

# Wild Atlantic Way: 5 Day Road Trip Itinerary



## Co. Donegal – Co. Galway

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#### Day 1: County Donegal

**Morning:** Visit the magical Fanad Head Lighthouse which offers group tours or explore the breathtaking Glenveagh National Park, the ideal escape for lovers of the natural world.

**Afternoon:** Take a tour at Crolly Whiskey Distillery or experience the Slieve League Cliffs, which at almost 2000ft above the Atlantic Ocean are known as one of the highest sea cliffs in Europe, boasting magnificent views.

**Evening:** Enjoy a meal, the craic and traditional music at The Rusty Mackerel.

#### Day 2: County Sligo

**Morning:** Enjoy an Atlantic Sheepdogs demonstration, take a walking tour with Seatrails. Choose a refreshing coastal walk, an adventurous mountain hike with spectacular views or an interesting mythology trail. Or discover the fascinating story of Lissadell House and Gardens.

**Afternoon:** Stroll, kayak or surf at Strandhill Beach where a new National Surf Centre has just opened or indulge at the Voya Seaweed Baths which uses seaweeds hand-harvested on the Atlantic Coast for a variety of treatments.

**Evening:** Delight your group with fine Irish dining at Eala Bhán in the heart of Sligo Town on a beautiful stretch of the Garavogue River.

#### Day 3: County Mayo

**Morning:** Visit Céide Fields – the world’s most extensive stone age monument or explore the charming town of Westport with a trip to Westport House, one of the few privately-owned historic houses left in Ireland. For a wonderful combination of Victorian and contemporary architecture, there’s a great offering for groups at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life.

**Afternoon:** Take in the raw landscape of Achill Island by foot or bike. The island is famous for beautiful Keem Bay which you may recognise as a filming location from *The Banshees of Inisherin*.

**Evening:** Stargazing at Mayo Dark Sky Park. There are three viewing sites to choose from and on a clear night you can see thousands of twinkling stars and meteor showers, all with the naked eye.

#### Day 4: Connemara, County Galway

**Morning:** For stunning views, amaze your group with a Killary Fjord Boat Tour of Ireland’s only glacial fjord. You will sail to the mouth of the Fjord, the gateway to the Atlantic coast and see unrivalled views of otherwise impossible-to-reach sections of the Wild Atlantic Way. Back on terra firma, the beautiful Kylemore Abbey is a popular attraction. Don’t miss the stunning neo-Gothic Church or the Victorian Heritage Walled Garden.

**Afternoon:** Embark on one of Connemara National Park’s walking trails or head to the charming market town of Clifden, drifting in and out of the many gift shops. If you are there on a Friday, the market is a delightful experience.

**Evening:** Stop in at the bustling Lowry’s Music & Whiskey Bar for live music and a warm welcome.

#### Day 5: Galway City

**Morning:** Take the Galway City Food Tour for a taste of some of the city’s produce from oysters and cheese to doughnuts, strawberry tarts and local beers.

**Afternoon:** Explore the Latin Quarter, Spanish Arch, Galway City Museum, stroll the Salthill Promenade or experience Galway Cathedral which boasts an impressive variety of interior art such as statues, mosaics and stained glass.

**Evening:** Enjoy traditional fish and chips at McDonagh’s followed by a traditional music session at Tig Cólí (there are two each day to choose from).

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