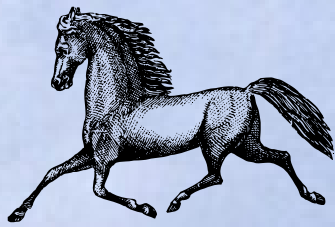


ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

IRELAND'S
RING OF KERRY
TRAIL RIDE





The week of riding is fun filled with long trots and canters and some of the most bucolic scenery in Ireland.

The Ring of Kerry tour gives you the amazing opportunity to gallop through the sea spray on Rossbeigh Beach for long open stretches at a time. It's as thrilling as anything we've ever done on a ride and leaves you grinning from ear to ear and a bit breathless at the same time.

The area of Killarney and the Ring of Kerry, is one of the most scenic parts of Ireland as folks love to explore the peninsula of Inveragh framed by the McGillicuddy Reeks.

The views of slate roofed villages which give way to coastal paths leading to the Atlantic never seem to grow old as riders and their athletic Irish Draft and Gypsy Vanners wind their way through the area.



duration:
7 DAYS



2-10
MEMBERS



country
IRELAND



airport
CORK



accommodation
B&B



breakfast & lunch
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 1 Saturday

Transfer from Killarney or Shannon Airport to Killarney.

Day 2 Sunday

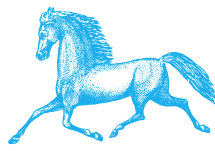
Your ride will begin at the base of Seefinn Mountain and ascend to the Windy Gap to view the splendor of Caragh Lake. The trail takes you across green pastures and through charming villages to Coomasaharn Lake which is enclosed by Horseshoe Mountain.

The quaint village of Glenbeigh, (Glen of Birches) is your destination for the evening. Surrounded entirely by mountains, this town boasts breathtaking views of the River Behy and Rossbeigh Strand and you can enjoy a delightful visit to Winn's Folly Castle.

Day 3 Monday

You will gallop across the golden sand of Rossbeigh beach. A century-old tower which guided ships entering Castlemaine Harbour and the panorama of Dingle and Inveragh peninsulas will enhance your ride.

After lunch on the beach and another brisk gallop, your day ends as you return from the beach via Cliff Road.



HORSES

The horses are a mixture of Irish Drafts, Irish Cobs, and Percheron Crosses



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 4 Tuesday

Your morning ride will take you from Kells Station through the blanket bogs of Cnoc Bawn and Liss Bawn. The views of Caherciveen are spectacular. Lunch is served in a forest grove. Your next destinations are the fertile Inny Valley and the Tulligane Woods.

Your evening accommodation is in the coastal village of Waterville (the little whirlpool). This town is nestled on a narrow strip of land between Lough Currane and the Atlantic Ocean. The first Celtic invaders are reputed to have landed near Waterville leaving many archaeological remains.

Day 5 Wednesday

You will spend an adventurous morning in the Tulligane Woods. After a picnic lunch by the Inny River, you will ride along the shores of the famous fishing lake, Lough Currane.

Day 6 Thursday

After a brisk ride to Waterville Beach, you will gallop along the shoreline. The trail travels past old farmhouses as you ride to Hogs Head and the blue green skyline of Ballinskelligs Bay.

Day 7 Friday

After breakfast, transfer to your airport.

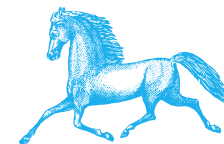
Tack:

All horses have English saddles, and bridles. Only a few western saddles – which must be requested in advance. The saddles we use are the 'Swiss Ranger' saddle, made by Peter August Spirig (Switzerland). These are designed for comfort for the long distance rider and their horse. So extra gel pads etc. are not necessary, but if riders wish to bring them, they are more than welcome.

Each horse is fitted with a saddle bag, so riders may carry personal items with them, such as; rain clothing, water bottle, camera, Sun block etc.

Dates:

Weekly from April until November.



RIDING HELMETS

Riding helmets are obligatory in Ireland. For the trail ride, current European standards apply. Your helmet will need to meet one of the following standards:

EN 1384:1996
PAS 015:1998
SNELL E2001
ASTM F1163
BSEN 14572
BSEN 1384: 1997

INCLUDED:

6 or 3 nights accommodation
5 or 2 days guided trail riding
Full Irish Breakfast daily as well as picnic lunches
Horse and tack
Guiding services
Luggage transfers
All local taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare
Airport transfers
Travel Insurance
Dinners
Alcoholic beverages
Gratuities for the team at the end of the stay



Rider REVIEWS



Awsome trip! OMG.. Laurie and I loved it! Canter and galloping across two different stretches of beaches, lots and lots of trot's, in between :). I must say, this trip was definitely geared for a more experienced rider.. literally we trotted for 10 minutes straight, several times every day. The two days we cantered/galloped on the beach alone, was worth every penny, never mind everything else that we saw and did in-between that. The weather was perfect.. not one drop of rain and mid 60's and beautiful sky's. The guides said they have never seen such nice weather, Ever. The day we were in Waterville, we actually trotted through the middle of the town.. there happened to be two busloads of people walking around, and I swear to you, all of their jaws were hanging on the ground in shock when six horses came thundering through.. Felt like we were movie stars.. haha... I got that on GoPro just haven't replayed it yet to see all their faces. The guides were very attentive, they took care of everything, tacking horses, making sure everybody was ok, just all-around great people! Donnie the owner, was sure to be at the lunch stops to make sure everything was going smooth and everybody was happy. Once I download some video/pics I'll be sure to send them to you. Laurie and I truly thank you again for another great lifetime experience that we will never forget! You will be hearing from us for our next horseback adventure.! **Jordon & Laurie L.**

"I had a really great time, and Donie and Alison were both wonderful The horses were all very well behaved (really made me question my earlier life choices of off-track thoroughbreds), and obviously very loved and well cared for. The ride itself managed to cover what must be every type of Irish landscape, so very cleverly planned in that sense. So much fun, and I would highly recommend it." **Sharon B.**



Getting THERE



Cork Airport: 60 miles – 1.5 - 2 hour journey: €130 Over 3 People: Extra charge applies.

Shannon Airport: 70 miles – 2-hour journey: €180 depending on number of people traveling.

Kerry Airport: 10 miles – 15-minute journey: €30

Upon reaching Killarney by bus or train, clients can telephone the stables and we will be happy to collect free of charge.



Bus Station: The BUS can be taken from Shannon (via Limerick City) to Killarney; Cork City to Killarney; Kerry Airport to Killarney. www.buseireann.ie

Train Station: The TRAIN can be taken from Dublin (Heuston Station) to Killarney and from Cork (Kent Station). Tickets may be bought at the station on day of travel. Prices for tickets are cheaper if bought online in advance but may not be flexible) www.irishrail.ie

Driving Directions: GPS Co-ordinates are in Killarney, Co. Kerry
N 52' 04. 156'
W 009' 31. 856'

