



## YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Executive coach travel
  - ✓ Return sea crossings between Fishguard and Rosslare
  - ✓ 1 overnight's bed and breakfast accommodation
  - ✓ 2 course lunch stop plus hot beverage in Athlone on forward and return journey
  - ✓ 1 overnight's half board accommodation
  - ✓ 4 night's 3 course, 3 choice dinner with tea, coffee and full Irish breakfast in Westport
  - ✓ Champagne reception in Westport
  - ✓ Entry in to Kylemore Abbey
  - ✓ Guided Connemara day trip
  - ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary
- Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated



# Westport Co Mayo and the Connemara National Park

7 DAY TOURS

Connemara has long been regarded as the real emerald of Ireland. The area has a significant diversity of landscapes ranging from the rugged Twelve Bens peaks, lake rich primeval bogland, tranquil, picture perfect lakes and a deeply indented coastline of sheltered inlets with golden beaches reaching out into the Atlantic.



Kylemore Abbey



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Westport

## Mill Times Hotel ★★★ EEE

Westport's finest superior boutique family run hotel is located right in the town centre. All elegantly decorated en-suite bedrooms have hairdryer, multi channel television, tea, coffee-making facilities, iron, ironing board, trouser press and accessed by lift. Enjoy fine dining in the hotel's restaurant and relax and enjoy the friendly atmosphere in the hotel bar. There is no entertainment in the hotel but the hotels sister bars, Cosy Joes and The Porter House offer you two distinctively different nights out and a variety of local Westport entertainment and traditional music. [www.milltimeshotel.ie](http://www.milltimeshotel.ie)

## Departure Dates

Sunday	23rd May	7 days	£469
Sunday	5th Sept	7 days	£469
Sunday	19th Sept	7 days	£469
Single room supplement £120.00			

## ITINERARY

**Day 1** We travel to Fishguard for the afternoon sailing with Stena Line Ferries to Rosslare. We continue to Carlow and our overnight's bed and full Irish breakfast accommodation at the Talbot Hotel. Due to the late arrival we recommend you purchase a meal on board ship although bar snacks may be available to purchase at the hotel.

**Day 2** We drive via Portlaoise calling at Athlone where we include a meal stop with main course and dessert plus tea or coffee before continuing to Westport arriving at the Mill Times hotel with time to relax before dinner.

**Day 3** Enjoy a day at leisure in Westport, designated one of Bord Failte's Heritage Towns. Westport is situated in the shadow of Croagh Patrick, overlooking Clew Bay and among the town's most picturesque features are the tree-lined promenade known as The Mall and the stone bridges along the Carrowbeg River. Take a stroll along Bridge Street, a cheerful miscellany of traditional shop and pub fronts. In the evening many Irish and traditional music nights are held during the summer at different hotels and pubs.

**Day 4** Today we visit Achill Island. We follow the spectacular Atlantic Coast Drive, a circular route around the southern tip of

the island overlooking Achill Beg and Clare Island with wonderful views of steeply sloping mountains plunging into the Atlantic Ocean, windswept bogland and golden beaches. Near Slievemore see the Deserted Village, the remains of nearly 100 stone cottages abandoned around the time of the 1840's Famine.

**Day 5** Today we have a scenic drive to the rugged and tempestuous Connemara Coast and National Park, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. We pass Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick before visiting Kylemore Abbey, one of the most beautiful sights in Ireland, sheltered by the slopes of the Twelve Bens and still occupied as the Monastic home of the Benedictine Order of Nuns in Ireland.

**Day 6** Sadly we depart Westport and drive to Athlone for our included lunch stop before continuing to our overnight's half board accommodation in Wexford.

**Day 7** Following an early breakfast we travel the short distance to Rosslare Harbour for the morning sailing to Fishguard and complete the journey home.