

CLIFFS OF MOHER & BURREN PRIMARY SCHOOL TOURS

The Cliffs of Moher & the Burren in County Clare have EVERYTHING needed for a highly successful Primary School Tour

- A number of award winning and world class heritage centres all within easy travelling distance of each other in a unique landscape
- A coordinated approach between the centres to their education programmes with options appropriate to all primary class levels
- Natural History, Social History & Geography education content with a strong “fun” element thrown in for good measure
- Downloadable work packs for classroom work (developed with the assistance of the Primary Curriculum Support Program)
- Excellent value for money – a high standard multi centre tour from as little as €5.70 per student. Discounts available when you visit more than one centre.



Participating Centres

The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience – Liscannor



Europe’s most spectacular sea cliffs now have a state of the art visitor centre, complete with an exhibition & a comprehensive visitor management programme in place. The award winning Atlantic Edge exhibition provides an educational and entertaining insight into the many aspects of the Cliffs – Ocean, Rock, Nature & Man. The interactive exhibits, audio visual presentations and an immersive virtual reality experience, in which the viewer takes the vantage point of a gannet diving along the cliff ledges and the puffin colony before diving beneath the water to encounter a cast of characters from the wildlife that inhabit the cliffs above and below sea level. This engrossing exhibition will inform and fascinate all ages including the

very young. Students from 4th class and up will receive an onsite quiz to complete during the self guided visit. After visiting the exhibition students can view the Cliffs of Moher and their surroundings from more than 500 metres of safe, Ranger patrolled cliffside pathways and viewing platforms. Our Cliffs of Moher Rangers are available to answer questions and also provide an important safety and conservation role at the Cliffs which is both a Special Area of Conservation and a Special Protected Area under the Wildlife Act.

The range of facilities onsite include a fully equipped First Aid room for minor and more serious mishaps and a number of trained First Aiders are always on duty among staff. Disabled access is of the highest standard. An optional add on to the tour includes talk on the cliff side from a Cliffs of Moher Ranger where students will have access to binoculars and a high powered viewscope for wildlife & geography viewing and a tour to see the best viewing points. See www.cliffsofmoher.ie for further information.



Moher Hill Open Farm – Liscannor



This award winning family run open farm on the doorstep of the Cliffs of Moher is home to a variety of domestic animals including those typical to Irish farms as well as some from more exotic places. As part of a guided tour children will meet animals including donkeys, goats, cows, Jacob sheep, red deer, Falabelle pony, rabbits, llama, ostrich, pot-bellied pigs, emu, peacocks and a host of rare fowl. Along the way they can interact with the animals as many are safe to feed and stroke. A perfect option for classes from Junior Infants to 6th class this centre boasts a lot of other fun activities onsite including go-karts, mini-golf, bouncing castle, ball-pool, indoor and outdoor play areas and picnic areas. For more information on Moher Hill Farm see www.moherfarm.com

The Burren Centre – Kilfenora



The Burren Centre is situated in the village of Kilfenora and is known as “The Gateway to the Burren”. Kilfenora can boast one of the first Interpretative Centres in Europe and for an interesting explanation of the Burren region, a visit to the Burren Interpretative Centre in Kilfenora is a must. A community run initiative this heritage centre provides students visiting the Burren with a fascinating orientation on this amazing landscape. A 12 minute film by world renowned environmentalist Mr. Eamonn de Buitlear outlines the history and evolution of the unique environment of the Burren. Following the film the exhibition entitled “A Walk Through Time” will stimulate and inform all who visit. The story of the Burren unfolds through a chronological series of audio, visual and tactile effects, models, slides, artefacts and information panels. These display segments convey both visual and audio impressions that are designed to provide an effective understanding of the Burren experience.



Kilfenora Cathedral. This famed Cathedral was dedicated to St. Fachnan and built in about 1189 on the site of an early monastery. Kilfenora, known as the city of the Seven Crosses, boasts one of the greatest concentrations of high crosses in Ireland, including the famed “Doorty Cross”. Not only has this pretty village its own medieval Cathedral but can also claim the Pope as Bishop. (The Cathedral is adjacent to The Burren Centre). More details on the Burren Centre are available on www.theburrencentre.ie

Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre – Caherconnell (between Kilfenora & Ballyvaughan on the on R480)



Built over 1000 years ago and more than twice the size of the regular fort, Caherconnell is the only fort in the Burren scientifically excavated, and developed for tourism. Here you will see the best-preserved example of dry stonewalling in the entire Burren. During a visit to Caherconnell you will not only experience the unique history and heritage of this ancient stone fort but also that of the other famous Burren tombs and monuments including Poul nabrone Dolmen. Audiovisual and animated presentations further illuminate the secrets of this most extraordinary landscape.

Caherconnell was once home to an extended family. An excavation in 2007 revealed that it was inhabited until the late 17th century. The Davoren family who own the fort come from a lineage as old as the fort itself. At Caherconnell you will see Ireland's first stone fort virtual tour, an unprecedented re-creation of life, customs and design of the fort. As you

follow the stone pathways through the fort its secrets are beautifully relayed by an audio or scripted presentation designed by Paul Gosling M.I.A.I.

