



Bus Éireann Expressway Routes

Donegal - Sligo	Route 64
Sligo - Galway	Route 64
Westport - Galway	Route 52
Galway - Limerick	Route X51
Limerick - Cork	Route 51
Cork - Tralee	Route 40
Limerick - Tralee	Route 13
Limerick - Killarney	Route 14

Note: Not all of the route is fully accessible by coach traffic. For a suggested coach route, please see www.buseireann.ie/wildatlanticway

Wild Atlantic Way
Ferry Route to Island
Flight Route to Island
Signature Discovery Point
Discovery Point
Road (Motorways / National Road)
City / Towns
Causeway-Coastal Route

Go Wild in the North West!



Hop on the Wild Atlantic Way bus trails with Bus Éireann! Welcome on board!

WHEN IN DONEGAL:

Take Local Bus Route **490** from Donegal outside The Abbey Hotel and travel along the coast towards Killybegs, Ireland's largest fishing port, hop off the bus in the village of Carrick and take a 20 min walk towards Teelin, where you can begin the walk up to the top of Sliabh Liag Sea Cliffs. A popular Discovery Point along The Wild Atlantic Way begins, these cliffs are the highest sea cliffs in Europe, even higher than the Cliffs of Moher...so a must do walk!

Tip: Route **490** will continue after Carrick towards Glencolumcille in the Gaeltacht region, a visit to The Glencolumcille Folk Village is highly recommended, enjoy!

Route **480** or the Expressway Route **64** departs Donegal Town south towards Sligo but hop off in Ballyshannon, Ireland's oldest town and home to Rock legend Rory Gallagher...you can see his statue in the town centre, makes a great pic! Hop back on Route **64** or Route **480** and 5 mins later you will arrive at the next stop which is the beautiful seaside resort of Bundoran, take a walk around the sea cliff walk locally known as "Roguey" and enjoy breath taking views of the Atlantic or take a surf lesson, you never know till you try!!!



Head towards the Waves.....



WHEN IN SLIGO:

Hop on the Expressway Route **64** or Local Route **480** and head south towards the village of Cliffoney, hop off here and walk down to one of the Wild Atlantic Way Discovery points-Mullaghmore, see the Atlantic Sea in all its glory as you walk around Mullaghmore Head, truly breathtaking!

Departing Cliffoney travel south towards Sligo and enjoy panoramic views of Ben Bulben mountain to your left, en route hop off in Drumcliffe if you'd like to see the burial spot of the famous Irish Poet W.B. Yeats...nice wee tea rooms here too. From Sligo travel on Route **472** towards the very cute seaside resort of Strandhill, it's only a 15 min journey from Sligo, enjoy Voya seaweed baths, more surfing and great home baking in Shells Cafe! Route **473** from Sligo will take you to the coastal village of Rosses Point, another 15 min journey.

WHEN IN MAYO:

Travel on Route **458** along the coast from Sligo and hop off at a choice of beaches...Enniscrone or Easkey and arrive finally in Ballina. From Ballina hop on local bus Route **446** to Blacksod, or Route **445** to Killala or travel to the popular tourist town of Westport on Route **440** or Expressway Route **52** on to Galway from Westport. Route **440** will bring you to another Discovery Point of The Wild Atlantic Way which is the wonderful beach of Keem Strand on Ireland's largest island of Achill during the summer months in Westport why not take a cycle along The Greenway.



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WHEN IN GALWAY:

No trip West is complete without a stop off in the bustling vibrant bohemian City of Galway. Take local city Route **401** from Eyre Square to the seaside resort of Salthill and enjoy a wonderful walk along The Prom-Ireland's longest seaside promenade. A must do bus route is Route **50** from Galway which will take you to the world famous Cliffs of Moher in Co. Clare, a must do "Discovery Point" of The Wild Atlantic Way! Another bus trail option from Galway would be the popular local Route **424** towards Spiddal and the departure point for the boat to the Aran Islands.

