



Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What's on in April

Spring is in full swing and, as always at this time of year, there's a lot to do in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Let's take a look.

Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th

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

Friday 14th to Sunday 16th

Westport 9th Annual Easter Walking Festival Weekend

Westport's 9th Easter Annual Walking Festival Weekend is a fantastic guided walking event in the Mayo and Connemara mountains. Let Gerry Greensmyth of Croagh Patrick Walking Tours guide you up Mweelrea Mountain - the highest peak in the province.

See: www.walkingguideireland.com

Friday 14th to Monday 17th

Galway Food Festival

Celebrating Galway as a good food destination, 2017 will be the 6th year of the Galway Food Festival and is sure to build on the success of the 2016 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 March 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

Saturday 15th

Cleasathon Inis Óirr

Cleasathon consists of a 16km, 10km or 5km road runs on Inis Oirr, the smallest and arguably most beautiful of the 3 Aran Islands. One of the three events is a new 16km adventure route, run over very rough terrain of rocks and boulders. The second 10km hilly route provides a significant challenge while the 5km is a little more manageable with a downhill finish. All three running events showcase the amazing scenery of the island.

See: www.cleasathon-inisoirr.info

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th

Rás Chonamara

Rás Chonamara is a cycling race that takes place every year during the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. It cuts right through the heart of Connemara and takes in great scenic beauty over the two days.

See: www.raschonamara.ie

Tuesday 18th to Sunday 23rd

Galway Theatre Festival

The Galway Theatre Festival, now in its 9th year, will take place throughout the city with the inclusion of more venues than before including An Taibhdhearc, Druid Lane Theatre, the Town Hall Theatre, and of course, the Nuns Island Theatre. Galway theatre companies feature heavily in the programme with Blue Teapot, Mephisto, Fregoli, Moonfish, and Vagabond all involved.

See: www.galwaytheatrefestival.com

Sunday 23rd

Connemara International Marathon 2017

2017 is the 16th 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

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

Sunday 23rd to Sunday 30th

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

Friday 28th to Monday 1st May

Féile Chois Cuain

This traditional music is renowned for its informal and impromptu Sessions so if you have a song to sing, a tune to play, a step to dance or simply appreciate our culture, why not join us?

See: www.feilechoiscuain.com

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

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

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!