



A Journey to Ireland

with
Janine Bajus - Jillian Moreno
May 23rd to June 06th
2023

Tuesday May 23rd: Depart USA for Dublin - Ireland

Depart on your overnight flight to Dublin, Ireland. Be sure your passport is valid for 6 months beyond date of travel, and allow a minimum of **3 hours** for check-in for your International flight. .

Wednesday May 24th: Dublin - Sligo - Killybegs - Settle in & Welcome dinner

Arrive Dublin! After clearing customs & immigration meet your driver/guide in the arrivals hall at Dublin airport. On our way northwest to the small village of Killybegs we will stop in Sligo, home of the poet, dramatist, and writer. William Butler Yeats. Welcome dinner this evening at the Tara Hotel, our home for three nights. **(D)**

Tara Hotel - Main Street, Killybegs - Co. Donegal - (3 Nights)

Thursday May 25th: John Molloy Woolen Mills in Ardara - Edel MacBride

This morning visit John Molloy Woolen Mills in Ardara, a family run business founded by pioneering hand weaver and craftsman, John Molloy. The mill itself reflects an energetic combination of past and present. After lunch we will have a workshop with Donegal knitwear designer Edel MacBride in Carrickmagrath, Ballybofey Co Donegal. Edel's wool knitwear collections are entirely handmade with a lot of pride going into each garment. Return to Killybegs. Dinner on your own this evening. **(B)**

Friday May 26th: Studio Donegal for a Mill Tour - Boat trip to see Slieve League

Today we visit Studio Donegal Mill. Explore behind the scenes of a genuine working mill, where all the clothes are hand woven, and all the garments are artisan made. Stop for lunch on your own in Carrick. Continue to Teelin Pier for a boat trip to see the highest sea cliffs in Europe at Slieve League. Return to Killybegs, with the evening free for dinner and to explore. **(B)**

Saturday May 27th: Museum of Country Life - Galway - Class with Janine

Depart Killybegs and continue on to visit the Museum of Country Life in Turlough, Co Mayo where we can explore traditional Irish lifestyles since the 19th century by examining agriculture, fishing, clothing and textiles, trades and crafts. Continue to Galway. Later in the afternoon Janine will teach a class on **"Stranded Celtic Key Design"** at the hotel. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B,D)**

The G Hotel & Spa - Wellpark - Galway (4 Nights)

Sunday May 28th: Day trip to the Aran Islands - Gabriel Ó Fatharta - Dun Aengus

After breakfast at the hotel we will ferry to the Aran Islands. We will visit Gabriel Ó Fatharta and his herd of Inis Mor goats, where we can taste his award-winning homemade Aran Islands Goat cheese. We will then take a minibus tour of the island with time to explore the Ring Fort at Dun Aengus. Return to the mainland and Galway. This evening is free to explore Galway with it's many restaurants and pubs **(B)**





Monday May 29th: Galway - Visit with Anne O Maille

This morning visit with Anne O Maille at her shop in the center of Galway. Anne has been called the “Guardian of Aran Knitting” because of her passion and determination to see the genuine hand-knit style survive. Have lunch at Ard Bia and visit with Anne for a conversation on Aran knitting. See genuine hand-knit Aran sweaters old and new. We will join Anne for lunch at Ard Bia to continue the conversation on Aran knitting. The remainder of the day is free to explore Galway. Dinner on your own this evening. **(B,L)**



Tuesday May 30th: Connemara day tour - Killary Sheep farm - Kylemore Abbey

This morning we will drive through the unique bog landscape of Connemara surrounded by the Twelve Ben Mountains. Visit the Killary sheep farm overlooking Killary Fjord, where you will see Holly the sheep dog herd sheep and hear all about the farm and sheep-herding from Tom Nee while enjoying an Irish Coffee. Before returning to Galway we will explore Kylemore Abbey, home to a Benedictine order of Irish nuns, and its beautiful grounds. Dinner at the hotel this evening. **(B D)**

Wednesday May 31st: Burren - Cliffs of Moher - Killarney - Class with Jillian

Today we journey south through the Burren area of Ireland. This vast moon like area is one of Ireland’s most compelling landscapes: a huge rocky pavement dotted with rock formations, caves and fossils, as well as an incredible array of Arctic, Alpine and Mediterranean flowers. Enjoy a visit to the Cliffs of Moher, rising a sheer 700 feet from the ocean. Continue to Killarney where we will have dinner at the hotel. After dinner Jillian will offer a class on yarn structure. **(B,D)**

Killarney International Hotel - Kenmare Place - Killarney (2 Nights)

Thursday June 01st: Dingle day trip - Fiadh Woven Design - Murphy’s Ice Cream - Dingle Distillery

