

MAGIC OF CELTIC IRELAND

Aug 22 – 31, 2014

With Glen and Cameron Broughton



Ireland holds a special Magic which is recognized by people worldwide, perhaps because its name means...“Land of the Goddess Eriu”.

Be open to magic and it will happen!

The varied landscape of lush green meadows, mountain ranges and spectacular coastline certainly lead one to believe that this land is blessed and stories of fairy folk and leprechauns also reflect the belief that the land has guardians. We'll journey back in time and into the realms of myth, legend and deep wisdom as we travel through some of the most magical counties of the Republic of Ireland, visiting sites revered as sacred by Pagans and Christians for thousands of years. Here we open a doorway and discover forgotten aspects of our inner world.

Day 1 – Fri 22nd Aug Arrive in Dublin, Ireland

Please plan to arrive at the Dublin airport no later than mid-morning. Your guides will meet you at the airport and the group tour bus will depart from the airport at 11 AM and drive to the hotel in **Naas** – for 2 nights

Introductions and **orientation meeting** followed by Dinner at the hotel

Day 2 – Sat 23rd Aug

St Brigid established a monastery in 470AD, probably at the location of a former pagan sacred site. **Kildare cathedral** developed from this monastery in the early 13th century and is unusual in Ireland for being Anglican. It contains a **sheela-na-gig** inside. Within the graveyard is the only surviving **round tower** in Ireland that you can climb. We will visit **Bridget's Well** & the **Brigidine Sisters** who maintain her perpetual flame.

dinner not included

Day 3 – Sun 24th Aug

The former monastic site of **Glendalough** meaning ‘Glen of the two lakes’ is a valley of great natural beauty and serenity surrounded by the **Wicklow Mountains**. The ‘monastic city’ was mostly built in the 12th century and comprises several churches, a spectacular round tower and an early Celtic cross.

In the afternoon we will drive through beautiful scenery to our next hotel in **Galway** for two nights.

Dinner at hotel

Day 4 – Mon 25th Aug

Day sightseeing in **County Galway** including the stunning scenery of **Connemara National Park**.

dinner not included

Day 5 – Tues 26th Aug

Today we explore **County Mayo**. Our first stop is at the oldest field system in the world, the **Ceide Fields**. The pyramidal shaped visitor centre has a glazed viewing area at its peak affording spectacular views out over the ocean as well as information on the people who lived here 5,500 years ago.

We then take a short journey to the Franciscan **Moyné Abbey** dating to 1462AD. The ruins are amongst the most intact of any abbey and give a glimpse into medieval monastic life.

We conclude the day at a hotel in **Sligo** for 2 nights. Dinner included at hotel

Day 6 – Wed 27th Aug

Today we will meet our local guide, Mike Groghan who will share the legends and history of Ireland from Irish lips and will bring it to life in a very real way.

Carrowkeel is set high in the **Bricklieve Mountains** and offers sensational views of the surrounding landscape.

There are fourteen Neolithic cairns, two of which have three side recesses forming a cruciform chamber that we can enter. Cairn G has a light-box above the entrance, similar to the one at Newgrange, and this admits the light of the setting sun around midsummer and the setting moon around midwinter.

Carrowmore is the largest megalithic complex in Ireland. There are remains of thirty passage cairns, together forming an oval shape, many of which have a dolmen at their centre. The sacred mountain of **Knocknarea**, with **Maebh's Cairn** on top, is visible to the northwest.

We will have the whole day to explore these landscapes that have been revered as sacred for over 5,000 years. Arrive back at Sligo hotel dinner not included

Day 7 – Thur 28th Aug

Today we travel to **Kells** via a brief detour into **Northern Ireland**. There are no border controls as we cross over into Ulster to visit the enigmatic **Janus Idol** and **Lustymore Idol** on **Boa Island**. Two carved stone statues that may date to the Bronze Age are located in the atmospheric early Christian graveyard of **Caldragh** that is around fifteen hundred years old. Arrive at **Kells** hotel for 3 nights.

