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WEST COAST & THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY  
- A 7-NIGHT WESTPORT RIDING & GOLF HOLIDAY -

### *Fairways & Coastlines*

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## ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

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If you are looking for an itinerary that offer mountain views, miles of coast & beach, wonderful golf courses, a charming town filled with award-winning restaurants and lively pubs with traditional Irish music . . . look no further!

Spend 7-nights exploring the coastal and mountain areas around Westport, County Mayo in the West of Ireland! Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain, serves as the backdrop to this picturesque riding adventure. Award-Winning Cuisine, Traditional Pubs, Amazing Guides + Horses, Charming Villages – it's all here!

This itinerary is classic West Coast Ireland at its finest!

The itinerary highlights riding routes & adventures with the evenings open to explore the Westport area on your own.

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## WESTPORT, COUNTY MAYO

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The charming town of Westport is situated on the shores of Clew Bay, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean, on the West coast of Ireland. It is said that Clew Bay contains an island for every day of the year!

The colorful shop fronts offers an attractive selection of specialty craft and woolen shops, traditional pubs with live music and an award-winning restaurant scene.

If you are a fan of fabulous cuisine, Westport will not disappoint! Dotted throughout town unique restaurants serve classic & contemporary dishes offering a varied selection of Irish and Continental cuisine.

Westport's most picturesque feature is the tree-lined and flower filled promenade featuring stone bridges that cross the river Carrow Beg.



# Where You'll Be!

*Westport, County Mayo*



*Dublin Airport*



*Shannon Airport*



## - ACCOMMODATIONS -

Hotel accommodations have been carefully selected, providing guests with personal service, comfortable en-suite bedrooms, and daily full Irish breakfast. Ideally located in Westport town, it's the perfect base for this exciting Ireland riding vacation.

Ideally located in Westport, County Mayo, this 4-star family owned hotel offers spacious rooms with comfy beds, crisp linens, and cozy duvets! Enjoy free Wi-Fi and a fitness center with pool, sauna and full-service spa --The perfect end to a days riding!

## - HOW TO GET HERE -

This itinerary is perfect for those who don't want to hassle with driving. Westport is a non-stop train ride from Dublin City.

Catch the train at Heuston Station in Dublin City and take it straight to Westport! You'll be collected at the train station by the host and transported to the hotel.

Alternatively, we can arrange door to door airport transfers via private transport

## - THE HORSES -

Irish horses are reputed the world over for their amazing jumping ability, gentleness, intelligence and stamina.

The equine team consists of Irish Sport Horses, Connemara Ponies, Irish Cobs, and Draughts. Chosen for their stamina, experience, and temperament, they're the perfect partners for your Ireland riding vacation!

For guests wishing to brush up on their jumping skills, with advance notice, this itinerary can include a morning/afternoon of cross country jumping.





# GOLF COURSES



## **ENNISCRONE GOLF CLUB**

Enniscrone is among the finest and most challenging of traditional Irish links golf course. This course offers 27 holes on 400 acres of magnificent links land, featuring the par 73 Dunes Championship Links Course.

Architect: Eddie Hackett/Donal Steele  
No of Holes: 27 Par: 73 Course: Links  
Facilities: Driving Range Hire Services: Clubs, Golf Carts, Buggies, Putting Green & Caddies

## **WESTPORT GOLF CLUB**

Westport Golf Club is one of Ireland's spectacular parkland courses. The course is set amongst 260-acres of undulating, scenic parkland on the edge of Clew Bay which offers wonderful views of Croagh Patrick.

Architect: Fred Hawtree  
No of Holes: 18 Par: 73 Course: Parkland  
Facilities: Practice Range Hire Services: Clubs, Golf Carts, Buggies, Pitching Green, Caddies

## **CARNE GOLF LINKS**

Consistently ranked amongst the top 15 courses in Ireland. With gigantic dunes and wonderful views across the bay and Atlantic islands of Inis Gloire and Inis Geidhewild, this course is a player favorite.

