Welcome

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the Inaugural Surgical Abdominal Consensus Conference, in Dublin. The program will bring together those at the cutting edge of surgery and critical care to provide leading opinions and techniques on managing the critical abdomen.

These opinions combined with the latest literature and scientific evidence will lead to consensus guidelines being produced. The organising committee, mainly WSES and also WSACS, welcome Acelity's educational support on Friday 22nd and our other sponsors for the rest of the conference. The venue will be in the historic buildings of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland right in the heart of the Dublin's vibrant city centre.

This exciting day will deal the evolution of the open abdomen, embracing new techniques in maintaining the abdominal domain, dealing with difficulty conditions particularly Pancreatitis and Tertiary Peritonitis. Experts will share their knowledge in how to obtain closure. Finally there will be a fistulae workshop to help deal with that difficult are.

We would invite you to consider staying for Saturday’s Intra-abdominal Infection Consensus Conference. There will also be two further exciting days next week in beautiful Donegal should you wish to extend your knowledge vacation(knacation)!

Welcome and please consider submitting you latest research to Saturday’s meeting.

Organising Committee

Luca Ansaloni                  Fausto Catena                  Federico Coccolini                  Andy Kirkpatrick                  Massimo Sartelli                  Michael Sugrue

International Panel
(Subject to confirmation)

Fikri Abu-Zidan (Arab Emirates)  Vanni Agnoletti (Italy)  Luca Ansaloni (Italy)  Marja Boermeester (Netherlands)
Mark Bowyer (USA)  Walter Biffi (USA)  Fausto Catena (Italy)  Osvaldo Chiara (Italy)
Federico Coccolini (Italy)  Marc De Moya (USA)  Cristian Eckmann (Germany)  Jan De Waele (Belgium)
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Mark Malangoni (USA)  Addison May (USA)  John Mazuski (USA)  Rita Melottti (Italy)
Dominique Monnet (France)  Philippe Montravers (France)  Ernest E Moore (USA)  Frederick A Moore (USA)
Federico Pea (Italy)  Andrew Peitzman (USA)  Bruno Pereira (Brazil)  Sandy Rizoli (Brazil)
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Jan Ulrych (Czech Republic)  Jean-Louis Vincent (Belgium)  George Velmahos (USA)  Pierluigi Viale (Italy)

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# CRITICAL SURGICAL ABDOMEN
## CONSENSUS CONFERENCE
### FRIDAY JULY 22nd 2016, DUBLIN, IRELAND
WSES/WSACS Sponsored by Acelity

## INDICATIONS AND BENEFITS OF OPEN ABDOMEN IN NON-TRAUMA PATIENTS

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WSES INTRA-ABDOMINAL INFECTION CONSENSUS CONFERENCE
SATURDAY JULY 23rd 2016, DUBLIN, IRELAND

VENUE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS DUBLIN
# WSES Intra-Abdominal Infection Consensus Conference

**Saturday July 23rd 2016, Dublin, Ireland**

## Time | Session Title | Notes
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**0800** | **Introduction**  
Massimo Sartelli (Italy), Luca Ansaloni (Italy)  
**0810** | **Lecture**  
Certainties and controversies in the management of intra-abdominal infections  
Mark Malangoni (USA)  
**0830** | **Classification**  
Massimo Sartelli (Italy)  
**0845** | **Diagnosis**  
Fikri Abu-Zidan (Arab Emirates)  
**0900** | **Peritoneal swabs: when and how**  
Jan Ulrych (Czech Republic)  
**0915** | **High-risk patients**  
Kjetil Soreide (Norway)  
**0930** | **The role of prognostic scores to predict mortality in intra-abdominal infections**  
Ewen Griffith (UK)  
**0945** | **Discussion**  
Invited to Discussion: Ari Leppäniemi (Finland)  
**1000** | **Case presentation**  
Michael Sugrue (Ireland)  
**1030** | **Second session: Source control**  
Chairs: Rao Ivatury (USA), Yoram Kluger (Israel)  
**1100** | **Principles of source control**  
John Mazuski (USA)  
**1115** | **Laparoscopic approach to intra-abdominal infections**  
Salomone Di Saverio (Italy)  
**1130** | **Relaparotomy strategy**  
Marja Boermeester (Netherlands)  
**1145** | **Damage control surgery strategy in patients with severe sepsis**  
Fausto Latena (Italy)  
**1200** | **Discussion**  
Invited to Discussion: Ron Maier (USA)  
**1215** | **Case presentation**  
Jeffry Kashuk (Israel)  
**1240** | **Third session: Antimicrobial therapy**  
Chair: Frederick Moore (USA), Mark Malangoni (USA)  
**1330** | **Principles of antimicrobial therapy**  
Pierluigi Viale (Italy)  
**1345** | **Antimicrobial resistance in intra-abdominal infections. Impact and treatment**  
Cristian Eckmann (Germany)
1400  Intra-abdominal candidiasis. Impact and treatment
Philippe Montravers (France)

