



2019 Itinerary

*The Road goes ever on and on, Out from the door where it began.
Now far ahead the Road has gone, Let others follow it who can!
Let them a journey new begin, But I at last with weary feet
Will turn towards the lighted inn, My evening-rest and sleep to meet.
-Bilbo Baggins*

Arriving Early

- **Arrival:** May 30th
- **Travelers:** David, Jimmy, Tricia, Sarah, Hannah, Rebekah, the Schleifer's

Arriving Late

- **Arrival:** Late on June 1st
- **Travelers:** Matthew, Caroline, Marsha, Natalie Kate, Michelle (3 June)

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Arriving On Time

- **Arrival:** May 31st
- **Travelers:** Everyone else not on above lists.

Inklings Talks

A guided group discussion time where we interact with material and topics from the day's journey. Actual talks may vary depending on the group's interests.

- **Core Material (David):**
 - Fantasy
 - Recovery
 - Escape
 - Consolation
 - Several location specific topics (Lewis at Magdalen, etc.)
 - Group readings of *Leaf by Niggle* and other texts.
- **Talks from Others:**
 - Charles Williams and Owen Barfield (Matthew)
 - J.K. Rowling (Tricia / Caroline)
 - Additional Material (Jimmy and Others)

Read & Reflect

We encourage you to take time each morning to journal, reflect, and/or read so that you can stay refreshed and ready for adventure.

Note: Many of the times in this itinerary are tentative. Ask David or Matthew for updated times each day or check the GroupMe for updates.

Trip Principles

- Creativity in Community
- Travelers, Not Tourists
- Challenge by Choice

Football / Writing

Most afternoons, David & Caroline will get a group together for football (British word for soccer) or frisbee. These are great opportunities to get to know your fellow travelers. In previous years, some have also used this time to write or engage in other creative pursuits.

Thanks again for the incredible opportunity to plan this trip and travel together! We are humbly honored that you would choose to spend your time and money on a journey with us. We strive to make this trip good for the body, soul, and mind, like the House of Elrond, Rivendell: *His house [Elrond's] was perfect, whether you liked food, or sleep, or work, or story-telling, or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mixture of them all. Evil things did not come into that valley.*"

– David, Matthew, Caroline, Tricia, & Jimmy

Early Arrivals

Belfast

May
30

Fri.
Flights
Planes

Evening Catch your respective flights out.



May
31

Fri.
Belfast
Exploration

Belfast

Morning Everyone try to get to Belfast. Meet at Belfast International Youth Hotel. David will pick up the travelers arriving by plane in a hired car.
 Afternoon Tricia and Jimmy will lead a tour of the Lewis trail across Belfast, with people joining up with them as able. Use GroupMe to connect as Agan's will not have cell service. Stop by stop version of the Lewis Trail tour is on the GroupMe calendar.
 9:00 pm Brief team talk; then free time.
 11:00 pm Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



June
1

Sat
Giant's
Causeway

Belfast

8:30 am Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
 9:00 am Meet minibus at hostel for scenic drive through Antrim.
 During Day Visit Giant's Causeway and Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge. Matthew, Caroline, Marsha, and Natalie Kate arrive in Belfast.
 Evening Dinner in Belfast. Some may choose to taxi to the Old Inn and eat there. Going as a full group ended up being logistically untenable.
 9:00 pm [Inklings](#); then free time.
 11:00 pm Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



June
2

Sun

8:30 am Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
 10:00 am Depart for Slieve Donard.
 11:30 am Lunch in Newcastle
 Afternoon Hike Slieve Donard. Should take about 4-5 hours to get to the top and get back down.
 Evening Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer or free time.





Slieve Donard

9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Inklings; then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.

June 3

Belfast YHA
Mon
Travel to Galway

8:30 am
10:00 am
Afternoon
4:30 pm
Evening
9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
Bus arrives.
Travel to Galway. Stop for lunch and possibly for groceries.
Arrive at Galway AirBnB. Arrival time estimated.
Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs in Galway; soccer or free time. Great night to explore Galway.
Inklings; then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



Galway AirBnB

June 4

Tue
Aran Islands and Cliffs of Moher

8:30 am
Morning
Afternoon
Evening
9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Leader catered or on your own breakfast at AirBnB; time to read and reflect.
Departure by bus from AirBnB. Precise time TBA.
Explore Cliffs of Moher. Ferry trip to Aran Islands.
Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in Galway; soccer or free time.
Inklings; then free time.
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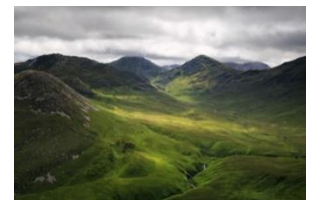
Galway AirBnB

June 5

Wed
Connemara National Park

8:30 am
Morning
Afternoon
Evening
9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Leader catered or on your own breakfast at AirBnB; time to read and reflect
Departure by bus from AirBnB. Precise time TBA.
Explore Connemara National Park and possibly Westport; other day-trip options.
Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in Galway; soccer or free time.
Inklings; then free time. Prepare to leave Ireland.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



Galway AirBnB

June 6

Thur
Tintagel

EARLY
11:20 am
12:30 pm
Afternoon
Late Evening
9:30 pm
11:00 pm

We will have to catch an 11:20 flight out of Dublin, which is about 2 hours away so we will have to wake up super early. Time TBA after consulting with bus driver.
Flight out of Dublin to Newquay, Cornwall.
Arrive in Newquay
Travel to and explore Tintagel, legendary birthplace of King Arthur; also includes Merlin's Cave.
Arrive at YHA Coverack. Dinner should be ready when we get there.
Inklings: brief team talk; free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



