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## EXECUTIVE TOUR SUMMARY

The West of Ireland embodies much of what Ireland is famous for. Indeed, abounding scenery, historical castles, whiskey trails and a fantastic array of Irish golf courses are in this region where the famous Irish cities and towns lie including City of Tribes-Galway and W.B Yeats-Sligo as well as the beautiful scenic countryside of the Connemara and Ballycroy National Parks. Golf in the West allows you to experience some of the most remote and scenically beautiful courses to be found anywhere in the world. Here, you can enjoy the pleasures of a secluded round of golf and quite breathtaking panorama.

### Golf

Day 1 - Depends on flight time and airport

Day 2 - Connemara GC - [http://www.connemaragolflinks.com/a\\_b\\_course\\_flyover/](http://www.connemaragolflinks.com/a_b_course_flyover/)

Day 3 - Enniscrone GC - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWu2TmZSNHc>

Day 4 - Carne GC - [http://www.carnegolflinks.com/3d\\_fly\\_through/](http://www.carnegolflinks.com/3d_fly_through/)

Day 5 - County Sligo GC - <http://www.countywigogolfclub.ie/courses/championship/>

Day 6 - Lahinch GC - <http://www.lahinchgolf.com/courses/course-video/>

### Accommodation

**1 x Nights @ Abbeyglan Castle**, Clifton, Co. Galway. The Abbeyglan Castle Hotel is located on the aptly named Sky Road overlooking the quaint alpine like village of Clifden, Connemara. The Abbeyglan Castle Hotel is nestled in the romantic setting of the Twelve Bens with beautiful views overlooking Clifden Bay. The warm and friendly staff are always at hand to make your stay special, guaranteeing you an unforgettable experience.

**3 x Nights @ Mount Falcon Estate**, Co. Mayo. Famous for luxurious accommodation and award winning food, Mount Falcon Estate offers rest and relaxation in many forms: indulge in the fabulous Spa & leisure centre, learn to fish on the Estate lake, take flight with the Falcons, walk with the Hawks and learn about the nature of the wise Owls, take aim with archery or hit a flying target on the Clay Shooting range or fine tune your drive on the 9 bay golf driving range. Option of staying in the self catering Lodges at Mount Falcon.

**1 x Night @ The Park House Hotel**, Galway. The Park House Hotel is recognised for excellence in both food and accommodation, and is acknowledged locally and from an unrivalled online reputation as one of Galway's top hotels. Centrally located close to Eyre Square enjoy all that Galway has on offer.

**1 x Night @ The Old Ground Hotel**, Ennis, Co. Clare. A beautifully restored 18th century manor house hotel in Ennis town centre, this is a unique 4 star Co Clare property. A warm welcome, a highly acclaimed culinary experience using local produce and luxurious accommodation awaits you. The Old Ground Hotel is situated just a mere 15 minute drive from Shannon International Airport.

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## **Transport**

7 x Days Chauffeured Guided Tour & Transfers in Deluxe Mercedes Sprinter Bus with leather trim, wifi and air con. Fuel, Tolls, Ferry crossings and driver/guide expenses all included. Your knowledgeable chauffeur will guide you to the best restaurants and local bars as well as informing you on historical facts and fables.

## **Touring Details**

### **Day 1 - Sunday**

Arrive at Shannon/Dublin Airport and be greeted by your chauffeured tour guide. Depart airport and travel via Galway and the Connemara countryside to the 13th century Abbeyglen Castle. The Abbeyglen Castle Hotel is located on the aptly named Sky Road overlooking the quaint alpine like village of Cliften, Connemara. Travel to Cliften for a quick tour of the shops and a warm up drink before retiring to Abbeyglen Castle for some fine dining.

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Abbeyglen Castle, Cliften, Co. Galway

### **Day 2 - Monday**

Travel to the Eddie Hackett designed Connemara Golf Club situated to the West of Cliften along the Wild Atlantic Way's signature discovery point of Derrigimla Bog and Mannin Bay Blueway. Connemara Championship Golf Links, the only links course in Co. Galway, is nestled between the scenic splendour of the Twelve Bens mountain range and the rugged Atlantic Ocean. The back 9 with the trademark elevated greens and long fairways have been described by eight time major winner Tom Watson as "A true Championship Links Course. The elevated greens on the back nine are spectacular". Enjoy a links course rated the best in Connacht (West of Ireland). After golf enjoy lunch and a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before heading up along the Connemara to Mount Falcon Estate. Option of staying in the self catering Lodges at Mount Falcon.

