar Wilde described Connemara's beauty as "savage." Marvel at the starkly beautiful landscape shaped by ancient glaciers. See Croagh Patrick Mountain, where St. Patrick is said to have fasted for 40 days, and the poignant National Famine Memorial by sculptor John Behan at the mountain's base.

AHI Connects: Glen Keen Farm.

Watch frisky sheepdogs expertly maneuver a flock of sheep during a demonstration at a family-owned farm. Then, enjoy a chat about sheep farming with a member of the family.



Visit Kylemore Abbey, a 19th-century castle overlooking a tranquil lake. In the 1840s, Mitchell Henry, the son of a wealthy English cotton merchant with Irish origins, and his wife, Margaret, built a castle here after becoming enchanted by Connemara's beauty. In 1920, Benedictine nuns purchased the castle. They established a convent and a girls' school, which graduated its last class in 2010. Walk through the castle's period rooms and stroll along the paths of the walled garden.

Later, spend some free time in the town of Clifden, and gaze at the dramatic beauty of the Twelve Bens in the distance. Browse in the local shops and savor the ambience of the bustling Market Square.

Day 7

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Cong | Galway

Discovery: Cong. Travel to Cong, the village that served as the backdrop for the classic 1952 movie, "The Quiet Man," starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. Meander in the grounds of the Augustinian abbey. The 12th- and 13th-century remains of the abbey typify Gothic architecture and masonry.

Discovery: A Taste of Galway. Take a culinary walking tour of Galway to visit local artisans, such as chocolatiers, cheese makers and craft brewers, to sample their creations. Afterward, take in vibrant Galway on your own, exploring medieval cobbled streets, listening to the music of street performers and maybe even popping into a pub for a pint.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)


- **7 nights** in Westport, Ireland, at the first-class Westport Plaza Hotel.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Tour the Georgian center of Westport.
 - Explore Ireland's rich rural traditions at a national museum in County Mayo.
 - Visit historic Westport House.
 - Discover Sligo's own W.B. Yeats and historic figure Constance Markievicz at elegant Lissadell House.
 - Step back into the Stone Age at Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery.
 - Ponder Ireland's past at the Deserted Village at Slievemore on Achill Island.
 - Witness Connemara's striking beauty.
 - Watch smart sheepdogs herding their flock of sheep.
 - Admire majestic Kylemore Abbey.
 - Spend time in picturesque Clifden.
 - Journey to the quaint village of Cong.
 - Taste your way through Galway on a culinary tour.

-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Croagh Patrick Mountain



Day 8

B | D

Westport

Free Time: Create an adventure of your own today. Hike the pastoral countryside, take a harbor cruise or bicycle along the Great Western Greenway. Other options include a journey to North Mayo to see the Ceidi Fields or a short ferry ride to Clare Island, birthplace of pirate Grace O'Malley.

This evening, gather with your fellow travelers at a festive Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9

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In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to Shannon airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.



Sheep farm

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



WESTPORT PLAZA HOTEL | WESTPORT



Our travel experts have carefully selected this first-class hotel in the heart of Westport, near the town's shops and restaurants. It is ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to maximize the enjoyment of your stay.



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Trip #:4-24754W

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Email: _____

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Shannon, Ireland, to depart from:

Departure City

- Please contact me regarding air options.
- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations (supplement waived, limited availability).

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 7, 2019** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.
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(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 21-29, 2019

Land Program dates: May 22-29, 2019

LAND PROGRAM

| Full Price | Special Savings | Special Price* |
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| \$3,545 | \$250 | \$3,295 |

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

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BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

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See also the University of Washington Alumni Association's (UWAA) Release of Liability, Assumption of All Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement which you have to sign as a condition of your going on this trip. This form is sent to all participants upon placing a tour deposit and needs to be returned within 30 days after receipt or at least 60 days before the beginning of the trip, whichever is sooner. This document can be found at www.UWalum.com/tours or by emailing uwaatour@uw.edu or calling 206-685-9276.

Per the statement above, we are now requiring that these release forms are signed/returned to our office within 30 days. Any traveler who is unwilling to sign one of these form will not be accepted to travel on a tour sponsored by the UW Alumni Association.

CANCELLATION-All cancellations for any reason will be subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. You may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following. Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 15% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI Travel. **CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS**-Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.

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Wild Atlantic Way

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