



DELPHI LODGE
CONNEMARA · IRELAND

Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in July

It’s all happening in July in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. From horse-racing and horse shows to dog shows, scuba diving, festivals (music, food – you name it, there’s a festival for it) and gardens to visit.

Tuesday 1st to Tuesday 22nd

Clew Bay Garden Trail

A wonderful opportunity to explore the unique gardens along the shores of Clew Bay. Stunning views, inspiration and tranquillity are all on offer for your adventure along this beautiful coastline. The Clew Bay Garden Trail is a chain of private gardens in Westport and the surrounding area which will open to the public on selected days in July. The gardens range from well-established to newly-created and from compact town plots to 2 acre expanses. Some are organic, some designed for wildlife, some mostly vegetable and some a profusion of flowers. All gardens open in aid of charities.

See www.clewbaygardentrail.ie

Wednesday 2nd to Sunday 6th

Bard Summer School

Why tag on a stay at Clare Island to your stay at Delphi Lodge? The Bard Summer School explores the Irish myths and takes participants on a unique journey of discovery to find their contemporary relevance. See www.bard.ie

Friday 4th & Saturday 5th

Traidphicnic

Drop in on the Traidphicnic which is a weekend event with concerts by traditional music artists along with art and cultural workshops with the backdrop of the beautiful Connemara landscape. Indulge in delicious local cuisine or just sit back and soak up the wonderful music. Traidphicnic has something for everyone and is very much a family event. Have a look at

www.traidphicnic.com

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th

Island Dive Safari

Already love scuba diving or looking for a new adventure? How about joining Scubadive West on their Island Dive Safari – have a night or two at Delphi Lodge and then head out to Inishturk for some amazing diving. See www.scubadivewest.com

Galway Garden Festival

Held in the beautifully restored Claregalway Castle, nursery suppliers from across Ireland will share a wealth of planting experience with all who browse the plant stalls' extensive range of plants, trees, seeds, and shrubs. Garden equipment, from hoes to glasshouses to woven willow baskets. Celebrated gardeners will provide advice and the work of organisations such as Bóthar, The Beekeepers Federation, and The Organic Centre, Co Leitrim, can be appreciated at the stands in the castle grounds.

More info: www.galwaygardenfestival.com

Tuesday 8th to Sunday 13th

Galway Film Fleadh

Film festival for feature films and shorts. 2014 marks the 26th Galway Film Fleadh, and the central goal of the festival remains unchanged: to bring together audiences and filmmakers within an intimate environment and share a common experience.

More info: www.galwayfilmfleadh.com

Saturday 12th

Currafest Music Festival

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, and is set to become the most highly-anticipated Music Festival in the West of Ireland. The festival will be held on the grounds of Curra West Golf Club and boasts an exciting line up. In addition the festival will include a comedy tent, food festival and Currakids playzone. The festival promises to remain a great day out for people of all ages, and families, and raises funds for worthwhile charities.

See www.currafest.ie

Sunday 13th

Carrowniskey Races

A Day at the Races The day will include entertainment for all the family with two local races, a licensed bar holding live music from 5pm, the bookies, food stalls and children's entertainment such as go-karts, bouncing castle etc. More details at www.carrowniskeyraces.ie

Roundstone Connemara Pony, Dog & Sheep Show

The 9th Annual Roundstone Connemara Pony, Dog & Sheep Show takes place at the Showground. The main event, the Connemara Pony Show, consists of 20 in-hand classes showcasing all ages and varieties of Connemara Pony. A Dog Show and Sheep Show are also included in the day's events. A great day out is assured for competitors and spectators alike. The deadline for entry is late June. See www.roundstoneevents.com

Monday 14th to Sunday 27th

Galway Fringe Festival

Running in parallel with the Galway International Arts Festival, the Galway Fringe Festival aims to provide a platform for local artists, writers, playwrights, poets, actors and musicians to perform and showcase new work. Go to www.galwayfringe.ie

Galway International Arts Festival

One of Europe most inventive, vibrant & colorful events. A truly international celebration of the performing and visual arts which takes place in and around Galway City each July.

More info: www.giaf.ie

Saturday 19th

Joyce Country Challenge Walks

The Joyce Country Challenge Walks provides you with a chance to experience Connemara by walking a circuit of Lough Nafooney, an area of exceptional natural beauty. On the walks you will take in the plateau of Maumtrasna and the Devils Mother and see outstanding views of the Maam Turks, Mweelrea, Killary harbour, the Sheefrys and the Western Lakes. There are 4 separate routes planned for the day, each with varying degrees of difficulty.

More info: www.lakedistricthwc.com/joycedetails.aspx

Sunday 20th

Louisburgh Horse Show

A fantastic occasion steeped in tradition and prestige, founded in 1968, the Louisburgh Horse Show is a welcome attraction to this idyllic location by the spectacular beaches at Carrowmore in the West of Ireland. Today the show maintains its strong connection with Horse Lovers everywhere. Events included Show-Jumping, a Dog-Show and of course the Horse Show Class Competitions with Qualifiers, attracts people from all over the country to compete or simply to watch. The Louisburgh Heritage Committee always puts together a fabulous show.

See www.louisburghhorseshow.ie

Sunday 27th

Omev Dash Triathlon

A chance to join a local community, starting at Acton's Eco Campsite Claddaghduff Clifden Connemara. All proceeds are in aid of the local Claddaghduff community Hall. This has extensive community support in obtaining funds to repay for the refurbishment of the hall.

See www.omevdash.com

Monday 28th to Sunday 3rd August

Galway Races - Summer Festival Meeting

Galway Race course, Ballybrit, Galway. Ireland's premier horse racing festival. Adrenalin-pumping action, heart-stopping finishes and breath-taking fashion, you are at the Galway Races. Situated on the outskirts of Galway city, in the West of Ireland, the Galway Race Festivals are world renowned. More info: www.galwayraces.com