



## FIELD TRIPS AND WALKING TOUR 2018

### DAY 1: THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

This field trip will take you from the Bronze Age (stone circle, rock art, solar alignments), through the Medieval (stone fort, tower house) up to more recent history (Harry Clarke and the Somervilles and Townshends, ecclesiastical history). It's a taster, but with enough detail to satisfy the avid historian. This is a full day, fully guided tour with stunning scenery, knowledgeable local archaeologists and historians as guides and exclusive access to private property.

#### Field Trip 1: History and Archaeology of West Cork

Early Bird: €45.00 per person

Regular Price: \$50 per person

Max: 14 participants

9:50 Meet Bus at Skibbereen Market Grounds. Bus departs at 10:00 sharp

*Knockdrum Stone Fort and Rock Art, Castletownshend, St Barrahanes, Harry Clarke Windows, Somervilles and Townsends*

12:20

Lunch Break (lunch is available at the Eat at the Castle. Range of options and prices. You are welcome to bring a picnic if you prefer.)

1:00 *Castletownshend Castle Tour*

2:00 Depart for

*Drombeg Stone Circle, Burgatia Boulder Burial, Castle Salem (Via Coppinger's Court)*

4:30 Tour ends, Skibbereen Market Grounds

Please wear shoes/boots suitable for a field trip - expect some rough ground and mud. Note that Knockdrum Fort is accessed via a green road and a set of steep steps and that other venues require the ascent of steps. The field trip will go ahead no matter the weather, so please dress accordingly. No wheelchair access. No dogs allowed. Itinerary may be subject to change if circumstances require.

## **Walking Tour 1: Walking Tour of Historic Skibbereen**

**Free, but booking essential**

**Max: 15 participants**

Our guide is Philip O'Regan from the Skibbereen Heritage Centre. Philip's walking tours of Skibbereen are very popular, taking in key sites associated with the Famine, the Fenians, and the development of Skibbereen from the earliest days. Tour takes approximately an hour and a half

7:00 PM Meet at the Skibbereen Courthouse, North Street.

## **DAY 2: FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH**

**While the focus of this field trip is the Famine, it provides an unprecedented opportunity to experience a major art exhibition from the United States (to be shown in Ireland in only three locations), special access to a stunning and thought-provoking sculpture garden, and a visit to two of the most moving Famine sites in West Cork. This is a unique, full day, fully guided tour.**

### **Field Trip 2: Famine/History/Art Focus**

**Early Bird: €45.00 per person**

**Regular Price: \$50 per person**

**Price includes tea/coffee at Reen Sculpture Garden**

**Max: 14 participants**

9:20 Meet at Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre, Bridge Street, Skibbereen  
Bus to Skibbereen Community Hospital, site of former Workhouse (bus departs 9:30 sharp)  
*110 Skibbereen Girls: Walk and Talk with artist Toma MacCullim*

10:30 Return to Uillinn  
*Guided Tour of Coming Home: Art and the Great Hunger. The world's largest collections of Famine-related art, from Quinnipiac University, on view in Ireland for the first time.*

12:00 Lunch Break  
(Range of options available in Skibbereen, including Kalbo's At Uillinn)

1:00 Depart from Uillinn for Reen Sculpture Garden (Bus departs 1:00 sharp)

*Guided tour of the sculpture garden of internationally acclaimed artist John Kelly, followed by tea and discussion in the garden.*

3:15 Depart Reen Sculpture Garden

*The Abbeystrewery Graveyard Experience: A presentation by the Skibbereen Heritage Centre*

4:15 Return to Uillinn

Please wear shoes/boots suitable for a field trip - expect long grass, rough ground and mud. The field trip will go ahead no matter the weather, so please dress accordingly. Reen Farm is a private home and working farm, please stick to the paths and stay with the group. Abbeystrewery Graveyard is accessed via steps. No wheelchair access, apart from Uillinn. No dogs allowed.