



**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.

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

##### **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](http://www.traidphicnic.com)

##### **Westport Flower Festival 2016**

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 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

##### **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](http://www.clewbaygardentrail.ie)

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

##### **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](http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **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](http://www.bard.ie)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **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](http://www.galwaygardenfestival.com)

### **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](http://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](http://www.giaf.ie)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Westportif 2016**

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](http://www.lakedistricthwc.com/joycedetails.aspx)

## **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **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](http://www.louisburghhorseshow.ie)

## **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **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](http://www.omeyraces.com)

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **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](http://www.galwayraces.com)

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Reek Sunday – Croagh Patrick 2016**

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.

## **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](http://www.brigitsgarden.ie) and of course the wonderful walled gardens at Kylemore Abbey [www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie](http://www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie)

### **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](http://www.scubadivewest.com)

### **Clew Bay 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.clewbaytrail.com/>