

CONNEMARA CYCLING BREAK

Mini Self guided cycling in Connemara 2010

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 Connemara Cycling Break still captures the essence of this beautiful region on the Western Coast of Ireland. Discover the unique beauty of Killary Harbour, the beautiful white beach of Glassilaun, Clifden the Capital of Connemara 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 2010:	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:	Depending on the option: Hotel, Guesthouse & B&B's or Hostels.
Meals:	All Irish breakfasts (except in the Hostel option)
Transfers:	Luggage transfers
Miscellaneous:	Detailed route notes and maps.
Meeting Point:	A Killary Tours representative will meet you at your accommodation in Leenane.
Departure Point:	You depart from your last night's accommodation in Leenane . We can arrange a taxi for you to continue on your journey.



PRICE 2010:

Hotel Option €569.00 per person sharing*

B&B Option €419.00 per person sharing

Hostel Option €369.00 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.

*Hotel option: 3 nights in hotel and one night in a B&B

*Hostel option: 3 nights in hostel and one night in a B&B, breakfast not included.



DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

Arrive to the wonderful town of Leenane (there is direct bus and train service to Westport daily and we arrange a taxi from Westport to Leenane). 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. Leenane is a lovely village settled on the side of the Killary Harbour, Ireland's only fjord. It is well known 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 2 Leenane to Cleggan (45km)

You leave Leenane today to cycle to Cleggan. You depart after a hearty breakfast to the quaint village of Leenane. You will start to cycle along the fjord, and through majestic lakes and mountains. Then cycle along the coastline and stop on the beautiful white sandy beach of Glassilaun. You arrive on the Renvyle Peninsula who is steeped in history and archaeological sites & is renowned for its pristine sandy beaches and spectacular view of the Twelve Ben mountain range. You continue your journey on and arrive in the small fishing village of Cleggan. You spend the night in Cleggan where you can enjoy some fresh seafood and fish in one of the pub and restaurants.

DAY 3 Cleggan to Cashel (40km)

Well rested & well fed, your target today is the Cashel via Clifden. You will have the chance to cycle one the most beautiful road in the country, the Sky Road, before arriving in Clifden for lunch. Clifden is a colourful small town, also often labelled the capital of Connemara. There are many restaurants where you can choose a lovely lunch. Continue on your journey passing lake strewn bog lands and will be rewarded with some breath taking views over the 12 Bens. You spend the night in south Connemara in Cashel.

DAY 4 Cashel to leenane (40km)

After a delicious breakfast, you will set off back to Leenane. You leave the coast and cycle back inland via the Lough Inagh Valley and his beautiful lakes and mountain. You spend your last night in Leenane and choose dinner in one of the restaurants of the village.

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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