



Delphi Events Calendar – What’s on in July

Time for our round-up of all the goings-on in the Galway, Connemara and Southwest Mayo region. Guaranteed of a huge variety of events to choose from.

Galway Garden Festival

01st - 2nd July 2017

Galway Garden Festival is held in the beautifully restored Claregalway Castle in early July. 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

Louisburgh Horse Show

Sunday, 16th July

Founded in 1968 the Louisburgh Horse Show was a welcome attraction to this idyllic location in the West of Ireland. Today the Louisburgh Horse Show maintains its strong connection with horse lovers everywhere.

See: www.louisburghhorseshow.ie

Ballinrobe Races

24th & 25th July – Evening

The Ballinrobe Races are a real family event. Entertaining families since 1921 at this racecourse, we pride ourselves on our racing heritage coupled with a tangible appreciation of the future. Ballinrobe has a rich tradition of horseracing. Records show that Ballinrobe hosted a steeplechase back in 1834 and there are records of meetings back as far as 1774. The Ballinrobe Races hosts the best in the business under the benign shadow of the Partry Mountains and the majestic strength of the old oak trees. At Ballinrobe, the races are an integral part of the community; the spirit is free and westerly, the air is fresh, the scenery is splendid, the people are the best. The bookies will entertain, the covered pavilion will comfort, and the sun will shine.

See: www.ballinroberacecourse.ie

Inis Mór Regatta (Inis Mór, Aran Islands)

08th - 09th July 2017

Regatta displaying unique Irish boats, such as currachs and Galway Hookers including the Bád Mór, Gleoiteog, Leathbhád and Púcán classes of boat traditionally used throughout Galway Bay, along the coast of Connemara and North Clare.

See: www.huiceiri.ie

Féile Mhic Dara Regatta (Carna, Co. Galway)

15th - 16th July 2017

Regatta displaying unique Irish boats, such as currachs and Galway Hookers including the Bád Mór, Gleoiteog, Leathbhád and Púcán classes of boat traditionally used throughout Galway Bay, along the coast of Connemara and North Clare.

See: www.huiceiri.ie

Galway Bay Weekend Cruise

July 2017

Boats of all sorts from all around Galway Bay head out from their numerous home ports to assemble at Kilronan in the Aran Islands. This unique annual event will in turn usher in the WIORA (West of Ireland Offshore Racing Association) Annual Racing Festival, which will take place under the Galway Bay Sailing Club burgee from Wednesday July 22nd to Saturday July 25th, but will be staged at Galway Harbour rather than at GBSC's home anchorage across the bay at Rinville.

See: www.gbsc.ie

Other things to do in July...

Walking

July'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!