

Celtic Soul Journeys

Presents

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Blessings

A TRIP FOR YOUR SOUL IN IRELAND!

JUNE 16-26, 2018

This custom designed trip to Ireland is a unique offering organized by Amantha Murphy, Celtic Shaman from Ireland in cooperation with Terri O'Hara, Animal Communicator from the United States. This tour provides excitement, pampering, learning, laughing and spiritual expansion throughout the amazing and fun filled eleven days.



Amantha shares her joyful spirit. Terri shares her playful spirit.

TO WALK IN PILGRIMAGE – to hear the call and our soul's response. To walk awhile in consciousness. To move into a place of union with the Divine. To fill the ache that lies within. An ancient calling that goes beyond time and space.



We start our journey in ceremony, calling upon the Great Earth Mother in Her many faces, to guide us as we move ever gently onwards and inwards allowing the flow of Her nature to carry us forward in honour to Her sacred body.

As part of our journey upon the Way, we will gather the threads and weave ourselves whole: as powerful and light-filled Souls. We will sing and chant, we will dance and move and there will be times when we will hold the silence and bear witness. For we come together to hear the pulse of Her nature and the beat of Her Heart through the inner and outer landscapes of Herself/ourselves.

DAY 1 Saturday 16th June - 10:00am PICKUPS from Bunratty Village.

THE GRANGE STONE CIRCLE & LOUGH GUR

Lunch & Dinner Provided



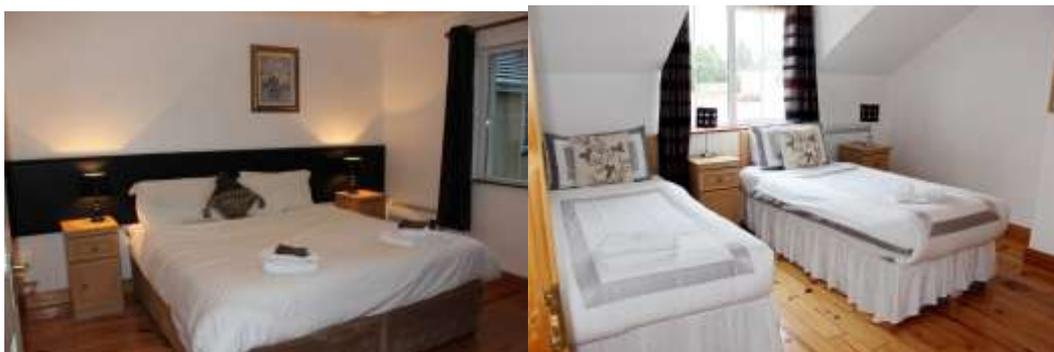
We travel down to Co. Kerry, the home of Ana/Anu, the great Mother Goddess and will be stopping at the Grange Stone Circle for our opening ceremony and visiting Lough Gur. We then move on to Killarney, stopping en-route for a blessing of the waters at Brigit's well.

The Grange Stone Circle is dedicated to Áine, Sun Goddess and Fairy Queen. It is here, at the summer solstice, that the first rays of the sun move through the two dolmen stones into the centre of the largest stone circle in Ireland. The Goddess Áine is beloved of her people and guards the land.

This circle is one of Ireland's most beautiful, comprising of 123 standing stones, with a high earth bank surrounding it, helping to maintain its otherworldly space inside. Behind the Grange Stone Circle we have Lough Gur, which Áine is believed to have formed. The stories here are of a sacred tree within the lake, which magically arises every seven years and holds the fabric of Ireland together upon her branches. The area around Lough Gur has been inhabited for at least 5,000 years and the first Neolithic houses to be found in Ireland were excavated here.

Accommodations: Muckross Holiday Cottages, Muckross Road, Killarney, Co Kerry

<http://www.muckrossholidayvillage.com>





DAY 2 Sunday, 17TH June -THE CITY, GOBNAIT AND SHEELA-NA-GIG
(Breakfast &Dinner Provided)
9.30am attunement



We will visit the city which sits at the foot of the 'Paps'. This is where one of the four great cities of the Tuatha dé Danann, the Gods and Goddesses of our land resided. The Tuatha dé Danann were known for their magic and worshipped the Mother Goddess Anu. It was here **that the ancient people** placed two cairns atop the mountains above the City and worshipped them as the breasts of the Great Mother (Paps) over five thousand years ago. (A cairn is a mound of stones built as a memorial or landmark.)

Much later, when the first Celts came and conquered the land, the four great cities of the Tuatha dé Danann arose and moved into another plane of existence. Our stories tell us they moved to below the land Herself.

From here we move on to Ballyvourney to visit Gobnait's well, one of the oldest wells of pilgrimage in Ireland and a Sheela-na-gig. Gobnait is another face of Brigit and dedicated to Bees. The Sheela-na-gig is a stone carving of a pre-Christian female idol signifying freedom and creativity. Most were broken up during the reformation and some small ones still exist around Ireland, mainly on the ruins of old churches. The Sheela-na-gig has become a symbol for many Irish women as the right to choose and is becoming re-named as the Sacred Whore.

