



Delphi Events Calendar – What’s on in September

September already? Can’t wait to see if that Indian Summer we were promised arrives?

Yet again it’s time to see what’s happening in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Don’t make the mistake of thinking things are starting to wind down here in the West...far from it. If you’re planning a trip to the area there really is a lot to choose from.

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th

Westport Food Festival

A celebration of all things culinary and delicious, Westport will be alive with sensory delights this September. This year’s festival programme promises treats galore.

See more <http://www.westportfoodfestival.ie/>

Westport Festival of Chamber Music

The first Westport Festival of Chamber Music will be held in Westport House and Holy Trinity Church on 6-8 September. Concerts will feature Catherine Leonard (violin) and Hugh Tinney (piano), the RTÉ Vanbrugh String Quartet and the guitarist Redmond O’Toole.

For more information <http://www.classicallinks.ie>

Clare Island Féile Ceol Weekend

Take a trip over to Clare Island where there’ll be everything from Sean Nós dancing and traditional vocals to music workshops and Céilí Bands.

Go to <http://www.clareisland.ie/feile-ceol-weekend/>

Saturday 7th to Sunday 8th

The Oscar Wilde Festival

Showcasing Wilde in a west of Ireland setting. Not much is widely known of the huge influence the west of Ireland had on him and his family. His father, in particular, Sir William Wilde has strong family connections with the west of Ireland and displayed a huge interest in the area. The festival aims to educate and entertain people about Wilde and leave a lasting impression in their minds long after the festival is over.

More info <http://oscarwildefestival.weebly.com/>

Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th

Galway Races Autumn Meeting

The September race meeting is always popular due to its relaxed atmosphere. Race-goers can enjoy the usual great facilities in the enclosure such as good food, bar facilities, on-course bookmakers, the big screen and of course and great racing.

Go to <http://www.galwayraces.com/september-race-meeting.asp>

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th

Festival of the Pirate Queen

It's been over 400 years since the Pirate Queen, Grace O'Malley, commanded the land and seas of these Isles. Inspired by The Gathering 2013, this new festival will celebrate the life of Grace O'Malley (one of the most inspirational women in Irish history and takes place in Louisburgh, Clare Island, Westport and Achill Island. There really is something for everyone.

Visit <http://www.piratequeenfestival.com/>

Thursday 19th to Sunday 29th

Clifden Arts Week

The longest running community arts festival in Ireland, Clifden Community Arts Week, now in its 36th year yet again promises to have something to excite everyone in this years programme. Audiences can expect a very high quality artistic programme with a superb literary, musical and visual art content which again will have the community arts of Clifden and the surrounding hinterland as a central focus with creative writing, music, theatre, graphic design and film workshops and performances taking place in the local schools for the duration of the festival.

See www.clifdenartsweek.ie

Thursday 26th to Sunday 29th

Galway International Oyster Festival

On the last weekend of September each year, the picturesque town of Galway hosts the Galway International Oyster Festival, one of the biggest events in Ireland's social calendar. A feast of live entertainment, gourmet food, fine wine and of course Oysters and Guinness are enjoyed by some 10,000 people with guests and luminaries from all over the world.

More info: www.galwayoysterfest.com

Guinness Live in the Latin Quarter

Now in its 3rd year, Guinness Live in The Latin Quarter will be a four day music festival featuring an extensive line-up of national and local acts in a series of intimate gigs in venues and pubs throughout the city's Latin Quarter, with more than 50 live performances over four nights.

Admission to all gigs will be free and on a first-come, first-served, basis.

Take a look at www.thelatinquarter.ie

Friday 27th to Sunday 29th September

Leenane Autumnal Festival

Taking place over the last weekend of September, the Leenane Autumnal Festival celebrates all things autumnal, with a focus on traditional food, arts and crafts from this exceptionally beautiful and produce-rich part of the country.

Go to www.leenane-festival.com

Saturday 28th September 2013

Connemara Rough Diamond Adventure

The Connemara Rough Diamond Adventure race involves a combination of running, cycling and an assault course. There are 3 levels to choose from: the 17km intro course, the 32km sport course, and the expert-level 60km option. Each race includes the Fear Gorta assault course through Kylemore Woods, the details of which are a heavily guarded secret. Sumo wrestlers are rumoured, muck is guaranteed.

More info: www.connemararoughdiamond.com

Friday 27th to Sunday 6th October

Westport Arts Festival

Westport Arts Festival is a celebration of the Arts lasting 10 full days in September/October every year. The programme is always different, interesting and exciting and as many local artists as possible are promoted along the way.

See <http://www.westportartsfestival.com>

Throughout the month of September...

The Legend of Gráinne Mhaol - Traditional Music and Dance

The Gráinne Mhaol show is an inspiring epic - reliving the journey of the legendary Irish Pirate Queen Gráinne Mhaol (Grace O' Malley) throughout history. The show tells her story through music, song and dance.

See www.grainnemhaol.com

The National Museum of Ireland - Country Life.

Open every week from Tuesday through to Sunday this is a really great place to visit for all ages. For exhibitions and events taking place through the month and for more details see

www.museum.ie

Galway Market

Galway's famously bustling market with hundreds of stalls selling fresh produce and locally produced crafts. Open Saturdays and Bank Holidays from 8am to 6pm and Sundays 12 noon to 6pm

Guided Connemara Walks

Delphi's Walking Guide of choice Paul Phelan has an extensive of guided walks scheduled for the month of Spetember. Simply take a look at his website www.walkconnemara.com

Interested in Archaeology?

Discover the amazing sights on the Clew Bay Archaeological Trail – many only a short distance from the Lodge go to <http://www.clewbaytrail.com/>

The Gathering 2013

This being the year of The Gathering it's also worthwhile checking out www.thegatheringireland.com for a gathering in the area that you'd like to be part of.