1415  The antimicrobial armamentarium to treat antimicrobial therapy
Maddalena Giannella (Italy)

1430  Duration of antimicrobial therapy
Federico Coccolini (Italy)

1445  Interventions to improve antibiotic prescribing practices for patients with intra-abdominal infections
Addison May (USA)

1500  Discussion
Invited to Discussion: John Mazuski (USA)

Jury panel: Vanni Agnoletti (Italy), Luca Ansaloni (Italy), Walter Biffl (USA), Gustavo Fraga (Brazil), Giovanni Gordini (Italy), Rao Ivatury (USA), Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada), Yoram Kluger (Israel), Vladimir Khokha (Belarus), Mark Malangoni (USA), Rita Melotti (Italy), Ernest E Moore (USA), Andrew Peitzman (USA), Michael Sugrue (Ireland)

1515  Case presentation
Osvaldo Chiara (Italy)

1535  Afternoon Coffee

1600  Lecture
Antimicrobial resistance in Europe
Dominique Monnet (European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC))

Fourth session: Critically ill patients
Chairs: George Velmahos (USA), Luca Ansaloni (Italy)

1615  Intra-abdominal infections in the intensive care unit: determinants of outcome
De Waele (Belgium)

1630  Appropriate antimicrobial therapy in critically ill patients
Federico Pea (Italy)

1645  Management of abdominal sepsis
Jean-Louis Vincent (Belgium)

1700  Role of the Adjunctive therapies
Massimo Girardis (Italy)

1715  Inflammatory mediators in intra-abdominal sepsis
Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada)

1730  Discussion
Invited to Discussion: Rita Melotti (Italy)

Jury panel: Vanni Agnoletti (Italy), Luca Ansaloni (Italy), Walter Biffl (USA), Gustavo Fraga (Brazil), Giovanni Gordini (Italy), Rao Ivatury (USA), Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada), Yoram Kluger (Israel), Vladimir Khokha (Belarus), Mark Malangoni (USA), Rita Melotti (Italy), Ernest E Moore (USA), Andrew Peitzman (USA), Michael Sugrue (Ireland)

1745  Winner Free paper

1745  Conclusions
Michael Sugrue (Ireland), Massimo Sartelli (Italy)

Jury panel: Mark Malangoni (USA) (President), Luca Ansaloni (Italy), Walter Biffl (USA), Gustavo Fraga (Brazil), Giovanni Gordini (Italy), Rao Ivatury (USA), Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada), Yoram Kluger (Israel), Vladimir Khokha (Belarus), Ari Leppanenemi (Finland), Ron Maier (USA), Rita Melotti (Italy), Ernest E Moore (USA), Andrew Peitzman (USA), Michael Sugrue (Ireland), George Velmahos (USA), Vanni Agnoletti (Italy), Giovanni Gordini (Italy), Vladimir Khokha (Belarus)
WSES EMERGENCY SURGERY PERFORMANCE QUALITY AND OUTCOME CONSENSUS SUMMIT
MONDAY JULY 25th 2016, LOUGH ESKE CASTLE, DONEGAL, IRELAND

VENUE
LOUGH ESKE CASTLE, DONEGAL
**Aim**

This Summit will set in place the foundation for the International systems, collaboration benchmarking and outcome measures to improve outcomes in Acute Care and Emergency Surgery patients.