• **Arrival Dinner: This one's on us!**

YHA Coverack

June 7

Fri
St.
Michael's
Mount

8:30 am Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
 9:30 am Departure from Coverack by bus.
 10:30 am Arrival in Marazion.
 12:00 am Visit the Sail Loft or the Island Cafe for a bite to eat. Leaders will purchase group tickets and announce when we will be allowed into the castle.
 Afternoon Climb the path to the castle and explore. Visit gardens on the far side of the castle.
 TBA Meetup in the castle gardens for brief **Inklings**.
 4:00 pm Meet back at bus for return to Coverack. Stop at TESCO for grocery shopping on way home.
 6:00 pm Back in Coverack.
 Evening Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer or free time.
 9:00 pm **Inklings**; then free time.
 11:00 pm Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.

YHA Coverack



- **Grocery Run:** Have a grocery list already prepared for our TESCO stop.

June 8

Sat
Coverack
Free Day

8:30 am Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
 All Day Whatever you want! You can rest in Coverack, do water sports in the bay, take a taxi to nearby towns, hike the local paths. It's up to you.
 Evening Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer or free time.
 9:00 pm **Inklings**; then free time.
 11:00 pm Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.

YHA Coverack



- **Optional Watersports:** Talk to Matthew about these if interested. They have wetsuits.

June 9

Sun
Kynance
Cove

8:30 am Breakfast at hostel.
 9:30 am Departure from Coverack by bus.
 10:00 am Arrive at Lizard and drop off luggage and groceries. Stay in Lizard or head to nearby Kynance Cove depending on tides. In Lizard we will explore the town and visit Ann's Pasties, the best pasty shop in Britain. At Kynance Cove we will explore the cliffs and enjoy the beach. A cafe on the beach sells Cornish ice-cream and scones.
 Morning
 Mid-Day Switch locations, either to Kynance Cove or to Lizard, walking along the scenic path overlooking the sea.
 Evening Dinner at Lizard hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer or free time.
 9:00 pm **Inklings**; then free time. Prepare to leave Cornwall.
 11:00 pm Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.

YHA Coverack



June 10

Mon
Travel to
Oxford

Oxford YHA

8:30 am
10:00 am
Afternoon
Evening

TBA
9:00 pm
9:30 pm
11:00 pm

Breakfast at Airbnb; time to read and reflect.
Take bus from Coverack to Redruth
Train from Redruth to Oxford.
Begin evening river walk along the Thames River to the Trout Inn; [Inklings \(Welcome to Oxford\)](#).
Arrive for our dinner reservation at The Trout Inn.
Return to Oxford YHA by path, bus or taxi.
[Inklings](#); then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



June 11

Tue
Inklings of
Oxford

Oxford YHA

8:30 am
9:30 am
Morning

Midday
Afternoon
9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
Gather in hostel lobby to start walk.
CSL and JRRT walk around Oxford; [Inklings \(Reading: *The Weight of Glory*\)](#).
Scatter for lunch in Oxford.
Additional exploration of Oxford and free time.
[Inklings](#) then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



June 12

Wed
Day Trip
Day

Oxford YHA

8:00 am
All Day
Evening

9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Breakfast at hostel; time to read & reflect.
Choose your own adventure (Cotswolds, Stratford, or elsewhere) or explore more in Oxford.
Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer, writing or free time.
[Inklings](#) then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.



June 13

Thur
Lewis
Oxford Day

Oxford YHA

8:00 am
9:ish am
10:00 am

Noon
2:30 pm
6:00 pm
Evening
11:00 pm

Breakfast at hostel; time to read and reflect.
Leave and try to catch the City #9 bus from Castle Street to Kilns Lane. Walk to the Kilns from there.
Start tour in Kilns' garden with entire group; then half will go to the Nature Reserve and Holy Trinity Church and graveyard; the other half will tour the house; then both groups switch; Brief [Inklings](#).
Lunch back in Oxford.
Tour Magdalen College, Addison's Walk; Brief [Inklings](#); opt. punting on River Cherwell.
Evensong service at Magdalen College
Dinner at hostel (self-catered) or in pubs; soccer or free time.
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June 14

9:00 am
Afternoon
Evening

Make breakfast; time to read and reflect.
Depart for Bath at 3:30 pm from rail station; collect luggage from the hostel beforehand.
Dinner in Bath



Fri
Travel to
Bath

9:00 pm
10:00 pm
11:00 pm

Inklings meeting.
Free time
Sleep advised.

Bath AirBnB

June
15

Sat
Bath or
Nailsea

8:30 am
All-Day

Evening
9:00 pm
11:00 pm

Breakfast at Airbnb; time to read and reflect.
Plentiful options in Bath, including the Roman Baths, the Jane Austen Museum, Sally-Lunn-Buns (a truly legendary eating establishment), and plenty of parks and shops. Some of these activities will cost extra, but there are free options as well.
Free time.
Inklings then free time.
Sleep advised. Keep noise/light in common areas.

Bath AirBnB

June
16

Sun
Split Day

London

Morning
Morning

Afternoon
Evening

Wake up; pack up; check out.
Optional church at 10.30am, service located at Kingshill School, Pound Lane, Nailsea
London for some, elsewhere for others.
On your own or together in London at St Paul's YHA.

June
17

Mon
Return Home

9:00 am

Flights back to the U.S.A.

'Well, here at last, dear friends, on the shores of the Sea comes the end of our fellowship in Middle-earth. Go in peace! I will not say do not weep; for not all tears are an evil.' – Gandalf

Your Own Bed

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