This morning we tour the Dingle Peninsula with time to explore the monastic and ancient sites with abundant Ogham stones, and beehive huts. Visit Fiadh Woven Design in Dingle to meet with Fiadh. (pronounced Fia) Fiadh is a textile designer and handweaver who is passionate about using traditional weaves to create contemporary designs. We will make time to stop at Murphy’s for their locally made ice cream in flavors such as Smooth Chocolate, Irish Brown Bread, Honeycomb Caramel. Then we will visit Dingle Distillery for a tour and to purchase whiskey, gin, or vodka. Return to Killarney with dinner on your own this evening. **(B)**

Friday June 02nd: Hedgehog Fibers - Carol Feller workshop - Cork

This morning we depart Killarney for a visit to Hedgehog Fibers in Little Island. Hand-dyed in County Cork each unique Hedgehog colorway is inspired by company founder Beata Jezek’s personal style. The signature colorways range from dark and moody to fluorescent and vibrant. This afternoon you will have a workshop with Carol Feller at her Stolen Stitches studio on Tramore Road, Cork. Carol is a knitwear designer and teacher who trained initially as a textile artist and then as a structural engineer. While both of these backgrounds are very different the influences can be seen in her work and personal style.

Return to Cork with time to explore. Dinner at the hotel this evening in Cork. **(B,D)**

Imperial Hotel - 76 South Mall - Cork (1 Night)

Saturday June 03rd: Rock of Cashel - Dublin

We head back to Dublin, stopping to visit the Rock of Cashel, also known as Cashel of the Kings and St Patrick’s Rock, on the way. We continue on to Dublin for an afternoon arrival with the evening free to have dinner on your own and explore what Dublin has to offer. **(B)**

The Ashling Hotel - 10 - 13 Parkgate Street - Dublin 8 (3 Nights)

Sunday June 04th: Dublin - Vawn (Siobhán) Corrigan - Kieran Foley

After breakfast we will visit with Dublin-based writer Vawn Corrigan, author of *Irish Aran - History Tradition and Fashion*. This book provides and insight into the history of Irish Aran knitting. Vawn explores how the Aran knit became iconic and how it communicates warmth, comfort and a sense of home. You will also meet with Kieran Foley at the hotel for a chat and trunk show of his remarkable knitted designs. Kieran likes to experiment with knitting techniques and color and gets his inspiration from travels to Greece, Morocco, Iceland, and of course Ireland. Dinner on your own in Dublin. **(B)**

Monday June 05th: Dublin - This is Knit - Free time - Farewell dinner at Nancy Hands

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel we will enjoy a visit to This is Knit a woman led and family run business located in the center of Dublin in the beautiful surrounds of the Powerscourt Townhouse. Chat with Jacqui, Jenny and Lisa to hear about how the business developed from the early days as to where it is today. Remainder of the afternoon is free to explore Dublin, do some last minute shopping or just relax and enjoy your last day in Ireland. We will have a farewell dinner at Nancy Hands Bar & Restaurant this evening to share memories of the tour. **(B,D)**

Tuesday June 06th: Departure day: Depart for Dublin airport and your return flight to the US. Transfers will be provided for those departing today. We will make sure you are at Dublin airport in plenty of time for your international flight back to the US. *For those knitters extending their stay please allow 3 hours for check-in on your return flight home. You will clear US customs and immigration before departure in Dublin.*

This itinerary is subject to change for a better experience and for circumstances beyond our control. Janine and Jillian will advise you of any changes during the course of the trip.

Key: B = Breakfast; **L** = Lunch; **D** = Dinner

COST: \$6,360 per person (based on sharing a room)

Single Supplement: \$1,175 (Singles are limited)

Plus airfare: Approximately **\$1,200 - \$1,400** - (Dublin airport roundtrip)

Hotel Links:

Killybegs - Tara Hotel www.tarahotel.ie

Galway - The G Hotel & Spa www.theghotel.ie

Killarney - Killarney International www.killarneyinternational.com

Cork - Imperial Hotel www.imperialhotelcork.com

Dublin - Ashling hotel Dublin www.ashlinghotel.ie

Tour Includes:

- * Accommodation for 15 days/13 nights
- * Breakfast each morning
- * 6 Dinners/1 Lunch
- * Transportation with a professional driver/guide from May 24th to 06th June (14 days)
- * Airport transfers for those departing on the 06th June from your hotel to Dublin International airport
- * Pre-Paid tips to your driver/guide in Ireland

Visits to: John Molloy Woolen Mills - Studio Donegal - Boat trip to see Slieve League - Museum of Country Life - Aran Islands and Gabriel O Fatherta Goat Farm - Dun Aengus - Killary Sheep Farm - Kylemore Abbey - Cliffs of Moher - Dingle Day Trip - Murphy's Ice Cream - Dingle Distillery - Hedgehog Fibers - Rock of Cashel

Classes/Visits:

- * Classes with Janine Bajus & Jillian Moreno
- * Visit with Kieran Foley - The Ashling Hotel - Dublin
- * Visit with Vawn Corrigan - Author of *Aran Knits* and *Aran Tweed* - The Ashling Hotel - Dublin
- * Visit with Anne Ó Máille in Galway
- * Workshop with Edel MacBride
- * Visit with Fiadh at Fiadh Woven Design - Dingle
- * Workshop with Carol Feller - Cork
- * Visit to This is Knit in Dublin

Not Included:

- * International Airfare
- * Items of a personal nature (Laundry, telephone, drinks, meals not specified, etc)
- * Yarn purchases and mailing expenses.



