



FIELD TRIPS AND WALKING TOUR 2019

THURSDAY AUGUST 8

Field Trip 1: History and Archaeology of West Cork

Early Bird: €55.00 per person. Regular Price: \$60 per person

Meet Bus in Skibbereen, across from the Bank of Ireland on Market St.

Max 17 participants. There will be a stop for lunch (not included in price)

Bus departs at 10:00AM sharp and returns at 5PM

This field trip will take you from the Bronze Age, through the Medieval and up to recent history. Along the way we will see Knockdrum Fort and the Drombeg Stone Circle as you've never seen them before, visit the private quarters of Castletownshend Castle, view the Harry Clarke windows in Castletownshend and learn of their association with Edith Somerville and her family. We end with a visit to a fifteenth century tower house associated with William Penn and the Quakers. It's a taster of the complex past of West Cork, but with enough detail to satisfy the avid historian. Guides: Finola Finlay and Robert Harris of Roaringwater Journal

Field Trip 2: History and Archaeology of the Beara Peninsula

Early Bird: €55.00 per person. Regular Price: \$60.00 per person

Meet bus in Glengarriff at Quill's car park

Max 18 participants. There will be a stop for lunch (not included in price)

Bus departs at 10:00AM sharp and returns at 5PM

This field trip will focus on the O'Sullivan Beres. We will visit their hidden cemetery known only to locals, explore their last stronghold in Dursey Sound and the tragic site of Dunboy Castle, where the siege was immortalised in the pages of *Pacata Hibernia*. The Puxleys come into this story too, having pirated with the O'Sullivan Beres and then built their famous mansion and went into copper mining. Along the way we will stop at various historical and archaeological sites that will bring the history of this wild and remote peninsula to life for you. Guide: Carina Jeisy of Beara Baoi Tours

Walking Tour 1: Walking Tour of Historic Skibbereen

Free, but booking essential

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

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

FRIDAY AUGUST 9

Field Trip 3: History and Archaeology of the Mizen

Early Bird: €55.00 per person. Regular Price: \$60 per person

Meet Bus in Skibbereen, across from the Bank of Ireland on Market St.

Max 17 participants. There will be a stop for lunch (not included in price)

Bus departs at 10:00AM sharp and returns at 5PM

The Mizen Peninsula, known historically as Ivaha, is rich in history and archaeology. Neolithic and Bronze Age farmers have left evidence of their ritual practices, while Early Medieval saints and scholars are sensed through tantalising ruins. Ivaha was home to the O'Mahonys - discover how they got fabulously wealthy and built a string of castles around the Peninsula. The Famine times hit the Mizen hard, but one church in particular is still haunted by accusations of Souperism - was it true? The robber barons of the nineteenth century copper mines took from the area - but also provided employment in hard times. Finally, the Bohemians arrived in the 20th century, turning Ballydehob into a vibrant artistic hub. Guides: Robert Harris and Finola Finlay of Roaringwater Journal

Each Field Trip (except the Walking Tour) is a unique, full day, fully guided tour with breathtaking scenery and knowledgeable local archaeologists and historians as guides. Some feature exclusive access to private property. Specific stops may be subject to change.

Please wear shoes/boots suitable for a field trip - expect long grass, rough ground, some short steep sections, and mud. The field trip will go ahead no matter the weather, so please dress accordingly. No wheelchair access. No dogs allowed.

Field Trips 1 and 3 are enabled and insured through West Cork Experiences (<https://westcorkexperiences.com/>) and conducted by Finola Finlay and Robert Harris of Roaringwater Journal (<https://roaringwaterjournal.com/>).

Field Trip 2 is enabled and insured through Beara Baoi Tours (<http://bearabaoitours.com/>) and conducted by Carina Jeisy.

Walking Tour 1 is enabled and insured by The Skibbereen Heritage Centre (<https://skibbheritage.com/>) and conducted by Philip O'Regan.