



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, horse and dog shows to scuba diving and festivals of every description (music, food, walking, cycling– you name it, there’s a festival for it) and gardens to visit.

Wednesday 1st to Sunday 5th

Bard Summer School

Why not tag a stay on 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

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.

See: www.traidphicnic.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.

See: www.galwaygardenfestival.com

Saturday 4th to Sunday 19th

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

Tuesday 7th to Sunday 12th

Galway Film Fleadh

Film festival for feature films and shorts. The central goal of the festival remains unchanged: to bring together audiences and filmmakers within an intimate environment and share a common experience.

See: www.galwayfilmfleadh.com

Friday 10th to Sunday 12th

Westport Flower Festival 2015

Westport Flower Festival officially opens at 8pm on 10th July and runs over the weekend from 11am-6pm. There will be beautiful flower arrangements by local experts, set in the tranquil surroundings of Holy Trinity Church, Westport! There is an admission fee of €5 with all the proceeds going towards the church restoration. There will also be light refreshments available. For further information contact: Steve Brickenden on 087 696 1329

Saturday 11th to Monday 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.

See: www.galwayfringe.ie

Galway International Arts Festival

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

See: www.giaf.ie

Friday 17th to Sunday 19th

Really Wheelie Good Weekend

Westport is proud to host the Really Wheelie Good Weekend, the cycling event of the summer that has something for all the family. The weekend is on from the 17th to the 19th of July and includes the following events: Bike Buffet – Evening of Friday the 17th, July The weekend will start off with the Bike Buffet. This is a Westport Smarter Travel initiative.

See: <http://www.destinationwestport.com/event/westportif-cycling-weekend-2015/>

Westportif 2015

This is the West of Ireland's most spectacular leisure cycle and is part of the ŠKODA Cycle Series in association with Independent News & Media. Nicknamed "Ring of the Reek" the Westportif routes circumnavigate Croagh Patrick, which is known locally as "The Reek".

See: <http://www.westportif.ie/>

Joyce Country Challenge Walks

The Joyce Country Challenge Walks provides you with a chance to experience Connemara by walking a circuit of Lough Nafooy, 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

Clew Bay Garden Bike Trail

Clew Bay Garden Bike Trail 2015 Join in as we discover some of Westport's beautiful gardens by bike! Meeting at the Westport College of Further Education, we will explore the fruit and veg of the horticultural students in their productive organic garden. From there we hop on our bikes for a leisurely cycle along The Greenway to The Cottage, a beautiful flowering garden. Once refreshed and inspired, we will pedal back along The Greenway to Woodlawn, a gardener's oasis in the middle of Westport. Contact: westportsmartertravel@gmail.com or call on: 087 9767019

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 beach at Carramore 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

Saturday 25th

Women's Adventure Race

Are you afraid that adventure racing might not be for you? Do you fear lining up alongside growling men and Amazonian women? Not anymore. The team at Gaelforce Events is pushing the boundaries when it comes to adventure racing. This event celebrates fit, healthy, determined, enthusiastic and wonderful women. It is the perfect distance at 23km and will involve a 7km run/walk, 15km cycle and a 0.5km kayak through the most magnificent scenery of Leenane and Killary Fjord. So many women have participated in some sort of fun run, walk, adventure race or road race at one time or another but the thought of lining up beside testosterone-fuelled male athletes can be a little intimidating at first (no offence to the lads!).

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

Sunday 26th

Reek Sunday – Croagh Patrick 2015

Reek Sunday is an annual day of pilgrimage in Ireland. On the last Sunday in July, pilgrims climb Ireland's Holy Mountain, Croagh Patrick (764 metres) in County Mayo, some in their bare feet. Croagh Patrick, which overlooks Clew Bay in County Mayo, is considered the holiest mountain in Ireland. The tradition of pilgrimage stretches back over 5,000 years from the Stone Age to the present day without interruption. Its religious significance dates back to the time of the pagans, when people are thought to have gathered here to celebrate the beginning of harvest season.

Monday 27th to Sunday 2nd 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.

See: www.galwayraces.com

What else is happening in July?

Walking

Get out there and enjoying the countryside. Paul Phelan, our walking expert Guide has a couple of scheduled walks this month that may take your fancy.

See: <http://www.walkconnemara.com/calendar.html>

Markets

Two great markets to sample are the Galway Market every Saturday at Market lane.

See: <http://galwaymarket.weebly.com/>

and

Westport Country Markets every Thursday morning (get there early!)

See: <http://www.destinationwestport.com/event/westport-country-markets/>

Gardens

If you'd like to take in something really special - take a look at Brigit's Garden www.brigitsgarden.ie and of course the wonderful walled gardens at Kylemore Abbey www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie

Music

Atlantic Rhythm – The Show (Every Tuesday during the Summer Season)

A NEW production which combines both the theatrical side of a full show with a wonderful unique Interactive experience. Summer 2015 starts a new exciting chapter for Atlantic Rhythm, introducing Atlantic Rhythm – The Show at Hotel Westport. Hotel Westport is synonymous with hosting excellent shows over the years and this show is no different! The Show will have a wealth of Mayo talent on stage.

See: www.destinationwestport.com

Island Dive Safaris

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, Inishboffin or Clare Island for some amazing diving throughout July.

See: www.scubadivewest.com

Clewboy Archaeological Trail

Wonderful insights into the historic heritage of the area – can be split into manageable chunks, but should be experienced to some extent when here.

<http://www.clewboytrail.com/>