



Adventures in Mind

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2025 Adventure #2: Legendary and Literary Ireland

Location: Dublin, near Galway, and near Sligo

Dates: June 2025 – exact dates to be determined

Group Leaders: Dr. Steve Lane and Deborah Lane/Regan McKeever

The tour focuses on the rich cultural history of Ireland and its importance in Ireland's national identity, seen through the life and works of the poet W. B. Yeats. There are three main themes. First, the rich legends of a pre-literate Ireland, which Yeats was heavily attracted to and influenced by in his early writing career. Second, his own involvement in the movement of Irish cultural development near the end of the 19th-century and into the early 20th-century. Third, the politics of Irish independence as manifested in and around The Rising of 1916 and subsequent events, and Yeats's own participation in the Irish Senate. As we "study" these three themes, we will be "touring" three main sites, all associated with Yeats – and other Irish literary figures: Dublin, near Galway, and near Sligo. Yeats was born in a suburb of Dublin; he spent boyhood summers near Sligo; his friendship with Lady Gregory led him to many visits at Coole Park near Galway, and in his married life, he bought and restored an old Norman tower near there.

Cost: to be determined. This will not include airfare to and from Dublin or most of your meals; it will include ground transportation, accommodation, all admissions, group dinners and all educational activities.

A full itinerary will appear here later in the year. adventuresinmind.org