



## **Delphi Events Calendar - What's on in March**

March 2013 not only starts off the official Delphi Lodge season, it's also a time when the West springs into life again with a new and diverse calendar of events and festivals in Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Head of the River Rowing Regatta (Galway)**

This year the exciting Head of the River starts at the mouth of Lough Corrib and finishes just short of the Quincentennial Bridge in Galway City. The first race starts at 10.30 and every year hundreds of keen rowing teams converge to take part – with more besides who'd rather watch the spectacle.

For more details see [www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie](http://www.galwayheadoftheriver.ie)

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Celebrity Sean Nós 2013**

This charity event takes place in Clifden annually and provides laughs for all involved - all in a good cause. Local “celebrities” are schooled in the old style of Irish dancing before facing a dance off for the coveted trophy. Good clean Irish fun.

For more details see

[www.clifdenchamber.ie/index.php?option=com\\_redevent&view=details&id=394%3Acelebrity-sean-nos-2013&xref=402](http://www.clifdenchamber.ie/index.php?option=com_redevent&view=details&id=394%3Acelebrity-sean-nos-2013&xref=402)

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick's Day**

If you're visiting us around this date you won't have far to travel in any direction to experience the most Irish of all feasts and festivals.

Dip in and out of the week-long St. Patrick's Festival in Galway starting on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> or on the day itself there will be a parade in almost every town in the locality – with Clifden, Roundstone, Louisburgh and Westport all putting their best floats forward.

Closest to here will also be a weekend-long St' Patricks Spring festival in Louisburgh only a 20 minute drive from the Lodge.

Settle for one parade or take part in the challenge to visit as many parades as possible on the day – not for the faint-hearted.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - The 2013 Connemara Pony Spring Festival**

This annual festival takes place in Clifden – a must for pony lovers. A definite highlight will be Ireland's largest stallion parade on the Sunday . For more details see [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie)

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> A Taste of Connemara**

A fitting climax to the Clifden Connemara Pony Spring Festival and a great opportunity to sample all that Connemara has to offer in food and crafts. For more details see [www.cpbs.ie](http://www.cpbs.ie)

### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Croagh Patrick Heritage Trail Walking Festival**

A wonderful opportunity to experience three days of guided walks on this famous heritage trail (from low to high intensity) – not only are there a selection of gentle local loop walks and heritage site visits but you will be regaled with local myths and legends by the experienced guides.

For more details see [www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com](http://www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com)

### **28<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April Galway Food Festival**

An event- and food-filled five days showcasing the best that Galway has to offer in terms of cultural diversity with a focus on artisan, seasonal and local produce. And after the hustle and bustle of Galway, what better way to unwind than to return to your own secluded Connemara hideaway at Delphi Lodge.

For more details see [www.galwayfoodfestival.com/about](http://www.galwayfoodfestival.com/about)