

A Two Day Odyssey Tour to Prepare for the Anthroposophical Society Easter Conference in Corrymeela. 13-14 April 2025 with Alan Potter.

As preparation for the Easter conference at Corrymeela I am offering a two-day odyssey tour of some of the places where the spiritual and the human worlds are close together. These include two passage cairns, which have the architecture described by Rudolf Steiner in the lectures on the Hibernian Mysteries in December 1923. We will also visit an early Christian monastic site and the national gold collection and monastic treasure house in Dublin. Two lectures will be offered on the Hibernian Mysteries and on the Spiritual Landscape of Ireland. Odyssey tours aim to be in the company of like-minded people with an interest in an anthroposophical perspective.

Sunday 13 April 2025

As a preparation for the Easter conference at Corrymeela, I am offering to lead a two-day tour to some of the key places 10.30am.

Meet at Dublin Airport at Terminal One Arrivals Hall.



11.30 AM - we'll visit the National Museum and the magnificent Gold Collection, some items dating from before 2000BC, Bronze-age weapons and exquisite gold and silver work from the Celtic Christian period.

1.30pm Picnic Lunch. Please buy beforehand.

2.15pm depart for Newgrange



3,30pm Visit to the Newgrange complex – this impressive and evocative chambered tomb built in 3200 BC is a major site of megalithic art as well as being one of the major tourist sites in Ireland, not to be missed. NB. Newgrange cairn is a confined space with a low ceiling and some steps.

Dinner at 6.00pm is included at the Black Bull Inn in Drogheda.

Check in to our nearby Hotel, the Boyne Valley Country Club

8.00-9.00pm Lecture on the Hibernian Mysteries

Monday 14 April 2024



8.00am Breakfast in the Hotel

9.00-10.00am Lecture on the Spiritual Landscape of Ireland and its relationship to today.

10.45am check out and depart. We will stop to shop for a picnic lunch.

11.45am- 1.00pm Visit Monasterboise early Christian site with a round tower and 10 century Muiredach High Cross.

Picnic Lunch

1.45pm Depart



2.30 -4.00pm Visit Fourknocks Passage Cairn. 5,500-year-old temple site with three chambers. Working with dialogues from Rudolf Steiner's lectures on the Hibernian mysteries in the space.

Conversation and reflections.

4.00pm return to Dublin Airport for 4.30pm drop-off and conclusion.

Leader.

Alan Potter, native of Dublin, graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. A Camphill co-worker for 40 years in UK and Ireland. Adult Educator. Guide for Irish Odyssey tours with Gillian Shoemaker. Council member for the Anthroposophical Society in Ireland.

COST

The cost of the tour is approximately **€250 each for 12 participants.** Should there not be maximum enrollment, the cost of the tour will be proportionately higher, or the tour will be canceled, and your deposit returned to you.

Some things may still be added.

Included

Accommodation in twin rooms in our hotel.

Monday 's breakfasts.

Our own mini-bus and driver.

Entrance tickets to sites and museums mentioned in the itinerary.

Lectures and guiding at the sites we visit. Some will be done by Irish Heritage guides.

Organisation and tour Minibus travel costs

Not included

Travel to and from Ireland

Taxi from and to the airport.

Lunches. We are not costing in lunches as we'll be stopping at supermarkets for picnics, or eating in cafeterias. Coffee breaks, drinks other than water, souvenirs and gratuities at meals and hotel housekeepers.

CONDITIONS for Odyssey tours.

Please be aware that even a short Odyssey tour can be moderately strenuous – each day we will be travelling about 2-2 ½ hours in our mini-bus. We will be outdoors for extended periods of time, possibly in inclement weather, sometimes walking over steep, rough and uneven terrain - you should not have any mobility issues, as this does hold up the progress of the group. You should have good physical and mental health.

Please keep luggage to a minimum, i.e. an overnight/cabin bag and small daybag. There is left-luggage at Dublin Airport.

Please ask me if you have questions.

The size of the group is strictly limited to 13 participants
If you are traveling alone, we will allocate a room-mate of the same sex.

There is already a lot of interest in this tour – please send your deposit by the end of January 2025.

Reservations will be confirmed in the order in which each application is received with a deposit for €120 payable to Alan Potter, with IRELAND ODYSSEY on the memo line.

If you must cancel and we cannot find a replacement for you, we retain your deposit to cover your share of the communal costs of transport and organization.

The balance will be due at the end of March. Should costs change greatly by the time the balance is due, we may have to adjust the price accordingly.

It is imperative you take out travel insurance, as no financial responsibility can be taken by Alan
A copy of the cover page should be sent to Alan.

All arrangements have been made privately - we are in fact 'a group of friends traveling together, preparing for the Easter conference' and taking advantage of group rates in hotels. In the unlikely event the tour leader is unable to come, every effort will be made to find a substitute, however, no responsibility is attached to the leader.

I am very much looking forward to hearing from you!

Alan

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