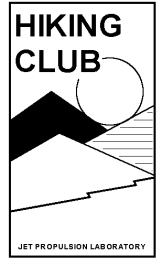


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"Late Blooming Baby Boomer Escapes U.S. at Last: A Summer 2000 Ireland Tour"

by Diane Fisher

Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at noon in 303-209

Business is booming on the Emerald Isle. Ireland is an increasingly popular destination for American and European vacationers and has become an attractive locale for high-tech industry. What this adds up to for the hapless tourist is traffic! But between the city-and-village-centered traffic jams are thousands of square miles of heartbreakingly beautiful landscapes and coastlines, relics of thousands of years of human civilization (more or less), and countless opportunities to encounter the warmth and good humor of the Irish people. And sheep. Still, lots of sheep. Everywhere.

Diane picked Ireland as her destination for her first trip abroad. Her solo trip in June, in which she drove a rental car 1400 miles (on the wrong side of the road), is documented in her slides. Come take a look. Share your own tales of Ireland. Or finish convincing yourself to plan your own Irish odyssey.

Come and bring your lunch; non-Hiking Club members especially welcome!