NORTHERN EXTREME IRISH LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

This tour starts in the second half of August each year. A 9 day tour covering the upper west coast, north and upper east coasts of Ireland, on the way meeting people involved in the lighthouse service and spending nights at a lighthouse. Starting at The Clare Inn near Ennis with a evening meal and my slide show we head north to Galway to view Mutton Island lighthouse, and then travel up through Connemara to Blacksod in County Mayo for 2 nights. In this location there are 4 lighthouses, all within easy reach. Then its on up the west coast to Sligo to view the Metal Man, and Blackrock. We spend the night in Killybegs up in County Donegal. Close by are St. Johns and Rotten Island lighthouses, and one of the biggest fishing harbours in the country.



Our next day we tour County Donegal seeking out the lighthouses that are spread over this wonderful county, finishing near Malin Head for the night. We then cross over by ferry to Northern Ireland on our way to Rathlin Island, crossing over from Ballycastle. Our bed for the following 3 nights will be at Blackhead lighthouse north east of Belfast, high up on a cliff looking out at bonnie Scotland. Whilst staying there we get to visit the Giant's Causeway and local rope bridge, and going into Belfast to view the harbour and historical place where the Titanic was constructed.



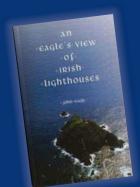
Our last full day sees us travelling down the east coast to Howth, near Dublin. On the way south we will see St. Johns County Down and numerous other lighthouses along the way. On the final day we get to view the Baily lighthouse which overlooks Dublin Bay.

The tour cost includes all places to stay and breakfast, supper on the first evening, slide show, visits to all lighthouses, the cost of the minibus, driver and myself

Full details about the tour can be found at: www.johneaglephoto.com/northernlhtour.htm

BOOKS, PRINTS AND POSTCARDS OF IRISH LIGHTHOUSES

I am the author of two books on Irish lighthouses:



'An Eagle's View of Irish Lighthouses' was produced in 1999 and launched at the Maritime Museum in Dún Laoghaire by Tom MacSweeney who was the then RTÉ Chief Maritime Correspondent.

The book covered 50 of the lighthouses, which at the time was all I had photographed.

It was designed so it could be rolled up in your pocket to be taken on your tour to visit the lighthouses. The book is now out of print but dwindling stocks are available at www.johnEaglePhotography.com

In 2010 The Collins Press of Cork produced my second book, also launched by Tom MacSweeney.

This book covers all the major lighthouses of Ireland and many of the smaller ones. A larger book to my first, it has been beautifully designed by The Collins Press and is available in all major book stores in Ireland and across the UK. Signed copies are available off my website



I was the first person to make a postcard of all the major lighthouses of Ireland. These are available off my website as a complete set of 99 (plus one signed by me) or in county sets and individually. The postcards have detailed information on their backs, and all are in colour Prints of my photography can be ordered in a variety of sizes at:

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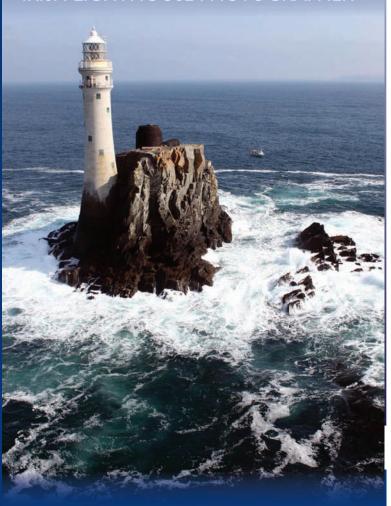
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IRISH LIGHTHOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER



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LIGHTHOUSE WORKSHOPS

Spend a few days learning about photography in a lighthouse with me, soaking up the atmosphere of the Keeper's Cottage and the ever present revolving lantern right outside the door.



Galley Head watches over the South Coast between the Fastnet and the Old Head of Kinsale. The location is close to civilisation without being dominated by it. Self catering is on offer but should you long for a restaurant meal it isn't that far away in the lovely County Cork town of Clonakilty. This workshop can take a maximum of 8 people. A minibus can be easily arranged for local tours. The same applies to Loop Head, which is much more isolated, out on the tip of a stunningly beautiful headland in County Clare.



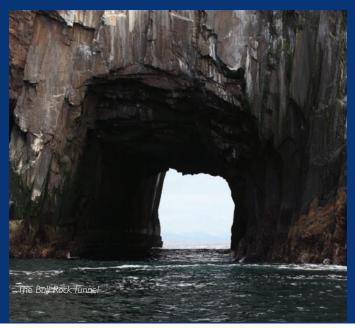
Both locations are rich in heritage and maintained by the Irish Landmark Trust who specialise in restoring old buildings and making them habitable. Apart from a television all mod cons are discreetly available. Books on the shelves, pictures on the wall, date back to a bygone era and will make you feel you are living in the past. Wooden floors, metal beds and ever so warm duvets. With no televisions available we spend the evenings chatting about photography and telling stories.

For more information please visit my website http://www.johneaglephoto.com/lhtour.html

SOUTHERN EXTREME IRISH LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

This takes place at the end of June each year. I choose this time of the year because the schools have for the most part finished and the puffins are at Skellig Michael. During the tour we meet present and retired members of the Irish Lighthouse Service, talking at length about what their lives involved on the lonely rocks minding the light. We also do four boat trips.

This is an 8 day tour visiting 6 counties for 8 people. We meet up at The Clare Inn for supper and my slide show on the first evening, then we spend the next 8 days touring the counties. The first day is in Clare, visiting the Aran Island of Inisheer (which is actually in County Galway!) then a guided tour of Loop Head and back along the south coast where the now discontinued lighthouse Kilcredaun stands.



Day 2 we go to County Kerry, to see Tarbert, Little Samphire Island and Cromwell Point lighthouses. The following day we go out to Skellig Michael, where the puffins await to greet us, and view the lighthouses present and discontinued from the sea. We land for a walk up to the beehive monastic settlement and take in the marvellous views. Day 3 we are on the Beara Peninsula for a thrilling high speed boat trip from Castletownbere to the Bull Rock, passing through the famous tunnel, then viewing the ruin of the Calf Rock and the ultra modern new light at Roancarrig.

The following day we go to Gougane Barra, the source of the River Lee, then on to Galley Head lighthouse where we spend the next two nights in the Keeper's Cottage. Either that evening or the following day we go to the Fastnet Rock lighthouse and visit the Mizen Head to walk over the award winning bridge that crosses a totally awesome gorge. We also see Crookhaven lighthouse.



After 2 nights at Galley Head we drive to County Wexford to visit Hook Head lighthouse for a guided tour. This is Ireland's oldest working lighthouse. We will also see Duncannon Fort and Duncannon North lighthouses and Ballinacourty. On our final day after spending the night in Youghal we view the lighthouse there and then head to Ballycotton and Roche's Point lighthouses.

The tour cost includes all places to stay and breakfast, supper on the first evening, slide show, visits to all lighthouses, the cost of the minibus, driver and myself.

Full details about the tour can be found at: www.johneaglephoto.com/southernlhtour.htm