

Walk Connemara



Inishark and Inishbofin Island Adventure

- A guided island adventure day trip on the ferry and a high-performance boat;
- Visit the beautiful Inishbofin with 200 permanent residents – see everyday life, have lunch in a local pub, and explore the island;
- Take a high speed RIB from Inishbofin to the uninhabited island of Inishark;
- €70 per person, for groups of at least 10 people, excluding lunch. Includes the ferry to Inishbofin, the boat to Inishark, and the guide.
- Trip requires outdoor clothing and footwear with good grip



A fast and comfortable high-performance Rigid Inflatable Boat leaves Inishbofin



Cromwell's Castle on Inishbofin

Itinerary (Times are approximate and may have to be adjusted):

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| 11:00 | Meet at Cleggan Pier: Meet the guide, weather report, confirm expectations/explain or revise the plan, gear check, safety |
| 11:30 | Ferry departs Cleggan Pier |
| 11:30 | Ferry Arrives Inishbofin |
| 12:00 | RIB departs Inishbofin for Inishark |
| 12:15 | Boat arrives Inishark (tides may mean Inishbofin is first and some tweaks to schedule) |
| 12:15-14:30 | Provided sea conditions are favourable disembark to Inishark for a 2 hour visit around the deserted village and island. Because landing is often hazardous this visit cannot be guaranteed; If landing is not possible, we will view Inishark from the boat, circumnavigate the coastline and return to Inishbofin earlier (~13:00 and have more time there) |
| 14:45 | RIB Arrives back to Inishbofin |
| 15:00-16:00 | Pub or shop lunch and afternoon walk (swim possible) |
| 17:00 | Depart Inishbofin Main Pier on Ferry |
| 17:30 | Arrive back in Cleggan |

See <http://www.walkconnemara.com/Islands.html> for more details and alternative options.



Ferry trip with Bofin Locals



Walking the Inishark bronze age field system

Island Details

Inishark features a deserted village (since 1960), holy well, stone huts, Fulachta Fiadh (prehistoric cooking site), un-spoilt environment, rare plants, sea cliffs, blowhole, sea birds (fulmars, skuas in season). The visit to Inishark is dependent on favourable sea conditions to allow safe disembarkment; If this is not possible, we will circumnavigate Inishark to view stunning coastline including cliffs, coves, sea stacks, and wildlife (seal colony, breeding seabirds) and on to Inishbofin.



Mummified Donkey in House



Cliffs on west end of Inishark



Arctic Skua considers swooping

Inishbofin features rare plants (orchids in spring/early summer), fine sands, spectacular views of mainland and nearby Islands (Inishturk, Clare Island, Achill), archaeology (forts, prehistoric field systems, early Christian monastery), spectacular sea caves, blowholes, geology (soapstone) and maritime history (Grainne Mhaol, The Royal Oak, Cromwellian fort, Kitty Brigg).



Northern sunset on the western Bofin cliffs



Inishbofin coastal walk

Walk Connemara offers guided walks, trekking, hillwalking, hikes and walking tours, in Connemara, Mayo and adjacent areas. These are generally provided by Paul Phelan, a trained and experienced local walking guide and author of "Connemara and Mayo - a Walking Guide".

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"Connemara and Mayo - a Walking Guide", published by the Collins Press, is available widely.