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IRELAND EQUESTRIAN TOURS

BEACHES, BRUSHES & BANKS

- A 6 NIGHT NIGHT XC + TREKKING HOLIDAY -

Westport & Galway

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WHERE YOU WILL BE!



★
Westport

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Flowerhill Equestrian

DUBLIN
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ABOUT THIS ITINERARY

If you are looking for an itinerary that offers a bit of trekking and loads of cross country jumping -- look no further! Enjoy mountain views, miles of coast & beach in a town filled with award-winning restaurants and lively pubs with traditional Irish music. Ireland's holiest mountain, Croagh Patrick, serves as the backdrop to this picturesque riding adventure beginning on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Fabulous cuisine, amazing guides, wonderful horses -- its all here!

Leaving the coast, spend two nights in County Galway - famous for lush, green fields and miles of magnificent Irish stone walls! Ready to brush up on your cross country jumping? Flowerhill is an equestrian's dream. Enjoy 250 acres of glorious countryside and approximately 150 jumps!

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

Ideally located in Westport, County Mayo, this cozy 4-star, family-owned hotel offers spacious rooms with comfy beds, crisp linens and comfy duvets. Enjoy free Wi-Fi and a fitness center with pool and sauna - The perfect end to a days riding! This hotel is walkable to Westport Harbour, Westport House, or Westport Town.

In Galway, enjoy 4-star B&B accommodations in a quaint village in County Galway.

Daily full Irish breakfast is included each day + 1 Lunch in Westport + 2 Sack Lunch in Galway
(Vegetarian and Gluten Free Options Available)

HOW TO GET HERE

Westport is a non-stop train ride from Dublin City. We will arrange train station pickup and transport to your Westport accommodations on arrival. We can also arrange a driver to transport you to County Galway and onwards to either Dublin City or the Dublin Airport. *(Alternatively, a coach bus service is available from Loughrea, Co. Galway to Dublin City/Dublin Airport or train service from Athlone is available to Dublin City)*

If you prefer to rent a car, rentals are available at the Dublin Airport and Shannon Airport. We are happy to recommend some of our favorite car hire companies.

HORSES + RIDING ABILITY

The equine team at Westport & Flowerhill Equestrian consists of Irish Sport Horses, Irish Draughts, Irish Thoroughbreds, and Irish Cobs. Chosen for their stamina, experience, and temperament - they are the perfect partners for your riding holiday!

Intermediate to Advanced: Riders should be comfortable at the walk, trot, and cantering.

*** No Beginner Jumping Riders ***

ABOUT FLOWERHILL EQUESTRIAN

Located on 250- acres in the beautiful east Galway countryside, Flowerhill Equestrian Centre offers the best cross-country riding terrain and environment in the region: green fields, woodlands, the Kilcrow River and wonderful wildlife. Gallop across open fields, swim through the lakes and splash in the rivers!

The cross-country jumps at Flowerhill include a mixture of natural logs, stone walls, ditches and a wide variety of man-made obstacles. Most of the 150 obstacles include 2 or more jumping options; catering to a nervous novice or a confident competitor.

ABOUT THE HORSES & OWNER

Flowerhill offers over 45 active working horses; a cross between the solid and sensible Irish Draught and the Irish Thoroughbred.

The result? A sport horse with great jumping ability, common sense and courage! All of the horses are cross-country and hunting veterans take great care of their riders. The staff at Flowerhill takes particular care to matching rider with the horse best suited to them. This ensures everyone feels safe and comfortable while having a great time during stay at Flowerhill.

Oliver Walsh is a former field master with the East Galway Hunt and retired Huntsman (after 20 seasons) with the Roscommon Hunt. Oliver accompanies most of the ride outs and always provides words of encouragement and advice along the way!

EXAMPLE: TWO NIGHT FLOWERHILL SCHEDULE

Day One: 1:30 PM - XC Jump. Overnight: B&B

Day Two: 10 AM XC , Lunch, 1:30 PM XC. Overnight: B&B

Day Three: 10 AM XC Jump, Depart Flowerhill

Expect a mixture of xc training, showjumping lessons , XC ride outs including hound exercising. Guests typically ride two different horses/ponies each day.



