



DELPHI LODGE
CONNEMARA · IRELAND

Delphi Lodge Events Calendar – What’s on in May

Mayo Choral Festival

23rd – 27th May 2018

Westport, Co. Mayo

The Mayo International Choral Festival, was inspired by a concert for the Mayo Memorial Peace Park whereby several choirs performed in unison in the Royal Theatre.

The festival takes the form of several international male/female adult choirs travelling to Mayo in May each year to partake on a competitive and non-competitive basis. Their visit will include a number of evening and daily performances county-wide, tours of Mayo and finishes with a gala concert. The theme of the festival is to allow choirs to meet with other choirs, relax and enjoy a great weekend in the beautiful West of Ireland.

For more information go to:

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

Mulranny Stone Wall Festival

May 18 - May 20

The 4th Annual Mulranny Stone Wall Festival will take place from the 18th to the 20th May 2018. The festival includes an exciting programme of talks, demonstrations and dry stone wall building along the Great Western Greenway at Mulranny, Co. Mayo. There will also be a Children’s Stone Totem Building Competition at Mulranny Beach. The Festival is an official Dry Stone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI) event and joins the small list of prestigious DSWAI events held annually in Ireland. Mulranny, Co. Mayo, is a hidden treasure of spectacular land and seascapes perched on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean on Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way. Mulranny offers stunning panoramic views over Clew Bay’s archipelago of drowned drumlin islands and the vast Nephin Mountain range.

Ballintubber Abbey Tochar Walks – May 2018

May 26

Ballintubber Abbey Tochar Walks (36 Km) Will Take Place On Saturday 26th May
Ballintubber to Croagh Patrick. Registration at the Abbey at 8.30am and bus back to Abbey carpark will be provided

Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden

Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden Originally built as a Castle in 1867 as a romantic gift, Kylemore Abbey and the surrounding mountains and lakes are steeped in history. Learn of tales of tragedy, romance, engineering initiatives and royal visits. It became home to a community of Benedictine Nuns in 1920 and has been renowned as a place of spirituality and education.

One mile west of the main Abbey building are the 6-acre Victorian Walled Gardens, built by Mitchell Henry at the same time as the construction of Kylemore Castle between 1867 and 1871. This garden was one of the last walled gardens to be built during the Victorian period in Ireland and is the only garden in Ireland that is located in the middle of a bog. The garden was so advanced for the time that it was even compared with Kew Gardens in London.

<https://www.kylemoreabbey.com/>

Connemara National Park

The Connemara horizon is dominated by more than fifty magnificent mountains in four tightly packed ranges, the Twelve Bens, Maum Turks, Partry and Sheffrey. Diamond Hill in the Connemara National Park, with its wood and cut stone path, offers a very safe way to go hill-walking. 500 metres high, Diamond Hill rises above the small village of Letterfrack. This is one of the finest hikes in the country. It commands huge ocean, island and mountain views in all directions. From its sharp edge summit it looks down on Kylemore Abbey and deep into the Twelve Bens mountain range. On the slopes of the mountain are the remains of an abandoned 19th century farm and a megalithic tomb built by the first farmers of the area 5,000 years ago.

<http://www.connemaranationalpark.ie/>

Beaches

Connemara's beaches are all individual, coming with their own different types of sand, rocks and an infinite variety of small shells. The Coral Strand in Ballyconneely is unusual for its golden coral sand. It's also easy to access, with plenty of space to park, and might be a slightly warmer swimming spot than other beaches! Shortly afterwards (turning right) you will find the beaches of Mannin Bay, a collection of white sandy beaches. Whatever the weather, a stroll in Mannin will leave you feeling refreshed and contented. Just off the Clifden to Roundstone road (a few kilometres before Roundstone), Dog's Bay and Gurteen are two dramatically beautiful beaches which lie back to back. Glassilaun, in Renvyle, where scenes of the movie Tristan and Isolde were filmed, is another glorious beach in North Connemara. From the village of Tully Cross, take the left turn by the church and follow the elevated coast road towards Little Killary Bay.