

**Donegal & Sligo  
Great Escaper Itinerary  
4 Days**

**Day 1 Donegal**

**AM Experience the heritage of Lough Swilly**

Guided tour of Ramelton, once a thriving market town and home to Donegal's biggest linen bleaching works. Alternatively, discover nearby Ramelton, a quiet holiday resort with a beautiful beach along the shore of Lough Swilly. Marvel at exciting tales of the Flight of the Earls and the kidnapping of Red Hugh O'Donnell.

[www.donegalheritagetrails.com](http://www.donegalheritagetrails.com)

Also



**Fanad Head Peninsula Scenic Tour**

Fanad Head stretches bravely into the swirling Atlantic Ocean at the northern tip of Ireland. Enjoy the spectacular landscapes that this headland has borne from its uninterrupted clash with the Atlantic Ocean. Part of this epic scenery is the Great Arch, a stunning viewing spot and a brilliant place to catch sight of the Head's water-based residents, including grey seals and whales. Take time to discover Ballymastocker Bay, near Portsalon, once named 'most beautiful beach in the world' by British newspaper, The Observer.

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**Direct Tel:** +353 (0)86 2421008

**FIT rate is:** Seasonal

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 1 hour 15mins

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Summer only (July and August)

Private groups for tours can be made available by arrangement

**Travel Distance & Time:** Rathmullan – Fanad 33km 58mins

## **Lunch**

**Travel Distance Time:** Fanad - Kerrykeel – 18km 35mins

### **Ripples Restaurant**

We are renowned for our fresh, home cooked food, serving fresh seafood, steaks, chicken, crispy duck and much much more. As much as possible our ingredients are sourced locally, not only to support the local industry, but to ensure quality and

**Address:** Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal

**Sales manager:** Des & Louise McGettigan

**Email:** info@ripplesrestaurant.com

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9150110

**FIT rate is:** Set Dinner Menu €28.50 or A la carte

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

## **PM**

**Travel Distance & Time:** Kerrykeel to Rathmullan – 14km 24mins

### **Go behind the scenes at Kinnegar Brewing**



Kinnegar Brewing is known for producing some of Ireland's best beers. Brewers draw inspiration from the invigorating landscape of the Wild Atlantic Way and open their doors for the public to see how they perform their craft. You can also enjoy a tasting at the taproom in nearby Rathmullan House.

[www.kinnegarbrewing.ie](http://www.kinnegarbrewing.ie)

**Address:** Kinnegar Brewing Ltd, Aughavannon, Rathmullan, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Libby Carton

**Email:** info@kinnegarbrewing.ie

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9158874 / +353 86 8301392

**FIT rate is:** €10pp

**Group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** N, park at Rathmullan House, shuttle bus can be arranged to and from.

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 1 hour 30 mins

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** **September to Easter:** Sundays at 12 noon Easter to the end of August: Saturdays between 12 noon and 3pm. In July and August we also offer a tour on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

Or

### Take a trip on the Swilly Explorer



Join Captain Niall on the Swilly Explorer from Rathmullan for an unforgettable guided tour of Lough Swilly departing from Rathmullan. The journey will take you to Dunree, the site of the famous 'Flight of the Earls', as well as to Fanad Head Lighthouse, Knockalla Caves and Macamish Fort.

[www.rathmullancharters.com](http://www.rathmullancharters.com)

**Address:** Rathmullan, Co. Donegal

**Sales manager:** Angela Crerand or Niall Doherty

**Email:** [rathmullancharters@eircom.net](mailto:rathmullancharters@eircom.net)

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9158131 / +353 87 2480132

**FIT rate is:** €20pp

**Group rates:** Y (minimum spend €200)

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 2 – 2.5 hours

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Open April – October - Subject to weather conditions

**Dinner and overnight– choose your accommodation in Letterkenny**

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/CMSPages/PortalTemplate.aspx?aliaspath=%2fSearch%2fResults&cid=5&catid=10001&countyid=9&locationid=123&subcatid=10021&reftype=1>

### Day 2 Donegal

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**Glenveagh National Park** hire electric bikes with [www.grassroutes.ie](http://www.grassroutes.ie) (pre book if child friendly bicycle required) to take in more of the magnificent scenery and get away into the hills.

