



Ireland Through the Maker's Lens

ROWAN TREE TRAVEL

June 10-19, 2022

Join us next summer for a very special journey to *The Emerald Isle* – one bookended by festivals! On arrival, we'll head to Ireland's west coast to immerse ourselves in the music of the Doolin Folk Festival. At the trip's end, we'll be in Dublin for the country's biggest yarn, fiber and textiles event, Woollinn. In between, we'll journey through lively towns and scenic countryside, meet Irish makers and fiber artists, visit historic sites, enjoy farm-to-table venues, try a bit of Irish whiskey and enjoy good Irish *craic* in the local pubs. Ready to explore Ireland, plus revel in traditional music and a fantastic fiber festival? What an adventure! We can't wait to take you there.

Tour Price

\$3600 shared (double accommodation) | \$4200 single (private accommodation)

Included in Tour Price

- Accommodations in Ireland
- An average of two meals per day (Breakfast is provided each morning; prepare to purchase either dinner or lunch based on the day's scheduled activities.)
- All entrance fees and activities
- Airport transfers, ferries and private mini-coach

Not Included in Tour Price

Soda and alcoholic drinks • Personal items • Gratuities • Workshops at Woollinn (We will give you plenty of notice about how, when and where to sign up for them on your own.)

To Register

A Registration Form and \$720 [\$840] deposit (20% of total price) are required to join the trip. Once you submit your online registration (which arrives in our system with a time stamp) we will tentatively hold a spot for you. Next, we will email an invoice to you for the deposit, payable online with a credit or debit card, which you will need to pay within 24hrs. Once payment is received your spot is secure.

Click [HERE](#) to fill out your registration form.



Ireland Through the Maker's Lens *Snippet Itinerary*

Friday, June 10 | Welcome to Ireland! You'll be met at the airport by staff from Rowan Tree Travel. Once our group is together, we'll enjoy a few relaxed, first day activities. Ireland's wild Atlantic coast awaits us. By mid afternoon, we'll be in Doolin (pictured above). Relax, take a walk to the Cliffs of Moher, head to bed early (jetlag recovery!) or head out for some rousing traditional music sessions in town.

Saturday, June 11 | Our first full day in Ireland is very special. We'll travel by ferry over to Inisheer, one of the three Aran Islands. Amongst the stone walls and villages, we'll learn about island life and have a workshop in Aran knitting history & techniques. As we head back to the mainland, our ferry will take us to the iconic Cliffs of Moher for a view from sea level – something most visitors miss while visiting the area. We'll be back in time for the Saturday night sessions offered up at the music festival.

Sunday, June 12 | Free day in Doolin. The Doolin Folk Festival is going on all day, all over town. You'll have access to numerous music sessions and events. In between, why not take a hike along the headlands, explore the shops in Doolin, grab a book or your knitting and just relax and enjoy the festive atmosphere of town? The day is yours to organize as you like.

Monday, June 13 | We're headed north along the west coast today to visit some of our favorite artisans, spend time at The Burren and explore the seaside town of Galway. By day's end, we'll be tucked in at our accommodations on the banks of the beautiful Lough Ree.

Tuesday, June 14 | There's nothing like a day with Sandra Coote, proprietor of Crafts of Ireland. We're lucky enough to spend a full day at her home, studio and farm in County Cavan. Sandra shares her knowledge and passion about all things Irish & handmade -- and then we get to try our own hands at techniques she's gathered from her years of investigating, collecting and practicing all manner of traditional making. And just to top off the day: a tour and tasting at Kilbeggan Distillery. Everyone ready for a good, strong Irish coffee?

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Wednesday, June 15 | On the shores of the River Shannon stands one of the most beautiful, and most well preserved, of Ireland's early Christian centers. Clonmacnoise Monastery never fails to amaze and inspire. We'll walk among the ruins and towers, peruse the museum, walk the nearby road to the intricately carved Nun's Church and take in the history of Ireland from the first century AD. Then we head deeper into the Irish countryside for a stay at historic Roundwood House. The current proprietors are the second generation of a family devoted to restoring and sharing this 18th century Georgian home.

Thursday, June 16 | More explorations of traditional and contemporary fiber artisans in the Irish countryside as we wind our way toward Dublin. Don't worry, we'll arrive in the city and settle in at our downtown hotel with plenty of time to attend the festival's first evening event, Woollinn's Yarn Dating!

Friday, June 17 | Woollinn, Day 1. It's Ireland's premier yarn festival, taking place at the nearby harbor town of Dun Laoghaire (pronounced *dun leery*). Enjoy yarn heaven all day at the market, demonstrations and workshops OR spend the day in Dublin. Not sure where to go or what to do in the capital city? We've got lots of ideas for you!

Saturday, June 18 | Woollinn, Day 2. More fiber frenzy awaits. We've organized a special lunch and coastal tour that will pick you up right at the festival doors! The afternoon is your last chance for purchases. By the evening, we'll be enjoying a final night of folk tales, music and dinner together.

Sunday, June 19 | Our final morning. Enjoy a hearty breakfast before heading over to Dublin International Airport for your flight home.

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Important Details to *keep in mind*

This trip needs at least **14** participants in order to proceed. Deposits will be refunded in the event that the tour does not operate due to lack of participants.

Travel Insurance

Rowan Tree Travel has purchased a Group Protection Plan on behalf of tour participants, providing medical insurance and limited "Trip Interruption" coverage once you have departed and are on the trip. Additional trip insurance to cover "Trip Cancellation" is available from our provider at a group rate. We will provide you with a website link at which you can review your additional trip insurance options. Note: The Group Protection Plan only applies to US citizens traveling from the US. If this stipulation does not apply to you, we can assist you in finding alternative options. Please enquire for details.

Arranging Your Flights

Once our tour is guaranteed with the minimum number of travelers we will notify all registrants so you can begin making travel arrangements. You may purchase your flight reservations on your own or work with our booking agent, Vivienne at Crystal Travel. She can assist in identifying the best itinerary for your needs, coordinating with other participants, and with ticket purchase, seat selection and upgrades. Contact her at (617) 327-2700 or vivienne@crystal-travel.com.

Our tours include transportation to and from the airport for group arrivals/departures. In order to meet us for those airport transfers, we will give everyone an arrival and departure window to facilitate all of our travelers arriving and departing in close proximity. Flight itineraries outside the provided arrival and departure windows will likely result in extra transportation costs and possibly missing scheduled tour activities. For this reason we greatly appreciate your cooperation in booking reservations that accommodate our arrival and departure specifications. These time windows will be provide to travelers once the trip is guaranteed.

Please note the following:

Rowan Tree Travel reserves the right to alter any part of this itinerary in order to address weather conditions, unforeseen circumstance or to improve the participant experience.

Our trips are categorized as active, moderately active, or relaxed. We would describe this trip as **moderately active**. Participants should be capable of walking distances as great as 2 miles, though this amount of walking will rarely be required.

Have questions? Please contact us at [**info@rowantreetravel.com**](mailto:info@rowantreetravel.com)

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