

## Cultural Roadmapp: Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way A Series of Four Hands-Free Audio Tours for Motorists

### Tour #1: County Clare Content Outline

#### 1. LOOP HEAD PENINSULA: Saltwater Stories

- **Eco-Tourism:** Sustaining Community (Bernie Keating, Ailish Connolly, Liz Greehy)
- **Local History:** Life on the Headland (Bernie Keating, Ailish Connolly, Liz Greehy)
  - The Kilbaha Pilots
    - Song: "The Five Pilots of Kilbaha"
  - The Little Mobile Ark
  - Eminently Victorian
    - Tune: "The West Clare Railway" (Ensemble Ériu)
- **Performance (Music):** Song: "Are Ye Right There, Michael?" (Percy French)

#### 2. SPANISH POINT: Out of the Depths

- **Maritime/Political History:** The Spanish Armada of 1588 (Dr John Treacy)
  - Song: "The Armada"
  - Recitation: Queen Elizabeth's Speech to Her Troops (Marie McNamara)
- **Folklore:** Tomb of the Spaniards (John Treacy)
  - Tune: "Spanish Point" (Declan Masterson)
- **Science and Technology:** Search for the Galleon San Marcos (Dr John Treacy)
- **Performance (Humor):** *An Irishwoman Talks about the Weather* (Ann McInerney)

#### 3. MILTOWN MALBAY: Mad for "Trad"

- **Music Transmission:** The Willie Clancy Summer School (Harry Hughes, Jack Talty)
- **Ethnography:** The Seisiún and Its Etiquette
- **Performance (Music):** *Demonstration of the Concertina* (Jack Talty)

#### 4. LISCANNOR: The Spark & the Flame

- **Science:** Inventing the Modern Submarine: John Philip Holland (Tony Duggan)
  - Song: "John Philip Holland" (Micho Russell)
- **Spirituality and Christianity:** St. Brigid's Well (Catriona Considine)
- **Local History:** Pilgrimages from the Aran Islands (Catriona Considine)
- **Performance (Music):** Song, "Don't Be Afraid of the Light that Shines Within You" (Luka Bloom)

## 5. CLIFFS OF MOHER: Popular Geography & Its Perils

- **Geography:** The Magnificent, Magnifying Cliffs (Phoebe Larkin, Cormac McGinley)
  - Tune: “The Cliffs of Moher” (Brock McGuire Band)
- **Pop Culture:** The Cliffs in the Movies (Phoebe Larkin, Cormac McGinley)
- **Eco-Tourism:** Seabirds, Safety, and Sustainability (Phoebe Larkin, Cormac McGinley)
- **Performance (Storytelling):** *Fatal Missteps in Irish Myth* (Phoebe Larkin)

## 6. DOOLIN: Musical Pilgrims

- **Social/Economic History:** Emigration (Eugene Garrihy)
- **Music History:** A Musical Miracle: Micho Russell and Brothers
- **Songwriting** on the Clare Coast (Luka Bloom)
- **Performance (Music):** *Jig* (Micho Russell)

## 7. KILFENORA: The Set Dancing Legacy

- **Dance History:** Set Dancing (Dr Catherine Foley)
  - Slow Air: “Lament for the Country House Dance” (Junior Crehan, fiddle)
- **Music:** The Céilí: Dance and Music in Counterpoint (Dr Catherine Foley)
  - Tune by the Kilfenora Ceili Band
- **Performance (Music):** *Demonstration of Dance Tunes* (Jack Talty, concertina)

## 8. LISDOONVARNA: Looking for Love in All the Right Places

- **Social History**
  - The Matchmaking Festival (Willie Daly)
  - Landholding Customs (Peter Curtin)
- **Impromptu Interviews** with Female Tourists Looking for Love
  - Song: “Lisdoonvarna” (Christy Moore)
- **Performance (Storytelling):** *When Willie Met Mary* (Willie Daly)

## 9. FANORE: The Fertile Rock

- **Geology and Agriculture:** Cattle Farming in Reverse (Tony Kirby)
- **Botany:** A Riot of Wildflowers (Tony Kirby, Peter Curtin)
  - Tune: “Flowers of the Burren” (Kilfenora Ceili Band)
  - Poetry Recitation: “The Ice-Cream Man” (Tony Kirby)
- **Performance (Music):** “Fertile Rock” (Luka Bloom)

## 10. BALLYVAUGHAN: An Air of Mystery

- **Poetry:** Flaggy Shore and the Poetry of Seamus Heaney (Dr Rosie Lavan)
  - Poetry Recitation: “Postscript” (Geraldine Hughes)
- **Archeology:** Portal Tombs and Ring Forts (Tony Kirby)
- **Folklore:** Faerie Mischief and Seer Biddy Early (Tony Kirby, Eddie Lenihan)
- **Performance (Storytelling):** *Ghost Story* (Eddie Lenihan)

## 11. BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK: The Journey Home

- The Castle and Medieval Banquet
- The Folk Park Visitor Experience (Ann McInerney)
  - The Art and Science of Traditional Baking
- **Performance (Music):** *An Cailin Gaelach* (Elaine Hogan, harp)