

### Days 1-2

The celebration begins with a two-night sojourn in the beautiful town of **Kenmare**, nestled in a glacial valley, surrounded by MacGillycuddy's Reeks, Ireland's tallest mountains. During our stay, we'll explore the magnificent wonders of the nearby Beara Peninsula and take a wild and scenic walk along the Kerry Way through Killarney National Park and Ireland's largest preserve of native woodlands to the palatial Muckross House and Gardens.

### Days 3-4

Gorgeous coastal scenery, sandy beaches and cliff-bound coves are the setting for our next two-night stay on the Corca Dhuibhne (Dingle Peninsula), a well-known Gaeltacht where Irish is still the first language. Discover the charms of **Dingle** with a day free to wander amidst the colorful streets, cafes and pubs. ● The Dingle Peninsula is rife with walks and history to discover, so we'll take an archeology tour and select from a number of favorite walks along the way – a hike up Mt. Eagle, the Pilgrim's path to Mt. Brandon, or Ballydavid Head.

### Days 5-6

Traversing Connor Pass, we head north across the mighty River Shannon to Co. Clare, where we'll make our home for the next three nights by the ocean in **Doolin**, famed for its traditional music. We start our walks in Clare with a breathtaking hike along the towering Cliffs of Moher, followed by a visit to Saint Brigid's Well, a venerable holy site. ● Today we commence our exploration of the Burren, Clare's limestone wonderland of ancient forts and rare flora, with visits to some of the many fascinating sites that dot the famous lunar-like landscape. We'll immerse you fully into this magical region with guided walks featuring natural and local history.

### Days 7-8

A summer of walking wouldn't uncover the Burren's many mysteries, so our journey continues with a variety of walks on hidden pathways off the beaten track. Also included in the menagerie of interesting sites to explore are colorful villages like Kilfenora, Corofin and Lisdoonvarna. ● After a hearty Irish breakfast we'll see you to Shannon, where you'll receive our heart-felt "Slan Abhaile" for your journey onwards or back home.



# CELEBRATION OF IRISH MUSIC

## Featuring the Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy

The sounds of fiddles, flutes and pipes from every doorway. A whirling dervish of dancers feverishly dancing sets long into the night. And plenty of spectacular footpaths, all within a sea breeze of the blue Atlantic. If you love traditional Irish music and dance, then you won't want to miss this wonderful adventure. You'll get a tasty sample of County Kerry, an earful of County Clare, and an ample dose of the finest walks anywhere in Eire.

We've carefully tailored our one-of-a-kind walking journey to coincide with the Willie Clancy Summer School, Ireland's premier traditional music event. Join devotees from around the world for this unbridled celebration of music and dance that transforms the little town of Miltown Malbay into a festival of sight and sound. Each day we'll walk Clare's best pathways, then choose from recitals, Céilithes, or pubs packed with Ireland's finest musicians each evening. It's an annual pilgrimage we've been making for years. Join us and you will understand why—the cráic is mighty!

Tour length: 8 days/7 nights.

Terrain: Gentle grades with some moderate climbs.

Mileage: Average 5-9 miles/day.

Arrive/depart: Shannon, Ireland



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## 2008 TOUR DETAILS

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TOUR DATES: July 5 – 12, 2008

COST: \$2295 for 8 days/7 nights.

- INCLUDES:
- All accommodations in deluxe B&Bs and guesthouses w/private bath
  - All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner (with exception of free time)
  - All internal land transportation (including airport transfers)
  - All ferries
  - Experienced guides & naturalists
  - Support vehicle for you and your gear
  - Admission to special events (see tour itinerary for details)
  - Detailed maps and other interpretive information
  - Pre-departure packet and assistance
  - Planet Earth Adventures T-shirt

TERRAIN & MILEAGE: Gentle grades with some moderate climbs. Average 5 - 9 miles/day.

ARRIVE/DEPART: Shannon, Ireland

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to create and plan a  
beautiful experience  
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Pat Harrington, Chicago, IL

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