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Ireland's Hidden Heartlands

4 DAY/4 NIGHT ITINERARY





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Hidden Landscapes, a 'subtropical paradise', captivating stories and vibrant towns; the central area of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands is ready to uncover.

Cruising the tranquil waters of Ireland's longest river is on the bucket list for many Irish people. However, you may not know that it's a possible to do this on a short break.

When you Captain your own boat for a three-day cruise along the River Shannon, you'll relax into the peaceful rhythm of the water, dock in tranquil spots and discover lots of pretty villages and historic sites along the way.



Why choose this Medley experience



Board Luxury Motor Yacht - 6 Berth

All travel/transfers will be taken care of to ensure maximum comfort and ease for our clients. There is also an option for guests to stay in hotels each evening.

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Welcome Pack

- ✓ All onboard food (menus agreed in advance)
- ✓ All onboard alcohol (on consumption)
- ✓ Board games
- ✓ WIFI
- ✓ TV, Music system



Excellent Service

- ✓ Captain & Chef Included
- ✓ All food prepared & served on board
- ✓ Bespoke requests catered for

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Example of a 4-Day Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Experience

FOR GROUP OF 6





DAY 1

Carrick-on-Shannon to Dromod

10am Medley Fleet Street, Dublin 2
Heart of Dublin City Centre
One of the city's most historic districts
Light & airy venue
Morning coffee with an assortment of treats

11.30am Depart and transfer to Carrick-on-Shannon

1pm Arrive Carrick-on-Shannon to the harbour

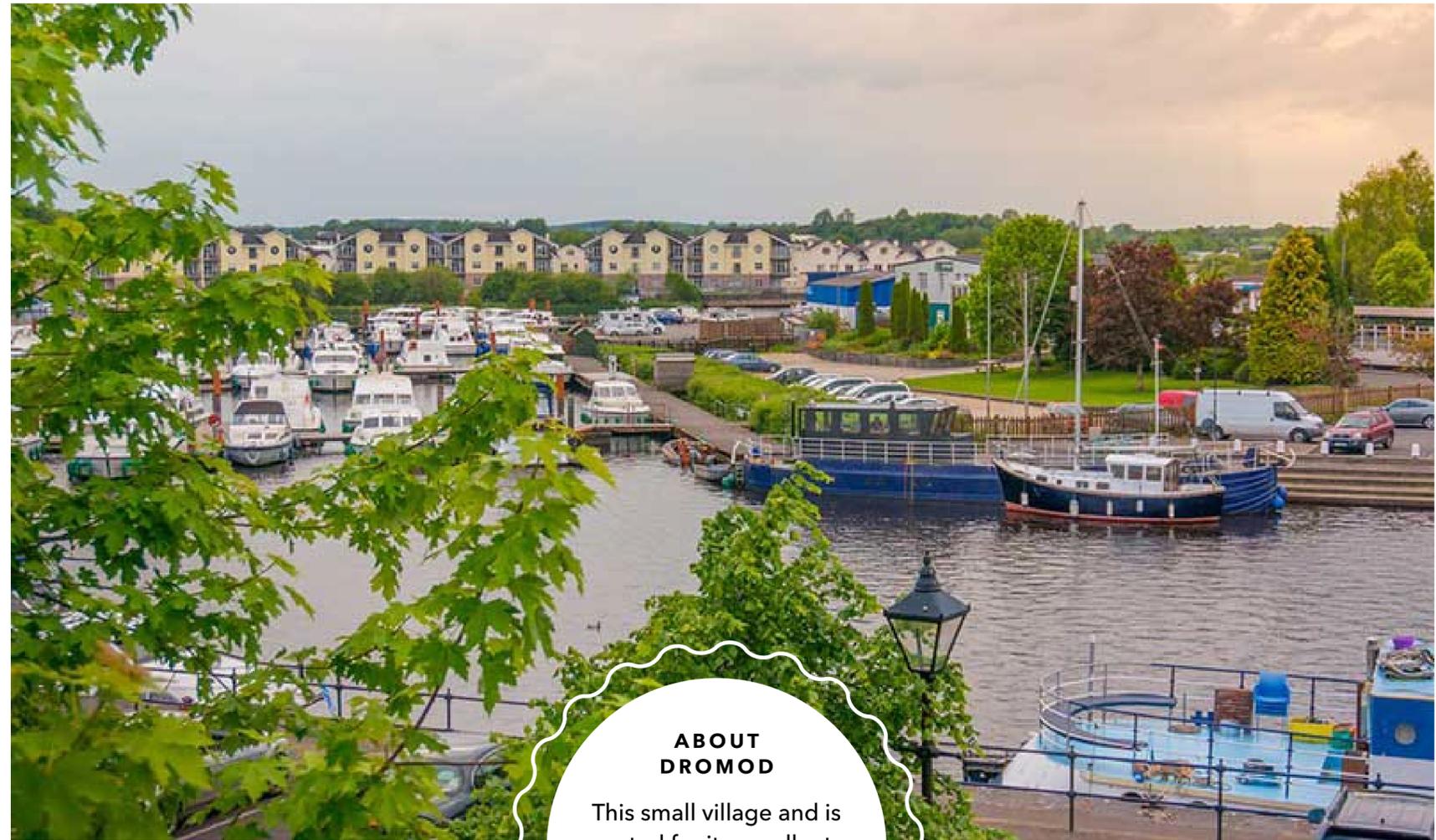
2pm Depart and cruise to historic Jamestown which still has part of its fortification walls, and a further hour through a manned lock to reach the harbour in Dromod. The views here are stunning along the canal as you approach the lock.

5pm Arrive Dromod. Moor in the harbour for the night. Guests can stroll to the village for pints in the Brandywell pub.

