

MINI CYCLING BREAK

Self guided cycling in Connemara & Mayo 2009



You don't have a week just a couple of days and you want to be on the road. This tour is especially for you. Our mini cycling break still captures the essence of this beautiful region on the Western Coast of Ireland. Discover the unique beauty of Killary Harbour, the bustling atmosphere of the market town of Westport, Cong's quaint village, as well as the many attractions along the way.

Connemara - the western wonderland of Europe, where rugged mountains soar above wild Atlantic beaches. Here there is a peace no longer found in the populated areas, and purity so refreshing in contrast to the pollution of the cities. It is also a land of great contrast from mountain to sea.

Duration:	5 days (4 nights)
Tour Dates 2009:	ANY DATE (April - Oct)
Level:	Moderate cycling days with average of 45km a day with other options available on most days.
Bicycle:	Touring Bike CANNONDALE HYBRID €60 extra
Equipment:	Helmets, front handlebar bag, water bottles, bicycle repair-kits.
Accommodation:	Guesthouse & B&B's
Meals:	All Irish breakfasts
Transfers:	Luggage transfers
Miscellaneous:	Detailed route notes and maps.
Meeting Point:	A Killary Tours representative will meet you at your accommodation in Westport. There is a daily direct bus and train service to Westport



Departure Point:	You depart from your last night's accommodation in Westport. There is direct bus and train service daily from Westport.
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PRICE 2009:

Price per adult €499.00 per person sharing

All prices are in EURO, and based on per person sharing. Per person sharing means two people in one room. Single Room supplement is applied when people require a room for themselves as part of a booking of two or more.
If you book for a group of 4 the rate is €459.00pps.



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DAY 1

Arrive to the wonderful town of Westport (there is direct bus and train service to Westport daily). Warm welcome and chance to settle in. You will be given your route pack and general information to study overnight. If there is time we will allocate bikes and equipment. Westport is a nice town with lots of restaurants and pubs where you can find music on most evenings.



DAY 2

You leave Westport today to cycle to Cong. You depart after breakfast via Aghagower, Toormakeady, Lough Mask, Finny and Clonbur to Cong (58kms). A long cycle, but in beautiful countryside on a lot of quite roads. Cong is famous as the location for the film "The Quiet Man", as well as being home to Ashford Castle and many antiques. Stay the night in B&B; dinner is available in the village of Cong.

DAY 3

From Cong, your target today is the village of Leenane. You depart after breakfast to cycle to Killary Harbour, passing through the Maam Valley (43km). You cycle through Joyce's Country. A fairly straight road, although a longer option on this day will be taking you over a variety of passes through the Mountains. The village of Leenane is snugly situated at the head of Ireland's only fjord Killary Fjord. It is well known in the last couple of years for the filming of John B. Keane's famous play "The Field", directed by Jim Sheridan and starring Richard Harris and John Hurt. There are a couple of pubs and restaurants in the village where you can have a very enjoyable evening.

DAY 4

You are heading back to Westport today, and your cycling route will take you via Leenane, Aasleagh Waterfalls to Westport (45km - with longer options). You are passing through a valley between the Sheefry and Partry Mountains. You stay the night again in a guesthouse and choose dinner in one of the many delightful restaurants.

DAY 5

Breakfast, 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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