



THE GRACE

WESTPORT ESTATE



5 DAY ITINERARY | THE WEST OF IRELAND

Your Gateway to the
Wild Atlantic Way

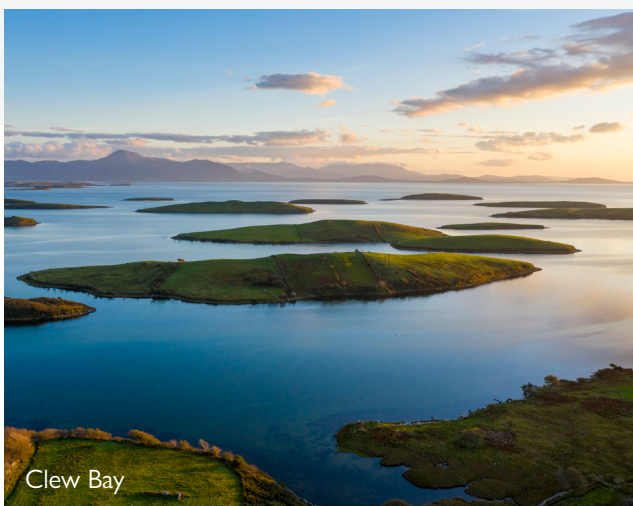


Proposed Itinerary



DAY 1

- Early morning arrival to The Grace, check in, leave your bags with our front of house team and enjoy Westport town.
- Take a guided Westport Walking Tour (1.5 hours) with Westport Tours. Find out about Westport's best places to wine and dine, where to find local crafts and gifts or where to go for the best views and attractions. Learn about the history of our beautiful Georgian town, from local Saints to local Pirates and everything in between.
- At 2pm, soak up some of Ireland's coastal scenery with a Clew Bay Boat Trip with Westport Cruises. Set sail from Westport Harbour to see stunning views of Clew Bay's 365 Islands, Croagh Patrick and Atlantic Scenery (90 min tour). (Pre booking is essential).
- Enjoy pre dinner cocktails in our a softly lit bar, before moving to our vibrant, intimate dining room, BLACK SHEEP. Inspired by Grace O'Malley, the West Coast and the Estate, the menu at BLACK SHEEP is simple, flavourful and designed to share, creating a warm, lively and memorable evening.
- After dinner, take a walk into the town (8 min walk approx) and immerse yourself in authentic Irish culture at Matt Molloy's, a famous pub renowned for live traditional music sessions. Enjoy lively tunes, a warm atmosphere and perhaps even join in with some singing or dancing.



DAY 2

- Enjoy an early morning hike up Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holy mountain, offering panoramic views over Clew Bay and its 365 islands.
- Located 15 minutes drive outside of Westport, Croagh Patrick hike is a 7km hike (return) usually takes 3-4 hours in total.
- Reward yourself with a coffee and a treat at Misunderstood Heron at the foot of Croagh Patrick.
- Relax and recover as you experience Spa & Wellness at The Grace. A calm, restorative space where well-being is deeply considered and gently delivered, inspired by the Atlantic landscape of the West of Ireland. Created in collaboration with Irish wellness brand GROUND Wellbeing, the treatment menu features a thoughtfully crafted range of face and body rituals.
- Enjoy lunch at The Creel at Westport Quay or Served in Westport town.
- **Optional Activity:**
 - Join the baking class run by The Irish Soda Bread Way (2 hour class). (Pre booking is essential).
 - You'll learn to bake traditional Irish soda bread and scones.
- Enjoy a relaxed meal and drink at our bar Kelly's, where the menu draws on local produce to elevate classic dishes alongside more unexpected plates. Kelly's carries a gentle rhythm, unhurried and welcoming, with a hum of conversation that invites you to linger.



