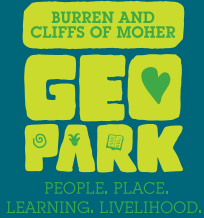


Visit the Burren



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Lonely Planet 'Best in Travel'



It's been a week of celebration, following the announcement that the Burren Ecotourism Network has been given the prestigious Lonely Planet 'Best in Travel' award for 2021. The Lonely Planet described the Burren Ecotourism Network as a 'global leader for sustainable tourism' for its commitment to slow tourism, local engagement and a more sustainable future for the area.

We would like to congratulate the 60 + members of the Burren Ecotourism Network and everyone who have contributed over the past 10 years in what has been an incredible journey, resulting in this international accolade.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

The Burren Ecotourism Network has compiled the 'Burren Christmas Gift Guide' featuring some of the best food, crafts, hospitality and attractions in the Burren Area

"I am so proud to represent this wonderful group of businesses here in the Burren Ecotourism Network. The group is comprised of people who are passionate about our unique and delicate environment, people who are also delighted to share it with our visitors. This award is a testimony to the dedication and collaboration of the North Clare tourism business community who have worked closely together for over ten years. Their work has been central to making the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark into a world class visitor destination and receiving a global accolade from Lonely Planet has made all of the effort and investment worth while. We look forward to welcoming you back when it is safe to travel again!"

Jarlath O'Dwyer, CEO – Burren Ecotourism Network



George Quinn – Chairman of the Board, Burren Ecotourism Network, Jarlath O'Dwyer – CEO, Burren Ecotourism Network, Dr Eamon Doyle – Geologist, Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Carol Gleeson – Manager, Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.

"As Chairman of the Board of the Burren Ecotourism Network, I would like to congratulate all of our members, many of whom have been part of the group since as early as 2008. The vision of the local business owners to collaborate and contribute to the conservation of this wonderful part of the world has really shone through the recognition by Lonely Planet of our Community Tourism Project. There are many people that have played a role in keeping this network together and in putting the brand out there as a symbol of sustainability and hospitality. Our Code of Practice helps us to maintain a standard and we look forward to further embracing that standard as we protect the region long into the future. Like all visitor destinations, we have had our challenges in 2020, but we remain confident that we will welcome our guests back to the Burren & Cliffs Of Moher Geopark once again in the not too distant future."

George Quinn – Chairman of the Board, Burren Ecotourism Network

The Burren

CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE

In what has been an incredibly difficult year for Irish tourism, local businesses in the area have come together to offer their products and services, online.

Sustainability is at the heart of the Burren Ecotourism Network, and the gifts and products offer here reflect this ethos.

You can help support the local tourism businesses in the Burren this Christmas by buying from this list of local suppliers.

For more information go to:
www.burren.ie



BURREN ECOTOURISM GIFTS

BURREN BASKETS

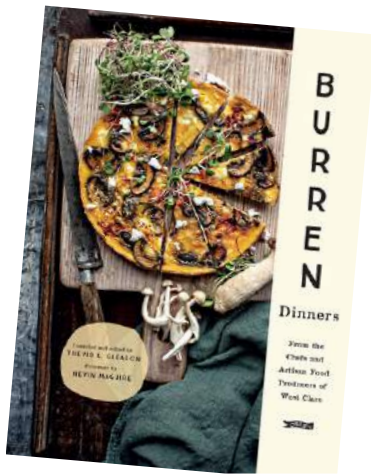
Taste the Burren this Christmas with the fabulous 'Burren Baskets', showcasing the area's best artisan food producers. Hampers are available in two sizes; medium €55 and large, for €99. Products in the medium hamper include seafood from the Burren Smokehouse, St Tola Goat Cheese, Burren Gold cheese from the Aillwee Cave, black & white pudding from the Market House Ennistymon, beetroot chutney from the Burren Fine Wine & Food and brown soda bread mix from Stone Cutters Kitchen.

Available from
www.burren.ie



BURREN DINNERS BOOK

The Perfect Christmas Gift for those who are unable to experience the Burren this year. Chefs and food producers in the Burren have collaborated to produce the Burren Dinners' cook book. The book features the region's top quality food and unique recipes. Price €25.



Available from www.burren.ie

BURREN VOUCHERS



Burren gift vouchers can be sent anywhere in the world. These vouchers priced from €50 to €200 they can be used for across a variety of accommodation, experiences and restaurants in the area.