WHEN IN KERRY:

Depart Limerick on our Expressway Route **13** towards the town of Tralee, but do hop off in Adare. Enjoy the thatched houses of Adare which is often referred to as "Ireland's Prettiest Village" from Tralee hop on our local bus Route **275** and head for the time of your life in Dingle! When in Dingle travel around Slea Head Peninsula on Route **276** or hire a bike. Enjoy wonderful views of Blasket Sound another Discovery Point of The Wild Atlantic Way or even take a boat trip out there! A must do is to take a boat trip from Dingle tourist office out to see Dingle's own pet Dolphin "Fungi"...or Hop on our Expressway Route **14** from Limerick and travel to the world famous town of Killarney, travel on local Route **279** from here along the coast to Waterville, where Charlie Chaplin once holidayed and the famous Ring of Kerry.

What is the Wild Atlantic Way?



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Go on....Head into the South West



WHEN IN CORK:

From Limerick travel on our Expressway Route **51** to Cork or see Kerry first and travel over from Tralee on our Expressway Route **40** to Cork. Head for West Cork on our Local Routes **236** to the coastal town of Castletownbere, a popular Irish film location due to its spectacular scenery or Local Route **237** towards the coastal villages of Schull and Gollen but do hop off in the very quaint town of Clonakilty on the way and sample the world famous "Clonakilty Black Pudding". From Cork take Local Route **226** to another Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point-The Old Head of Kinsale. Kinsale has been hailed as The Gourmet Capital of Ireland, visit its historic Charlesfort and many bars and seafood restaurants. Take local Route **252** from Cork and travel through Kinsale, Skibbereen, Glengariff and Kenmare during the summer season.

Thank you for choosing to see The Wild Atlantic Way with Bus Éireann



Take to the Open Road with Bus Éireann

Recommended Discovery Points of the Wild Atlantic Way

Downpatrick Head

Route 445



Downpatrick Head remains a pilgrimage site due to its namesake – Saint Patrick. Ruins mark the site where Ireland's patron saint is said to have founded a church. Mass is held here every year on the last Sunday in July. It stands at a staggering 38.5m (126 feet) above the sea. It's little wonder that a lookout post was built here during World War II. The Dún Briste (The Broken Fort) sea stack can be seen from this point, too. Separated from the mainland in 1393, this Atlantic rock has remained remarkably intact, despite the ferocity of the waves below.

Keem Strand

Route 440



Further south again is the bridge leading to Achill Island. Following the island signposts brings you across to Keem Bay, which gazes out onto to the Atlantic Ocean – next stop America. Mayo is known for its multitude of Blue Flag Beaches (each must meet 32 strict criteria for water quality, management, safety and environmental education) and Keem Strand is one that continues to thrill beach goers. We suggest a change into your swimsuit should the sun shine down on you, most times you'll only have the sheep as onlookers...

Cliffs of Moher

Route 350



The Wild Atlantic Way doesn't get much wilder than the Cliffs of Moher. These County Clare goliaths rise above the ocean at Hag's Head and continue on for eight kilometres, reaching a height of 214m (702 feet). Even if you've never visited the cliffs, you might recognise them from films such as The Princess Bride and Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince.

Blasket Sound

Route 276



Should Dunquin's super-pretty harbour or surrounds look familiar, don't be surprised. The film Ryan's Daughter was predominantly shot in the townland here. Don't miss a walk along Coumeenole Beach, with its little rock pools, tiny caves and surging blue Atlantic Ocean. The views of the deserted Blasket Islands are great from here – the last residents were evacuated from the islands on 17 November 1953, and most settled in Dunquin.

Old Head of Kinsale

Route 249



Kinsale has many strings to its bow, with all the fresh produce in the local restaurants, the rich history of Charles Fort and the excellent fishing charters available. But just west of the town is another of Kinsale's treasures waiting to be discovered: The Old Head of Kinsale. This large headland juts out into the swirling Atlantic offering some of the most spectacular coastal walks in Ireland. With ruined forts, lighthouses and tales of shipwrecks, there's plenty to discover on the Old Head.

Slieve League Sea Cliffs

Route 490



Coastal scenery doesn't get much better than this. The Slieve League Cliffs are Ireland's highest sea cliffs and, at 600m (1968 feet), sublime walking, as well as the Slieve League Cliffs Centre, provide everything from a tasty lunch to guided walks. This route also continues on to Glencolmcille Folk Village. Located the Gaeltacht area of South West Donegal. Glencolmcille Folk Village depicts the social life of Ireland from 17th to 19th century Ireland.



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