Spa & Wellness at The Grace

DAY 3

- Early morning, depart Westport for Galway (approx 1:30 / 2 hours drive).
- On arrival, explore Eyre Square, Spanish Arch, Galway Cathedral and the Latin Quarter's colourful streets. Grab a coffee and stroll around the local shops.
- At 11:30am, enjoy a daytime Galway food tour (2.5 hour tour) with Galway Food Tours. Sample local delicacies, oysters, cheeses, seafood, artisan chocolates, and craft beers. Explore hidden food gems with experienced local guides. Finish around 2pm with a good sense of Galway's culinary scene.
- In the afternoon, begin your journey back to Westport via Cong (45 mins drive). Take a gentle walk around the quaint village streets, explore the local shops, grab a coffee or some lunch and explore the Quiet Man Cottage Museum and the Abbey ruins. You can also stroll towards Ashford Castle's grounds and garden. This castle is approximately 15-minute walk from the village. Enjoy the peaceful lake and forest views that surround the estate.
- Return to Westport and experience a taste of Westport at JJ O'Malley's, where Irish tradition meets culinary excellence.
- After your meal, enjoy a drink in Westport's local pubs before returning to The Grace to unwind in the warm, inviting setting of Kelly's Bar.



DAY 4

- Catch the early morning ferry from Roonagh Pier (35 min drive from Westport) to Clare Island and enjoy a scenic crossing (10-20 mins) with sweeping views of Clew Bay and its many islands. (Check the timings, as they may change due to tides).
- Visit Clare Island Abbey, renowned for its rare medieval wall paintings and its association with Grace O'Malley.
- Take a walk to the Clare Island Lighthouse viewpoint, or to the lighthouse itself, for breathtaking panoramas of the island and coastline.
- Enjoy a relaxed lunch at Stone Barn Cafe, situated 2km north from the harbour on the Lighthouse road. The Stone Barn also hosts 2 tasting menu dinners on Monday & Saturday evenings during the summer, with a specially curated wine list of mostly French organic and biodynamic wines bought directly from small vineyards.
- **Optional: Rent bikes on Clare Island.**
- **Optional: Clare Island Whiskey Experience.** Hosted by Carl O'Grady, where you can learn about the island's unique connection to whiskey maturation and enjoy a memorable tasting in a truly distinctive island setting. (Pre booking is essential).
- Return to Westport and savor fresh seafood, local vegetables, artisan cheeses and pasture-raised meats, thoughtfully prepared each day at a local restaurant in Westport Town, An Port Mor. (Reservations is essential)
- After your meal, return to The Grace to relax with a cocktail or drink in the cosy, inviting atmosphere of Kelly's Bar.



Clare Island

DAY 5

- Start your day at Glen Keen Farm, set along the scenic shores of Clew Bay. (Pre booking is essential)
- Begin with a guided walking tour of the farm, learning about traditional Irish sheep farming and rural life.
- Engage in optional farm experiences such as:
- Live sheepdog demonstrations, wool and weaving demonstrations, feeding animals (seasonal), Irish Turf cutting, Irish Coffee making and taste homemade scones, treats and refreshments on the farm.
- Drive through Doolough Valley and arrive to Kylemore Abbey (Approx 45 mins drive). Spend time exploring the abbey grounds, enjoy some lunch at the Kylemore Tea Room and visit the Victorian Walled Garden (accessible by a short shuttle bus or walk).
- Visit Connemara National Park (1 hour drive from Westport). This iconic park in County Galway spans roughly 2,000 hectares of dramatic mountains, blanket bogs, heathlands, grasslands and woodlands. It forms part of the Twelve Bens mountain range, including peaks such as Benbaun (725 m), with the valley of Glanmore and the Polladirk River at its heart. Start your visit at the Visitor Centre, where you'll find interpretive displays on the landscape, wildlife and conservation, along with a café, picnic spots and a playground, perfect for all ages.
- Return to The Grace and dine at our restaurant BLACK SHEEP. Enjoy the simple, flavourful menu and relax in our warm and lively restaurant inspired by Grace O'Malley.
- **Optional Evening Activity:**
- Travel to Newport and enjoy a Terra Firma experience for a guided magic, myth & moonlight experience. (30 minute drive. Transfers available from Terra Firma)
- Enjoy the signature dark sky experience, an atmospheric journey in moonlight, with storytelling and spellbinding magic.
- Please note, this experience is seasonal due to daylight hours. The duration is approximately 4 hours & pre booking is essential.





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