

CONNEMARA WITH THE FAMILY

Self-guided cycling 2008



This circle offers families with children (above the age of 8 years) independent cycling in fantastic settings, the opportunity to discover the many untouched places at their own pace and leisure. Starting any day of the week, this is a truly independent programme. The average mileage is around 20km for the children to enjoy their holiday as well as the parents.

Several choices are there to decide from, should you wish to cycle longer distances and it will take a route both inland and along the coastal region, giving a glimpse of some dramatic scenery and the opportunity to meet real Irish characters. We provide well-chosen pre-booked accommodation, as well as bikes and any equipment that is needed. 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 2007: ANY DATE (May - Sept)
Level: Gentle, some occasional hill, average of 20km daily with shorter and longer options available on most days.

Bicycle: Touring Bike, children's bicycles
Equipment: Helmets, front handlebar bag, water bottles, bicycle repair-kits and lock.

Accommodation: B&B's

Meals: 1 dinner (on day 3), Irish breakfasts

Transfers: Luggage transfers, ferry to Inishbofin.

Miscellaneous: 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 Renvyle. If you need us to organise a taxi to your onward destination we will be happy to assist you.



PRICE 2008:

Price for Adults €729.00 per person sharing
Price for Children €561.00 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

You leave Clifden to day heading for Roundstone, a small picturesque fishing village. It offers wonderful views over its harbour with the Twelve Bens as background. You will cycle along Mannin Bay, with its coralline beach - heaven for the beachcomber - and past Ballyconneely. There are a number of restaurants in the village of Roundstone.

DAY 3

Leave Roundstone to cycle to Cashel (17km), wonderfully situated at the top of Bertraghboy Bay. It was one of the holiday destinations for the French President General de Gaulle. The route for most of the day will take you along the shores of the Atlantic and the various bays. Stay the night in B&B, where the lady of the house will cook for you.

DAY 4

From Cashel you will cycle today back to Toombeola and take the Bog Road to Clifden (22km). You cycle through Roundstone Bog, which offers superb scenery and a true ecological adventure, with large bog pools and many rare plants along the roadside. You make your way back to the town of Clifden. If arriving in the early afternoon you may wish to take some time to explore the many shops and restaurants in the town of Clifden, or perhaps, cycle out as far as Dan O' Hara's Homestead (16km return). This award winning heritage centre is situated on the N59 approximately 8km from Clifden. It offers a unique insight into the history and heritage of this most beautiful part of the West of Ireland. You stay in Clifden again to night.

DAY 5

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 6

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 7

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 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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