For a full list of over 60 + Burren businesses in the network go to www.burren.ie

AILLWEE CAVE



An array of hampers are available from the Farm shop at the Aillwee Cave. These hampers showcase products made within the Burren region and beyond as well as the cave's own Burren Gold cheese.

Price start from €21.95 including postage and packaging. The final day for ordering hampers is Sunday the 20th of December.

- <https://aillweecave.clr.events/event/130320:hampers>

FLAGGY SHORE OYSTERS



Learn how to Shuck Oysters with a unique shucking experience from 'Flaggy Shore Oysters' The Shuck off Oyster experience is available €100.00 for two people which includes one hour and a half Oyster experience including all you can eat oysters and wine.

- Order a Dozen Oysters including opening instructions, shipped to your door for €20.
- 18 oysters and an oyster knife shipped to your door for €30.
- 3 doz oysters (36) with Knife shipped to your door for €45.

For more information go to www.redbankfoodco.com

BURREN FARM EXPERIENCE

BURREN BEEF

Fifth generation farmers Cathal & Bronagh O'Rourke from the 'Burren Farm Experience' on the banks of Lough Bunny have launched the 'Burren Beef Box.' Working with an artisan Butcher in Valhalla Meats, the couple are offering different beef box options. Each box contain a selection of cuts, from steaks, beef strips, minced beef to roasts and delivered straight to your door. For example a 10kg box can contain two/three smaller roasts, a few kilos of diced meat & a mixture of some steaks, chops, ribs or mince. This amount of meat will take up about one shelf in a standard freezer.

For more information go to <https://burrenfarmexperience.ie/>



ST TOLA GOAT CHEESE



St Tola Goat Cheese have a selection of hampers available, including their own cheeses and products. Prices for hampers start from €35. Why not try the County Clare Brunch box which includes 12 items from Clare's finest producers, including St Tola Hard Goat Cheese and Divine Cream Cheese, Burren Gold Cheese, Burren Salmon, Carrageen moss pudding, Carrygerry Granola, Meeres puddings and sausage rolls, Sweet & Green Brown Bread and hummus, Wilde Irish Chocolate for €65.

For more information to <https://st-tola-irish-goat-cheese.myshopify.com>

THE MARKET HOUSE FOOD HALL



The Market House Food Hall offers top quality locally produced Irish meat with turkeys, hams, lamb and Burren Beef all available from the meat counter.

Christmas Hamper range: Filled with Artisan luxury goodies mostly from Irish producers they Market House provide a free local delivery service. We also offer Christmas craft hampers with beauty products from Airmid and candles from Celtic Candles and Keep Cups. Gift vouchers also available.

For more information go to www.markethouseennistymon.com

WILD KITCHEN



The Wild Kitchen is offering a taste of the Wild Atlantic in its unique hampers, featuring hand harvested organic dillisk, seaweed and nettle seed salt, seaweed crackers haw ketchup, merry marmalade including poitin, guru tea and spicy beetroot chutney.

For more information on made to order hampers go to: www.wildkitchen.ie



STONECUTTERS KITCHEN



A taste of the Burren from the popular Stone Cutters Kitchen in Doolin, with gift vouchers available for the restaurant.

Go to www.stonecutterskitchen.ie for more information.

WILD CATERING COMPANY



The Wild Catering Company have Christmas Cookie Kits (€20) and Christmas DIY Gingerbread Houses (€50) for sale for the whole family to enjoy and get involved. This is perfect for all the mums and dads to keep their little ones entertained for an afternoon on the lead up to Christmas. These will be on sale from Monday 16th November. The company also have gift vouchers available on their website. These can be used against any of the services in which we offer.

Wild at Home Lockdown Dinners - this includes a new 3 course meal each week, your food comes cooked and prepared, all you need do is reheat per the instructions included, videos are also on social media platforms for customers to follow. €30pp.

Wild at Home Family Edition - this is a family friendly meal that feeds up to 6 people, which includes a main course, three sides and a dessert, €60.

For any enquiries contact us on - 0857259256 or wildcateringcompany@gmail.com



BURREN FINE WINE & FOOD

Hampers and Gift Packs of the finest quality wine and gourmet foods with prices starting from as little as €30. The luxury hampers come in beautiful wicker baskets and can be custom made in gift pack or hampers to suit any special requirements.