As a family run business we are proud that our name still lives on at Caherconnell to continue the O'Dabhoireann tradition of welcoming visitors to the Burren. We were proud to receive the prestigious 2007 Possibility Award from Fáilte Ireland & Mayday Management. The award is presented to those who have been inspired to create a unique tourism experience. Situated less than one kilometre from Poul nabrone Dolmen, a site that can also be visited if time & weather permits

Schools Pack

Our primary schools pack has been prepared by Colm Davoren a primary teacher and is based on the 1999 curriculum. The pack includes pre visit and post visit lessons which work in tandem with a power-point presentation. Strands - strand units and objectives are provided. A visit to Caherconnell stone fort will cover a 4-week scheme of work for your class. The pack is designed for classes: 3rd to 6th. One of the pre visit lessons will include an art competition. The winner will bring their picture to Caherconnell where they will be presented with a prize. In addition the picture with the students' name and that of the school will be posted on our website. We will also offer an annual prize to the class of the student who submits the picture chosen in an online poll on our website. See www.burrenforts.ie for further information.



The Michael Cusack Centre – Carron



The Michael Cusack Centre, situated in the heart of the Burren, is a treasure chest of living history. Cusack, born at the height of the famine in 1847, was the man who lit the torch that led to the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884. Today, the GAA is the largest amateur sporting organisation in the world. Students explore the story of Michael Cusack and the GAA from its early beginnings. The guided tours explore Cusacks childhood growing up in the Burren during famine times, his life as an educator, his sporting interests, family life, the founding of

the GAA and his legacy. A revolutionary new multimedia presentation, the first of its kind in Ireland, was launched in 2008 and this unique facility stimulates an engaging environment of learning and understanding for those who visit. As 2009 marks the 125th Anniversary of the GAA, the Michael Cusack Centre is an ideal stop for school tours to mark this great occasion.

Exciting aspects to the tour include: Unique holographic projections of Michael Cusack as he recounts the story of his life, key developments of the GAA unfold through the eyes of Cusack, Cusack's Cottage as it appeared in the 1850's, recreation of meeting of founding of the GAA in 1884, Guided tour – part of the Burren Trail, onsite worksheets, post tour resource pack

Visit the Education Section on our website www.michaelcusack.ie for more information.



One, Two, Three or Four Centre Combination Tours

Your school tour can include one, two, three or four of the above centres all of which are within easy distance of each other. Where else can you get access to such a rich combination of cultural & natural heritage that combine to make an education and fun day out for your primary school group. See below for the different options available that allow you to combine these centres for the ideal primary school tour all in a convenient and easily organised package that streamlines all the details for the person organising the tour. Even lunch can be provided.

	Option Available	Class levels	Duration	Price per student
A	The Cliffs of Moher & Atlantic Edge Exhibition – self guided tour of the exhibition followed by visit to cliff edge paths & viewing platforms. Quiz sheets provided to 4 th class & up for completion onsite	3 rd class to 6 th Class	1.5 hours	€3.95
B	ADD ON Cliffs of Moher Ranger cliff edge talk & tour – includes use of binoculars & viewscope for wildlife and cliff viewing. Calendar of dates and times when this is available provided – subject to availability at time of booking	3 rd Class to 6 th Class	1 hour (running after A)	€1.25
C	Moher Hill Open Farm guided tour & fun activities – includes guided tour of animal paddocks with opportunity to feed and interact with animals – followed by use of activities onsite – bouncing castle, go karts, ball pool, (extra charge for mini golf only) – indoor and outdoor picnic area available to eat packed lunches	Junior Infants to 6 th Class	1.5 hours	€6.00
D	Burren Centre tour – includes audio visual presentation and self guided tour of heritage centre. Quiz sheets provided for completion onsite. Sponsorship available of €1 per student for transport costs when you select this option – from Roche Ireland – see below for details	4 th Class to 6 th Class	1.5 hours	€3.80
D+	Kilfenora 12th Century Cathedral – right beside the Burren Centre – the ruins are covered by a glass roof and the high crosses and stone carvings are interpreted by a series of information panels	4 th Class to 6 th Class	20 mins	Inc. Free with D above
E	Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre - At Caherconnell audiovisual & animated presentations display the unique history and heritage of Burren tombs and monuments including Poul nabrone Dolmen. This is an authentic Stone Fort built over 1000 years ago and the only fort in the Burren scientifically excavated, and developed for tourism.	3 rd Class to 6 th Class	1 hour	€3.00
E+	Poul nabrone Portal Tomb – Neolithic stone tomb or dolmen	3 rd to 6 th Class	20 mins	Free
F	Michael Cusack Centre – includes guided tour of the new centre and the cottage where Cusack was born with an opportunity to meet the “ghost” of Michael Cusack himself and a visit to the old pigs sty.	3 rd to 6 th Class?	1 hour	€3.00
Lunch Options		Location	Supplier	Price
L1	Packed lunch Includes filled white roll (ham or cheese), fruit juice (apple or orange), an apple & a chocolate bar	Take away – outdoor picnic area available onsite	Cliffs of Moher Long Dock restaurant	€5.00
L2	Tearoom Lunch Choice of fillings for sandwiches (ham, chicken and salad), Apple or Orange Fruit Drink, Taytoes	Indoor seated area onsite	Burren Centre Tearoom	€5.00
L3	Packed Lunch Includes filled white roll (ham or cheese), fruit juice (apple or orange), an apple & a snack bar	Seated area onsite	Caherconnell Tearoom	€5.00
L0	Bring your own packed lunch and eat it in one of the following locations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience outdoor picnic area • Moher Hill Farm indoor or outdoor picnic area • Michael Cusack outdoor picnic area 			

