

Join with Megan for a
week of pilgrimage,
prayer and storytelling
in the wild and
wonderful Gaeltacht
area of Corca Dhuibhne
in South-West Kerry,
Ireland.



21-27 August, 2011

For an unforgettable experience
of pilgrimage and journey in-
wards and outwards; and an
unique opportunity to delve into
and hear the art of storytelling
from many different cultures.
All this against the backdrop of
some of the most beautiful and
rugged scenery in Western
Europe.

*“Like the ancient monks who leaned
far out to sea from their tenuous rock
holds half hoping to fall into heaven’s
grasp-the place pushes one outward
and inward, opening up great gaps in
your soul...”*

Megan Mc Kenna

Once upon a time...a
week of storytelling and
pilgrimage in the West of
Ireland with
Megan Mc Kenna



*‘Ní bheidh ár leithéidí
arís ann.’*

*Tomás ÓCriomhthain
(‘There will never be our
likes again’)*



Programme for the Week

Day 1: Collection from local airport(s), train station(s). Arrival at Hotel, registration, welcome meeting with Megan, followed by dinner and social evening.

Day 2: Blasket Island Heritage Centre, Dunquin Introduction to Gaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne, it's History and Culture. Setting the scene in story with Megan and others. Visit to Gallarus Oratory for opening reflection, weather permitting.

Day 3: Day long visit to “An Blascaod Mór”, Revisit and relive the life of the last inhabitants, incl. Peig Sayers, Tomás Ó'Críomhthain, Muiris Ó'Suilleabháin.

Day 4: Day Trip to Sceilig Mhichil A UNESCO designated heritage site, one of the earliest monastic settlements in Europe. This trip will be accompanied by Mark Patrick Hederman OSB Abbot of Glenstal Abbey (Alternative programme available for those unable to travel to the Sceilig)

Day 5: Following the footsteps of St. Brendan, the Navigator, we will visit Brandon Creek, Riasc, Cathair na bhFionnúrach and (for the adventurous) a mild climb on part of Mount Brandon, which is named after St. Brendan

Day 6: Tour of Killarney in the morning, Lunch and then some time for shopping in the afternoon.

Day 7: Check out of hotel. Closing session with Megan. Bus departs for airports, train stations etc.

(The programme may have to vary slightly depending on weather conditions)



COST AND RESERVATIONS

The total cost of this unique experience (airfare excluded) will be €2,500.

A non-refundable deposit of €750 must be paid by 17 April and two further payments of €750 by 1 May and €1,000 by 1 June. Credit card payments and single room supplements will incur an extra charge.

Cost includes full board and accommodation (double or twin rooms) in Ostán Ceann Sibéal in Ballyferriter, a newly built 3*** Hotel.; and the use of a luxury coach and driver throughout the week. All talks, excursions, entrance fees and charges are also included.

Each day will feature talks and stories from Megan and local celebrated historians and storytellers. We will have the daily use of the facilities at Ionad an Bhlaoscaoid, the Blasket Island Heritage Centre, where the expert and obliging staff will help unlock the mysteries of Ireland's Celtic and Christian past.

Each night at the Hotel will feature entertainment and traditional Irish 'craic', including set dancing lessons, sean-nós singing, Irish music and stories. Further information can be found on Megan's website at www.meganmckenna.org and also the website of the Pilgrimage organiser, Mícheál de Barra, at www.carpediem.ie

Application/Booking forms are available to download from these websites also. Advanced booking for this pilgrimage is advised as numbers are strictly limited to 30. A €100 reduction will apply for those who pay the deposit before April 1st.