**Key Suggested Topics**

- **Resources and Designation of Emergency Surgery Service**
  Truskitt Velmahos Mealy

- **Acute Care Unit Structure**
  Ansaloni Maier & Moore

- **Reception and Triage**
  Coccolini Soreide F Moore

- **Data systems, registry and evaluation**
  Boermeester Peitzman Coccolini

- **Interaction and connectivity with Laboratory, Radiology Operating theatre**
  Leppaniemi MacMahon O Kane DeWaele

- **Disease specific management guidelines**
  Luca Ansaloni (Italy) Cholecystitis
  Paul Balfe (Ireland) Diverticulitis
  Walter Biffl (USA) Major Bleeding
  Salomone Di Saverio (Italy) Appendicitis
  Rao Ivatury (USA)
  Jeff Kashuk (Israel)
  Barry Kelleher (Ireland Gastroenterology) GI Bleeding
  Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada)
  Yoram Kluger (Israel)
  Ari Leppaniemi (Finland) Pancreatitis
  Debbie McNamara (Ireland) Large Bowel Obstruction
  Carlos Mesquita Perforated Ulcer
  Bruno Pereira (Brazil) Small Bowel Obstruction
  Massimo Sartelli (Italy)
  Kjetil Soreide (Norway)
  Chris Steele (Ireland Gastroenterology)
  Michael Sugrue (Ireland)
  Scott Thomas (USA) Mesenteric Ischemia

- **Quality Assurance and Performance improvement and Innovation**
  Huddart Frago Hodgetts

- **Sepsis control in Emergency Room**
  Sartelli Ivatury Kluger Malangoni

- **Research in Acute care Surgery**
  Catena Kirkpatrick Maier

- **Education**
  Sugrue Bowyer Lawler

- **Patient related outcomes measures**
  Drake Maier Bendinilli

**Methodology**

In constituting this expert meeting, panels will be formed in a multidisciplinary fashion to including general and critical care surgeons, emergency physicians, radiologists, intensivists gastroenterologists, nursing and health planners. This meeting while lead by World Society of Emergency Surgery and hosted by Donegal Clinical Research Academy, it will embrace all lead organizations in the provision of Emergency and Acute Care Surgery, included European Society Trauma Emergency Surgery, the learning Colleges and many other Societies.
The goal of the consensus summit will be to draw up a preliminary discussion documents with recommendations on the various aspects of the development of Acute Care and Emergency Surgery. It will in place the path for a consolidated future discussion for this vital area in Health Care, and lay the way to reduce variability and improve outcomes.

The expert panels will review the scientific data, assessing existing practice and supporting evidence and expert opinion, A consensus statement will be drafted and published in World Journal of Emergency Surgery that will address the future directions of Acute Care and Emergency surgery planning and outcomes.

In order to elaborate a first draft of the summary document, we are asking to the expert panel to send us an abstract for each key question with one or two statements and a brief explanation of the statements including the most significant references by January 1st.

The statements will be formulated and graded according to the Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) hierarchy of evidence from Guyatt and colleagues [1], summarized in the table below.

The first draft of the summary document will be sent to all participants by April 1st 2016.

A multidisciplinary jury panel of experts, will read the first draft of the summary document and will be able to send any comments by June 1st 2016. The coordinator will direct the comments to the experts by June 30 2016.

During the consensus conference, on July 25 2016, the document will be debated and definitively accepted.

By August 30 2016 the coordinator of the Consensus Conference will send to all participants the second draft of the summary document.

It will be reviewed by all participants and approved by September 30 2016.

Before the submission an English reviewer will edit the definitive draft.

Thank you again

The promoter committee

Michael Sugrue (coordinator of the consensus conference)  Marja Boermeester  Massimo Sartelli
Luca Ansaloni  Fausto Catena  Phil Truskett
Andy Peitzman  George Velmahos

Jury panel

Mark Malangoni (USA)  Ari Leppaniemi (Finland)  Jonathon Tilsed (UK)
Luca Ansaloni (Italy)  L Lawler (Ireland)  Phil Truskett (Australia)
Walter Biffl (USA)  Andrew K Kirkpatrick (Canada)  C Steele (Ireland)
Anne Drake (Ireland)  Yoram Kluger (Israel)  Peter MacMahon (Ireland)
Gustavo Fraga (Brazil)  Ernest E Moore (USA)  Tim Hodgetts (UK)
Rao Ivatury (USA)  Frederick A Moore (USA)

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Future discussion planning for framework of KPI's in Acute Care Surgery

KPI's will have been circulated as part of Summit Proceeding prior to meeting. Each topic will have 10 KPI's. These will have been voted the attendees prior to meeting.