The Burren Food Trail Hamper €85

Includes Burren Smokehouse Organic Smoked Salmon, Burren Gold Garlic & Nettle Cheese, St Tola Devine Soft Cheese, Burren Fine Wine & Food Beetroot Chutney, Burren Fine Wine & Food New Quay Wildflower Honey, Anam Speciality Coffee, Wild Kitchen Marrow & Grape Chutney.

Christmas Essentials Hamper: €80

This includes Bottle of A.O.C Bergerac Rouge 2016, Burren Gold Garlic & Nettle Cheese, Sheridans Mixed Seed Crackers, Wilde Irish Chocolate Moments Dark Chocolate Selection, Anam Burren Navidad Speciality Coffee and Julie Clarke Fine Porcelain Lemongrass and Ginger Scented Candle.

For more information go <http://burrenwine.ie/gift-hampers/>



BURREN SMOKEHOUSE HAMPERS



The Burren Smokehouse is offering a large variety of hampers this year, including the popular Wild Atlantic Hamper for €59 This includes delicacies from the famous coastal route, including the Burren Smokehouse Cold Smoked Irish Organic Salmon with Seaweed, Hot Smoked Organic Salmon, with Honey, Lemon & Pepper, Gubbeen Cheese, Beetroot Chutney from the Burren Fine Wine & Food, Achill Island smoked sea salt, Dillisk from Wild Irish Seaweed and Bróna Dark Chocolate.

Other hampers offered are the Irish Whiskey Hamper, priced at €140 which is a lovingly assembled gift hamper. For a more exclusive gift you can buy the Luxury Hamper at €435 in large wicker basket offering a variety of food producers and craft items from the Burren.

For a full list of gifts and produce go to www.burrensmokehouse.ie

IRISH CRAFTS ONLINE



Irish Crafts Online is offering an extensive range of traditional Irish Gifts and Irish Handcrafts. Gift baskets featuring artisan producers from the Burren and as well as jewellery and clothes.

Available to buy online at www.irishcraftsonline.com

BURREN PORK



This year, Burren Free Range Pork have assembled an Artisan Christmas Food Hamper featuring their own products and those from Co Clare. This includes their own free range pork jumbo sausages and rashers, Anam Coffee, ginger bread cake, Doolin Wildlower honey, Burren Gold cheese, Wilde Chocolate, Richenda's Apple juice and a jar of home made chutney.

All products are from within Co Clare by artisan producers, and presented in an upcycled, nicely decorated box that can be re-used. Price €55.

Also available: Rare Breed, Free Range Christmas Hams, oven ready various weights, €15/kg. Plus, all other festive rare breed, free range pork meats, including sausages (82% meat content), rashers and roasts.

Pre-order at: burrenpork@gmail.com



THE IRISH CHANDLER



Experience the aromas of the Burren and the west coast of Ireland with candles and gifts from the Irish Chandler. Gift sets include The Atlantic Box, a perfect gift to send to someone missing the ocean or longing to return to the Irish side of The Atlantic.

Each box is curated with the one of the best artisan finds from Ireland and an illustrated greeting card together with one of our medium sized candles. The Cliffs Box features a seaweed seabag from Mungo Murphy Seaweed and a handmade card from Dave Thompson Art. Packaged in a recycled Kraft box these are made up and ready to ship next day. Limited stock available.

For more information go to: www.theirishchandler.com

MOHER COTTAGE



MoherCottage.com is the online store of Moher Cottage, a destination gift and coffee store beside the Cliffs of Moher on the Wild Atlantic Way.

They sell their own fudge made on the premises and this year are delighted to be offering a subscription box for 3 or 6 months, a sweet thoughtful gift from Co. Clare that will keep on giving throughout 2021.

Also on offer are Caitriona Considine Photography prints, exclusive to Moher Cottage and all from Co. Clare, fabulous gifts for those away from home or with memories of their visit to Clare. The company also sell a range of Irish made gorgeous gifts from designers and makers across the island.

