



## FAMILY ADVENTURE PADDLING AND PIRATES



- Enjoy a privately guided trip, each activity tailored to match your family's preferences
- Hop over to the Pirate Queen's island stronghold & try your hand at stand-up-paddling
- Follow in St Patrick's footsteps on a pilgrimage path on horseback
- Learn bushcraft and seashore foraging skills

€1850 Per Adult / €1520 Per Child

TRIP GRADE: **FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE**

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# PLANNED ITINERARY

Explore the western coast of Ireland, a landscape dipped in history and myth. From the music-filled town of Westport, to the island home of 16th century Pirate Queen Grace O'Malley, to the pilgrimage along St Patrick's Walk, enjoy action-packed fun for the whole family! Staying in fantastic family-friendly accommodations and eating fresh local food, you'll uncover the geology, wildlife, history and culture of this fascinating region through a range of fully guided activities.

Your personal guide will impart their local knowledge to ensure that your family gets the very best from their time in Ireland, learning through interaction with landscape and people. Immerse yourself in Irish history, visit a working farm, and learn survival and foraging skills! As you'll have your own private guide, all of the activities can be tailored to your own family's needs and ambitions.

## DAY ONE – WESTPORT

We meet in the lively town of Westport, one of the most picturesque on the Wild Atlantic Way. With its brightly coloured houses, craft shops, music-filled pubs and gourmet restaurants, it is a great place to begin your family adventure. Take a walk to stretch your legs and explore the town before enjoying a welcome dinner with your guide. (D)

## DAY TWO – BIKE THE GREENWAY

The Great Western Greenway is the longest off-road hiking and biking trail in Ireland. It follows the route of an old railway to a hauntingly beautiful island and offers a completely car-free biking trail with spectacular coastal and mountain views. Along the way, your guide will point out interesting sights and recount tales of the landscape that you're biking through. The day's biking distance can be tailored to suit your family, with longer options for fitter groups as well as the option of an electric bike\* for anyone wishing for an extra push up those gentle hills! (B,L)

## DAY THREE – EXPLORE IRELAND'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Today, there is a choice of activities. For the more energetic family members, there is the opportunity to hike around Ireland's holy mountain, Croagh Patrick. The tradition of pilgrimage up this mountain stretches back over 5,000 years from the Stone Age to the present day. Each July, some devout pilgrims even make the hike barefoot! For others, there is the option to horseback ride along a trail known as St Patrick's Walk, enjoying some fascinating ancient sights from the saddle of your own horse - or of course alternatively spend the day at your own personal leisure. (B,L)

## DAY 4 – A PIRATE'S ISLAND & A TREASURE HUNT

In the 16th century, the northwestern coast was ruled by a formidable Gaelic pirate queen, Grace O'Malley. Irish legends immortalise Grace as a courageous heroine, but to the English, who controlled Ireland at the time, she was considered a thieving pirate. In any case, her exploits are legendary! We'll visit her seat of power, a castle tower on Clare Island. Boating across to the island, we'll explore the island on foot, visiting her castle and tomb, as well as an abbey distinguished for its well-preserved medieval roof and wall paintings. We may even uncover some of the treasures Queen Grace left behind on an exciting treasure hunt! Today we'll explore the Pirate Queen's kingdom by water by learning how to paddle, fun activity for all the family! (B,L)





#### **DAY 5 - ZIP LINING IN CONNEMARA & FEEDING THE LAMBS**

Today, we pack up and travel south to Connemara. Described by Oscar Wilde as 'a savage beauty', the spectacular wilderness of Connemara is where we shall spend the next few days adventuring. Our first stop is a tree-high obstacle course where we can try our hand at zip-lining and clambering and swinging through the tree canopy, trying not to look down at the ground below! We will then visit a local sheep farmer to see his clever sheepdogs and learn how they herd the sheep. If we're lucky, we may be able to help out with feeding the adorable hungry lambs. (B,L)

#### **DAY 6 - BUSHCRAFT & FORAGING THE SEASHORE**

The Connemara coast is home to some of the most spectacular white sand beaches set with a backdrop of green sloped mountains and the crashing Atlantic. After a leisurely morning, we shall enjoy a hike along the shore where we will learn survival skills from your guide. We will also learn about seashore foraging and the ocean's superfood - seaweed! For the adventurous, seaweed for lunch anyone? Today is also a great day to take a dip in the Atlantic if you dare! (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7 - DEPARTURE**

This morning we shall say goodbye to the wilds of Connemara and transfer back to Galway Train Station. Don't miss out on a chance to explore colourful Galway before leaving the wild western coast of Ireland! (B)

*PLEASE NOTE - The itinerary may be subject to change at the discretion of the Wilderness Ireland Guide with regard to weather conditions, child's height and other factors. This itinerary is available all year round, but some activities may not be available in winter.*

*\*Please note there is an additional charge for an electric bike of €20 per person*



