



Hiking in Ireland

APR 24 – MAY 2, 2027

Venture to the beautiful, rugged landscape of the Connemara region in County Galway as part of an exclusive, 7-day OLLI hiking excursion to the west of Ireland. For over 50 years, Aquinas College has forged a close relationship with the people and places of this remote countryside, and this exclusive trip offers an opportunity to experience—on foot—some of the most beautiful and historic sites in all of Ireland. This trip is open to hikers and travelers of all levels of experience.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Daily 2-5-mile hikes through stunning landscapes
- ✓ Meet and engage with local residents
- ✓ Visit the iconic Kylemore Abbey
- ✓ Panoramic Atlantic views of Clifden Bay and islands
- ✓ Experience traditional Irish pubs, music, and cuisine
- ✓ Bus tour to Aasleagh Falls

To reserve your seats, visit
www.aquinas.edu/olli-ireland

APPLICATION OPENS:
Sep 28, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Jan 4, 2027

PASSPORT: A valid U.S. passport is required and must be valid for at least six months beyond the travel dates. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.



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ITINERARY

DAY 0: TRAVEL GRR → DUB (OVERNIGHT) American Airlines

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN DUBLIN AND KYLEMORE ABBEY

Arrive in Dublin and travel by motorcoach to Clifden in County Galway. Along the way, visit magnificent Kylemore Abbey and its beautifully restored Victorian Walled Gardens.

DAY 2: DERRYGIMLAUGH LOOP AND OMEY ISLAND

Explore the historic sites of the Derrygimlagh Loop, take in spectacular views along the Sky Road, and enjoy a private coastal tour of Omev Island.

DAY 3: FAIACHTY BOG AND THE RENVYLE PENINSULA

Take in panoramic views of the Twelve Bens mountain range and visit historic Derryinver Bridge. Continue by scenic bus tour through the Renvyle Peninsula, with stops at Tullycross, Glassilaun Beach, and Aasleagh Falls.

DAY 4: CONNEMARA NATIONAL PARK

Hike the iconic Diamond Hill in Connemara National Park, with sweeping views across the surrounding mountains, lakes, and coastline. Spend time exploring the historic rural community of Letterfrack.

DAY 5: INISHBOFIN ISLAND

Take the ferry to Inishbofin—the “Island of the White Cow”—and explore this beautiful, remote island and its picturesque harbor.

DAY 6: KILLARY SHEEP FARM AND FAMINE ROAD

Visit a traditional working mountain sheep farm, where you can feed the lambs and watch a sheepdog demonstration. Then walk along the historic Killary Famine Road, accompanied by a guided tour that brings the area’s history to life.

DAY 7: HOWTH CLIFF WALK (DUBLIN)

Return to Dublin for lunch before heading to the seaside village of Howth for a final scenic hike along the dramatic cliffs. The walk is led by a local guide.

DAY 8: TRAVEL DUB → GRR American Airlines



Itinerary, travel, and hotels are subject to change.

ACCOMMODATIONS

CLIFDEN STATION HOUSE HOTEL (CLIFDEN)

Full-service hotel with pool, gym, restaurants, daily breakfast, and pub featuring modern en suite hotel rooms.



PORTMARNOCK RESORT HOTEL (DUBLIN)

Seaside hotel and resort on the former estate of the Jameson Family, adjacent to Portmarnock Beach.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy to moderate hikes of 2-5 miles over varied terrain, with easier options available on select days. Be prepared for potentially wet and windy conditions.

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** ACTIVE

RATES AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Double Occupancy: **\$3,000 – \$3,200***
Single Occupancy: **\$3,500 – \$3,700***

**Final rates depend on group size and will be confirmed by Jan 4, 2027. Trip rates include medical and emergency evacuation insurance. Trip cancellation and interruption insurance available at an additional cost.*

A \$250 deposit per person is due with the application form.

Jan 4, 2027: Application deadline; \$250 deposit due

Jan 15, 2027: 50% of remaining balance due; passport information due

Mar 15, 2027: Final balance due

CANCELLATIONS:

All payments received prior to Jan 4, 2026 are 100% refundable if reservations are canceled by Jan 4, 2027. Cancellations after Jan 4, 2027, would potentially incur a \$1,000 penalty. Additional refunds depend upon optional insurance selections.