



DELPHI LODGE
CONNEMARA · IRELAND

Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in August

A month starting off with a Bank Holiday means only one thing – lots and lots going on and here’s this month’s line up of what’s happening in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region.

Sunday 3rd August

Omev Races

The Omev Races take place annually on the strand at Omev Strand, Claddaghduff in Connemara. The annual summer races have been steadily attracting greater numbers every year for a wonderful day of sand, sea, possibly sun and of course, horse racing. With up to nine races on the card, there's opportunities for young, upcoming jockeys to hone their skills, while providing a great day out for spectators. The first race will be off at 1pm sharp.
more info: www.omevraces.com

Saturday 9th

Great Spin Out West

The Great Spin Out West (GSOW) is the fastest growing cycling sportive in Ireland. Now in its 4th year, it takes place every August in Connemara, Co. Galway. In just two years over 500 people of all ages and ability have cycled the GSOW with all proceeds going toward Cancer Care West, a west of Ireland focused charity. Starting and finishing in Oughterard on 9th August 2014, the 125 km route takes in some of Galway’s most scenic views.
more info: www.greatspinoutwest.com

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th

The Connemara 100

The Connemara is a 100 mile endurance run with 30 hour limit taking place every August. The course is simply fabulous, taking participants from Clifden through Letterfrack, Leitirgeish, the Inagh alley, Maam Cross, Leenane, Inagh Valley again, then on to Roundstone, Ballyconcealy and back to Clifden to complete 100 miles.
more info: www.connemara100.com

Saturday 16th

Gaelforce West

Gaelforce West is the largest one day adventure race of its kind in the world. It is a multi-sport adventure race involving cycling, running, hiking and kayaking. The course of approximately 67km stretches from the stunning Glassilaun beach to Westport. En route there are some significant obstacles to cross, including Killary Harbour and the famous holy mountain of Croagh Patrick. The event is designed for solo competitors, but you can run it with a buddy or training partner.

more info: www.gaelforceevents.com

Sunday 17th

Etape Connemara

The Étape Connemara is a 150km cycling sportive which will take place on Sunday 17th August 2014. This is a chip-timed event on open roads in Connemara. The event is organised by Croí, the heart & stroke charity, with all proceeds going back to the charity..

more info: <http://www.croi.ie/event/etape-connemara>

Sunday 17th to Sunday 24th

Connemara Pony Festival

Premier show for Connemara Ponies in Ireland for breeders and owners from home and overseas. The annual Connemara Pony Festival & Show in Clifden, Co Galway attracts visitors from all over the world. The highlight of the festival is on Thursday and Friday, when the biggest showcase of Connemara Ponies in the world takes place. Ponies compete in in-hand classes, ridden classes, working hunter classes, and a puissance (or high jump) competition. For non-pony enthusiasts, there is a dog show, a domestic arts show and Irish Dancing.

more info: www.cpbs.ie

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th

Outdoor Garden Theatre – Alice Through the Looking Glass by Quantum Theatre Company.

Enjoy an enchanted midsummer's evening of outdoor entertainment in the beautiful grounds of Westport House. Alice Through the Looking Glass by Quantum Theatre Company on The Front Lawn of Westport House at 7:00pm Quantum Theatre presents a brand new adaptation of Lewis Carroll's timeless classic, Through the Looking Glass (and What Alice Found There) for Summer 2014. With live music and the full array of Carroll's fantastical characters.

more info: <http://www.westporthouse.ie/>

Thursday 21st

Endurance Challenge 2068km – All Ireland Triathlon

Endurance Challenge 2068km, Ireland's biggest ever endurance event series will take place throughout the island of Ireland in August 2014. The various events cater for all levels of fitness, and aim to raise an incredible €500,000 for Breakthrough Cancer Research. Marathon 2 will take place in Westport, Co. Mayo, Thursday 21st August Swim The Endurance Challenge 2068 team will swim 120 kilometers of the River Shannon. This element of the triathlon is closed to members of the public but support is welcome.

more info: <http://www.endurancechallenge.ie/>

Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st

National Heritage Week

'Generations exploring heritage together' is this year's theme, 2014 being the UN 20th Anniversary of the International Year of the Family. National Heritage Week is a wonderful platform for families to come together to get involved in a wide range of activities as a family. This year's aim is to encourage families, young and old, to get out and connect with the heritage that is ingrained in all of us. Check out what's going on in Galway and Mayo on the following links...

www.heritageweek.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Galway.pdf

www.heritageweek.ie/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Mayo.pdf

Friday 29th to Sunday 31st

Clare Island Feile Ceol

Féile Cheoil ar Oileán Chliara/Traditional Festival on Clare Island Clare Island Comhaltas will host a Féile Cheoil on the Island on the weekend of the 29th-31st of August. The festivities begin on Friday night with a sit down concert in the Sailor's Bar . On Saturday morning visitors and locals will get the chance to have some fun learning new musical skills at the various workshops covering Bodhrán and Tin Whistle , Accordion and Fiddle , Concertina and Singing. more info: <http://www.clareisland.ie>

Sunday 31st

Murrisk Annual Pattern Day

Taking place on the last or second last Sunday in August every year, this is a great day out for all. Commencing with Mass at Murrisk Abbey, the Pattern Day is a full programme of events for all ages including music and dancing, vintage show, sheep show and sheep dog trials, children's entertainment, stalls with various home produce, arts and crafts etc.

more info: <http://www.westportparish.ie/parish-information/murrisk>

Throughout the Month of August...

The Legend of Gráinne Mhaol Show

The Story of Grace O'Malley Pirate Queen Returns The Legend of Gráinne Mhaol, Wednesday night in Hotel Westport, is a spectacular traditional music show based on the real-life story of the legendary Pirate Queen Grace O' Malley or Gráinne Mhaol. The show is a wonderful celebration of Irish music, song and dance and is an inspiring epic, reliving the journey of the Irish legend Gráinne Mhaol throughout history.

more info: <http://destinationwestport.com/2012/02/the-legend-of-grainne-mhaol-returns-for-fourth-season/>