

THE TOUR

Day 1 – Monday 15th April 2019

A coach will be waiting near Greystones railway station at 10:00 am to transport us in warm comfort to County Clare. Our route will take us through the spectacular scenery of counties Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Tipperary, Offaly, and Clare.

Our first stop will be in Portlaoise for coffee before proceeding to Killaloe where we intend to visit *St. Flannan's Cathedral* and the *Brian Boru Heritage Centre*.

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 16th April 2019

After breakfast we will visit the 13th century *Franciscan Ennis Friary*, built by the O'Briens of Thomond, for a guided tour, followed by a short visit to the *County Clare Museum*.

We will then proceed to visit the wonderful *Vandeleur walled garden* where we will have a light lunch and a tour of the gardens.

We will return via the coast road to the hotel for dinner.

Day 3 – Wednesday 17th April 2019

Our day will start with a guided tour of the *Hunt Museum* in Limerick, followed by lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the *Foynes flying boat and maritime museum*. This museum includes a special exhibition devoted to *Maureen O'Hara*.

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

Day 4 – Thursday 18th April 2019

Following breakfast, we will start the return journey, visiting *Portumna Castle* 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 **Hotel Woodstock, Ennis** (8 Single Rooms and the remainder Twins or Doubles).

*The warmth of a beautiful, country house with a passion to make you feel at home. The ease and friendliness of a hotel that is family-run and that knows the difference real service makes. And the splendour that comes with being situated at the heart of Ireland's dramatically beautiful Wild Atlantic Way. This is **Hotel Woodstock** – a Clare hidden gem that brings to life the inviting openness of Ireland's 'friendly county' in the most elegant, stylish and personal of ways.*



The above text and the picture were taken from the hotel web site at www.hotelwoodstock.ie.

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 2019.

The full cost of €350 per person sharing, or €390 for single occupancy, will be payable before 10th March 2019. The deposit will be fully refundable if the cancellation is made in writing before 1st March 2019; 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,

Joan Jones,

2 La Touche Place,

Greystones,

County Wicklow.

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ENNIS FRIARY

This 13th century Franciscan friary, founded by the O'Briens, of Thomond who once ruled much of north Munster, has numerous 15th/16th century sculptures carved in the local hard limestone:

A carved image of St. Francis displaying the stigmata is evident in the nave. He carries a cross staff and wears the Franciscan habit. Under the south arch of the tower, an elaborate tracery canopy of the late 15th century was perhaps part of an ornate tomb. The corbels supporting this are carved on one side with a bishop and, on the other, the Virgin & Child. An arch between the nave and transept bears, in a niche, an image of "*Ecce Homo*" or "*Christ's Pity*". His hands are bound, and tokens of the crucifixion are arranged about. The magnificent east window, with its five tall, narrow lancets, lights the chancel.

The visitor to Ennis Friary can also see the sacristy, an impressive structure with ribbed, barrel-vaulted ceiling. After the suppression of the monasteries the Friary became a venue for assize courts and the sacristy was used as a courtroom.

Leading out from the sacristy is the cloister area where part of the arcade has been reconstructed.



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COUNTY CLARE TOUR



HUNT MUSEUM

SPRING 2019