Covid Procedures

Janine, and Jillian are requiring that you are fully vaccinated to participate on this trip. (*Completed basic covid vaccinations plus all recommended boosters*) Covid procedures are outlined below.

- ◆ Please consider travel insurance. It will cover some of the cost associated with getting Covid on the trip
- ◆ Please read your travel insurance so you know what it covers and what proof of illness and expenditures it requires. Janine, Jillian, and Jean do not know the coverage of your insurance, since it is a separate company from Celtic Journeys. If you decide to purchase a policy it is through **Travel Guard # 800-826-4919** in case you have questions.
- ◆ If you show, or are feeling like you have Covid symptoms, you will be asked to test and mask.
- ◆ If you test positive for Covid you will be asked to isolate from the group, which means having your own room (at your own expense) and not continuing traveling with the group. You have the option to return home early or stay at your own expense until it is time to return on your original flight.
- ◆ If someone tests positive in your group, we will all mask on the bus and when we are in close quarters.
- ◆ If multiple people are Covid positive *and* the hotel cannot accommodate infected people in isolation, you may be asked to share a room with a different roommate. We would room healthy people together, and Covid-positive people together.
- ◆ If someone tests positive with Covid, you will likely be asked to test even if you do not have symptoms.
- ◆ Once someone tests positive for Covid, we ask that you follow the instructions that Janine and Jillian give. They will be in contact with Jean and the hotel, and will have the latest information.

Your Hosts



Janine Bajus



Jillian Moreno

Janine Bajus - (also known as the Feral Knitter) Janine fell down the rabbit hole of Fair Isle knitting years ago, and she loves helping knitters express themselves through color and pattern. Janine's approach to Fair Isle Knitting is modern and very personal; her goal is to share her deep appreciation for this type of knitting. She is the author of **The Joy of Color: Fair Isle Knitting Your Way**. You can learn more about her classes and designs at www.feralknitter.com.

What is a Feral Knitter? A feral knitter is someone who loves color knitting, playing with color combinations and garment shapes, and learning about construction and fit.

Jillian Moreno - Jillian is the author of the best-selling spinning book **Yarnitecture: A Knitter's Guide to Spinning: Building Exactly the Yarn You Want**. She is passionate about exploring the structure of yarns and using them in intentional and creative ways in knitting, stitching, and weaving. Through exploration, curiosity and play, she enthusiastically encourages her students and readers to feel confidence and joy making with yarn. Jillian regularly writes about yarn and spinning for Ply Magazine and teaches whenever she can. When she's at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, she can be found wantonly basking in her stash. Keep up with her fiber exploits at www.jillianmoreno.com or on her [handspinning Patreon](#).

KNITTERS Vawn (Siobhan) Corrigan



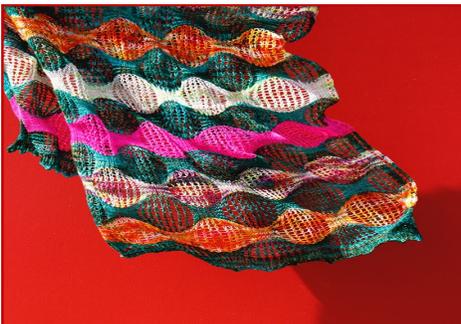
Vawn Corrigan, - Textile Roots. Using historic and contemporary images in an entertaining slide show Vawn will lead you through a fascinating journey exploring ancient weaving, nineteenth century lace making, to the Aran knit cottage industry and into our current resurgence ...Ireland's deep textile roots. Vawn is the author of many writings on Irish craft, history and textiles including *Irish Aran and Irish Tweed*

(The O'Brien Press)

KNITTERS



Kieran Foley, lives in Dublin. His background is in textile design and he loves experimenting with knitting ideas and color. As a child Kieran spent a lot of time drawing and painting and learned stranded knitting at home at an early age and went on to study textile design at the National College of Art in Dublin. After college, he worked in the printed textile industry in London and Milan. Holidays in Greece, Morocco, and Iceland have been a stand-outs for inspiration. When travelling Kieran seeks out ethnographic museums in search of unusual clothing, textiles and objects. Finally the west of Ireland (where his roots are) has beautifully colored landscapes, and wild Atlantic beaches with a variety of delicate patterns created by the flowing tides.



