

THE TOUR

Day 1 – Monday 6th April 2020

A coach will be waiting near Greystones railway station at 10:00 am to transport us in warm comfort to County Donegal. Our route will take us through the Midlands to Cavan.

Our first stop will be in Monaghan Town where we will visit the wonderful Monaghan County Museum, followed by a light lunch.

We hope to arrive at our hotel in the early evening, to settle into the rooms before a welcome drink, dinner and evening at leisure.

Day 2 – Tuesday 7th April 2020

After breakfast we will meet Henry Doohan, our guide for the next two days.:

We will visit Glenveagh (house, garden, tea rooms); then travel via Poisoned Glen and Errigal to Annagry and Leo's Tavern (home of *Clannad*, Moya Brennan etc) where we will have lunch with music, storytelling and dance. We will return to our hotel by the scenic route, for dinner and evening at leisure.

Day 3 – Wednesday 8th April 2020

Henry will meet us at our hotel when he will outline his plan for the day. This will include Donegal castle and a weaving demonstration at *Magees*. After lunch we will return via Killybegs and Slieve League.

In the evening we return to our hotel for dinner with evening at leisure.

Day 4 – Thursday 9th April 2020

Following breakfast, we will start the return journey, visiting *Cavan WWI Museum*, followed by lunch.

We hope to return to Greystones in the early evening.

THE HOTEL

We have booked twenty-five places for participants on the tour at the *** The Grianan Hotel, Burt. (12 Single Rooms and the others are Twins or Doubles). *An Grianan Hotel* is in the blissful village of Burt, Irishwomen, Co. Donegal. Only 10 -15 minutes from Derry, Letterkenny and Buncrana.

A real 'gem in Irish Hospitality'. The Hotel itself gains its inspiration from the ancient Grianan of Aileach Fort which stands proud on the hill shadowing the Hotel. It opened its doors for business in December 2006, has grown from strength to strength and has been regarded by many as one of the finest Hotels in the North West.

The Hotel boasts 43 elegantly decorated rooms equipped with everything to make your stay a special one. All rooms offer; a flat screen TV, Ensuite facilities, Hair Dryers, Ironing Facilities etc. and were designed with your comfort in mind. Free Wi-fi is available throughout the Hotel



The above text and the picture were taken from the hotel web site at www.angrianahotel.com

THE TERMS

Each place will be reserved on first come first served basis against a booking deposit of €100 returned with the completed reservation form attached to this leaflet, before the 18th February 2020.

The full cost of €360 per person sharing, or €400 for single occupancy, will be payable before 10th March 2020. The deposit will be fully refundable if the cancellation is made in writing before 1st March 2020; otherwise a late cancellation charge of €75 per person will be deducted from the returned deposit.

The tour price includes transportation by coach, welcome drink on evening of arrival, dinner, bed and breakfast in the hotel, as well as all tours, light lunches and entrance fees. It does not include the cost of refreshments, drinks and incidental hotel costs etc., ordered by the participant.

The *GREYSTONES ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY* is a non-profit making organisation, which is running this tour on behalf of the members of the society for the benefit of the members of the society. Those taking part in the tour do so at their own risk and shall indemnify the society from all claims arising out of accident or misfortune occurring during the tour or as a direct result of the tour.

Members with health problems are requested to advise their travelling companion in the tour party of the whereabouts of their medication, and to carry same with them at all times while out and about. Without this information, it may prove difficult to help in case of emergency.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name

Address

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Telephone

Email

Accommodation

Single* Twin bed* Double bed*

Special diet* (Specify).....

(* Delete those not applicable)

Sharing with
Name

Amount enclosed €

Method of calculation

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Signed by

Dated

**Return this form with your deposit to
GREYSTONES ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY,**

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2 La Touche Place,
Greystones,
County Wicklow.
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GLENVEAGH CASTLE *Where Art and Nature Meet*



The Castle Gardens are regarded as one of Ireland's outstanding horticultural masterpieces. ... We grow many rare plants unique to Irish Gardens....

Context

The wilderness setting of the Castle placed within the exposed granite mountain-scape of central Donegal creates an unforgettable impression. Conceived as a 'Victorian Camelot-and romantic retreat' where an idyllic lifestyle was pursued by lovers of nature and art.

History

The site occupied by the Castle and Gardens was wild mountain moorland. In 1869 the first part of the Castle was constructed. The original Victorian Garden layout remains intact. ... They were also keen gardeners and Mrs Porter introduced the dahlia seed from which was grown the unique cultivar known as Dahlia 'Matt Armour' to Glenveagh. ... Glenveagh is well known today for its rich collection of trees and shrubs specialising in southern hemisphere species and a diverse Rhododendron collection. Fine specimens of the white flowered Eucryphia adorn the gardens in late summer. Dramatic autumn colour follows in October.

*The above text, and picture was taken from
www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie*

Greystones Archaeological Historical Society

COUNTY DONEGAL TOUR



GLENVEAGH CASTLE

SPRING 2020