## TRIP GRADING - FAMILY - AT YOUR OWN PACE

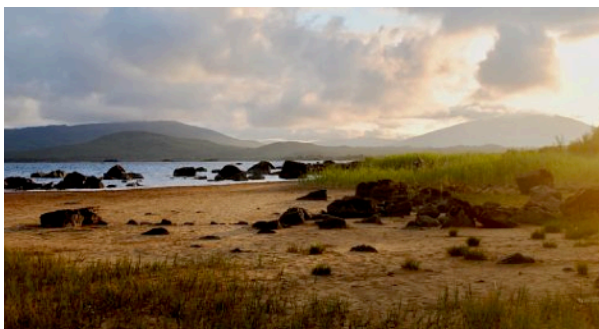
This trip can be catered and tailored to meet the needs of each family depending on fitness levels, ages, and desired activities. Each family will get the chance to work with our friendly trip designers in order to tailor your trip until it is perfect for you and your family!



*Every family is different so please contact us to price a trip specifically to fit you.*

It is your responsibility to ensure you are appropriately fit and capable of doing the described hikes in the expected times. Please refer to the [grading section](#) on our website for more details. If you are unsure we encourage you to speak to us first.

*Family adventures along the Wild Atlantic Way*





## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### PRICING AND INCLUSIONS

Private departures from €1850 per adult/€1520 per child. The children's trip price is based on a child under 12 sharing a room with two adults. *Every family is different so please contact us to price a trip specifically to fit you.* The example price above includes:

- 6 nights' accommodation in hand-picked small comfortable hotels and family-run guesthouses
- All breakfasts, lunches and 2 evening meals, on the first and last nights of the trip. (see in itinerary above B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- The services of a qualified Wilderness Ireland adventure guide throughout the trip
- All activities mentioned in the itinerary including: 1 days bike hire, an one-hour horse riding adventure, Stand-Up-Paddling lesson and zip-lining forest experience
- All transport throughout the trip from designated start and end points, including ferries/boat transfers.
- Selection of tasty Irish snacks each day
- Gratuities for all accommodation, included meals & activity providers, but not your Wilderness Ireland guide.

### ACCOMMODATION

This trip features accommodations chosen for their excellent location, service and comfort. Both hotels are family friendly offering a range of child centred activities and services.

### MEALS

All accommodations provide breakfast. Each day, lunch is either a Wilderness Picnic or taken at a local cafe/pub. Water/snacks are provided during the day. Evening meals are included on first and last nights only. Your Wilderness Guide can provide expert recommendations for other nights.

### SINGLE ROOMS

Single supplements will apply in cases where a single room is required.

### MINIMUM AGE

This itinerary is designed to suit **children from 6-15 years old**. However, please note depending on factors such as weather and the child's height, some activities may be restricted. This is a private departure and can therefore the activities can be tailored to the needs and abilities of your children.





## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

You will be met by your Wilderness Ireland Guide **Westport Train Station at 1.00pm on Day 1 of your trip**. You will be returned to **Galway Train Station by 12.00pm** in time for regular connections to Dublin.



For advice on getting to, from and around Ireland please our travel advice page on our website: <https://www.wildernessireland.com/faq/travel-to-and-within-ireland/>

## YOUR GUIDE

At Wilderness Ireland, our philosophy is simple: each trip is designed by locals, and delivered by local legends. During this family adventure, you and your family will be accompanied and led by one of our professional guides. Each of our guides are among the most highly qualified and experienced outdoor enthusiasts in Ireland. With a passion for Ireland's wild places and an intimate knowledge of Ireland's landscapes, nature, culture, mythology and history, our guides will be delighted to share their passion and knowledge with with you on your upcoming trip!

For more info and to meet the team please see our [Guide Pages](#).



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## 100% SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

At Wilderness Ireland, we believe our tours are top notch. To back that up, we're the only Irish travel company offering a no-strings-attached 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.

If you're not completely satisfied with any aspect of your trip, then let us know. If the issue was not resolved by Wilderness Ireland during your trip, then we'll invite you back to experience another Wilderness Ireland tour of similar value, FREE OF CHARGE to prove you can have a world class vacation in Ireland. [See details more here.](#)

## QUESTIONS TO ASK? READY TO BOOK?

If you want to get in touch please send us an email or give us a call. We accept bookings online, by email, or over the phone. A deposit of 25% is required at the time of booking to secure the trip with the balance payable 8 weeks (56 days) before departure. If booking less than 56 days before the trip start date, full payment of the trip price is required immediately.

We accept payment by credit or debit card, or bank transfer.

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is your responsibility to take out appropriate travel insurance to cover you during your trip. This should include cover for cancellation prior to the trip\*, the activities undertaken (i.e hiking), curtailment, and adequate medical insurance for sickness/injury and medical repatriation. We also strongly recommend you have cover for your other travel arrangements such as flights, and your personal possessions.

**\*If you cancel your trip charges will apply. Please see section 2 of our terms and conditions for a breakdown:**

<https://www.wildernessireland.com/make-a-booking/booking-conditions/>