Terri will guide us as we wrap up the day with a gathering in the living room of the Beaufort Cottages to welcome in our animal friends from home and begin conversation about the Faerie Kingdom.

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DAY 3 Monday, June 18th - INISFALLEN ISLAND. AFTERNOON VISITING A STONE CIRCLE IN KENMARE AND FINISHING AT A MAGICAL FAIRIE GLEN AND WATERWALL (Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9.00am attunement



This morning we will visit the Sacred Isle of Inisfallen, held within the lower lake of Killarney, for a ceremony. This magical Island was once a place of sacredness for Priestesses of the Goddess. It later became a center of learning and Healing. We will share our spirits with this beautiful place and allow our souls to listen.

In the afternoon we travel to Kenmare to visit a local stone circle, spend a little time in the colourful town and come back to Killarney via Moll's Gap. We then visit a Faerie Glen and Torc Waterfall for a journey into the faerie kingdom.

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DAY 4 Tuesday, June 19th-MORNING WITH TERRI, COMMUNING WITH OUR ANIMAL RELATIONS. (Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner on your own)

9.30am attunement



Today is a magical day as we start in the morning with Terri, being shown how to commune with our animal relations. We will be visiting a local stable where Terri opens our awareness to unique ways to be able to connect with the wisdom of horses.

The afternoon/evening is free time. **You will be dropped off in Killarney or at your cottage.** You might like to shop in Killarney, or visit Muckross Park and House, perhaps a walk in the National Park, the largest in Ireland. Or you may wish to return to the cottages and take quiet time for writing, rest and relaxation. Also, arrangements can be made for massages if you would like. Please let Terri know beforehand so Amantha can make arrangements.

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DAY 5 Wednesday, 20th June – GALWAY TOWN

(Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9.30am travelling upland



Today we journey upland to Boyle, county Sligo and will stop en-route in Galway Town for lunch. Galway (place of the Tribes) is a lively town upon the estuary and there are plenty of cafes and shops to visit. The evening will include a shamanic journey to your power places for learning and expanding.

We move on to our lodging with our wonderfully kind hosts Maria and Joe Duignan at **Lisserlough House, Sligo**(no website – see photos below)



DAY 6 Thursday, 21st June – TRIPLE CIRCLES, THE GLEN AND SEAWEED BATHS (Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9:00am attunement

This morning we start our day with a ceremony at the three Stone Circles, dedicated to the Maiden, Mother and the Crone. We will then enjoy lunch and go off to the depths of mother earth in a sacred place known as The Glen. We welcome in our animal spirit guides and animal companions in our hearts as we prepare to move our soul forward again. We will experience a shamanic journey into the depths of our beings in a place of betwixt and between.





We conclude our day by immersing ourselves in the deliciously warm and healing Seaweed baths in Strandhill by the Atlantic Sea.

Accommodations: Lisserlough House, Sligo(no website – see photos above)

Day 7 Friday, 22nd June—MORE PRECIOUS TIME WITH TERRI, LABYRINTH & TRADITIONAL HARP MUSIC

(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Provided)

9:00am attunement

This morning we have the unique opportunity with Terri assisting us with communing with our personal animal companions. Bring photos and learn to ‘hear’ them and understand them more deeply.



Later we will walk a private Labyrinth and listen to Irish stories and magical harp music at the home of the Bard John Wilmot and his partner, Harpist, Claire Roache. We will also enjoy a delicious home-made country style Irish meal.

Accommodations:Lisserlough House,Sligo(no website – see photos above)

DAY 8 Saturday, 23rd June –Tlachtga and Tailtiu while travelling across land to Co. Meath

(Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9:00am attunement



Today we travel across land towards the East. We share stories and wisdom of the ancient ways that are lost by many. We stop en-route to visit the Hill of Ward, place of Tlachtga. On then to Kells, for lunch and visit Telltown, the burial place to Tailtiu.

Tlachtga was the daughter of Mogh Roith. They were known as the first Druids in Eiru and although the early Christians accepted the role of Mogh Roith, they never came to terms with his daughter who was an out and out feminist as well as Druid/Magician who could shape-shift. It was said that she had a school for Priestesses and taught the women herself. Tlachtga was also against the new beliefs rigorously. Tlachtga was buried under the Hill of Ward near, Athboy. It was said that the 'Great Ones' moved the hill through sound and put her body under it. The Hill was known to be the main centre for the Druids. As Tlachtga was buried within the Hill of Ward, the hill belonged to Munster, as Tlachtga was from Munster and levy had to be paid to Munster for quite a while over this. This site is dedicated to Samhain and some see Tlachtga as the 'Dark Goddess'.

