

Ionad Amhairc Armáid na Spáinne

“unud avark ar-maud-neh **SPAWN**-yeh”

Spanish Armada Viewpoint



Báite gan tásca ná tuairisc

Tar éis dóibh an cogadh a chailleadh, sheol Armáid na Spáinne timpeall na hÉireann ar a mbealach abhaile sa bhliain 1588. Bhuail gáláí gaoithe agus farraigí stoirmeacha í. Cuireadh cúig long go tóin poill amach ó chósta Mhaigh Eo.

Chuaigh an dá long go tóin poill ag béal Chuan Mó. Bhí an gaileon, El Gran Grin, amach ó Chliara chun soláthairtí a thógáil ar bord. Bhí teaghlach Uí Mháille, a raibh naisc thrádála leis an Spáinn acu, cairdiúil. Tá seans ann gur bhris slabhra an ancaire nuair a bhí gála gaoithe ann.

Is beag atá ar eolas faoinar tharla don long eile. Bhí an méid seo a leanas le rá ag finnó súl: ‘tá an long caite ar an gcladach agus drochbhail uirthi...tá formhór na bhfear cailte.’

Níor aimsíodh na longa briste riamh.

Sunk without trace

As the defeated Spanish Armada sailed round Ireland on its way home in 1588, it encountered gales and stormy seas. Five ships were wrecked off the Mayo coast.

Two ships sank at the mouth of Clew Bay. The galleon, El Gran Grin, had anchored off Clare Island to take on supplies. The O'Malley clan, who had trading links with Spain, proved friendly. A great gale blew up and the anchor chain may have broken.

Little is known of the other vessel's fate. An eyewitness reported: 'the ship is cast upon the shore and past recovery...most of the men are lost.'

The wrecks remain undiscovered.



1 Lean scéal na hArmáide feadh Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin.
Follow the story of the Armada to Clare Island.

2 Caith tamall i sráidbhaile na Mala Raithní agus ar an trá ghainmheach ansin.
Explore nearby Mallaranny village with its sandy beach.

3 Léim ar an rothar agus cuir tús le Glasbhealach Mór an Iarthair i nGob an Choire agus déan do bhealach go Cathair na Mart tríd an Mhala Raithní.
Cycle the Great Western Greenway from Achill Sound to Westport via Mallaranny.

‘Bígí ar bhur n-aire agus fan glan ar Oileán na hÉireann ar fhaitíos go mbeirfidh an Cósta greim oraibh’.

Diúc Medina Sidonia

‘Take heed lest you fall upon the Island of Ireland for fear of the harm that might befall you upon that Coast’.

Duke of Medina Sidonia

Longa Armáid ag dul sa tóin poill, ealaíontóir agus suíomh anaithnid
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