For more information go to www.mohercottage.com

AIRMID HANDMADE SKINCARE

Airmid Natural Handmade Skincare are offering a range of luxurious locally produced gift sets handmade in the Burren. These include the Burren Irish Soap Collection, Botanical Body Oils, Organic Perfume oils and the Green Man Luxury Shaving kit. All traditional soap bars are cut by hand and are cured for at least 6 weeks to ensure a luxury, long-lasting product. Airmid lotion bars and organic lip balms are hand poured using local Burren beeswax. If you are unsure what to buy, you can also purchase an Airmid Gift Card available from €25 to €100. Finally, they personally check every item before it's boxed up in eco-friendly sustainable packaging. **Winners of Best Soap Business in Ireland - 2020 - Prestige Awards**

For more information go to www.airmidsoap.com



DOOLIN CAVE, CAFE & POTTERY

Doolin Cave in the heart of the Burren and has the longest free hanging stalactite in Europe, the Great Stalactite. The Cave is also famous for its authentic pottery made from glacial clay found deep within Doolin Cave. The company are offering €50 gift vouchers; Doolin Cave Pottery to the value of €50 Cave tour and Lunch for two or Cave Tour and piece of Pottery.

For more information go to www.doolincave.ie



THE CLIFFS OF MOHER

Give the gift of the most stunning natural visitor experience in Ireland with the Cliffs of Moher Family gift card.

Experience awe inspiring views over the Wild Atlantic to the Aran Islands and visit the interactive visitor experience inside the award winning centre.

The gift card priced at €20 is for two adults, two children.

For information go to www.cliffsofmoher.ie



DOOLIN FERRY COMPANY



The Doolin Ferry Company are offering a range of gift vouchers for their boat trips to the three Aran Islands as well as sightseeing trips beneath the magnificent Cliffs of Moher. Prices are from €20.00. This year the company has also produced unique crafted Christmas baubles from €9.99.

For more information go to www.doolinferry.com

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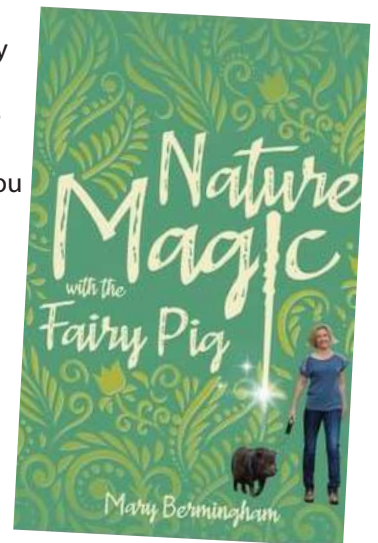


Gift Vouchers are available for all the company's sailings from Doolin to the Aran Islands. Visit the spectacular Dún Aengus fort on Inis Mor, get away from it all on Inis Meain or take a trip to the smallest one – the beautiful island of Inis Oirr, only 15 minutes sailing from Doolin. Or take a Cruise under the Cliffs of Moher and see these magnificent prehistoric giants with their armies of seabirds nesting on their rocky shelves. Vouchers are from €20 and have no expiration date so there is no tie to any particular trip or time.

For more information go to www.doolin2aranferries.com

BURREN NATURE SANCTUARY

The Burren Nature Sanctuary near Kinvara is offering a variety of Gifts including the popular [Nature Magic Book](#) – How you can engage everyone with Biodiversity! This book is a toolkit of enchanting stories and proven solutions to engage people with biodiversity. From the Fairy Pig Walk to Wild Rose Workshops, we share strategies to help you connect anyone-whether a city slicker, a jet setter, a toddler or a granddad- with nature.



[Buy a Native Tree](#)

Contribute to the native tree planting project to offset your carbon footprint. Trees will be purchased and planted at the Burren Nature Sanctuary in early Spring.

Also available on the online shop are luxurious Avoca throws, Children's gifts as well a gift vouchers and the opportunity to adopt a Burren Nature Sanctuary Animal, such a llama, donkey or pygmy goat. Gift vouchers are also available from €25.

For more information go to www.burrennaturesanctuary.ie



GREGANS CASTLE HOTEL



This Christmas treat someone you love (or maybe even yourself) to a genuinely indulgent gift, a voucher from our very special west of Ireland luxury and gourmet bolthole and multi-award winning hotel.

Gift Vouchers which start at €50 and are valid for 5 years, can be purchased online here or you can call us to order on 065 707 7005.

Vouchers will be posted within 24 hours of purchase or may be collected in person by arrangement.

For every voucher purchased with a value of €600 and over we will include a complimentary voucher for our luxurious afternoon tea for two.

For more information go to www.gregans.ie



FALLS HOTEL AND SPA



This year the Falls Hotel has a unique Christmas Residency package, for anyone who want to get away from it all and enjoy a pampering break this Christmas.

