



Down to Earth

"Earth science learning for all"

The Dingle Peninsula, Ireland May 31 - June 7 2020



A word from your leaders...

The Dingle Peninsula is one of those magical parts of the West of Ireland that everyone should visit at least once in their lives. It encompasses all that's special about Ireland and Irish geology. The pace is relaxed beyond belief and the people are most friendly. Nobody travels anywhere in a hurry in these parts which means that everyone can take in the views. And what views they are! Whilst most of the time will be spent on the Dingle Peninsula, taking in the splendid geology and structures, we will go a little further afield to the famous Ring of Kerry to take in these majestic peaks. We'll be making use of Brian Williams's great new guide book and map and we hope that the man himself will be able to join us.

We'll be spending the entire week in the community of Dingle Town, which although it's the largest community on the peninsula, is little more than a large village. Our base is the lovely Alpine Guesthouse, which has hosted groups of geologists on previous occasions. Evening meals will be taken in a local pub in Dingle Town.

We will either have use of a hired minibus driven by Colin, or else a local hired minicoach during this trip.

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Getting to the Dingle Peninsula

The nearest airport is Kerry, but this has a very scant service. Much better is Cork, which is served from most UK airports by Ryanair and Aer Lingus, as well as some of the UK budget airlines. Once the trip is confirmed, we will give you a preferred arrival time slot so that we can meet everyone at Cork Airport to take them to Dingle Town on the first day and then return you to the airport at the end of the week.

Getting Around

We will either have the use of a 17-seater minibus, in the capable hands of my friend and colleague Colin Schofield, or if numbers warrant it, we may need to hire an additional car, or else a small coach from a local firm. If you are able to help us by driving a car, please indicate on the booking form.

Walking

Whilst some of the terrain is rough, we do not intend doing anything particularly difficult or daunting. We'll get you as close as possible to the relevant sites and will, in almost every case, involve minimal walking distances. Everything therefore should be within the capabilities of all the party. We'll also take it at a leisurely pace. However, if at any time you wish to 'opt out' that will be fully acceptable and understood. In view of the uncertainties of the weather you are strongly advised to bring waterproofs and walking boots – particularly as you may be walking over some rough ground.

Accommodation & Food

Good food and a good night's rest are important elements of our trips and we work hard to bring you the best local accommodation. On the recommendation of Brian Williams we are this time staying in the Alpine Guesthouse which offers excellent en-suite accommodation in comfortable rooms. We will take evening meals in one of the local pub restaurants in Dingle Town.



All of the hotel's rooms are well equipped and offer en suite facilities. We'll be taking all our main meals in the hotel. Packed lunches will be sourced locally for each field day.

Single accommodation is available, but is limited and subject to a modest supplement.

We are happy to help anyone looking for someone of the same sex to share a twin bedded room – simply indicate on the booking form.

The Geology

This comes from material released at the launch of **“Geology of the Dingle Peninsula - a field guide”** in 2018:

“The geological history of the Dingle Peninsula started 485 million years ago when Ireland was south of the equator. The rocks track our movement northwards through shallow seas, volcanic activity, deep ocean and tropical conditions. They also show evidence of mountain building events, faulting, folding, and fossil remains of life. The landscape we see today is due to the presence of glaciers in the last 2.5 million years. The Dingle Peninsula is special to geologists because its amazing and complex story is accessible along the coast over a relatively short distance. The geology of the area and the work of the Atlantic Ocean have given Kerry its special coastline, loved by local people and visitors alike.”

In our field week we'll be sampling the fabulous geology and beautiful scenery of the area.

Itinerary

Although not fixed in stone, the following is a guide to what we should be able to see and do:-

- Dunquin Harbour and, weather permitting, a boat trip to the Blasket Islands - weather permitting
- Fossiliferous Silurian rocks of Ferriter's Cove
- Fabulous coastal scenery of Clogher Strand
- The cliffs of Clogher Head and its environs
- Devonian rocks of northwest Dingle
- Rocks and glaciated landscapes of Derrymore Glen Geological Trail
- Devonian sandstones and structures of Traban Harbour

Cost

For 2 people sharing a double or twin room, the cost of the 7-night trip will be £1195.00 per person; for single rooms, the cost will be £1395.00 per person. (Maximum of 4 rooms.)

NB As this trip is taking place within the EU, there may be currency fluctuations. This price is based on an exchange rate of around 1.15 Euro to the £. Should the rate drop below 1.10, we reserve the right to increase the price by not more than 5%.

What's included in the cost?

- The services of Chris Darmon, Colin Schofield and possibly Brian Williams as tutors, who will be available to you at all reasonable times
- Accommodation and meals as specified in the brochure



- All travel in the minibus or minicoach
- Ferry fares to and from the Blasket Islands
- Admission to any museum or attraction as offered to the group

What's excluded from the cost?

- The cost of travel between your home and Cork Airport and return
- Travel insurance
- Incidental expenses

Insurance

Everyone booking a place and paying a deposit is strongly advised to take out holiday insurance. This can cover you against loss of money in the event of cancellation etc. Cover is often included in with your credit card or bank account.

Booking

Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of either a deposit of £300.00 per person or the full payment and a completed booking form. The balance will be payable not later than February 29th, 2020.



The trip will run subject to a minimum of 15 people signing up by January 31st 2020.

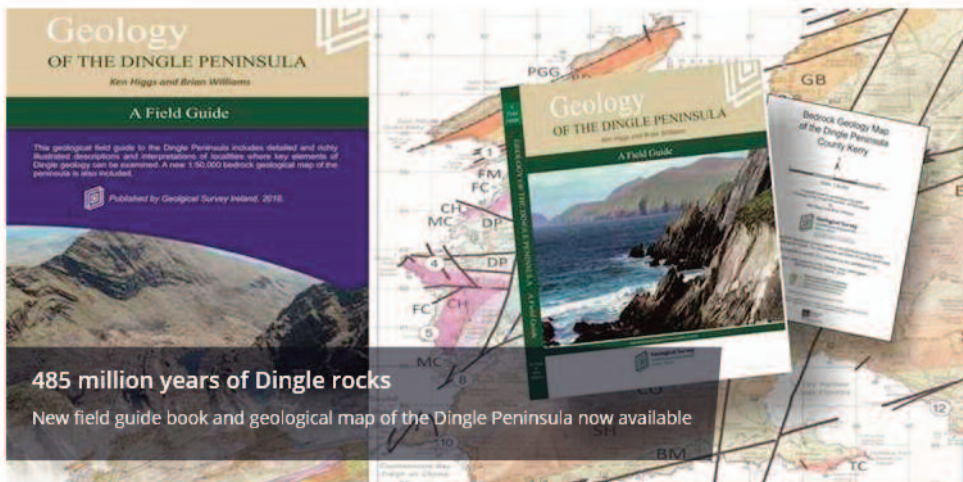
Your money...

Upon receipt, all monies paid for these trips are placed in a specific 'client trust account' where it cannot be drawn by us until after completion of the tour. This is in accordance with EU Directives and ensures that your money is safe in the unlikely event of corporate failure by Geo Supplies.

Any Questions?

Please ring Chris Darmon on 0114 2455746 or email: downtoearth@geosupplies.co.uk

if you have any questions or queries. I'll do my best to help you.



485 million years of Dingle rocks
New field guide book and geological map of the Dingle Peninsula now available

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