

Course Content - Saturday

Coll & the Cosmos offers you the opportunity to learn about astronomy and stargaze with plenty of free time in-between to explore the island.

Session 1 - Saturday 11.30am – 1.00pm

- ★ 11.30am – 11.45am Welcome at An Cridhe with tea and coffee provided
- ★ 11.45am – 12.30pm Brief introduction to the course (Talk)
- ★ 12.30pm – 1.00pm Planetarium Session 'Two Small Pieces of Glass'

Optional Saturday Talk 3.00pm – 4.00pm 'History of Astronomy'

Free time to explore Coll 1.00pm – 8.00pm

Session 2 - Saturday 8.00pm – 9.30pm

- ★ 8.00pm – 8.45pm Hands on instruction in the correct use of mounts, scopes, bino's etc.
- ★ 8.45pm – 9.30pm Instruction inside the planetarium. Familiarisation of the night sky, including recognising constellations, observational techniques, star hopping, averted vision technique, dark adaption, etc.

Session 3 - Saturday 9.30pm – 11.00pm (option to extend beyond midnight if clear)

- ★ Clear skies - practical astronomy, naked eye, binocular & telescope observing session
- ★ Cloudy - Mars rover landing game and planetarium session including 'We are Aliens' & 'From Earth to the Universe'

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Optional talks need to be booked at the end of the morning session

Course Content - Sunday

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Session 4 - Sunday 11.00am – 1.00pm

- ★ 11.00am – 12.00pm Immersive VR session (scale of the universe & Apollo 11 experience)
- ★ 12.00pm – 1.00pm Clear skies - Solar observing
- ★ Cloudy - planetarium session including the short movies 'Sunstruck' & 'Tim Peake ISS Tour'

Optional Sunday Talk 3.00pm – 4.00pm 'Astrophotography'

Free time to explore Coll 1.00pm – 8.00pm

Session 5 - Sunday 8.00pm to 9.30pm

- ★ 8.00pm – 8.45pm Wonders of the Universe (Talk)
- ★ 8.45pm – 9.30pm Planetarium session – 'Back to the Moon for Good'

Session 6 - Sunday 9.30pm to 11.00pm (option to extend beyond midnight if clear)

- ★ Clear skies - practical astronomy, naked eye, binocular and telescope observing session
- ★ Cloudy - extra VR session, Meteorites & planetarium session 'Phantoms of the Universe'

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