Architect: Eddie Hackett/Jim Engh  
No of Holes: 18 Par: 72 Course: Links  
Facilities: Practice Range Hire Services: Clubs, Golf Carts, Buggies, Pitching Green & Caddies

## **ROSSES POINT - COUNTY SLIGO GOLF CLUB**

Referred to as "Rosses Point" by both locals and visitors, this Club is one of the oldest and best know links course in Ireland, situated in this seaside village, eight kilometres north west of Sligo town. The links are set out on one of the most scenic locations – bounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, and the Benbulbin Mountain on the Northern skyline.

Architect: Harry Colt  
No of Holes: 27 Par: 71 Course: Links  
Facilities: Practice Range Hire Services: Clubs, Golf Carts, Buggies, Putting Green and Caddies

## **BALLINROBE GOLF COURSE**

The Championship Parkland Golf Course at Ballinrobe Golf Club is considered by some to be one of the finest in Ireland. A mature 300 acre estate provides the setting for an ever evolving, continuously maturing, championship golf course

Architect: Eddie Hackett  
No of Holes: 18 Par 73 Course: Parkland  
Facilities: Club Teaching Professional floodlit, 12 bay covered Driving Range.

## **STRAND HILL GOLF - SLIGO**

A beautiful 18 hole links golf course situated on Ireland's Atlantic coast in Strandhill, Sligo. The course boasts stunning views of the surrounding countryside and ocean with Knocknarea mountain providing the back drop. This par 70 course is the jewel in the crown of Sligo golf.

- DAY ONE -  
WELCOME TO WESTPORT

On arrival, meet your riding host and owner of the Westport Woods Hotel. Spend the day relaxing at the hotel or head out and explore the charming town of Westport.

The Westport restaurant and pub scene is second to none. The streets are filled with colorful shopfronts where you'll find local shopkeepers, bakers, artists, and craftspeople offering everything from stylish clothes and beautiful jewelry to traditional crafts and contemporary art.

Overnight: Westport Hotel

- DAY TWO -  
BRACKLOON & OWENWEE BOG TRAIL

Today's scenic trek includes quiet roads, woodland paths, and a paddle through shallow river beds. This landscape is a little slice of Ireland straight from the past where you'll see sods turf stacked neatly beside the bog ready for use as winter fuel. You will be able to trot and canter. These small quiet local roads are known as boreens which means 'little road' in Gaelic.

Overnight: Westport Hotel

- DAY THREE -  
BERTA & MURRISK BEACH TREK

After breakfast, meet up with your guides and horses at the ruins of Murrisk Abbey, a 1456 abbey founded by the Augustine Friars. Mount up and head down to Murrisk Beach, the start of the days ride.

There will be plenty of walking, trotting and splashing as the tide goes out. Enjoy some canters before crossing the estuary towards Berta Beach. This long beach is protected with a bay on one side and open ocean on the other! You'll ride past Dornish Island, also known as "Beetle Island" or "Hippie Island" as it was once owned by John Lennon.

Finish back on Murrisk Beach galloping between high tide markers which guide the boats away from the oyster beds that lay on this flat, quiet beach. End the day with a cold pint a Cambells Pub, a local's favorite at the foot of Croagh Patrick.

Overnight: Westport Hotel





## DAY FOUR

### SKELP, PROSPECT & BRACKLOON

Today's ride begins at 'The Skelp', an off road path close to Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain. Enjoy panoramic views across Clew Bay, of the most magnificent bays in Ireland.

Today's trek offers lots of exciting opportunities to canter. The horses enjoy stretching their legs on the traffic free hillside tracks.

Overnight: Westport Hotel

## DAY FIVE

### MULRANNY AND TIERNAUR BEACH TREK

This beach and Island trek is truly spectacular! The trail meanders around deserted islands that are accessible only at low tide. Cattle roam freely from one grassy patch to another. Ride past Rossturk Castle with its lookout tower which might have been used to watch out for a marauding bunch of pirates whom many invaded this part of Ireland. Continue onto the Mulranny Beach beneath the Park Hotel and traverse the outskirts of the golf course.

