



Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in April

With the Easter Holiday starting off the month there’s a lot to do in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Let’s take a look.

Thursday 2nd to Monday 6th

Galway Food Festival

Celebrating Galway as a good food destination, 2015 will be the 4th year of the Galway Food Festival and is sure to build on the success of the 2014 event. The festival will promote good food and good food outlets in Galway, as well as showcasing food producers based in Galway and in the West. The festival takes place in April primarily as it is the time of year when some of the best local ingredients become available, such as Connemara Spring Lamb, and trout and salmon caught locally.

See: www.galwayfoodfestival.com

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th

Westport Easter Walking Festival

Westport’s 8th Easter Walking Festival. Discover one of the most spectacular coastlines in Europe in the best way possible: on foot with a guide. Oscar Wilde was as accurate as always when he described the West of Ireland’s “savage beauty”. Rugged from the force of the Atlantic, with stunning mountains and cliffs, walking in the coastal regions of Mayo and Connemara reveals secret beaches, the ruins of pre-Famine settlements, holy wells and ancient pilgrim and smugglers’ paths.

See: www.destinationwestport.com/event/easter-walking-festival/

Sunday 5th

Connemara International Marathon 2015

2015 is the 14th Connemara Marathon comprising of a Half Marathon, a Full Marathon and a 39.3 mile Ultra Marathon. Book early to avoid disappointment.

See: www.connemaramarathon.com

Rás Chonamara

The 11th annual Rás Chonamara takes place over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. In aid of Galway Autism Partnership the route goes right through the heart of Connemara.

See: www.raschonamara.ie

Easter Egg Hunt at Westport House

Celebrate Easter at Westport House with a great family day out on the annual Easter Egg Hunt. You'll look high and low for clues to enter to win some great prizes while enjoying the gorgeous grounds of Westport House & Gardens. Pinkie Rabbit will come back to help celebrate the holiday and the first 300 children to complete the hunt will receive a complimentary egg.

See: www.westporthouse.ie/events-calendar/easter-egg-hunt/

Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th

Japanese Film Festival

The Japanese Film Festival is coming to The Eye Cinema, Wellpark again, and is organised by the Embassy of Japan, Access Cinema, and the Ireland Japan Association, with the support of The Japan Foundation.

See: www.eyecinema.ie

Monday 6th

Janet's Walk (Louisburgh)

If you fancy taking part in a real community event and getting some exercise for a great cause then check out www.louisburgh.net/calendar/

Thursday 9th to Sunday 12th

Clifden Traditional Music Festival

A weekend of the very best of Irish music, song and dance with concerts, sessions, workshops and outdoor entertainment. The 2014 festival was a great success with the town filled with music and excitement throughout the whole weekend. The festival includes Music Workshops, Sean Nos Dance Workshops, Youth Sessions, Traditional Music Mass, Pub Sessions throughout the whole weekend, "Farewell Session" on Sunday.

See: www.clifdentradfest.com

Tuesday 21st to Monday 27th

Cúirt International Festival of Literature

The Cúirt International Festival of Literature is Ireland's premier literary event. The festival annually brings approximately sixty authors of local, national and international repute to Galway for readings, workshops, discussions, book signings and much, much more.

See: www.cuirt.ie

Sunday 26th

The Western Lakes and Atlantic Challenge (WLAC)

The Western Lakes and Atlantic Challenge (WLAC) is a fun and challenging sportive cycling event with a short fun cycle for the family and a long distance cycle for the endurance athlete.

The distance cycles have 144km and 100km options starting in Salthill Knocknacarra GAA club.

See: www.wiac.ie

Other things to do in April...

Walking

April's a great time for walking in Connemara - for a list of scheduled walks go to:

www.walkconnemara.com

Craft Fairs

For Craft and Food Galway's famous 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.

Westport also hosts an indoor market on Thursdays from 8.30 am till 1.00 pm – fantastic food and wonderful locally crafted goods. Get there early!