

ITINERARY - SEPTEMBER 2010

This is a short synopsis of the days' activities - these are relatively flexible as weather and energy levels [excl. hangovers] will be taken into consideration. We'll notify you of the entertainment program shortly.

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| Sat 18 | Kinsale | pickup in Shannon airport - Kinsale |
| Sun 19 Glandore | Kinsale | St James Fort - Old Head - Pink Elephant - Timoleague - - Drombeg Stone Circle- Castletownshend |
| Mon 20 | Kenmare | Gougane Barra - Glengarriff - Healy Pass |
| Tues 21 | Kenmare | Dingle Peninsula Inch Beach, Slea Head, Bally Ferriter, Dingle, Connor Pass |
| Wed 22 | Kenmare | Lakes of Killarney - Moll's Gap, Lady's View, Gap of Dunloe, Aghadoe Heights, (Ross Castle) |
| Thurs 23 | Galway | The Burren - Cliffs of Moher boat trip, Black Head Ballyvaughan - Kinvarra |
| Fri 24 | Galway | Westport - Leenaun-Delphi-Louisburgh-Westport |
| Sat 25 | Galway | Connemara |
| Sun 26 | | early departure to Shannon |

We'll be staying in 3 B&Bs so minimal packing and unpacking, and will travel in a 14 seater minibus with an Irish driver.

Links

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| Photos | www.johnsmyth.ie |
| Cliffs of Moher | www.cliffs-of-moher-cruises.com/cliffsofmoher.html |
| Kinsale | www.kinsale.ie |
| | www.heritageireland.ie/en/South-West |
| Galway | www.galway-ireland.ie |
| General Info | www.goireland.com |

Recommended Irishy Movies:

1. **Waking Ned Devine** (Comedy) set in Ireland but filmed on the Isle of Man [David Kelly, Ian Bannan, Fionnula Flannagan]
The Wind that Shakes the Barley set during the Irish War of Independence (1919–1921) and the Irish Civil War (1922–1923). Written by long-time Loach collaborator Paul Laverty, this drama tells the story of two County Cork brothers, played by Cillian Murphy and Pádraic Delaney, who join the Irish Republican Army to fight for Irish independence from the United Kingdom. It takes its title from the song "The Wind That Shakes the Barley".
2. **The Field** written by John B Keane, filmed in Leenane and environs
3. **Song for a Raggy Boy** (tough subject but a must see) based on a true story. [Aidan Quinn, Iain Glen, Marc Warren]
4. **Fr Ted Series** (Comedy) filmed in The Burren (Fr Ted's house is near Carran)
5. **Dancing at Lughnasa** by Brian Friel set in Co. Donegal [Meryl Streep]
6. **Breakfast on Pluto** - dark comedy [Cillian Murphy]
7. **In America** by Jim Sheridan (autobiographical) about an Irish immigrant family adjusting to life in the United States.
8. **My Left Foot** - directed by Jim Sheridan. [Daniel Day-Lewis, Brenda Fricker, Alison Whelan] The story of Christy Brown, who was born with cerebral palsy.
9. **The Quiet Man** (Cong) [John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara]
10. **Rory O'Shea Was Here** (aka Inside I'm Dancing) filmed in Dublin and Wicklow [James McAvoy, Steven Robertson, Romola Garai, and Brenda Fricker]
11. **The Magdalene Sisters** (tough subject-story needs to be told) written and directed by Peter Mullan about teenage girls who were sent to Magdalene Asylums, otherwise known as the 'Magdalen Laundries': homes for women who were labeled as "fallen" by their families or society (though the film itself questions this). The homes were maintained by individual religious orders in the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland.
12. **Michael Collins** (ok - a bit inaccurate)
13. **Ryan's Daughter** filmed on the Dingle Peninsula at Sleah Head

Recommended Irish Authors/Books:

Strumpet City - by Oliver Plunkett

Angela's Ashes - by Frank McCourt (also 'Tis)

John B Keane [bar owner, playwright, novelist, essayist... in Listowel - great story teller - passed away in 2002] - great short stories.

W.B. Yeats poems

Please feel free to add to this list for all to share in.