**Glenveagh National Park** is one of six national parks in Ireland. Situated in the Northwest of Co. Donegal, Glenveagh encompasses some 16,000 hectares in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains. Such a great wilderness is the haunt of many interesting plants and animals <http://www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie/>

**Address:** Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Tres Connaghan

**Email:** [glenveaghbookings@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:glenveaghbookings@ahg.gov.ie)

**Direct Tel:** +353 761 002 537

**Group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** Morning or Afternoon

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Extreme Weather conditions

**Grassroutes Electric Bike Adventures** is the new and exciting Electric and Hybrid bike hire company. Grassroutes provide both Electric and Hybrid bikes so you can go on a journey of a lifetime through the wonderful scenery in and around Glenveagh National Park.



**Address:** Grassroutes, Craoibhín Community Enterprise Centre, Termon, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Mary McGrenra

**Email:** [info@grassroutes.ie](mailto:info@grassroutes.ie)

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9119988

**FIT rate is:** Electric Bike €15 Hybrid €10 Child €5 for 3 hours at Glenveagh National Park

**Do they offer group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** Morning or Afternoon (3hours)

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Office open at Glenveagh National Park from May - October but bikes can be delivered outside these times

Or

**Travel via Ardara Heritage Town and engage in a weaving demonstration with Eddie Doherty.**



If you are a traveller seeking something a little more personal, take the opportunity to meet a local legend, Eddie Doherty. Doherty is well-known for creating Donegal's fine-crafted, hand-woven, tweed products. All of the products are produced from 100% Irish wool and are hand-woven in Doherty's private workshops in Ardara.

[www.handwoventweed.com](http://www.handwoventweed.com)

**Address:** Front Street, Ardara, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Eddie Doherty

**Email:** [sales@handwoventweed.com](mailto:sales@handwoventweed.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9541304

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 30mins – 1 hour long

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Open Apr – Oct

**Subject to weather conditions.** No

### **Drive Glengesh Pass**

Glengesh Pass is a winding section of the road that connects Glencolmcille to Ardara. The distance between the two towns is approximately 15 miles. During the drive, motorists can enjoy the farmland, desolate moorland, and tranquil setting.

Glengesh (Glen of the Swans) Pass (900 feet above sea level) meanders through the Glengesh and Mulmosog Mountains. There are a few hairpin turns but since the road does not have a great deal of traffic, they are easy to negotiate.

**Travel Distance & Time:** Letterkenny – Adara 86km 1 hour 15mins

**Lunch** (depending on which option taken)

### **Glenveagh Castle Tearooms @ Glenveagh National Park**



The tearoom is located in the castle courtyard and open daily from 10.30 am to 5.30pm. Serving delicious homebaked scones, cakes, breads, soups and sandwiches, it is the perfect place to relax and take a break during your visit to the beautiful gardens or after your tour of the castle.

<http://www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie/TeaRooms.html>

**Address:** Glenveagh National Park, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

**Email:** [bookings@glenveaghtearooms.com](mailto:bookings@glenveaghtearooms.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 87 7553547

**Coach parking:** Y

**Or**

### **Nancy's of Ardara**

Here at Nancy's you will find a host of cosy rooms waiting to make you feel at home, and we hope that our helpful staff, delicious food, great Guinness and friendly atmosphere ensure that your first visit to Nancy's will not be your last.

