

WorldDenver Presents:

# STAYCATIONS

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## WANDERING THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY

The WorldDenver Adventure bus bumps and jostles gently as it pulls off to our first stop in County Cork, so we can stop to see the scenic Old Head Signal Tower of Kinsale and the picturesque lighthouse built in the remote and beautiful headlands of Ireland. All adventurers are encouraged to breath in the salty air and look out to the breath-taking views and windswept beauty of the Wild Atlantic Way. Our trip will travel over 1,554 miles where we will see the Atlantic Ocean crash into the base of towering sea cliffs, wander down vast beaches of glittering white sand, and enjoy pastel skies as the sun sets on another magical day on the Emerald Isle. The Wild Atlantic Way is a stunning drive that stretches all the way from the cliffs of County Donegal, in the far north of Ireland, down to the beaches of County Cork, and is the longest defined coastal driving route in the world.

## CULTURE

Lilting accents and Guinness; it couldn't be any place, but Ireland! Whether your familiarity with Great Britain's northern cousin comes from your redheaded friend who claims distant ancestry, or the idea that "everyone's a little bit Irish" on March 17th, Ireland is also home to over 30,000 castles and ruins, lays claim to the oldest pub that is still operational in Europe, and has a whole island dedicated to wallabies off the coast of Dublin. Despite popular belief, Ireland's national symbol is the harp, not the ubiquitous shamrock, and more people speak Polish at home than traditional Irish, even though all street signs are provided in English and Irish Gaelic. Enjoy a bird's-eye view of Ireland, swooping over sheer cliffs, lingering in the green valleys, and let us know if you see any faeries along the way!

## CUISINE

*Boxty on the griddle, boxty in the pan,  
If you can't make boxty, you'll never get a man.  
Boxty on the griddle, boxty in the pan,  
The wee one in the middle, that's the one for Mary Anne.*

A traditional Irish rhyme, but one that accurately represents how important potatoes are to Ireland. During the Great Famine, or the Irish Potato Famine, over 1 million Irish died, and nearly 2 million emigrated, dropping the population by about 25%. Prior to the 17th century,

Irish agriculture was diverse, but when the English colonized, the best fields were converted into pastures for cattle leaving limited land for local tenant farmers. When a series of potato blights struck in the mid 1800's, coupled with oppressive English laws regarding land ownership and food tariffs, 1 million Irish starved to death. The British government turning a blind eye to the Irish people dying, despite continuing to export food to their own island, was one of the reasons why Ireland rose up in 1916 and why most of the island of Ireland is now an independent nation. Make some Boxty at home and let us know if you think you could live on potatoes!

## BEVERAGE

I say Irish, you say...? Don't worry, both whiskey and beer were the right answer! Iconic of Ireland, and a major tourist attraction in Dublin welcoming over 20 million visitors since 2000, the Guinness Storehouse captures the history, heart, and soul of Ireland's most iconic beer. But did you know that while Guinness will always be Ireland's most famous drink, more of the black stuff is consumed each year in Nigeria than it is back home in Ireland? In fact, the Brits are the largest consumers of Guinness, followed by Nigerians, leaving Ireland in third place! Based on a traditional Old-Fashioned and named for the famed Irish poet, this cocktail uses Guinness and bourbon.