

HORSERIDING TRAIL

Guided horse riding programme
Galway - Clare - Burren 2008



This tour passes through some of Ireland's most spectacular landscape, taking in views of the Atlantic Ocean, the Aran Islands, the River Shannon and the Burren Region. Each night is spent in comfort and approved farmhouse or guesthouse accommodation, where guests are made feel very much at home.

Starting from Woodford, the trail leads through mountains, along the Shannon River, via the Burren Mountains to the Galway Bay. Every day covers between 25km and 35km by horse. The evenings can be spent at the participant's leisure. The trek is lead by experienced guides. Although the programme is aimed at the moderate rider, all guests must have some experience of horsemanship. Total beginners are discouraged from applying as the trek covers 200kms in 6 days riding of about 5 hours each day.

Duration: 8 days (7 nights)

Tour Dates 2008: Saturday-to-Saturday
(5 April - 4 October 2008)

Level: Moderate. Participants need to be able to trot, canter and gallop. Minimum age is 12 years. Every day covers between 25km & 35km by horse in about 5 hours of riding each day.

Group size: Minimum of 8, maximum of 16. Individual bookings are welcome.

Equipment: All tack for horses is provided and helmets for riders. All other riding equipment, such as rain gear, boots, jodhpurs, gloves etc has to be provided by the participant. Participants may bring their own saddle if they wish.

Accommodation: B&B / Guesthouse.

Meals: 7 Full Irish breakfasts, 7 dinners and 6 packed lunches are included.

Transfers: Luggage transfers required as part of the riding programme. Transfer to and from Shannon Airport to the riding centre on day of arrival and departure can be arranged but has to be pre-booked at a cost of €30 per person each way.

Miscellaneous: The price quoted includes horse and guide for the weeks programme. It is recommended that all clients have their own Personal Accident and luggage insurance, as Equestrian & Leisure Ireland can in no way be made responsible for accident, loss, damage or injury to person or luggage.

Meeting Point: If transfer from Shannon Airport is required you will be met at the meeting point in the arrival's hall of Shannon Airport and brought to the Riding Centre at a pre-arranged time. This has to be booked in advance.



PRICE 2008:

Price for residential package June - August €1050 per person sharing

Rest of year €970.00 per person sharing.

All prices are in EURO, and based on per person sharing. Per person sharing means two people in one room. Single Supplement of €130.00 will be applied to those booking a single room, or those booking a place as an individual where no suitable person is available to share a room and a single room is allocated.

Transfers to and from the Riding Centre have to be booked in advance.



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrival in Shannon airport and transfer to your B&B in Whitegate / Mountshannon area.

DAY 2

In the Riding Centre, introduction to your horse and start with the trail along the peaceful slopes of the wooded Slieve Aughty Mountains and across widespread boglands.

DAY 3

Enjoying the fascinating views over the majestic Lough Derg you will be riding by the traditional turf cutting areas, listening to the myths of Neolithic dolmen and learn about the well - preserved ruins on Holy Island.

DAY 4

Heading for the top of the hills we will overlook endless woods and miles of storytelling rough old stone walls sheltering the juicy green pastures. The sandy shores of Lough Graney, invites us to canter along the beach and on goes the train right across the gentle lapping lake.

DAY 5

Lovely wood tracks guide you to the boggy uplands where County Clare unfolds all around you up to the in the distance rising hills of the Burren National Park and the first glimpse of Galway Bay.

DAY 6

You will experience the totally different moon like landscape of the Burren, with its rare and colourful flora and fauna and the stunning variety of prehistoric settlements. Stay the next two nights in the Lisdoonvarna area, famed for the traditional Irish music in its pubs.

DAY 7

Riding further westwards until you reach the edge of the shredded coastline you will be delighted by the breathtaking view of the endless Atlantic sea, the famous Aran Islands, and the fascinating Cliffs of Moher.

DAY 8

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.

Insurance: Equestrian and Leisure Ireland recommends that all clients should have their own Personal Accident and Luggage Insurance, as ELI can in no way be made responsible for accident, loss, damage or injury to person or luggage.

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