

Irish Rowing Adventure

2018 Five day tour.

The perfect holiday for paddlers exploring the real Ireland

Based in the heart of Ireland's Ancient East rowing club groups of 10, 15 or 20 people can negotiate ancient navigations and scenic gems. At night stay in cosy rooms at our base right on the river bank in the medieval village of Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny. Relax and just arrive as all logistics will be sorted for you, all boats and top class equipment waiting for you, and a super warm Irish welcome from your hosts.

The Irish Rowing Adventure is an exciting rowing tour organised by Brian & Brigid Roberts at their historic and beautiful guesthouse in Graiguenamanagh. All river based activities are coordinated by Brian & Brigid as well as Graiguenamanagh Rowing Club, a vibrant and growing club established in 2001 in southeast Ireland. Accommodation and meals, as well as biking and onshore entertainment are perfectly managed on your behalf by the iconic Waterside Guesthouse in Graiguenamanagh. Brian Roberts, founder of Graiguenamanagh Rowing Club, is also the proprietor of Waterside Guesthouse.



Negotiating a Barrow lock



Clashganny Lock



Cosy room at Waterside

Graiguenamanagh and this corner of Ireland has a wealth of good rowing, but is also steeped in ancient and modern Irish heritage. It would be a shame to miss out on this while you are here, and so we also include cycling, traditional Irish pub music nights and visits to the medieval city of Kilkenny. In Graiguenamanagh itself you will feel the heritage in every stone in every building from 800 year old Duske Abbey to the still thriving ancient woollen Mills at Cushendale.

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Cycling the Barrow towpath



Waterside Guesthouse



Heading down the Barrow

DETAILED ITINERY

2018 ROWING TOUR BASED IN GRAIGUENAMANAGH, CO. KILKENNY

Rowing on the Rivers Barrow and river Nore

Day 1 – Sunday

Afternoon -Arrive Graiguenamanagh

Check in at Waterside Guesthouse

Short walk on river bank to Silaire Wood and Graiguenamanagh Boathouse

Dinner at Waterside

Accommodation at Waterside

Day 2 – Monday

Breakfast at Waterside

Transport to Goresbridge

Row from Goresbridge to Graiguenamanagh along the Barrow navigation. This includes the unique experience of passing through 6 lock gates on the Barrow navigation. We take a short break for a light lunch on the banks of the river. When we arrive in Graiguenamanagh it may be a good time to do a walking tour of the village including the fabulous Cushendale woollen mills.

Dinner at Waterside

Accommodation at Waterside

Day 3 – Tuesday

Breakfast at Waterside

Row from Graiguenamanagh to St. Mullins along the river Barrow. The morning section sees us negotiating 4 more locks. We take a short break for lunch next to the river in St. Mullins.

After lunch we get back in the boats and row on from St. Mullins down river(now we are in tidal water) to arrive at New Ross Boat Club. Transport back to Graiguenamanagh by minibus.

Dinner at Waterside

Accommodation at Waterside



Traditional Barrow Cots



Hillwalking in the Blackstairs



Rowing in Graiguenamanagh

Day 4 – Wednesday

Breakfast at Waterside

Transport to Kilkenny City

Bike tour of Kilkenny City

Lunch in Kilkenny City followed by free time for shopping/sightseeing in this medieval town.

Transport to Graiguenamanagh by minibus

Traditional music in a Graiguenamanagh pub

Dinner at Waterside, Accommodation at Waterside

Day 5 – Thursday

Breakfast at Waterside

Transport to New Ross by Minibus

Row upriver from New Ross along the river Barrow and then into the river Nore we follow on upstream to the beautiful village of Inistioge

Lunch in Inistioge

Transport back to Graiguenamanagh

Dinner at Waterside

Accommodation at Waterside

Day 6- Friday

Breakfast at Waterside

Check out of Waterside and depart(end of tour)



Rainbow on the river Barrow



Early morning on the Barrow



Restaurant at Waterside

The cost of the above during 2018 would be a total of €795.00 per person.

Payment of €795.00 per person to Waterside for 5 nights bed and breakfast payment and evening meal. Lunch day 2,3, 4 and 5. Transport by bus to and from all rowing locations. Traditional music night and also a bike tour. Guide for all elements of the tour and safety boat for all days rowing in tidal waters. Lock keepers for Goresbridge to Graiguenamanagh and Graiguenamanagh to St. Mullins. Includes use all equipment required including good quality touring quads, sculling blades and life jackets if required.

Graiguenamanagh is a fantastic outdoor activity destination and alternative activities and heritage attractions are available in the area if weather conditions lead to any cancellation of rowing days.

If you would like to extend the holiday there are extra days of rowing and other activities available. We can explore the river Suir in County Waterford, the Slaney in County Wexford, or even a day on Blessington Lakes in County Wicklow. Just pop us an email and we can give you a price for extra days of rowing or discuss some other activities that might interest your group.

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