Edel MacBride, grew up on a farm near Convoy. Her mother hand knit Aran jumpers and cardigans for Molloy's of Ardara along with many of the neighbors who shared stories, stitches, and local knitting secrets. Her first reel knits were booties for countless new cousins or younger brothers or sisters. The craft of hand knitting has always been the greatest connection for Edel. All Edel's knitwear and collections are entirely handmade which means that someone knits them on two needles or using a knitting machine operated by hand and sometimes both techniques in one garment. The stitches and techniques used have ancient origins and are very skilled



Carol Feller, As with most knitwear designers, Carol started accidentally. She began life first in art but then changed to structural engineering. After that she ran an online natural parenting website/shop and only returned to knitting after her youngest was born - 13 years ago. She became quickly obsessed and before she knew it had moved from modifying patterns to designing her own. Her teaching started in yarn shops and festivals and moved into online teaching as well as tours and retreats in Cork

Workshops & Meetings with the knitters in Ireland

Edel MacBride: Thursday May 25th - The class with Edel will focus on her Aran experience growing up in Donegal and her family connection to knitting. The class will focus on a set of stitches with yarn and notes assigned. With Edel's help you will look closely at cabling without a cable needle and doing the blackberry stitch without notes among other techniques. After the completed class you will have a memorable piece for reference and garment design. The class will include yarn to make a hat, plus the pattern and Aran notes that Edel writes up for the class. You will also receive another pattern gift and some yarn to make a swatch.

Janine Bajus: Saturday May 27th - Janine's class will be held at the hotel in Galway on "Stranded Celtic Key Design".

Anne Ó Máille: Monday May 29th - Meet with Anne at her shop Ó'Maille's located at 16 High Street in Galway. Since 1938 Ó'Maille's has provided customers from all over the world the finest in genuine hand-knit fashions (most famously the Aran sweater. Anne will chat to you about the origins of Aran knitting, where the wool is sourced and the women she employs to knit the Aran sweaters for her shop. Anne is well versed on old fashioned sweaters with the "honeycomb" and "tree of life" stitches. Anne will join you for lunch at Ard Bia and continue to chat about all things Aran.

Jillian Moreno: Wednesday May 31st - Jillian's class will be held at the hotel in Killarney on yarn structure.

Fiadh Durham: Thursday June 01st - Fiadh gets her inspiration from the beautiful surrounding landscape of the Dingle Peninsula in West Kerry and is inspired by the intriguing color and pattern combinations the area provides. Using only the highest quality yarn sourced from spinners in Ireland, UK and Italy, Fiadh and her skilled team make lovely woven products from scratch. Fiadh's ethos is all about creating something beautiful that is made to last, combining a love of fashion with a respect for nature, in relation to both the inspiration and the raw materials that it provides.

Carol Feller: Friday 02nd June - Meet with Carol Feller at her studio - Stolen Stitches on Tramore Road, Cork for a hands on class on Cable Basics. If you are intimidated by cables and cable charts, Carol will break cables down into easy to understand steps and explain how to read and understand cable charts. Carol, will provide lots of tips and tricks for tightening up loose cables and how to work a cable without a cable needle. Carol, also plan to offer a Pop-Up shop to purchase kits if you so choose.

Vawn (Siobhán) Corrigan: Sunday 04th June - Vawn is a Dublin based writer and a graduate of the School of English, Trinity College Dublin. Vawn will explore the history, tradition and fashion of Irish Aran knitting and the social history of Irish hand made lace, Aran knit and the Irish weaving tradition. You will meet with Vawn at the Ashling hotel in Dublin.

Kieran Foley: Sunday 04th June - Kieran is an Irish knitting designer based in Dublin and his knit/lab website is the home of unique and inventive lace, stranded, brioche and hybrid knitting patterns. Kieran's background is in textile design, and he loves experimenting with knitting ideas and colors. Some of his inspiration comes from the west of Ireland (where his roots are) From the beautifully colored landscapes, and the wild Atlantic beaches with an infinite variety of sand patterns created by the flowing tides. Kieran will meet with you at the Ashling in Dublin for a chat and for you to see many samples of his beautiful work.

This is Knit: Monday 05th June - Visit "This is Knit" a women led and family run small business, located in the center of Dublin City in the beautiful surrounds of Powerscourt Townhouse. In the early days it was simply a mother and daughter team with high hopes of discovering other natural fiber knitting enthusiasts on the island of Ireland. This small business started off as a market stall, to a small shop in the suburbs, to a teeny city premises, and finally to This is Knit's current home. Meet with Jacqui, Jenny and Lisa Sisk at the shop and purchase if you so choose the shop's own brand of luxury hand-dyed yarn - **Townhouse Yarns**