1.15 Lunch

8pm Dinner (Cox's Steakhouse)

3-HR CRUISE



ABOUT DROMOD

This small village and is noted for its excellent fishing on nearby Loughs Bofin and Boderg.





DAY 2

Dromod to Lanesborough

9am Breakfast

10.30am Depart for Lanesborough and cruise through the lock in Rooskey, on to Tarmonbarry, and on down the Shannon to your destination.

2pm Lunch

8pm Dinner (on board)

4-HR CRUISE



ABOUT LANESBOROUGH

In the small town of Lanesborough stands one of the oldest centres of Christianity in Longford, Saint John's church, a beautiful building built on an older church dating from the 5th century.



DAY 3

Lanesborough to Glasson

4-HR CRUISE

9.30am Depart and cruise through Lough Ree and the island of Inchcleraun (Inis Cloithreann). In the northern part of the lake is the site of a monastery founded in the early Christian era and contains the remains of several ancient churches. In Irish legends, it was on this island that Queen Maeve was killed. The Viking Turgesius controlled a ringfort on the shores until his death by drowning in Lough Owel.

3.30pm Arrive Hodson Bay hotel for water activities. Located right next to Hodson Bay, you will find Baysports for some fun activities, which is Ireland's largest inflatable outdoor water park. Cruise to the nearby Glasson where you will moor for the night.

8pm Dinner (The Wineport)





DAY 4

Glasson to Banagher

8am Breakfast

9am Depart for Athlone.
Meander north for another hour to the largest town on the river, Athlone home to the medieval Athlone Castle which dominates the waterfront.

12.30pm Lunch (The Left Bank Bistro)

1.30pm Cruise to Clonmacnoise, which is a wonderful vestige of the past, lost to nature. To dig deeper into the fascinating history of Clonmacnoise, visit the on-site interpretive visitor centre, which displays a number of cross slabs and the 9th century Cross of the Scriptures.

3.30pm Depart for a 3 hour cruise to Banagher

5.30pm Arrive Banagher

6pm Transfers to Ballintubbert Gardens & House

8.00pm Dinner

5-HR CRUISE





DAY 5

Back to Dublin

9am Breakfast

10am Transfer back to Dublin



4-Day Hidden Heartlands Experience



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Carrick-on Shannon to Dromod

- Carrick-on Shannon
- Jamestown
- Dromod

2



Dromod to Lanesborough

- Lanesborough
- Rooskey
- Tarmonbarry

3



Lanesborough to Glasson

- Lough Ree
- Inchcleraun
- Hodson Bay hotel
- Baysports
- Glasson

4



Glasson to Banagher

- Athlone
- Clonmacnoise
- Banagher
- Ballintubbert Gardens & House



Other options

1



Terryglass

Terryglass is a pretty and welcoming village where you will enjoy having a rest.

Terryglass is also the site of a 6th century monastic settlement, of which only a small part remains; but the area is very historic. It is believed that baptisms were held in St. Augh's Eye Well by Saint Patrick when he visited Terryglass. Saint Columba's Headache Well is also situated in Terryglass, and gained its name from Columba and its alleged powers of helping to cure migraines and headaches.

Recommended restaurant: Derg Inn, a 10 minute walk from Terryglass Harbour, or Paddy's Bar.

Amenities: You'll find one small grocery store, one café and two pubs here.

2



Mountshannon

Mountshannon is a beautiful and scenic village. It was designed as a model village and completed in 1742. The village was designed and built from scratch by Alexander Woods, a Limerick merchant, who intended it as a purely Protestant settlement to impress the surrounding Catholic population, in the hope they would convert to the Reformed Church. In fact the reverse happened - it was the Catholics who colonised the village, and the picturesque Protestant church in a wooded churchyard bears testimony to Woods and his scheme.

Recommended restaurant: The Snug Pizzeria, located on Main Street, 10 minutes' walk from the river bank.

Amenities: You'll find a small grocery shop in the petrol station, a short walk from the village centre. Market: Sat (11am-3pm) - Main Street

3



Dromineer

Once an important port, is now a popular tourist town with various points of interest. Its ivy-clad castle, overlooking the lough, dates back to the 14th century. One of the world's oldest yacht clubs, Lough Derg Yacht Club, was first inaugurated in 1835, and is based at Dromineer.

Recommended restaurant: The Lake Café, situated right on the shores of Lough Derg, overlooking the River Shannon.

Amenities: There is a café and a pub here. A tiny shop selling basic groceries is also open during the peak summer months.

4



Garrykennedy

Garrykennedy is a quiet village that was once the residence of the powerful Kennedy family. Its harbour was once an important stop on the canal for transporting goods, particularly slate from the nearby mines. Visit the old Kennedy Castle, built in the 15th century, or explore the lakeside forest walk and woodlands. There is also an access to the biggest lake of Ireland, Lough Derg, where you can enjoy various water sports and fishing.

Recommended restaurant: Larkin's Bar and Restaurant, two minutes' walk from Garrykennedy harbour.

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Killaloe

Killaloe and Ballina are two wonderful green villages separated by the river. Take time to have a walk on the old stone bridge and appreciate the amazing river views. The old Roman Catholic Church is also worth a visit. The surrounding area of Killaloe is popular for hill-walking, while the town itself is a maze of narrow streets lined with old shops and houses that line the steep hillside and look down over the 13th century cathedral.

Recommended restaurant: Molly's Bar & Restaurant, Lakeside Drive in Ballina. Just two minutes from the Killaloe Bridge.

Amenities: You'll find supermarkets, a bakery and pharmacy here. Farmers Market: Sun (11am-3pm)

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