- DAY ONE - WESTPORT

Welcome to Ireland's rugged west coast: Westport, County Mayo!

The day is yours to spend as you wish -- relax at the hotel or head out and explore the charming town of Westport.

The Westport restaurant & pub scene is second to none and is fast becoming a food lover's destination. 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, Co. Mayo

- DAY TWO - SKELP, PROSPECT, BRACKLOON

Today's ride begins at "The Skelp", an off road path around the base of Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holiest Mountain. Enjoy panoramic views across Clew Bay, one of the most magnificent bays in Ireland. With 365 islands, it is said that Clew Bay has an island for every year!

This trek allows you to get familiar with your horse. There will be plenty of opportunities to trot and canter as the horses enjoy stretching their legs on the hillside paths.

Overnight: Westport, Co. Mayo

- 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 Augustinian Friars. Mount up and head down to Murrisk Beach to 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 the open ocean on the other! You'll ride past Dorninish Island, also known as 'Beetle Island' or 'Hippie Island' as it was once owned by John Lennon.



Finish back on Murrisk Beach with a few nice gallops 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 at Campbells Pub, a local's favorite at the foot of Croagh Patrick.

Overnight: Westport, Co. Mayo

- DAY FOUR -

WHITE STRAND + SILVER STRAND BEACH

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 Island, 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 gallops and big views on your last day in County Mayo!

Overnight: Westport, Co. Mayo

- DAY FIVE -

FLOWERHILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

After breakfast, late morning Westport departure. Afternoon cross country jumping in Galway.

Overnight: Co. Galway

- DAY SIX -

FLOWERHILL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Morning & afternoon cross country jumping.

Overnight: Co. Galway

- DAY SEVEN -

Morning XC Session. Depart Galway



- 2024 RATES -

HIGH SEASON

(JULY & AUGUST)

\$2,325



MID SEASON

(MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER)

\$2,235



LOW SEASON

(JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER DECEMBER)

\$2,095

The above rates include:

6 Nights Accommodation (sharing) - Hotel + B&B, Daily Full Irish Breakfast x 6, 1 Westport Lunch + 2 Sack Lunch Flowerhill + 3 Days Westport Riding + 4 Flowerhill Xcountry Sessions (with Riding Guide/Instructor) + Westport Transfers to Ride Locations + Horse Hire & Guides, Use of Westport Hotel Leisure Centre + Westport Train Station Pick Up

DEPOSIT:

\$700 PER PERSON

(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$200)

(WESTPORT SINGLE RIDER SUPPLEMENT:

~~\$125~~

NON RIDER RATES

HIGH SEASON RATE: \$960 PER PERSON (*Sharing*)

MID SEASON RATE: \$880 PER PERSON (*Sharing*)

LOW SEASON RATE: \$770 PER PERSON (*Sharing*)

NON RIDER DEPOSIT:

\$300 PER PERSON

SUPPLEMENTS & ADD ONS

Additional Flowerhill XC Schooling Days + Nights: Priced on Request

Add On Dinner/Flowerhill Guesthouse (2 Nights): Add \$25 Per Person/Per Night

Hotel Accommodations - Co. Galway: Priced on Request

Additional Night Dublin City Hotel: Priced on Request

Additional Night Dublin Airport Hotel: Priced on Request

MUST HAVES

Riding Helmet (*preferred skullcap style*)

Cross Country Safety Vest

Long Boots or Paddock Boots (with half chaps)

Travel Insurance with Medical Coverage

PRIVATE TRANSPORT

We can arrange private transport for the following:

- Dublin City/Dublin Airport to Westport
- Westport to Flowerhill Equestrian
- Flowerhill Equestrian to Dublin City/Dublin Airport

(Priced Separately)

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

Airport Transfers

Westport - Flowerhill Transfer

Lunch or Evening Meals Not Indicated on Itinerary

Activities not Listed on Itinerary

Domestic or International Airfare

Discretionary Tips

Travel Insurance