Christmas Residency Package

Arrive on Christmas Eve and enjoy our hospitality for three nights:

- welcome arrival reception in joyous and warm atmosphere with homemade scones and tea
- pre-dinner drinks in the lobby by the fire with sparkling wine and Bucks Fizz accompanied by sweet harp music
- Christmas Eve Mass /pending restrictions/ followed by Mulled Wine and mince pies reception
- scrumptious breakfast each morning
- delicious three-course dinner every night with live music
- fabulous Christmas Day lunch
- Santa's gift to our small residents
- magical festive decor
- free access to our Aqua and Leisure Centre

The hotel is also offering Gift Vouchers including a new bundle gift voucher that is available exclusively from the website. The Exclusive Two Night Getaway Gift Voucher is €250 and offers a 40% bundle discount on a two night B&B stay for two people, with wine and chocolates upon arrival, a three course meal in our Cascades Restaurant on an evening of their choice and to top it all off a €20 River Spa credit each.

The stay can be booked online by the recipient and is valid for up to three years. The voucher is available to purchase online until 23 December 2020.

For information go to www.fallshotel.ie



SEAVIEW HOUSE DOOLIN



Seaview House in Doolin is offering three nights in one of its Luxury Lodges with 15% off. From €240 pps. This includes a welcome basket with some essentials local and treats from their kitchen to get you started. The Second package is for family or friends get together for a three nights stay in one of the Luxury Lodges and avail of 20% off with this 3 night package. Located in Doolin Village at the centre of the Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark, the Lodges are ideally located to explore the wilderness of the Burren or Walk the Cliffs of Moher Coastal Trail.

For more information go to www.seaview-doolin.ie

DOOLIN INN



Stay in the heart of Doolin in the beautiful Doolin Inn.

Gift Vouchers: Cash and experience vouchers on the website. Valid for 5 years from date of purchase.

Christmas Pantry Shop: delicious culinary Christmas treats will be available to purchase on the website from this weekend - Mince Pie Box of 6 (2 mince swirls, 2 traditional and 2 with custard). 2lb Christmas Pudding, A selection of jams and chutneys, and more.

-The Inn and Anthony's will be open from 2 December, continuing as well with a reduced takeaway service. Festive and New Year's Eve packages on the website.

For more information go to www.doolininn.ie

HOTEL DOOLIN

Hotel Doolin is offering general gift vouchers and the new 'We'll Dance Again Voucher'. General gift vouchers can be used in any area of Hotel Doolin including; rooms, weddings, festivals, self-catering houses, Fitzpatrick's Bar, Glas Restaurant, Stone Wall Cafe and our Piper's Chair Gift shop.

We'll Dance Again Vouchers
Hotel Doolin presents the 'We'll Dance Again Voucher' This Gift Voucher can be used towards any future festival or event at Hotel Doolin, including the Doolin Folk Festival, The Doolin Writers' Weekend, The Doolin Surfest, Music Minds Festival and The Spaced Out Sessions.

These vouchers have no expiry date and can also be used towards overnight stays and food & beverage. Please quote your voucher number when calling to book your Festival ticket. Our phone number is 065 7074111.

For more information go to www.hoteldoolin.ie



HYLANDS BURREN HOTEL

The Hylands Burren Hotel is offering gift vouchers from €50 to €200 which can be used for hotel breaks or in the restaurant. Three special hotel breaks are also available.
2 night Autumn/Winter Weekend: For €258, enjoy 2 nights accommodation, full Irish breakfast and two course evening meal for two people on both nights.

3 Night Autumn/Winter Weekend For €387, enjoy 3 nights accommodation, full Irish breakfast and two course evening meal for two people on both nights.

Autumn Winter Weekend 3 night special. For €290, enjoy 3 nights accommodation and full Irish breakfast. Stay Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights

For more information go to www.hylandsburren.com





The Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark

Making up over 530 square kilometres the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark offers a diversity that is second to none. There is the natural beauty of the 200 metre high Cliffs with its eight kilometres of rugged coastline, and there is beauty in the vast array of flora, including Arctic and Alpine flowers that grow surprisingly alongside Mediterranean species. There is also the staggering amount of history in the Burren region with over 2,700 recorded monuments, some dating back over 6,000 years. This has led to the Burren being described as “one vast memorial to bygone cultures”