You will have a free afternoon and evening to explore the town with its **High Crosses** and other historic sites. Dinner not included

Day 8 – Fri 29th Aug

This morning our climb up to the hilltop cairns of **Loughcrew** is rewarded with panoramic views of seventeen counties. The old name for Loughcrew was **Slieve na Cailleige**, Gaelic for **Mountain of the Witch**. We can gain access into Cairn T that has elaborately carved and **decorated stones** in its inner recesses and the **Hag's Chair** set into the northern side of the kerb. Lunch at **Loughcrew Garden Centre**

Visit to **Tara** the **ancient capital of Leinster** and the ancient seat of the high kings of Ireland when Tara replaced Uisneach as the seat of power. There is a complex of sites at Tara including **Grainne's (Sun Goddess) Mound**, the **Mound of Hostages**, the **Stone of Destiny** and **Teach Cormaic**. Dinner not included

Day 9 – Sat 30th Aug

Today we visit the **Bru na Boinne** visitor center to learn about **Newgrange** and **Knowth** cairns, Ireland's most famous Neolithic sites. Anthony Murphy, author of **'Newgrange: Monument to Immortality'**, will be our expert Irish guide for the day to share his wisdom with us as we experience the sacred sites of the **Boyne Valley**.

We will be guided inside **Newgrange** known as a passage tomb but also a place of initiation and spiritual rites of passage. It is aligned such that the midwinter solstice sunrise casts a shadow that extends deep inside the passage to the central chambers. Lunch at the Visitors Centre & talk by Anthony Murphy

Afternoon visit to **Knowth** that has the finest **Neolithic stone carvings** in Europe that decorate most of the kerbstones around the base of the cairn.

Farewell dinner at the hotel

Day 10 – Sun 31th Aug

Depart for **Dublin airport**, international flights should not be scheduled for departure earlier than 1 PM this day.

Your Guides: Glenn and Cameron Broughton



Glenn Broughton: Is from England and has been researching and visiting ancient sacred sites for twenty years and is drawn to explore their energetic properties and how such places of power affect us today. Knowing intuitively that they have something to teach us Glenn has been a tour guide for most of this time leading groups exploring the mystery of sacred sites through Journeys With Soul. He also lectures internationally on sacred sites, earth mysteries and crop circles, and is the co-founder / co-organizer of Earth Spirit Conferences in the USA.

Running alongside all of these activities was a constant spiritual exploration which opened many doors and led to many questions. Practising Vipassana meditation, travelling, and training with the National Federation of Spiritual Healers and the International College of Crystal Healing, have all been experiences which have formed his current perspective.



Cameron Broughton: Since the year 2000 Cameron has been leading people on tours of discovery and visiting ancient sacred sites specialising in England, Scotland, Ireland, Malta and the crop circle phenomenon. She is co-founder and organizer of Earth Spirit Conferences in Vermont, USA since 2004. Cameron takes great pleasure in creating the newsletters for Earth Spirit Initiative and Journeys With Soul to keep you informed of ongoing programs and bring you informative articles on subjects of interest.

Cameron says- "My life path has taken many directions; adventurer, seeker of spirit, functions and conference organizer, group leader, entrepreneur, massage therapist, healing facilitator and mother. Following my passion brought me to England in 1996 where through a serendipitous unfolding of events I met Glenn visiting the sacred sites of the southwest of England. Our journey together and the blossoming of our sacred tours business have been rich with the beauty of life and all that it encompasses!"

While in Vermont, Cameron continues her healing practice of twenty six years as a massage therapist and energy healer.

Tour Cost per person, based on double room: \$3,117.00

Single Supplement cost: \$320.00

NOTE: price is quoted in US dollars, but if the current exchange rate varies by more than 5% the tour price may be subject to change accordingly

Included in the tour cost:

- Collection from and return to Dublin Airport (DUB)
- All ground transportation throughout the tour
- Accommodation in good quality hotels
- All breakfasts and 4 evening meals
- All admission fees into sites
- The services of full-time tour leaders and guest presenters at specific sites as specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities & taxes on accommodation and included meals
- All rooms have ensuite bathrooms

Not Included:

- International flights
- Lunches and those evening meals listed as 'not included' in the itinerary
- Beverages except tea, coffee and water with meals
- Personal expenses, phone calls, laundry, room service etc.
- Trip cancellation and emergency medical travel insurance

Each group or individual is responsible for all insurances and international travel arrangements. We strongly recommend you enroll in personal accident, baggage and trip cancellation insurance policies. Baggage and personal items are your sole responsibility.

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Travel Insurance

Each individual is responsible for all insurances and international travel arrangements. We strongly recommend you purchase trip cancellation, baggage and emergency medical travel insurance.

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