



Donegal South Trail

The Donegal Trail is an unguided trail ride.
You can ride the Donegal Trail only with a minimum of two* riders.

*The unguided Trails are suited to a minimum of 2 persons - but, if you really would like to ride a Trail and you don't have a riding companion we have the possibility to help you find one on our **Meeting Page** on the Internet.

Opening Dates for 2017 Season: 04 May – 16 October 2017
(High Season 13 July – 24 August 2017)
(Closed 06 July – 13 July 2017)

Our arrival days are: Thursday or Saturday (10:00 a.m.)

DAY 1 - ARRIVAL DAY

Arrive, receive saddlebags, maps and have a trial ride along the laneways near Horse Holiday Farm, to Trawalud Strand and Dunes and return to the farm.

DAY 2 - COUNTRY MANSION

After breakfast, receive instructions on tacking up and guidelines for the next 6 days. Then you and your horse will be transported to Belleek to commence your first day's trail. This day takes you along the shores of Assaroe Lake and then through the forests of the Knader Wood to Cavangarden House, a beautiful country mansion set in its own 1,000 acres. Riding time 4-5 hours. You will be by-passing Ballyshannon - the oldest town in Ireland, created in 1613. Why not pay a visit in the evening and have a drink at Dorrian's Thatched Pub.

DAY 3 - ROSSNOWLAGH

From Cavangarden House you will ride through the farm to a quiet country road, which brings you to the famous surfing beach of Rossnowlagh, miles of beach and dunes stretch ahead of you. Rossnowlagh is the home of a beautiful Franciscan Friary which has a small museum housing stone age flints and old Irish musical instruments. Take a break at the Smugglers Creek. Leaving at Murvagh to follow a small country road to a modern guesthouse. Approx. 4 hours riding.



DAY 4 - PEACE, TRANQUILITY AND RELAXATION

Return to Murvagh -you will have the Golf Club in sight as well as a magnificent view to Slieve League and the Bluestack Mountains. Across the bay you will see many islands, Inishpat and Rooney's Island are directly in front of you, keep to the shoreline, and leave the sea at St. Ernan's Island. Follow a small country lane rising all the time in the direction of Oughternid. Enjoy the magnificent views, Barnesmore on your left and spreads of blanket bog formed up to 7,000 years ago on your right. Arriving after approx. 5-6 hours at Moorlands Guesthouse. Rosie and Walter also have a Health Centre, a massage from Rosie could do wonders for those aching muscles.

DAY 5 - VISIT HISTORIC DONEGAL TOWN

A rest day can be arranged should you wish to visit the historic Donegal Town with its castle dating back to the 15th century and the ruins of Donegal Abbey built in 1474. There are also great shopping opportunities. You can also take a leisurely ride on the forest trails.

DAY 6 - THE PILGRIMS WAY

Departing the Moorlands, follow forest tracks to the shores of Lough Derg, Ireland's most famous Pilgrimage site, St. Patrick's Purgatory on Saint's Island - thousands of people travel here every summer for three days of prayer, penance and fasting. Overnight at a farmhouse near Pettigo. Approx. 4-5 hours riding.

DAY 7 - ARDMOURNE GUESTHOUSE AND STABLES

Leaving Pettigo follow a small track which brings you back to the shores of Lough Derg, this time on the north east shore. On leaving Lough Derg you follow a series of small forest tracks, riding along the Mullafa Mountain and Meenbog Hill, enjoying the peace and the comfort of wildlife to a warm welcome from Helena and Joe at Ardmourne Guesthouse.

DAY 8 - FAREWELL TO "FRIENDS"

After breakfast say goodbye to your equine friends of the past week.

Programmes subject to change.

ARRIVALS: Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Meeting time: 10.00 a.m. arrival at stables Horse Holiday Farm

General:

In order to participate in our Trail riders must be fit and able to trot, canter and gallop at ease, You must also be capable of taking good care of your horse: feed , groom and tack up.

On all programmes children must be over 12 years of age and good riders and also must be capable of spending long hours in the saddle.

Internet offer only!



2017 Season prices!

The Donegal Trail South (1 week)

Includes 7 nights bed and breakfast, your horse for one week with all equipment and saddlebags. Transportation from last overnight stop to farm.

Price: July 13 – August 24, 2017 € 980.00

May 04 – July 05, 2017 & August 25 – October 16, 2017 € 920.00

ARRIVALS: Thursday, Saturday

Meeting time: 10.00 a.m. arrival at stables Horse Holiday Farm

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4 Days Donegal South Trail

Includes: 4 nights bed and breakfast and 4 days riding

Transportation from last overnight back to the farm.

Price: July 13 – August 24, 2017 € 600.00

May 04 – July 05, 2017 & August 25 – October 16, 2017 € 580.00

ARRIVALS: Thursday, Saturday

Meeting time: 10.00 a.m. arrival at stables Horse Holiday Farm

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