



Filming at the Cliffs of Moher

General Information

The Cliffs of Moher visitor centre & the surrounding visitor zone is private property in the ownership of Clare County Council. Clare County Council has established a wholly owned subsidiary company Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. to manage and operate visitor facilities and management at the Cliffs of Moher visitor centre and visitor zone.

The surrounding cliff edge area outside of the visitor zone is privately owned and no access is permitted to film or photography crews without prior written landowner permission.

The Cliffs of Moher are a Special Protected Area (SPA) and a Habitat for Wildlife under the Wildlife Act & the EU Birds (1979) and Habitats (1992) Directives. EUR & Irish legislation prohibits access to the cliff face and extreme cliff edge outside of emergency situations. This legislation also provides for a flight exclusion during the bird nesting season – see Helicopter information below.

Individuals or companies wishing to film or shoot commercial photography at the Cliffs of Moher require permission from Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. This document outlines the requirements for this permission to be granted as well as providing further information. Permission from state bodies such as Tourism Ireland, Failte Ireland or Shannon Development is not sufficient on its own and must be accompanied by permission from Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd.

Areas open to the public

Construction of a new subterranean visitor centre building and improvements to the cliff edge pathways, walls & viewing platform was completed at the Cliffs of Moher in 2007. In addition ecological reconstruction of the fragile cliff edge habitat has taken place. The visitor zone on the cliff edge which is open to the public consists of the main viewing & seating platform and pathways & platforms to the south towards Hags Head as well as the area approaching and surrounding O'Brien's Tower. O'Brien's Tower is also open to the public. However, due to Health & Safety and capacity constraints filming access to O'Brien's Tower is subject to special conditions as detailed below.

The visitor centre building underneath the grassy hillside is also open to the public. No vehicular access to the cliff edge is available unless by special arrangement. Under special circumstances it may be possible to provide vehicle access to a point near the base of the main viewing and seating platform. Hard surface paths exist to O'Brien's Tower and towards Hags Head. The gradient on these paths is quite steep in parts.

Contact Information

Requests to film or shoot commercial photography within the visitor zone should be addressed to

FILM REQUESTS

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Information Required

1. Filming/Shoot date(s) and time.
2. Date and time for location production visit and attendees
3. Number of people in film/photo crew (including actors)
4. Number and type of vehicles in the carpark
5. Type of cameras to be used (hand held, shoulder mounted, on wheels, aerial drone*)
6. Name and mobile phone number for person in charge of shoot
7. Details of the material including
 - The film/programme's subject or theme
 - An outline of the content of particular scene to be shot at the Cliffs of Moher
 - Exact location where each shot will be set up and filmed from
8. Specific indemnity letter (see below) required at least five working days prior to filming commencing. This is required for all film crews and for photograph shoots involving more than a single photographer. Sent to the postal address above

In case of short notice a legible faxed or scanned and emailed copy is acceptable.

Please fax for attention of Cliffs of Moher Centre to +353 65 7086142

9. Written confirmation from an authorized person that the company will comply with the requirements itemised in this document.

*Prior to undertaking any aerial filming, photography or survey permission must be sought from the flight operations department of the Irish Aviation Authority (IAA) – details are available at www.iaa.ie This documentation is required before permissions will be granted by the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience.

Special Note

Permission to film or shoot commercial photographs at the Cliffs of Moher will not be granted where shots show subjects on the wrong side of the walls. Conservation of the site as well as public safety is compromised when visitors go onto the grassy or stone cliff edge. Under no circumstances can filmed or photographed material promote or condone this behaviour.

Requirements

- (a) Public liability insurance specifically indemnifying Clare County Council to the sum of €6.34 million for the location specified – ie. Cliffs of Moher.

Note. This is fulfilled by a letter from the insurer naming Clare County Council as the indemnified party, the Cliffs of Moher as the filming location and the dates of the filming. It can usually be obtained from the company's insurer upon short notice so long as the public liability cover is sufficient.

- (b) You must ensure the safety of the public at all times and arrange for the separation of the public from your activities.

Note. Many film companies ask for sections to be closed off from the public while they are filming. During peak periods this is usually not possible; however, please specify your request and we will advise what is feasible. Where a quiet site is required we advise companies to film early or late in the day and in most cases this will mean smaller numbers of the public are on site.

