



Explore the *History & Heritage* of Erris

- Walk along Tóchar Bhriain Ruaidh (the Brian Rua trail) in Belmullet, which details some of the prophecies that this local man correctly predicted in the 16th century.
- See Danny's Stone in Glencastle, a large flat-topped boulder that marks the scene of a terrible crime, which John Millington Synge wrote about in his famous poem, 'Danny'.
- In Áras Inis Gluaire, admire the beautiful exhibition of Edward Ardizzone's original illustrations, taken from T.H. White's book about the local people and places in the 1970s, *The Godstone and the Blackymor*.
- Visit Cross Abbey, the site from where ancient monks would board their boats to reach the legendary island of Inis Gluaire – the burial place of the Children of Lir.
- Learn how to forage on the seashore and on the land, and hear some incredible local stories & legends from Barbara of Gaol Siar.
- Stand on the oldest rocks on mainland Ireland – the gneiss rocks at Ceann an Eanaigh (Annagh Head) are 1,753 million years old!
- Bless yourself at St. Deirbhile's Well in Fál Mór, which local people say has curative properties for eye complaints.
- Discover the local stories of St. Deirbhile & St. Brendan the Navigator, and find out about the lives of the local people & of those who emigrated, over the centuries, at Ionad Deirbhile in Eachléim.
- Take a boat trip to Inis Gé, where you will discover many archaeological ruins, such as St. Colmcille's Church, beehive huts and Early Christian cross slabs.
- Touch the walls of the historic Blacksod Lighthouse, which played a key role in the D-Day landings in Normandy during WWII.
- Travel back in time to almost 6,000 years ago & see how people lived in the Neolithic Céide Fields – older than Egypt's pyramids!

To make the most of these amazing historical sites, we recommend bringing a qualified guide with you. Agatha Hurst of Wild Atlantic Tours is a local archaeologist and tour guide – call her on +353 87 6482793.

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