<http://www.nancysardara.com/>

**Address:** Front Street, Ardara, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Jenny McHugh

**Email:** [nancysbar2008@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nancysbar2008@yahoo.co.uk)

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9541187

**Coach parking:** Y

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### **Visit the deserted village of Port near Glencolmcille**

Port is an abandoned "Famine Village" located on the coast about 14 km north west of Glencolmcille in Co Donegal. The drive into Port is stunning. Fields of peat dominate the rugged landscape as one approaches the eerie village. The only inhabitants nowadays are sheep! The coastline around Port is dotted with numerous sea stacks including the 100 metre high Cnock na Mara. Such impressive sea stacks have contributed to Donegals growing reputation among international rock climbers.

In the nearby **Glencolmcille Folk Village** you can get a good idea of how these houses would have looked when they were inhabited. The village itself is a group of small cottages, called a "clachan," huddled together on a hillside with views overlooking beautiful Glenbay beach towards the dramatic Glen Head. The cottages are neatly white-washed, each with a traditional half-door, designed to keep the animals out and the people in. The folk village has a tea house which provides a variety of homemade foods. There is also a craft shop which is ideal when shopping for those special gifts to bring back home.

[www.glenfolkvillage.com](http://www.glenfolkvillage.com).



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**Address:** Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal  
**Sales Manager:** Margaret Cunningham  
**Email:** folkvillage@eircom.net  
**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9730017  
**FIT rate is:** Adult €4.50 Groups/Seniors €4 Children €2.50  
**Do they offer group rates:** Y – Minimum 9 people  
**Group rate available on request:** Y  
**Coach parking:** Y  
**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 1 hour  
**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Seasonal opening. May open on request out of season.

### **Slieve League Experience**

Slieve League Cliffs are the highest cliffs in Europe at 900ft. The highest point on the cliffs is marked at 1,972ft. Visit independently and walk the Pilgrim's Path or take a guided walk with Sean Mullen from [www.walktalkdonegal.com](http://www.walktalkdonegal.com)



**Address:** Teelin, Carrick, Co. Donegal  
**Sales Manager:** Sean Mullen  
**Email:** info@walktalkdonegal.com  
**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9159366  
**FIT rate is:** €250 (for groups which includes mini-bus transfers)  
**Do they offer group rates:** Y  
**Group rate available on request:** Y  
**Coach parking:** Y  
**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 3 – 3.5 hours  
**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Open March/April – October. Available outside these months on request.

**Travel Time & Distance:** Ardara – Carrick (Slieve League Cliffs) 33km 43mins

### **Overnight Options – choose your accommodation in Dunkineely**

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/CMSPages/PortalTemplate.aspx?aliaspath=%2fSearch%2fResults&lcid=5&catid=10001&countyid=9&locationid=603&subcatid=10009,10016,10021&reftype=1>

### **Dinner at Kitty Kelly's**

World famous Kitty Kelly's is a unique Donegal experience based in a beautifully restored 200 year old farmhouse and is a member of the distinguished Donegal

Good Food Taverns.



[www.kittykellys.com](http://www.kittykellys.com)

**Address:** Killybegs, Co. Donegal

**Sales Manager:** Hugh O'Donnell

**Email:** info@kittykellys.com

**Direct Tel:** +353 74 9731925 or +353 87 7975704 **FIT rate is:** Seasonal **Can**

**the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Opening Months:** May -September daily

**Travel Distance & Time:** Carrick -Dunkineely 26km 38mins

### Day 3 Sligo

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Drive to **Sligo's Signature Discovery Point**, Mullaghmore Headland. Drive or walk this stunning coastline and stop and take a picture of the breath taking views.