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Disease Specific Process and Outcome Provisional (Subject to confirmation)

- Appendicitis
  - Di Saverio
- Cholecystitis
  - Ansaloni
- Pancreatitis
  - Leppaniemi
- Perforated Ulcer
  - Mesquita
- Upper GI Bleeding
  - Kelleher
- Lower GI Bleeding
  - Steele
- Small Bowel Obstruction
  - Pereira
- Large Bowel Obstruction
  - McNamara
- Diverticulitis
  - Balf
- Mesenteric Ischaemia
  - Kashuk
- Abdominal Vascular emergencies
  - Thomas
- Septic shock in Emergency
  - Sartelli
- Septic shock in ICU
  - Malangoni

Triage
- Laboratory (Emergency Bloods)

Radiology
- Gastroenterology (Bleeders)

ICU (Admission)

Emergency Theatre

Health Care Systems

1200-1210 Patient related outcomes measures
Drake Maier Bendinilli
Welcome to the 11th Emergency Abdominal Surgery Course. EASC was held in Letterkenny Donegal in May 2012 and the most recent in Coimbra Portugal and Torreveija Spain Athens in December 2015. This course builds on its success and is further enhanced by an international faculty who are leaders in Emergency Surgery.

EASC has evolved into a world leading course in Emergency Abdominal Surgery. EASC curriculum focuses on the acute abdomen, in a multidisciplinary shared learning approach. This course is new focusing on more complex consultant decisions. It will bring you a level of discussion you have not heard before and enhance your ability on-duty as a surgeon, gastroenterologist or radiologist; either as a trainee or a specialist. This course is about decision making and management for common emergencies.

It is endorsed as part of WSES's educational program in Emergency Surgery.

--- Course Goals

Understanding the natural history of key emergency surgery presentations, with emphasis on decision making and operative/intervention tips and traps to optimise outcome. This coupled with a manual containing lectures and the latest literature and abstracts will ensure your patients are getting optimal outcomes.

--- Who should attend?

If you treat or manage a patient with an acute abdomen this course is a must for you!

Donegal Clinical Research Academy would like to thank the Colleges, Trade and RCSI in particular for their support and the sponsors without whom we could not share this course with you.

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11th EMERGENCY ABDOMINAL SURGERY COURSE
TUESDAY JULY 26th 2016, LOUGH ESKE CASTLE, DONEGAL, IRELAND

FACULTY 34 WORLD LEADERS IN EMERGENCY ABDOMINAL SURGERY + RADIOLOGY + GASTROENTEROLGY

ASGBl
Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland

WSES
World Society for Emergency Surgery

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International Federation of the American Colleges of Surgeons

General Surgeons Australia

Donegal Clinical and Research Academy

WSACS
World Society for Abdominal Compartment Syndrome

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IRELAND
The island of Ireland is the most westerly island in Europe, it is 450 km long and 300 km wide and is divided into the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Ireland enjoys a rich diversity of ethnic groups and cultures. English is spoken by everyone in Ireland and in some areas Irish is spoken also.

DUBLIN
Dublin is Ireland's capital city and was founded by the Vikings in 841. The city is steeped in history and buzzing with energy. Medieval, Georgian and modern architecture provide a backdrop to a friendly cosmopolitan city. Dublin is a thriving centre for culture and is home to a great musical and literary tradition, its native sons include Shaw, Yeats, Joyce, Wilde and Beckett.

The city's attractions include castles, museums, art galleries, pubs and cafés. Within half an hour of the city are mountain walks, stately homes and gardens, numerous golf courses, sandy beaches and fishing villages. The conference venue is located right in the centre of the city and is very easy to navigate around with everything within walking distance. A city map will be provided in your delegate pack to ensure you are familiar with the city.

