





# Galway & the West of Ireland

## **LITTLE WONDER THE WEST OF IRELAND**

is top of most must-see lists – apart from the weather, it has it all. Mayo offers wild, romantic beauty, but without the crowds. Timeless Connemara, with its bogs, lonely valleys, white beaches and intriguing villages, is one of Europe's most stunning corners.

For fun and frolic, Westport and Galway deliver, though you may never leave the cosy bars of County Clare or the mesmerising landscapes of The Burren and Aran Islands.

Counties Kerry and Cork feature Ireland's iconic scenery: crenulated coastlines, green fields criss-crossed by stone walls, ancient sites and mist-shrouded peaks. A plethora of fine eateries, pubs and entertainment add to the rewards.

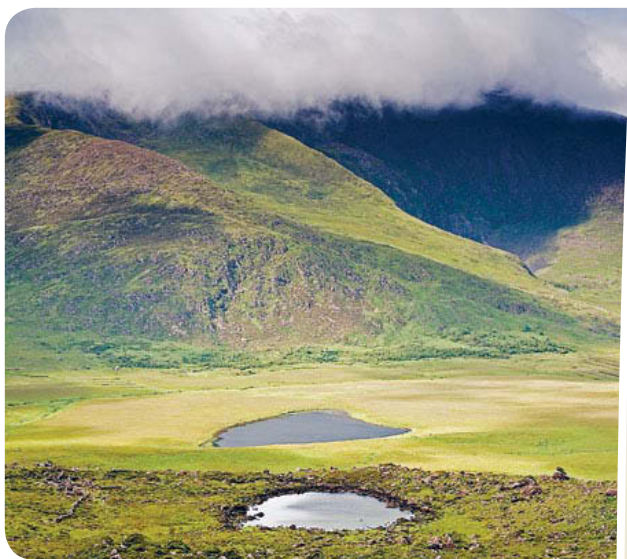
**Galway** The banks of the River Corrib (Trips 1, 4, 21, 22, 23, 24)

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Connor Pass View of Mt Brandon

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The ultimate tour of Ireland's best westerly sights. (p235)

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A ride round County Clare's hottest trad music spots. (p247)

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Connemara's wilderness and cultivated villages. (p257)

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A windswept trip along the region's rugged coastline. (p275)

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A historic tour of WB Yeats' backyard. (p283)

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**County Clare 7 Days**

The beautiful Burren and the heritage town of Clare. (p291)

**DON'T MISS****Céide Fields**

One of the world's major prehistoric sites still feels as undiscovered as it really was 50 years ago. Unearth it on Trip **21**

**Inisheer**

A trip to the smallest of the Aran Islands will take you far from 21st-century living. Sail there on Trips **22 27**

**Ennistymon**

This authentic market town in County Clare gives a genuine taste of country living. Savour its fine bars on Trips **22 27**

**Dingle Town**

A colourful fishing village at the end of the earth (well, the Connor Pass) provides delightful eateries, dolphin- and people-watching. Dive in on Trip **21**

**Galway**

You may find it hard to leave the City of Tribes. Go for its culture, conviviality and craic on Trips **21 22 23 24**