- (c) Please confirm that you will agree to compensate Clare County Council in respect of any damage to property arising out of your use of same.
- (d) Vehicle access to the cliff edge is limited to emergency vehicles only. If you are requesting any sort of vehicle access you will require a location visit in advance and specific agreement on details in advance.
- (e) Payment of a location fee to Clare County Council. Details of the location fee will be provided once full information above is received. In addition to the location fee this covers parking at the Cliffs of Moher car park and the use of the visitor centre facilities as well as onsite support as required from grounds staff. The location fee will also take account of any reasonable requirements of closure of certain areas to the public is required if this is possible under operational requirements eg. O'Brien's Tower, Cliffs Exhibition.
- (f) The location should be credited in the final work as follows:
"Cliffs of Moher, County Clare, Ireland"
- (g) Please indicate if clips from the section shot at the Cliffs of Moher can be made available to Clare County Council/Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. to be included in exhibits within the visitor centre.
- (h) In all events a complete copy of the final produced material should be forwarded to Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd., Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare.

Support services required.

Please indicate which of the following support services you require including any details that can be provided and we can provide you with further information including costs:

- Storage space – limited storage space can be made available for the duration of the filming period onsite.
- Use of the utility buggy – Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. – has a quad buggy which is used as a utility vehicle. This can be used for transport of equipment – time trials by prior arrangement. The buggy is provided with a driver from Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. staff which is an insurance requirement. As this is an operational vehicle it may not be available at all times
- Additional golf buggies can be hired by Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. on your behalf from local providers if you require a dedicated vehicle(s).
- Catering services – a range of catering services is available from an account based system with the Cliffs View Cafe where film crew can sign for food & beverages and the company can be invoiced centrally, from lunch/snack vouchers, to a catering tent provided on location for cast/crew refreshments on location.
- Transport services – taxi or mini bus hire can be arranged through Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. on your behalf
- Helicopter landing/takeoff. A flight exclusion zone exists around the Cliffs of Moher during the seabird nesting season (1st April to 31st August annually) which prohibits flight and landing within 500 metres of the seabird colonies on the cliff edge. Arrangements can be made through Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. to use a suitable marked location for helicopter landing according to the time of year. The type of helicopter should be advised as soon as possible as twin-engined helicopters require a greater area of clearance. In all cases a method statement for the helicopter landing and take off should be provided to Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. at least five working days prior to arrival. The helicopter cannot be left unattended onsite. If assistance is required from Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. in this area please advise times and dates that the helicopter will be on the ground. This can usually only be provided during opening hours of the Visitor Centre building and in any case only during daylight hours.
- Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), also commonly called aerial drones or remote control aircraft, may not be operated onsite without permission from the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience. To obtain this operators will need to show the required licencing documentation to operate such devices from the Irish Aviation Authority (see www.iaa.ie) as well as an appropriate Safety Statement/Safe System of Work plan.
- Location assistants – it may be possible to provide location assistants for manual labour, scene setup etc. from Cliffs of Moher Centre Ltd. staff – please indicate what assistance you require.

- Security services – we can arrange to provide security for equipment or personnel either through company personnel or through a contracted security provider subject to your specified requirements.
- Filming at O’Brien’s Tower. The viewing platform on the roof of the tower is open to the public on an admission basis. If you wish to film from the roof of the tower there may be members of the public present. If you wish to have exclusive access to the tower for the duration of filming then the season, time of day and duration will combine to determine the lost revenue charge to the visitor centre of closing the tower which will be added to the location fee. Please note that to gain access to the roof area you must use two sets of small spiral staircases. Large mounted cameras may be extremely difficult to bring up to this area.
- In addition to the above listed services we can offer a wide range of other assistance by arrangement – please do not hesitate to ask if you require additional support in any way



Filming Form

Date of Shoot: _____

Time of Shoot: _____

Film Crew:

Company Name: _____

Quantity of People: _____

Vehicle Details: _____

Camera Details: _____

Contact Name for Crew: _____

Mobile Tel. _____

Description of Shoot:

Insurance Details Received: _____

I confirm that the above named film crew will comply with the requirements detailed above.

Signed for Film Crew: _____

Filming as detailed above at the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience is authorised for the date specified..

Signed for Cliffs of Moher _____