DONEGAL
What makes a visit to Donegal special isn’t just the raw beauty of Europe’s Highest Sea Cliffs at Sliabh Liag alone or the majesty of the Golden Eagles swooping high and low at Glenveagh National Park and Castle. It is the warmth of the people and the breath-taking landscape.

The landscape offers so much to so many with the highest sea cliffs in Europe, the best waves on the West Coast, beaches galore, great hill-walking and super cycling. The list goes on and on. And the food. Donegal does great food. There is no shortage of locally sourced fresh produce on the plates of bistro's, pubs, restaurants and hotels up and down the County.

But above all the practical things are taken care of in Donegal. It is only 90 minutes from Belfast, under 3 hours from Dublin and Galway by car. It has its own airport and is right on the door step of Derry – City of Culture 2013. It’s a perfect destination whether you are on a shoe-string budget or looking to splash out on that dream 5-star break.
VENUE
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

Dating back to 1784, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) combines the historic with the modern to offer a truly unique and elegant venue in the heart of Dublin’s city centre.

From open fires & high ornate ceilings, the original building has an air of luxury and warmth whilst the new side of the building offers a selection of rooms with a multi-purpose design within a prestigious setting.
SOCIAL PROGRAMME

We promise a warm Irish welcome and are planning a range of social events including:

---- Date: Friday 22nd July 2016
Event: Dinner in the College Hall, RCSI

With high decorative ceilings incorporating three stunning dome glass windows as well as the Minstrel’s Gallery which will feature our own traditional entertainment, the opening night of the event is set to be steeped in history and enjoyment.

---- Date: Saturday 23rd July 2016
Event: Dinner in No. 6 Kildare Street

The beautiful home to the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland since 1864, No. 6 Kildare Street blends traditional splendour with contemporary convenience and ensure you have a memorable experience.

---- Date: Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th July

Join us in Donegal and celebrate the Irish passion for good food, drink and cheer. Here you will get to experience locally sourced fresh produce in a relaxed environment which will round off WSES 2016 in true Irish style.
TOURS & EXCURSIONS

All tours are available before, during and after the conference

DUBLIN TOUR (HOP ON HOP OFF TOUR)
This fully guided tour gives you an overall flavour of our historic and ancient city. You will see examples of Dublin’s superb architecture in the Georgian Streets and Squares. This hop-on-hop-off tour has 28 stops at the top visitor attractions in Dublin. It will allow you to visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral and Christchurch Cathedral, the Guinness Storehouse and the Old Jameson Distillery. Enjoy an entertaining live English guide commentary with bags of Irish personality or audio commentary in your own language. The tour duration is approximately 90 minutes

Details: This tour runs daily, with the first tour departing at 09.30hrs.
Tickets will be sent to you in advance
Cost: €19.00 per person
Tour departs from: 14 Upper O’Connell St, Dublin 1

NEWGRANGE VALLEY OF THE KINGS TOUR (HALF DAY TOUR)
This tour is also known as the Valley of the Kings Tour. In the heart of the Boyne Valley, Co. Meath. You will visit the Bru na Boinne Visitor Centre, which will interpret the archaeological heritage of the Boyne Valley, which includes the megalithic passage tombs of Newgrange & Knowth. You will be taken on a guided tour in the tombs the oldest and largest Neolithic burial chamber in Europe (3000BC), which predates the Egyptian Pyramids. Lunch is not included, although a lunch venue will be available on the day.

Details: This tour runs every Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.
Tickets will be sent to you in advance
Cost: €34.00 per person.
Tour departs from: Check in for the tour inside the Dublin Visitor Centre at 17 Lower O’Connell Street. Please note you must be at the meeting point 20 minutes before the tour departs.

WICKLOW MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & LAKES DAY TOUR (FULL DAY TOUR)
Sit back, relax & let us take you through some of the loveliest countryside in Ireland. This tour takes you first to the stunning 6th century monastic settlement in Glendalough. Our guide will take you around the site, which boasts a 10th century conical roofed Round Tower as well as a St. Kevin’s Kitchen and Cross. The tour trail continues to the pretty village of Avoca (home to the famous drama Ballykissangel), with a stop at the famous Avoca Handweavers. There you can enjoy a stroll around the village dropping into Fitzgerald’s pub or visiting the famous Handweavers craft shop. Lunch is not included, although a lunch venue will be available on the day.

