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The Magic of Sligo

3 or 4 Day Coach Tour

For a break with a difference this and any time of year, immerse yourself in the magic of Sligo.

Steeped in history and mythology, the county expresses itself in the music, art, and poetry of its people, made so famous by WB Yeats and others.

From clear lakes and rivers to dramatic mountains, Sligo is a place that will stimulate all of your senses, whatever the weather.

Let Sligo set your spirit free.

Let the ancient sites, spectacular landscapes and rolling waves inspire you. The stories, trails and adventures will open your mind and invigorate your body.

The shops in the winding streets around the town centre make for an interesting afternoon window shopping.

Accommodation

There is a great range of accommodation choices available especially in Sligo town.

It is an ideal base for touring the Yeats Country and environs of which the North West of Ireland is renowned.

Entertainment

Musical entertainment is provided each evening. With Sligo being shortlisted as a Foodie Town of Ireland 2014, there are high expectations and plenty of great coffee shops within a short walking distance.

While I would be delighted to offer further descriptions of the attractions available to you, below are some of the choices available as venues to visit during your stay;

Lake Isle of Innisfree Cruise:

Visit the area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, steeped in myth & legend, which inspired W.B. Yeats to put pen to paper. Enjoy the comfort of the mighty 'Rose of Innisfree Tourboat' which operates on the picturesque Lough Gill and view the Lake Isle of Innisfree, on this most memorable cruise.

W.B. Yeats Grave at Drumcliffe Graveyard:

Irish poet William Butler Yeats chose this peaceful churchyard at Drumcliffe in County Sligo as his final resting place with its stunning location at the foot of Benbulbin.

The graveyard has the remains of a round tower and a high cross constructed in the 11th when there was a Christian monastery on site. The monastery was founded by Saint Columcille (Columba) in 574.

"Cast a cold eye
On life, on death.
Horseman, pass by!"

Knocknaree Mountain

Cnoc na Rí is situated 4 miles west of Sligo Town, in the area of the Strandhill Peninsula and dominates the skyline of the town standing tall at 1078 feet.

Walking to the summit of the mountain is only accessible by foot by taking a neatly paved path from the car park. The walk to the summit of the mountain takes an average of 40 – 45 minutes and it suitable for all ages.

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At the top you reach the cairn of Queen Maeve of Connacht. The cairn is about 10 meters high and is visible for miles around. There are spectacular views around County Sligo from the cairn.

Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery in County Sligo is the largest, and one of the most important, megalithic sites in Europe. Over 60 tombs have been located by archaeologists. The oldest pre-dates Newgrange by 700 years and is older than the pyramids. Tombs are accessible and a restored cottage houses a small exhibition relating to the site.

Visitors are advised to wear shoes suitable for walking on uneven terrain.



Sligo Folk Park is located in the beautiful village of Riverstown, in South County Sligo and provides a true experience of rural life and Irish heritage at the turn of the late 19th century. The Folk Park is set in the grounds of the authentically restored Millview House, which was originally built in 1873 by George Reid, a farmer, shoemaker and church sexton. One of the highlights is the Village Street, a recreated street scene consisting of a creamery store, grocery shop and pub.

Inishmurray is an uninhabited island situated 7 km off the coast of County Sligo, Ireland. It covers 228 acres (0.9 km²). There are remains of an early Irish monastic settlement. Laisrén (Saint Molaise) Mac Decláin reputedly founded a monastery here in the 6th century. He was confessor of Saint Columba after the Battle of Cúl Dreimhne on the mainland nearby. The island's ecclesiastical settlement was attacked in 807 by the Vikings. The Monastery's enclosure wall is impressive reaching 15 feet (4.6 m) in height at its highest point and up to 10 feet (3.0 m) thick.

The site contains various ecclesiastical buildings including enclosures, a stone-roofed oratory, two churches, a clochan, a large beehive-shaped cell, a holy well and other remains including cross slabs suggesting foreign influences. The whole complex is composed of what is probably local limestone rubble.

The local population peaked at just over 100 in the 1880s but the last residents moved out to the mainland in 1948. Some of the buildings are still visible including 15 houses and the island's school.

The site remained a pilgrimage destination right up to recent times. A boat trip to the island can be arranged subject to interest, abilities and weather conditions – a truly memorable trip!

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Memory Harbour is located in **Rosses Point** and is the title of an early painting by Jack B Yeats, showing houses, an anchored ship, the Metal Man and a bearded pilot.

His brother, William Butler Yeats, the poet, commented as follows on the scene thus depicted:

“Memory Harbour is the village of Rosses Point but with distances shortened and the houses run together as in an old-fashioned panoramic map. The man on the pedestal in the middle of the river is The Metal Man, and he points to where the water is deep enough for ships. The coffin, cross-bones and skull, and boat at the point of the head-land, are to remind one of the sailor who was buried there by a ship’s crew in a hurry not to miss the tide. As they were not sure if he was really dead they buried him with a loaf, as the story runs”.

Memory Harbour has stunning views with “The Iron Man” guarding the entrance to the bay and Rosses point has a beautiful beach and pier. Trips to Inishmurray depart from here or from Mullaghmore.

Glencar Waterfall

A fairly modest stream forms an impressive cascade which can be viewed from a delightful wooded walk. Toilets and picnic facilities are provided and there is access to the waterfall for disabled persons.

The beautiful and romantic Glencar Waterfall lies about 8 miles north of Sligo town. With a drop of about 50 feet, it is a small but beautiful waterfall, and was mentioned by W. B. Yeats in his famous poem “The Stolen Child”, particularly impressive after a rainfall.



While there are many more waterfalls that can be seen from the road in the northwest region, none are as scenic and enchanting as this one. The nearby Glencar Lake is a beautiful, serene and silvery lough.

While the town centre is on the doorstep for anyone wishing to have a stroll around, the bus is available for any additional requirements in the evenings as well.

Please refer to our price list that can be downloaded from our website or feel free to contact me to discuss a full schedule of events arranged to your convenience.