Tailtiu was the Foster-mother of Lugh our Sun God and she was a Firbolg Goddess who first brought agriculture to the land of Ireland. She was given Lugh to breastfeed and foster by his mother Ana and father, the Dagda. Tailtiu became so beloved by Lugh that he started great games in her honour, in what was known as Telltown, named after Tailtiu. Tailtiu is now buried under the hill fort in Telltown.

Accommodations: Boyne View Farmhouse, Meath, www.boyneview.ie



DAY 9 Sunday, 24th June – Loughcrew and Tara

(Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9.00am attunement



Loughcrew Passage cairn is on the hill of Sliabh na Calli - the 'hill of the hag', spider or witch, as is often referred to in these latter days. The main cairn is magnificent with the interior stones having the Neolithic hieroglyphs. The back stone of the chamber is illuminated by a beam of light at sunrise, on the Spring and Autumnal Equinoxes.

The Equinox Stone in the Hag's Cairn is of similar design to Newgrange. It has been traditionally described as a Passage Tomb and place of ritual. Outside of the main cairn is the Hags Seat, where the elder of the clan would sit for her tribe to receive illumination for the people.

Tara is the Royal Centre of Ireland and it was here that the High Kings/Chieftains were crowned. It was the place of the Ban Fheis - the sacred marriage of the Goddess and the King (Green Man) which brought the bonding of the people to the land.

The Priestesses of Maebh would lie with a chosen chieftain and he would be the head Chieftain for the year. Great enclosures are embedded here and held the Stone of Destiny, which screamed when the rightful heir to the Irish land touched it. We will also visit the faerie tree and the sacred well as part of our closing.

We will wrap up our day back at our accommodations with a closing circle and celebration of your newly enlivened soul!

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Day 10 Sunday 25th June – BRUNA BOINNE

(Breakfast & Dinner Provided)

9:00am attunement

Today we visit the World Heritage Centre of the BrúnaBóinne, home to Newgrange, Knowth and Dowth. We will enter these spectacular world famous Neolithic tombs and see their megalithic art. These cairns are the largest earth-chambers in Europe at over 5,000 years old, approximately 2,000 years older than the great Pyramid and were a place of ritual used by the peoples of that time to connect to the Gods. The winter solstice sunrise enters the cairn of Newgrange from the 20th-23rd Dec. Home of the Dagda, the Great Father God.



Knowth, with its 17 satellite small cairns surrounding it, is equally impressive, and is thought to have been built 500 years before Newgrange. It has a splendid array of decorated stones found to be engraved both within the cairn, where it could not be seen by those within as well as outside. The cairns are built of granite - dark and warm, even on the coldest day and quartz - white and cold, even on the warmest day. Even to this day archaeologists can only surmise how these cairns were built and how these huge boulders were moved.

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Day 11 Monday, June 26th- Dublin

FLIGHTS OUT FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT (B) Drop off at 10.30am

A sad farewell 'til we meet again....

Cost: \$3,300 per person – (If you pay by checks, the price is \$3,200). Deposit of \$1,100 must be received upon booking to guarantee your reservation. Please contact Terri with verbal commitment and arrangements for payment. 541-484-2020, animalwize@aol.com

Second payment of \$1,100 is due January 15, 2018 and third/final payment of \$1,100 (or \$1,000 if paying by check) is due March 15, 2018.

The cost includes all accommodations, all breakfasts, 9 dinners of the 10 days, 2 lunches, entrance fees, transport, seaweed baths, Shamanic teachings, Animal Communication teachings, transportation to the airport for departure.

For those traveling solo: Accommodations the first 4 nights include your own beautiful room! This is a big deal in Europe where everything is small – we are pleased to offer these arrangements for your comfort ☺. The remaining 6 nights of the tour are shared occupancy with twin beds.

Flights and insurance are not included. You can go to InsureMyTrip.com to search for an insurance policy that meets your needs. You must purchase travel insurance. If you need to purchase a policy that covers a variety of possibilities, some companies require you to purchase the policy within 24 hours of booking the tour. Terri can help with this process when making your reservation.

***IMPORTANT:** You will be flying into Shannon and out from Dublin Airports, so be sure to make your flight reservations accordingly.

NOTE: This trip requires an overnight flight to Ireland with early morning arrival. We strongly suggest you arrive a day early to rejuvenate from your travels. The tour begins on June 16, 2018. Suggested lodging at Bunratty Courtyard Guesthouse in Bunratty Village. You can get a taxi from the airport to the village. It's less than 15 minutes from the airport. Terri will help coordinate travellers arriving at similar times to share a taxi. The village itself is worth walking around. You have Bunratty Castle and Folk Village good for stretching your legs in the afternoon. There are two pubs who offer meals plus traditional music in the evening, an organized dinner at the castle, and a small restaurant right next to the Guesthouse. Website is www.bunrattycourtyard.com. – you must book & pay directly - if you want to share a room, tell Terri.



Rain or Shine We Promise You A Good Time!

With Bright Irish Blessings ~ Terri & Amantha