Details: This tour runs daily. Tickets will be sent to you in advance
Cost: €28.00 per person
Tour departs from: Check in for the tour inside the Dublin Visitor Centre at 17 Lower O’Connell Street. Please note you must be at the meeting point 20 minutes before the tour departs.
Cliffs of Moher
Ireland’s mighty Cliffs of Moher reign strong as one of the country’s most visited natural attractions—towering 214 meters over the Atlantic Ocean in western Ireland. The iconic cliffs run from near the village of Doolin for around 8km to Hags Head in County Clare and host the country’s most spectacular coastal walk. Carved out by a gigantic river delta around 320 million years ago, the imposing cliffs also offer incredible views, stretching over Galway Bay, the distant Twelve Pins mountain range and the northern Maumturk Mountains.

Ring of Kerry
Ireland’s most scenic tourist trail, the Ring of Kerry, runs 120 miles through some of southwestern Ireland’s most jaw-dropping landscapes. A patchwork of lush meadows, glacial lakes and heather-topped mountains, the Ring of Kerry includes highlights like the rugged Beara Peninsula and the Kerry Way—Ireland’s longest and oldest walking route. Stop off on route at the Killarney National park, a UNESCO World Heritage biosphere reserve, home to the 15th century Ross Castle and a herd of wild red deer.

The Giants Causeway
Northern Ireland’s only UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, the Giant’s Causeway is proof that Mother Nature provides the most dramatic tourist attractions. The natural wonder is comprised of around 40,000 polygonal basalt rock columns, formed by the ancient volcanic landscape and stretching along the coastline like a series of gigantic stepping stones. A Giants Causeway Day Trip from Belfast is one of the country’s most popular excursions, with visitors taking the unique opportunity to walk one of nature’s most peculiar pathways.

Skellig Islands
Ireland’s magnificent UNESCO World Heritage Skellig Islands make a worthy side trip from the popular Ring of Kerry tourist trail, a pair of small rocky mounds that rise up from the sea off the coast of Portmagee. Not only are the two islands—Skellig Michael and Little Skellig—home to a fascinating 6th-century monastic complex perched on the 230-meter high cliff top, but they also host an impressive array of birdlife. Look out for Gannets, Black Guillemots, Cormorants, Razorbills and Herring Gulls as you climb the hair-raisingly steep 600-step climb to view the monastic remains.

Aran Islands
Famous for their traditional knitted ‘Aran sweaters’ (sold all over the UK) and car-free roads, the Aran Islands are one of few places left where you can experience a traditional Irish village, unmarred by the modern developments of the mainland. Here, many locals still speak Gaelic as their first language, live in small farming communities and drive pony traps. The countryside is equally enchanting—historic forts teetering on cliff tops, endless sandy beaches and miles of rugged coastline.

Glenveagh National Park
Ireland’s second-largest National Park at 14,000 acres, Glenveagh is County Donegal’s number 1 attraction, drawing hikers and fishermen from all over the country. While you’re taking in the mountaintop views, enjoying afternoon tea in the 19th century Glenveagh Castle or fishing for salmon and trout in the glittering lakes, keep a lookout for the park’s rare wildlife. The formerly extinct Golden Eagle was reintroduced to the park in 2000 and they share their habitat with Ireland’s largest herd of red deer.

The Burren
A mind-boggling landscape of ruts, fissures and rocky mounds, walking across the Burren has been likened to walking on the moon. Sculpted through thousands of years of acid erosion, the karst landscape appears like a giant jigsaw of grikes (fissures) and clints (isolated rocks jutting from the surface), teetering 300-meters above the ocean on the coast of County Clare in western Ireland. Be sure to take a closer look as you trek over the rocks, too—the rocky terrain nurtures a surprising variety of rare plants and insects (around 700 different species), with colorful wildflowers blooming between the cracks throughout the spring.
# REGISTRATION FEES

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