**Travel Distance & Time:** Dunkineely – Mullaghmore 62km - 57mins

**Address:** Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

**Coach parking:** Y



Drive towards Drumcliffe, which pays homage to **WB Yeats**, the Nobel prizewinning poet who is buried nearby. Sample his works which refer to the local landscapes, in the local church and tea rooms. Comfort stop at Drumcliffe Tea House. <http://drumcliffeteahouse.ie/>



**Address:** Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Jill Barber

**Email:** [info@drumcliffeteahouse.ie](mailto:info@drumcliffeteahouse.ie)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9144956

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** N

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 15mins – 1 hour

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** N

Coffee and Gift Shop Open 9am – 5.30pm Mon – Sun

**Travel Distance & Time:** Mullaghmore – Drumcliffe 19km 18mins

### **Lissadell House & Gardens**



House Tours • Markievicz Exhibition • Yeats Exhibition • 1914 Centenary Exhibition • Alpine Garden • Walled Victorian Garden • Woodland Walks • The Coach House • Riding Arena • Tea Rooms, Shop and wonderful Exhibitions.

**Address:** Ballinful, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Isobel Cassidy

**Email:** [elle@lissadellhouse.com](mailto:elle@lissadellhouse.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9163150

**FIT rate is:** €12 Adults €6 Children

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 1 – 2 hours  
**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** N  
**Open 21st June – 28th September, 10.30am – 6pm daily**  
**Travel Distance & Time:** Drumcliffe – Lissadell House 10km 15mins

### **Lunch Options**

**Eithna's By the Sea** is an award-winning Seafood Restaurant overlooking the harbour in Mullaghmore, County Sligo. It is a friendly, family-run restaurant that caters for casual dining.

<http://www.eithnasrestaurant.com>

**Address:** Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Eithna O'Sullivan

**Direct Tel:** +353 86 851 5607

**FIT rate is:** NA

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Yeats Tavern** - Davis's restaurant @ Yeats Tavern is owned by the Davis Family for over thirty five years The Davis Family who have a passion for serving fresh locally sourced food, pride themselves on offering a warm welcome, award winning food, in a beautifully decorated modern restaurant.

<http://www.yeatstavernrestaurant.com/>

**Address:** Davis's Restaurant @ The Yeats Tavern, Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Eric

**Email:** [info@yeatstavernrestaurant.com](mailto:info@yeatstavernrestaurant.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9163117

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

### **Tea Rooms at Lissadell**

The **Tea Rooms** serve wholesome country fare – quiches, scones, salads, fruit and vegetables (fresh produce comes from the Kitchen Gardens), and also oysters from their own oyster beds.

[www.lissadellhouse.com](http://www.lissadellhouse.com)

**Address:** Ballinful, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Isobel Cassidy

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**Direct Tel:** +353 71-9163150

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Open 21st June – 28th September, 10.30am – 6pm daily**

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**See Seals at Play**

Sligo Bay boasts an array of marine life, and the grey seal colony residing on the aptly named Seal Rocks is one of the highlights. From Rosses Point, you can take a short boat ride out to the rocks, passing the famous 'Metal Man' as well as Oyster and Coney Islands along the way. If you're lucky, the seals might even come up to the boat and greet you. Dolphins, porpoises, sunfish, basking sharks and whales are also occasionally seen.

**Or**

**Catch n' Cook;** Have your day's catch cooked professionally at a local restaurant, and take the rest home  
[www.sligoboatcharters.com](http://www.sligoboatcharters.com)

**Address:** Rosses Point, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Daryl Ewing

**Email:** [info@sligoboatcharters.com](mailto:info@sligoboatcharters.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 86 8913618

**FIT rate:** <http://www.sligoboatcharters.com/booking/>

**Do they offer group rates:** On request

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** Varied

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Y

**Overnight - choose your accommodation in Rosses Point**

<http://www.discoverireland.ie/CMSPages/PortalTemplate.aspx?aliaspath=%2fSearch%2fResults&lcid=5&catid=10001&countyid=12&locationid=553&subcatid=10016,10021&reftype=1>

**Day 4 Sligo**

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**Take a tour with Seatrails – Knocknarea and Strandhill Bike Tour**

Would you like an active and beautiful tour of the best of the Strandhill Peninsula while travelling along the Wild Atlantic Way? Be guided by an expert archaeologist and explore the hidden gems. You will see beautiful beaches, mountain views, visit the cairn of Queen Maeve and see other historical and archaeological sites along the way. We will meet at the Strandhill Tourist Office beside the lively Strand Bar near the promenade in Strandhill. Your guide will organize bikes for you and you can use an 'Electric bike' if you don't feel like physically exerting yourself!

