



Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in August

Here’s this month’s line up of what’s happening in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region.

Sunday 2nd August

Omey Races

The Omey Races take place annually on the strand at Omey 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.

See: www.omeyraces.com

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th

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, Ballyconeely and back to Clifden to complete 100 miles.

See: www.connemara100.com

Saturday 15th

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.

See: www.gaelforceevents.com

Sunday 16th

Étape 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.

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

Sunday 15th to Sunday 23rd

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.

See: www.cpbs.ie

Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th

National Heritage Week

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.

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

Sunday 30th

Hooley at the House

Westport House is delighted to host the first ever Hooley at the House. With a star-studded line up including: Nathan Carter, Mike Denver Jnr, Lisa McHugh, Johnny Brady, Patrick Feeney, Jimmy Buckley, Hurricane Highway, The Willoughby Brothers and The Benn Sisters, it will be the musical event of the summer! In addition to the fantastic musical line-up, there is free access to historic Westport House and free access to the Pirate Adventure Park – with kids under 12 going FREE to the entire event! You'll be very well looked after with full bar facilities and food options on site too.

See: <http://www.westporthouse.ie/events-calendar/hooley-at-the-house/>

What else is happening in August?

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 August.

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/>