

Connemara Discovery for Family

Self-guided cycling tour with horse riding, kayaking, high ropes and gorge walking.



This tour offers families with children (above the age of 8 years) independent cycling in fantastic settings, the opportunity to discover the many untouched places while trying out some interesting activities for the whole family. Starting any day of the week, this is a truly independent programme.

Go horseriding on Connemara Ponies, the only native Irish breed of Equine originating from Connemara area. Visit the beautiful island of Inishbofin and try some outdoor activities in the Killary Adventure Centre. We provide well-chosen pre-booked accommodation, as well as bikes. The luggage is transferred each day in order to lighten the load. A full itinerary, maps, and suggested options are also part of this attractive package.

Duration:	8 days (7 nights)
Tour Dates 2008:	ANY DATE (May - Sept)
Level:	Gentle, some occasional hill, average of 20km daily with some shorter and longer options available.
Bicycle:	Touring Bike, children's bicycles
Equipment:	Helmets, front handlebar bag, water bottles, bicycle repair-kits and lock.
Accommodation:	B&B's
Meals:	Irish breakfasts
Transfers:	Luggage transfers, ferry to Inishbofin.
Miscellaneous:	2h horseriding, full day of activities in Killary Adventure Centre, detailed route notes and maps
Meeting Point:	A Killary Tours representative will meet you at your first nights accommodation in Clifden.
Departure Point:	You depart from your last night's accommodation in Leenane. If you need us to organise a taxi to your onward destination we will be happy to assist you.



PRICE 2008:

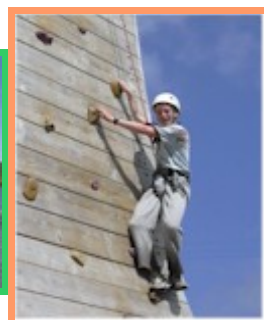
Price for Adults €769.00 per person sharing
Price for Children €599.00 per person sharing

All prices are in EURO, and based on per person sharing. Per person sharing means two people in one room.

Children's price is based on two adults and two children travelling.

Single Room supplement is applied when people require a room for themselves as part of a booking of two or more.

We provide children's bikes with gears, and 21 speed-bikes for the adults, (we would advise children to bring their own helmets if possible)



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive to the town of Clifden (direct bus service or we can help arrange a taxi), often called the Capital of Connemara, is located amidst the breathtaking mountain scenery and beautiful coastline of Ireland's western region known as Connemara. Clifden is a modern, self-sufficient, thriving town and popular tourist destination. You will get a warm welcome and chance to settle in. A Killary Tours representative will meet you to allocate bikes and give you your route pack and general information.

DAY 2

Today you will be heading to a riding centre, 4 miles south of Clifden town. Ride on the world famous Connemara Ponies in a wonderful setting. After 2 hours of riding, you will return back to town or you can go for a longer cycle. You stay in Clifden again tonight.

DAY 3

Your destination today is the village of Cleggan. This is a small fishing village, nesting at the head of Cleggan way. Cleggan is the port of departure for Inishbofin and Inishturk islands. Your shortest route is about 15km but you have the option of cycling around the Sky Road (an extra 10km), which offers wonderful views over the Ocean, Clifden Bay and the many islands that lie in it. This route also leads you past the ruin of Darcy's Castle. You stay in Cleggan village for the next two nights.

DAY 4

Today will be an all day excursion to the island Inishbofin off the coast of Cleggan. You will leave your bikes behind you today and take the ferry from Cleggan Pier. Inishbofin is one of the most beautiful islands off the west coast. Today it has a population of about 200 people, but was chosen in 655 by St Coleman for the site of his monastery, as it was a place of tranquillity. There are wonderful walks and nice beaches. Return to Cleggan on the evening ferry from Inishbofin.

DAY 5

Leaving Cleggan your cycle will bring you to Renvyle via Moyard and Letterfrack (19km). Letterfrack is home to Connemara National Park, one of six National Parks in Ireland. The Park grounds are open all year round and the Visitor Centre is open from mid-March to mid-October. In the Park's Visitor Centre there are 3-D exhibitions of the Connemara landscape, audio-visual show, tearoom, nature trails, and an annual summer programme. You are staying tonight in a B&B in the village of Tully/Tullycross on the Renvyle Peninsula.

DAY 6

Today you will cycle to the small village of Leenane overlooking Killary Fjord, the only fjord in Ireland. Your cycling route meanders along the coastline to Tullycross (23km), or alternatively you can take a route by Kylemore, passing Kylemore Abbey, home to the Benedictine Nuns, and world renowned visitor attraction with visitor centre and Victorian walled gardens (20km). Stay the next two nights in Leenane and you can have dinner in one of the village restaurants.

DAY 7

Head to Killary Adventure Centre in the morning, 5km from Leenane village. You will have a full day of activities in the centre, first session being from 10am to 1pm and the second session from 2pm to 5pm. The day is full of challenges while trying out kayaking, gorge-walking, high ropes and climbing tower. After the activities you will cycle back to the village.

DAY 8

Breakfast, followed by farewell and departure!

Please be aware that the programme given for this tour is strictly intended as a guide only and may not be fully adhered to. Climatic conditions, safety regulations and travel options may subject the programme to changes and/or modifications without due notice, at any time. In such case, Killary Tours reserves the right to make any necessary decisions.

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