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CHALLENGING CONNEMARA

PRICES FROM

€695.00

DURATION

7DAYS

Independent and more advanced cyclists will love our Challenging Connemara Tour, covering more distances each day. This tour takes you through breathtaking countryside and historically important towns during your stay. The average daily distance covered is 70 kilometres.

There are a range of distances you can decide upon, and shorter options should you feel like a more restful day at any stage of your tour. You can choose between two levels of accommodation to suit your budget. Your luggage will be transferred each day for you to lighten the load. Bikes and any necessary biking equipment are provided along with route notes and maps.

Destinations visited include landscapes of immense beauty like the Delphi Valley, the Renvyle Peninsula and the banks of Lough Corrib. You will also visit charming towns including Westport and Cong.



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DETAILS

DURATION:	7 days (6 nights)
TOUR DATES:	This tour starts every Thursday (between April and October). Alternative scheduling also available for €70 extra per booking.
LEVEL:	Challenging with some occasional hill. Average of 70kms per day with longer and shorter options available on most days.
BICYCLE:	Touring bike Hybrid upgrade bike (front suspension) €70 extra E-bike rental: €195 extra
EQUIPMENT:	Helmets, front handlebar bag, side panniers (if required at €20 extra charge), puncture repair kit, lock.
ACCOMMODATION:	Depending on the option: hotels 3* or approved B&Bs & guesthouses
MEALS:	All Irish breakfasts
TRANSFERS:	All luggage transfers, taxi from Maam Cross bus stop to Leenane on arrival day and from Leenane to Maam Cross bus stop on departure day.
MISCELLANEOUS:	Route notes and OSI maps (1:50,000)
ARRIVAL POINT:	A taxi from Maam Cross bus stop is included in your tour (Citylink bus offer 5 daily buses from Galway to Maam Cross) and a Connemara Adventure Tours representative will meet you either on the afternoon of arrival or the following morning at your first night's accommodation.
DEPARTURE POINT:	You depart from your last night's accommodation in Leenane. A taxi from your last night's accommodation to Maam Cross bus stop is included in your tour and that bus service with Citylink operates daily.

Further info on getting to/from Ireland and your tour start point can be found here (<http://www.connemaraadventuretours.com/en/infotravel-walking-cycling-ireland>)

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DAY 1 ARRIVAL

Arrive in the village of Leenane to a warm welcome, and take some time to settle into your accommodation (we can help with arranging transfers on request). Your route notes and maps will be waiting for you at your accommodation to study overnight. Depending on your time of arrival we will allocate bikes and equipment, otherwise this will be done the following morning. Dinner is available in one of the restaurants or pubs in Leenane village.

DAY 3 AROUND WESTPORT - CROAGH PATRICK

A day to explore Westport! Today you have a few options ranging from climbing Croagh Patrick (a well-worn pilgrimage route) to visiting Westport House, a fine Georgian mansion and ancestral home of the Marquis of Sligo. For your cycling itinerary you can escape the bustle of urban life on the 42km

DAY 2 LEENANE TO WESTPORT - 60 KMS

Today your first cycle is to the colourful town of Westport, via Leenane, Aasleagh Falls, the Delphi and Doolough Valleys, Louisburgh and along the Clew Bay coastline (56km with longer and shorter options). You will spend the next two nights at your accommodation in Westport, where you can choose dinner from one of the many restaurants in the town.

DAY 4 FROM WESTPORT TO CONG - 60 KMS

You leave Westport today and head for the village of Cong. Departing after breakfast you cycle via Aghagower, Tourmakeady, Lough Mask, Finny, and Clonbur and into Cong village (70km). This is a wonderful long cycle through a variety of scenery; hills, fine trout lakes, small country roads and you

Great Western Greenway, the longest off-road walking and cycling trail in Ireland. The world-class Great Western Greenway is a traffic free cycling and walking trail which follows the route of the renowned Westport to Achill railway which closed in 1937. Alternatively you can cycle along the shores of Clew Bay to Louisburgh, and visit the 14th century Murrisk Abbey along the way.

will stop at a suitable pub along the way to buy your own lunch. You stay the night in a B&B in Cong. There is a selection of restaurants in the village of Cong where you can enjoy your evening meal.

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FROM CONG TO LEENANE - BETWEEN 65 AND 90 KMS

Today you continue your cycle southwards from Cong along the shores of Lough Corrib to Maam and across a small mountain pass to Maam Cross, before heading for the Inagh Valley to cycle back to Leenane. It is a 90km cycle but you will have options to make it shorter if you wish. You will stay in the lovely village of Leenane for the next two nights.

DAY 6

AROUND LEENANE - FROM 50 TO 80 KMS

There is a lot to see today as you cycle west to Kylemore Abbey, Connemara National Park, Renvyle Castle and finally back to Leenane (50km). The longer option includes a cycle further south to Cleggan and Streamstown Bay (80km). You will visit the world famous Kylemore Abbey, a gothic fairytale lakeside castle lodged in a wooded hillside. It is the site of one of Ireland's finest gardens, the six-acre Victorian walled garden at Kylemore. It was created by Mitchell Henry in tandem with the building of Kylemore Castle in 1867. It won the prestigious Europa Nostra Award for Gardens in 2000. Connemara National Park entrance is in Letterfrack where you can climb all or part of Diamond Hill or simply visit the excellent visitor centre and tea rooms. Return to Leenane to enjoy a well deserved rest and a final night in the village.

DAY 7

DEPARTURE

Breakfast and departure.

ACCOMMODATION

B&B

3* HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The B&B option means you will get to stay in a family home where the personal touch and attention to detail is second to none. A true Irish welcome awaits you as well as home-

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cooked food, comfort and a taste of traditional Irish life.

While you may be staying in part of the family home this does not mean that you will not have privacy and high standards of accommodation you require. Cosy rooms, modern facilities and care and attention are what these properties excel in.

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TESTIMONIALS

"You are so flexible on the bike. You are free to stop everywhere you want to take pictures, have lunch on a bench close to a loch and if it starts raining you have the opportunity to stop in cute and cosy coffee places for tea and scones until the rain stops. Ireland is a wonderful destination and Connemara adventure tours the best way to explore this beautiful country! The staff is very friendly, helpful and supportive. Thank you for making this journey unforgettable!"

Marian - August 2017

"You have a great team there. From the booking, bike, B&B's and well laid tour & mapping I cannot think of a better way to see Ireland (in low gear)."

James - June 2017

"We had such a memorable holiday, please pass on our thanks to Geraldine and Mary in Cong who were both fantastic to us. They did a load of washing for us when we arrived wet and muddy and also drove us into town. Such welcoming and helpful 'hostesses' made our stay all the more enjoyable. It's a pity we didn't have more time."

Francis - September 2017

PRICE

All prices shown are in EURO and are per person.

B&B

Double/Twin/Triple	€695.00
B&B Single	€825.00
B&B Solo	€1,155.00

3* HOTEL

Hotel Double/Hotel Twin/Hotel Triple	€895.00
3* Hotel Single	€1,055.00
3* Hotel Solo	€1,355.00

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

To secure your booking, we will request 30% deposit per person. Please note this is a non-refundable payment. The balance payment is due 30 days before the tour starts.

If your tour start date is within 30 days of booking, the full, non-refundable payment is required upon booking.

We do not organise travel to/from Ireland. However there is some useful information on our "Getting To Ireland (<http://www.connemaraadventuretours.com/en/getting-to-ireland>)" page.

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