



IRELAND'S
West

GALWAY • MAYO • ROSCOMMON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

JULY

Throughout July & August

Bádóirí Acla Yawl Sailing Festival

Various locations on Achill Island, Co Mayo

A series of weekly races including traditional Achill Yawl sailing boats.

Achill Tourism T: 098 47353

E: info@achilltourism.com

W: www.achilltourism.com

Throughout July & August

Achill Sporting Club Fishing Competitions

Keel Lake / Lough Gall, Achill Island, Co Mayo

Achill Sporting Club hosts regular fishing competitions in Keel Lake and Lough Gall.

Roger Gallagher T: 098 47204

Throughout July & August

Achill Archaeological Field School

Dooagh, Achill Island, Co Mayo

Training school for students and adults in excavation, surveying, photography and field studies with emphasis on environment – flora, fauna, bog & seashore.

T: 098 43564

E: chris@achill-fieldschool.com

W: www.achill-fieldschool.com

Throughout July & August

Seo an tSamhraidh

A summer show with transition year students, to be performed twice a week during the summer. This 2 hour show will feature music, song, dance and drama, to give the visitor a flavour of the area.

Seán O'Coisdealbha T: 086 8557808

1st July

Western Vintage Tractor & Engine Club

The Country Club, Hollybrook, Hollymount, Co. Mayo

Vintage tractors, cars, engines, crafts, working exhibits and much more too numerous to mention. A great family day out.

Bartley Horan T: 086 8246671

4th – 7th July

West Coast Championships 2007

Clifden, Connemara, Co Galway

A 4-day event for medium sized cruiser / racing yachts with about 60 yachts in attendance making this the largest ever gathering of yachts in the Clifden region. In conjunction with the West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association.

Julia Awcock T: 095 44322

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4th July – 29th August

Roundstone Traditional Irish Nights

Roundstone Community Centre, Co Galway

An evening of traditional music, song and dance.

Entertainment is provided by local musicians, singers and dancers. Great family entertainment where locals and visitors 'socialise' in a very relaxed atmosphere. It has been described as "the best evening of our holiday!"

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JULY (CONT.)

7th & 8th July

Achill Marathon

Achill Island, Co Mayo

Full and half-marathon on Achill Island

James Cleary, Achill Tourism T: 098 47353

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7th – 9th July

Ballina Agricultural Show

Ballina, Co Mayo

Featuring sheep and pony classes, dog show, crafts, flowers, horticulture, photography, children's competitions, heritage and entertainment.

Susan Murphy T: 096 70009 / 085 7462239

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7th – 14th July

Ballina Street & Arts Festival

Ballina, Co Mayo

Ballina Street Festival is one of Ireland's premier fun-packed festivals attracting huge crowds nationally and internationally. It offers something for everyone young and old in its varied events.

Festival Office T: 096 79814 / 79815

W: www.ballinastreetfestival.ie

8th – 16th July

English through Walks & Talks

Inishmore, Árainn, Co Galway

Improve your English through lessons, conversation, archaeological walks, film and lectures. Meet some islanders and get to know their culture.

Elizabeth Zollinger Jan – June T: 0041 44 2520918

or July – Nov T: 099 61424

E: info@irish-culture.ch

W: www.irish-culture.ch

9th – 15th July

An tSuca Fiain

Ballinasloe, Co Galway

An tSuca Fiain - River and Arts Festival is an annual event and while it remains small it is perfectly formed offering a wide and varied array of performances and events. The two main themes which underpin the content and the ethos of the festival is that is predominantly aimed at a younger audience and the link with the river itself.

Noreen Ronaldson 087 2267806 / Michael Brethnach

087 2788402

10th – 15th July

Galway Film Fleadh

Galway City, Co Galway

A six day international film event held every July and welcomes a diversity of film-making from around the world. It is a film makers' festival and attracts directors, actors & artists of all generation & cultural backgrounds who present their work before their peers.

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16th – 29th July

Galway Arts Festival

Galway City, Co Galway

Regarded as one of Europe's key cultural events Galway Arts Festival is an international celebration of the performing and visual arts. Over 150,000 people attend the Festival annually with hundreds of writers, artists, performers and musician creating theatre, spectacle, street art, music, comedy, literature and music to produce a stunning fortnight of cultural activity and celebration.

