

# Trekking the Wicklow Way

May 23 – May, 31 2019

7 nights hostels in villages along  
Wicklow Way, 2 nights hostel in  
Dublin, trail meals, group equipment  
transfer, and 2 dinners in Dublin!

\$1,800.00



## Trip Overview

Just outside Ireland's capital lies one of the most spectacular mountain trails in Ireland, the Wicklow Way. The trail's charm lies in its breathtaking landscapes including mountains, upland lakes, fast flowing mountain streams, forests and farms. Since it was formally established in 1980, the Wicklow Way has allowed people to connect from all across the globe.

Join us for an expedition along Ireland's most loved trails on the Wicklow Way. Beginning in Dublin, we will travel to the village of Tinalhey and explore the Wicklow Way west to east, returning to Dublin. During this trip, we will be trekking from hostel to hostel while enjoying mystical views and lush valleys of Ireland's countryside during the day, including historic Glendelough. Throughout the trip, we will focus on the topic of identity, incorporating Ireland's own history of self-determination and struggle that continues today.

## General Schedule of Trip

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Arrive in Dublin and meet up at our first hostel.

**May 24<sup>th</sup>:** Leave by bus for Tinahely and begin our excursion!

**May 24<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>** Trekking along the Wicklow Way

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:** Finish our trek and spend the night in Dublin.

**Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:** Depart for your next adventure!

## Facilitators

This program will be facilitated by Abby Finan '19 and Elizabeth Miller '19

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*Enjoy scenic overlooks and lush green hills of the Wicklow Way!*

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**Registration and Payment:** Registration is at [www.gettysburg.edu/grab](http://www.gettysburg.edu/grab). A \$150 non-refundable deposit is due at time of registration to secure a place on the trip of your choice. We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, e-checks or cash. The final payment will be required at least 60 days prior the trip departure date. To register, please fill out the online form or call the Office of Experiential Education at 717.337.6319.

**Not Included in the Price:** Souvenirs, alcohol, excess baggage charges, meals in destination cities prior to and at the conclusion of the trip, or other personal expenses incurred outside the scope of the trip, insurance, individual evacuation costs, ins, or hospitalization. We DO NOT include airfare in the pricing of our trips. We want to give participants the opportunity to have flexibility in their travel arrangements. Some people will have frequent flyer miles, many people will be traveling from various destinations, while others may already be at the site location or decide to extend their trip once our expedition has concluded.

**The Trek:** Trekking distances range from 8-15 miles a day. Average trekking time ranges from 3-7 hours per day, which includes stops for lunch & breaks, appreciating the views, and lively conversation. The trekking series expeditions are designed to accommodate those who enjoy trekking at a moderate pace but also enjoy taking numerous stops to enjoy the location.

**Group Size:** The trip consists of two GRAB staff members and up to ten participants from the Gettysburg College community; students, employees and their families, and alumni of the college are all welcome

**Transportation:** You are responsible for your own flights to and from Dublin, Ireland and for your transportation from the airport to the hostel, and back to the airport at the end of the program. All other ground transportation will be arranged. If you plan on traveling further following the trip, you are responsible for those logistics as well.

**Accommodations:** The program's accommodations will include two nights in a hostel in Dublin and five nights in hostels in villages along the Wicklow Way, including Tinahely, Glenmalure, Glendalough, Roundwood and Enniskerry. We will be using a baggage service to transfer group gear from hostel to hostel, so participants will only need a small pack to carry extra layers, lunch, water and even a camera for capturing the beautiful scenery!

**Meals:** The price of the program covers all breakfasts, lunches and dinners, excluding alcohol. On the trail, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided for all but one dinner. Participants will be responsible for one dinner on the trail, any additional snacks or meals off the trail while traveling to and from Ireland.

**Weather:** Be prepared for warm, sunny days, mixed with typical Irish mist, rain, and cloud cover. Average temperatures at this time of year range from 45 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Physical Preparation:** You do not need to be a top notch athlete to participate on this program, but proper preparation will make the trip much more enjoyable. Exercising 3-5 days a week and walking with a light pack to get used to the weight are great ways to prepare. No prior experience hiking is required, and all backcountry skills and expectations will be covered during the trip.

**Health and Medical & Release of Liability:** We require each participant to fill out medical/liability forms for Gettysburg College and for any contracted services who request similar documentation. We can provide information on short term insurance that covers baggage, accident/life, and trip cancellation which is required for our international programs. Please contact us if you have any questions.

**Cancellation of Trips:** We reserve the right to cancel trips due to lack of participants, State Department warnings, or natural occurrences that may be potentially hazardous. If you cancel the trip more than 60 days before the departure date, you will receive a full refund minus the \$150 deposit. If cancellation occurs 45 -60 days prior to the departure date a 50% refund is available. If cancellation occurs 21 - 44 days prior to the trip a 25% refund will be available. There will be no refunds for cancellations made within 21 days of the expedition.