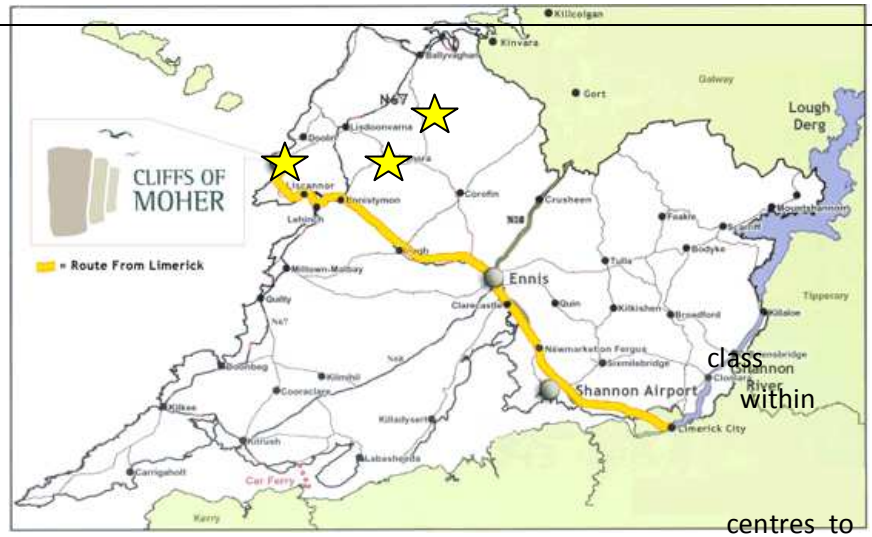


CLIFFS OF MOHER & BURREN SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURS

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

- A number of award winning and world heritage centres working together all easy travelling distance of each other in a unique & special landscape
- A coordinated approach between these their education programmes and options appropriate to all secondary class levels
- Natural History, Social History and Geography education content with a strong “fun” element thrown in for good measure
- Downloadable work packs for pre-tour classroom work relevant to the National Curriculum
- One point of contact for bookings & payment for your convenience
- Excellent value for money – a high standard multi centre tour from as little as €5.70 per student



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 over 500 metres of safe, Ranger patrolled cliff side 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.

A 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 on the centre.



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



In 2009, the GAA will celebrate its 125th Anniversary. How better could any child celebrate this than by visiting the Michael Cusack Centre in Carron, Co. Clare. After all this is the place where Cusack himself credits that it all began; this is the place where the idea of founding this great organisation was first born. In 2008, we launched a revolutionary new multimedia experience, **the first of its kind in Ireland**. Visitors step back in time by meeting the “ghost” of Michael Cusack as he tells tales and stories of his life and times. Unique holographic projections feature Cusack who greets visitors to the 19th century Burren cottage.

In the kitchen of the cottage, the mid-air floating “holographic projection” facilitates a face to face encounter with Cusack at his fireplace. After telling tales of what it was like growing up in famine times in the mid 19th century, Cusack invites his audience to pick up some turf from the basket beside the fire and take it to the “room behind the fire” which is now presented as a school classroom. Cusack remembers his life as a pupil in Carron National School recounts how he became a teacher and eventually went on to set up his own teaching academy.

The visitor is then invited to a third room which has been recreated as Hayes Commercial Hotel & Posting Establishment. The reconstruction of the famous 1884 meeting in Thurles, where the GAA was founded, is followed by an old newsreel style projection retracing aspects of the organisation’s history from the beginning to the new Croke Park. This exciting audiovisual experience along with the guided tour provided are designed to enrich children with an awareness and knowledge of Michael Cusack, his life during famine times, as an educator and his involvement in the founding of the GAA at a time when British Rule was imposed in Ireland. All of this is achieved in a fun yet learning environment.



One, Two, Three or Four Centre Combination Tours

Your school tour can include one, two or three 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 educational and fun day out for your secondary school group. See pages 4 & 5 for the different options available that allow you to combine these centres for the ideal secondary 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	Duration	Price per student
A	The Cliffs of Moher & Atlantic Edge Exhibition – self guided tour of the award winning Exhibition which includes two major audiovisual presentations & 12 interactive exhibits. This is followed by visit to cliff edge paths & viewing platforms to see the Cliffs, the surrounding landscapes and the seabirds – self guided although Cliffs of Moher Rangers will be on patrol and available to answer questions. Quiz sheets are provided for completion onsite tied to the themes of Ocean, Rock, Nature & Man	1.5 hours	€3.95
B	ADD ON Cliffs of Moher Ranger cliff edge talk & tour – The Ranger will show you many of the seabirds and other wildlife in this Special Area of Conservation and will provide a fascinating insight into the cultural & natural heritage of the area. This tour includes the use of binoculars & a high powered viewscope for wildlife and cliff viewing. This option is subject to availability at time of booking.	1 hour (running after A)	€1.25
D	Burren Centre tour – includes audio visual presentation and self guided tour of the heritage centre. Quiz sheets provided for completion onsite. “OnetoOne” Sponsorship available of €1 per student for transport costs when you select this option – from Roche Ireland – see below for details	1.5 hours	€4.50
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	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.	1 hour	€3.50
E+	Poul nabrone Portal Tomb – Neolithic portal tomb – interpretive panels onsite. Car & coach parking onsite.	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.	1 hour	€3.00

LUNCH OPTIONS

	Details	Supplier	Price
L1	Packed Lunch Includes filled white roll (ham or cheese), fruit juice (apple or orange), an apple & a chocolate bar	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	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	Caherconnell Tearoom	€5.00
L0	Bring your own packed lunch and eat it at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience 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	(€4.00 per head)
Caherconnell Stone Fort & Visitor Centre	€0.50 per student	(€3.00 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 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 Poulnabrone 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 together to ensure that the work packs and onsite quiz sheets used are relevant to the national 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
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