**Golf:** Connemara GC (Est. 1973) Par 72 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,055 / White Tees 6,666 / Ladies Tees 5,460 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Mount Falcon Resort Estate, Co. Mayo

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### **Day 3 - Tuesday**

Travel to the Eddie Hackett designed Enniscrone Golf Club. As stated by Peter Dobereiner, the London Observer's great golf writer reported that he had stumbled across "an undiscovered gem of a links in the far north west, a course with some amazing holes". A "must play" as described by American golf novelist Tom Coyne, this is a course that will enchant you as it weaves between the large sand dunes along the Wild Atlantic Way. After golf enjoy lunch and a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before heading back to Mount Falcon Estate.

**Golf:** Enniscrone GC (Est. 1918) Par 73 Men's & Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 7,033 yards / White Tees 6,814 yards / Ladies Tees 5,592 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Mount Falcon Resort Estate, Co. Mayo

### **Day 4 - Wednesday**

Travel to Carne Golf Links. Carne Golf Links was the last links course to be designed by the late Eddie Hackett and it is now believed by many who have played it to be his greatest design. Carne in North Mayo on the West Coast of Ireland lies in magnificent unspoiled sand dunes overlooking Blacksod Bay and the wild Atlantic Ocean near the town of Belmullet. An absolute hidden gem, be immersed in the natural beauty of the course, the development of which caused little disturbance to the wild and ancient landscape. Tees and greens occurred naturally and very little earth moving was involved in the course construction. After golf enjoy lunch and a refreshment or two in the clubhouse before heading back to Mount Falcon Estate.

**Golf:** Carne GC (Est 1985) Par: 71 Men / 72 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,745 yards / White Tees 6,407 yards / Ladies Tees 5,309

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Mount Falcon Resort Estate, Co. Mayo

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## Day 5 - Thursday

After a full hearty Irish breakfast travel to the Harry Colt designed and Pat Ruddy remodelled County Sligo Golf Club. The County Sligo Golf Club is widely regarded as one of the great championship links courses. It is located in the picturesque seaside village of Rosses Point just 8km from Sligo and known locally as "The Point" set amongst the hills and hollows that inspired the great writer W.B. Yeats. The club is home to the famous West of Ireland Open amateur championship played every Easter since 1923 and has hosted many other prestigious events including the Home Internationals, the Irish Close and the Irish Professional Matchplay Championships. After golf enjoy lunch and a refreshment or two before heading onwards to Galway, City of Tribes. Enjoy the traditional Irish music in the many bars as well as the fresh seafood in the local restaurants.

**Golf:** County Sligo GC (Est. 1894) Par: Men's 71 / Ladies 74

Length: Blue Tees 6,618 / White Tees 6,009 / Ladies Tees 5,377 yards

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Park House Hotel, Galway

## Day 6 - Friday

Depart Galway and travel South to play the Old Tom Morris designed and Dr. Alister MacKenzie and Martin Hartree remodelled Lahinch GC and discover the Ireland of yore in this unique authentic links with famous holes such as the Clondyke and the Dell. Play golf alongside the famous resident goats that roam free on the course. After golf relax and unwind at the clubhouse bar and restaurant with its panoramic view of the course and the Wild Atlantic Way. Travel to your base at the Old Ground Hotel in Ennis. Enjoy your last night reminiscing over a few beers in Ennis.

**Golf:** Lahinch GC (Est 1892) Par: 72 Men / 74 Ladies

Length: Blue Tees 6,950 yards / White Tees 6,613 yards / Ladies Tees 5,502

**Accommodation:** 4 Star Old Ground Hotel, Ennis

## Day 7 - Saturday

Depart and head for Shannon Airport for your flight home.

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## **Extend your stay**

Play the Greg Norman designed and Martin Hartree remodelled **Trump Doonbeg Golf Club**.

Play **Strandhill Golf Club** in County Sligo, a fair test for any golfer.

Play the Christy O' Connor designed **Galway Bay Golf Club** noted as his favourite course design.

## **Combine your tour with East, South West or North West Golf Tours**

**OR We can customise your tour to your preferences**

**OR Upgrade your tour to Premium Plus and cut out all the hassle with helicopter transfers.**

## **Terms & Conditions**

Costs may fluctuate upon the time of year and availability cannot be guaranteed on all courses.

Deposit required to secure the booking of accommodation and golf.

Full payment of tour required 1 month in advance of the tour date. Both are non refundable upon payment.

Please note Accommodation includes Bed & Breakfast only.

All lunch and evening meals are not included, but the finalised itinerary will have suggested local restaurants.

Golf green fee is included but any other activities are not included.

Tips are not included but encouraged.

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