Combination Packages available

Discounts for multi-centre trips

Participant centres will offer a discount per student when you visit more than one centre on your school tour. The following discounts on the student rates per head are available:

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

The Cliffs of Moher & Atlantic Edge Exhibition	€0.50 per student	(€3.45 per head)
Cliffs of Moher Ranger Cliff Edge Tour & Talk	€0.25 per student	(€1.00 per head) only with above
The Burren Centre – Kilfenora	€0.50 per student	(€3.30 per head)
Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre	€0.50 per student	(€2.50 per head)
Michael Cusack Centre	€0.50 per student	(€2.50 per head)

Details	Duration inc. travel time between centres but excluding lunch
Self guided visit to Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition followed by Moher Hill Farm guided tour & visit	3.5 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition followed by Ranger cliff edge talk & tour followed by Moher Hill Farm guided tour & visit .	4.5 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Burren Centre tour	3.75 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Burren Centre tour plus visit to Kilfenora Cathedral	4.25 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition followed by Ranger cliff edge talk & tour plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour	4.5 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour plus visit to Poulabrone portal tomb	4 hours 3 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Michael Cusack Centre tour	3.5 hours 2 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Burren Centre tour plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour	5.25 hours 3 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Burren Centre tour plus Michael Cusack Centre tour	5.25 hours 3 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour plus Michael Cusack Centre tour	5 hours 3 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition followed by Ranger cliff edge talk & tour plus Burren Centre tour plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour	6.25 hours 3 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition plus Burren Centre Tour plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour plus Michael Cusack Centre tour	6.5 hours 4 stops
Self guided visit to the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience & Atlantic Edge exhibition followed by Ranger cliff edge talk & tour plus Burren Centre tour plus Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre tour plus Michael Cusack Centre tour	7.5 hours 4 stops

OTHER COMBINATIONS ALSO AVAILABLE AS REQUIRED

Add 30 minutes to above for any lunch option selected from L1, L2, L3 or L0. Lunch in another location will require longer. Please note that any Lunch costs are not included in the package prices. Order of visits can be swapped according to the school's requirements. Times shown are from arrival at the first centre to departure from the last centre.

Teacher Information

The North Clare heritage centres in this programme have worked with the Primary Curriculum Support Programme to ensure that the work packs and onsite quiz sheets used are relevant to the primary school curriculum and appropriate to the class level. Work packs for classroom work in advance of your school tour can be requested at time of booking and sent by email. If you require paper copies sent by post then the following charges will apply

- First 10 X work packs – posted to any Republic of Ireland location €5.00
- Every additional 10 X work packs in same delivery €2.00

For all packages (including lunch packages) 1 Teacher or Teaching Assistant free with every 10 students. Additional teachers or Teaching Assistants chargeable at same rate as students.

Booking & Payment Options

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience	Tel. 065 7086146	Email. School.bookings@cliffsofmoher.ie
Moher Hill Open Farm	Tel. 065 7081071/087 2258347	Email. info@moherfarm.com
The Burren Centre	Tel. 065 7088030	Email. info@theburrencentre.ie
Caherconnell Stone Fort	Tel. 065 7089999	Email. info@burrenforts.ie
Michael Cusack Centre	Tel. 065 7089944	Email. info@michaelcusack.ie

Payment made by cheque/cash to each centre of visit on or before visit date. Credit cards are also accepted at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience. To gain your discount quote your booking reference or show a receipt from the participating centres.

Transport Subsidy from Roche Ireland for Tours including the Burren Centre (Option D)

For school tours including option D as part of its innovative outreach initiatives, the Burren Centre has established the school transport discount **One4One** promotion where our sponsors at Roche Ireland, Clare based pharmaceutical & health care company, contribute €1 towards bus transportation cost for each schoolchild. This is a most attractive association for schools to avail of as from our survey of over four hundred primary schools we found that the cost of transport to heritage attractions was often prohibitive. **One4One** facilitates access for all schoolchildren to the Burren Centre and the unique heritage landscape it interprets. When booking school tours to the Burren Centre, please quote '**One4One**' to avail of a transport discount of up to a maximum of €50 per school tour.

Further Information Online

For further information please see

www.cliffsofmoher.ie/education.aspx	The Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
www.moherfarm.com	Moher Hill Open Farm
www.theburrencentre.ie	The Burren Centre
www.burrenforts.ie	Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre
www.michaelcusack.ie	The Michael Cusack Centre