[www.seatrails.ie](http://www.seatrails.ie)

**Address:** Seatrails, Strandhill, Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Auriel Robinson

**Email:** [info@seatrails.ie](mailto:info@seatrails.ie)

**Direct Tel:** +353 87 2405071

**FIT rate:** €50pp

**Do they offer group rates:** Y (min 5 people max 30)

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 2-4 hours

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** Subject to weather conditions

### Lunch



**Shells Café – a foodie's delight.** Shells is the perfect beach café, bright and airy with wooden floors and fabulous organic, fairtrade coffee. It's a great little spot throughout the day, bustling with surfers and visitors exploring the seafront.

[www.shellscafe.com](http://www.shellscafe.com)

**Address:** Strandhill, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Jane Chambers

**Email:** [eat@shellscafe.com](mailto:eat@shellscafe.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9122938

**FIT rate is:** NA

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

### **The Venue**

**Sligo restaurant** famous for its **Lissadell mussels**, crab claws, and seafood chowder served with that wonderful soft-on-the-inside-crunchy-on-the-outside delectable French bread, **The Venue Pub and Restaurant Sligo** serves only the freshest catch and homemade breads.

[www.venuestrandhill.ie](http://www.venuestrandhill.ie)

**Address:** Top Road, Strandhill, Co. Sligo

**Email:** [info@venuestrandhill.ie](mailto:info@venuestrandhill.ie)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9168187

**FIT rate:** <http://www.venuestrandhill.ie/restaurant-menus/lunch-in-strandhill/>

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

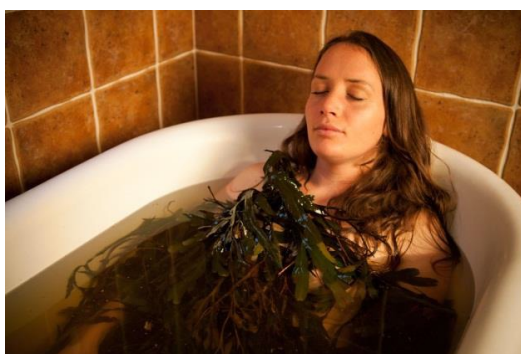
**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

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### **Soak in Voya's Seaweed Baths**



Generations of local wisdom bring you an organic beauty experience that will delight and purify your body. Taking inspiration from the time-tested local traditions of seaweed baths and treatments, **VOYA**, offers a range of services to restore your body and mind. Just imagine drifting away and dreaming as you soak in a seaweed bath or treat yourself to a rejuvenating facial.

**Address:** Voya Seaweed Baths, Strandhill, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Neil Walton

**Email:** [neil@voyaseaweedbaths.com](mailto:neil@voyaseaweedbaths.com)

**Direct Tel:** +353 71 9168686

**FIT rate:** €25pp

**Do they offer group rates:** Y

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Time needed to engage with the experience:** 1 hour

**Is the experience seasonal or subject to weather conditions:** N

### **Dinner Harry's Bar & Gastro Pub**



Located on Rosses Point Promenade, the pub enjoys spectacular views of Oyster and Coney islands. Local chefs provide fresh, homemade, really tasty seasonal fare from the locality.

<http://www.harrysrossespoint.com/>

**Address:** Rosses Point, Co. Sligo

**Sales Manager:** Fenton Ewing

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**Direct:** +353 (0)71 91 77173

**Can the restaurant cater to groups:** Y

**Do they offer group rates:** N

**Group rate available on request:** Y

**Coach parking:** Y

**Overnight Rosses Point**