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W: www.galwayartsfestival.com

18th – 22nd July

Westport Music Festival

The Mall, Westport, Co Mayo

A family orientated festival running nightly with music acts to suit all ages groups – Bagatelle, Jimmy Buckley, the Showband Show and ABBA Tribute to name but a few!

Dick Bourke T: 087 2570138

21st & 22nd July

Roundstone Regatta

Roundstone, Co Galway

One of the oldest traditional sea festivals in the west of Ireland dating back to the 1890's. Incorporating sailing of Galway hookers, leath bháid, a Gleoiteóg's & currach racing. Competitors from Donegal, Mayo, Clare, Kerry & Connemara. Traditional music & dance.

Michael King T: 087 6738198 / 095 35902 or Paddy

McDonagh T: 087 8224221 / 095 35884

22nd July

Clare Island Regatta

Clare Island, Co Mayo

A festival of currach racing, yawl racing and kiddies sports on the beach.

Donal O'Shea T: 098 26525 / 25087 / 087 9004128

22nd July

Claddaghduff Pony Show

The Showfield (beside Sweeney's B&B), Claddaghduff, Co Galway

In-hand & ridden classes for Connemara ponies. Dog show, sheep & cattle classes, sean nós & Irish dancing displays.

Complimentary face painting & bouncing castle for children.

Cathriona O'Toole, Secretary T: 095 21951

22nd – 29th July

Walking the Ancient Celtic Way

Inishmore, Árainn, Co Galway

Celtic Heritage: holy places, ancient rituals, old myths and legends, early celtic church, walk & lectures with recognised scholars in Celtic heritage

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23rd July – 4th August

Achill Island School of Painting

Achill Island, Co Mayo

Private School of Painting - founded 1966, tutor Desmond Turner, RUA. Course covers all aspects of landscape painting, catering for new students as well as those with experience.

Lectures dealing with drawing, painting & appreciation.

Desmond Turner T: 0044 15242 73097 / 098 43244 from early July.





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27th – 29th July

St. Colman's Garden Fete – Family Fun Weekend

Keel, Achill Island, Co Mayo

Weekend of family fun activities, games, music, stalls & Monster Raffle.

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27th July – 3rd August

Boyle Arts Festival

Boyle, Co Roscommon

Highly regarded for its group exhibition of contemporary Irish art in addition to its programme of classical music.

Other events include drama, literature, comedy & children's events.

Christine Kelly T: 071 9663085

27th July – 4th August

Féile Iorras – The International Folk Arts Festival

Belmullet & Erris, North Mayo

Féile Iorras, the biggest Arts festival in Mayo, celebrates the folk traditions of the world. The exciting mix of Irish traditional folk songs and dances with Mongolian singers or a Scottish highland dancer ensures a week of discovery in the beautiful rural Erris area.

T: 097 81952 E: feileiorras@eircom.net

W: www.feileiorras.org

28th July – 4th August

Scoil Acla Traditional Summer School

Achill Island, Co Mayo

Culture and music. Lasses include traditional music and dance, drawing and writing workshops, lectures, céili and concerts.

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29th July – 4th August

O'Carolan Summer School

Keadue, Co Roscommon

Tuition given in traditional music, song, set dancing, sean nós dancing & in the harp, flute, tin whistle, button accordion, banjo, uilleann pipes, bodhrán & piano accordion. Traditional singing.

Margaret Grimes T: 071 9647247 / Joan Noone T: 071 9647284

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29th July – 7th August

Traditional Echoes in Song & Dance

Inishmore, Árainn, Co Galway

Set dancing, Gaelic singing, guided walks the celtic way, party with islanders and plenty of splendid scenery.

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29th July – 12th August

Achill Golf Club Open Competitions

Keel, Achill Island, Co Mayo

Achill Golf Club hosts two weeks of open competitions

Pat Conway, Achill Golf Club T: 098 43456

E: achillgolfclub@eircom.net

W: www.members.achilltourism.com/golfclub

30th July – 5th August

Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting

Galway Racecourse, Ballybrit, Galway

The Galway Races Summer Festival Meeting is Ireland's premier racing festival, a unique sporting and social event with thousands of visitors and locals joining together for fantastic racing, betting and socialising over the seven day festival.

T: 091 753870 W: www.galwayraces.com