Finish off the day in Nevins Pub for a review of photos taken and some refreshments.

Overnight: Westport Hotel

## DAY SIX

### WHITE STRAND TO SILVER STRAND BEACHES

Today's ride is on the two best beaches in the West of Ireland and the Wild Atlantic Way. Pristine sands and secluded from the public --they are perfect for big gallops!

Silver Strand is arguably one of the best beaches in Ireland -- with views of Inishturk, Inisbofin, the Caher Islands, and Clare Island. There are many heritage and cultural sites on today's trek, from Spanish Armada Sea Wrecks to famine graves.

Enjoy big views and big gallops on this fun beach day!

Overnight: Westport Hotel





## DAY SEVEN

### DRUMMIN, SHEAFFRY HILLS AND LOUISBURGH BOG

In contrast to beach riding, this is a completely inland route, meandering along tiny roads and green lanes. It can be used as a post to post ride, starting at the stables and finishing near Louisburgh. You will ride through beautiful rural countryside, in the foothills of Croagh Patrick and beyond. Along the way are countless deserted stone cottages and churches, dating back to pre-famine times - reminders of a time when this area was more heavily populated. Your guide will point out the undulations of lazy beds where potatoes were grown before the catastrophic blight hit in the 1840s.

(Alternatively, this day can be spent cross country)

Overnight: Westport Hotel

## DAY EIGHT

Goodbye Westport & County Mayo!



# - RIDER PRICE PER PERSON-

## 2024 HIGH SEASON

(July, August)

**\$2,745**



## 2024 MID SEASON

(May, June, September)

**\$2,595**



## 2024 LOW SEASON

(January, February, March, April, October, November, December)

**\$2,365**

### **The above rates include:**

7- Nights Hotel Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast + 6 Days Riding + Lunch x 3 + Horse, Tack, and Experienced Guides + Ride Transfers + Use of Hotel Leisure Centre/Pool + Train Station Pick Up & Drop Off

**DEPOSIT: \$750 PER PERSON**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$275**

**SINGLE RIDER SUPPLEMENT: \$125**

# - GOLFER/NON RIDER PRICE PER PERSON-

## 2024 HIGH SEASON

(July, August)

**\$1,250**



## 2024 MID SEASON

(May, June, September)

**\$1,075**



## 2024 LOW SEASON

(January, February, March, April, October,  
November, December)

**\$925**

### **The above rates include:**

7- Nights Hotel Accommodation (sharing) + Daily Full Irish Breakfast + Use of  
Hotel Leisure Centre/Pool + Train Station Pick Up & Drop Off

**DEPOSIT: \$350 PER PERSON**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$275**

## **OPTIONAL ADD ON:**

GOLF PLANNING FEE: \$400

DAILY TRANSPORT TO/FROM GOLF COURSES: PRICED ON REQUEST

### **Golf Planning Fee Includes:**

- Arranging and Coordinating all Tee Times & Reservations -
  - Booking Caddies as applicable -
  - Reserving Clubs, Carts or Trolleys -
- Arranging Transport Logistics for Golfer -

### **Golf Planning Fee Does NOT Include:**

Course Green Fees  
Caddie, Cart/Trolley Rental, Golf Clubs  
Transport Coast to/from Golf Courses

### **RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Ground Transportation\* (Airport Transfers, Golf Course Transfers, etc.)

Evening Meals

Travel Insurance

Activities Not Listed on Itinerary

Domestic or International Airfare

Discretionary Tips

\*We do not include ground transportation (airport transport) on our itineraries, as some of our guests prefer to rent a car, use public transportation, or hire private transport.

We work with several private drivers & transport companies and can arrange round trip airport transfers from either Dublin Airport or Shannon Airport.

Whatever your preferred mode of transportation, we will manage all the logistics so your riding vacation is completely seamless.