



CALENDAR OF FESTIVALS  
& EVENTS 2010





Ierland is een magische plaatse met een prachtige geschiedenis en een levendige hedendaagse cultuur. Dompel jezelf onder in de verscheidenheid en de overvloed van de vele festivals en evenementen. Proef van heerlijk eten, magische muziek en talloze culturele evenementen in de steden en gemeenten in het hele land. Neem in 2010 herinneringen mee van passie, zang, theater en dans die je voor eeuwig zullen bijblijven. Deze handige gids geeft je een overzicht van het beste wat Ierland aanbiedt. Je kunt ook inloggen op [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) voor een volledige lijst van festivals en evenementen die overal in het land plaats vinden gedurende het ganse jaar.

Ontdek je eigen Ierland!



L'Irlande est un endroit magique qui possède une histoire extrêmement riche mais aussi une culture contemporaine vibrante. Laissez-vous immerger par cette diversité et cette richesse de chaque instant grâce aux festivals et événements proposés sur l'île. Vous pourrez ainsi savourer une nourriture fabuleuse, apprécier une musique magique et prendre part aux innombrables événements culturels qui se déroulent dans les villes et les villages à travers tout le pays. En 2010, ramenez avec vous des souvenirs passionnants qui resteront à jamais gravés en vous grâce à la musique, le théâtre, la danse. Facile à consulter, ce guide met en valeur les festivals et événements incontournables de l'Irlande. Vous pouvez également consulter [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) afin de vous tenir au courant de l'actualité culturelle à travers le pays et ce tout au long de l'année.

A chacun son Irlande!



Irland ist ein zauberhaftes Land mit einer packenden Geschichte und einer lebendigen Alltagskultur. Erleben Sie die fantastische Vielfalt und Fülle irischer Festivals und Events. Genießen Sie das reiche kulinarische Angebot, die mitreisende Musik und die zahllosen kulturellen Veranstaltungen, die in den Städten und Dörfern im ganzen Land stattfinden. In diesem Jahr werden Sie unvergessliche Erinnerungen mit nach Hause nehmen – an Erlebnisse voller Leidenschaft, gefüllt mit Liedern, Theater und Tanz. Dieser übersichtliche Führer gibt Ihnen einen Überblick über die besten Festivals, die Irland zu bieten hat. Sie können sich außerdem auf [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) online einen aktuellen Überblick über alle stattfindenden Veranstaltungen auf der ganzen Insel verschaffen.

Entdecke Dein ganz persönliches Irland!



L'Irlanda è un luogo magico con una storia sorprendente e una vivace cultura contemporanea. Lasciati travolgere dalla varietà e dalla ricchezza dei suoi eventi e dei suoi festival. Degusta piatti prelibati, assapora la magia della musica e scopri l'energia degli eventi culturali che anima le città e i villaggi di tutto il paese. Nel 2010 regalati ricordi indimenticabili fatti di passione, musica e danze. In questa guida, di facile consultazione, troverai il meglio dell'Irlanda. Per una lista completa e aggiornata di tutti gli eventi in programma, visita il sito [www.irlanda-travel.com](http://www.irlanda-travel.com).

Tua per davvero. Irlanda!



Irlanda es un lugar mágico con una interesante historia y una cultura contemporánea. Sumérgase en todos sus festivales con mucho sabor, tradición y diversidad. Una gastronomía excelente, música que le deleitará e innumerables eventos culturales en todas las ciudades y pueblos de Irlanda. En el año 2010 quédese con los recuerdos de canciones, obras de teatro y danzas y manténgalos por siempre en su memoria. Es útil remarcar lo mejor que Irlanda le ofrece. Puede también verlo en [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) donde obtendrá un listado completo de todos los festivales y eventos que tendrán lugar por toda Irlanda y durante todo el año.

¡Descubre tu propia Irlanda!

## DISCOVER YOUR VERY OWN IRELAND!

This calendar gives you just a flavour of the finest festivals and events that Ireland has to offer during 2010. There's also an 'At a Glance' calendar at the back to help you quickly see what's on. There are so many amazing festivals and events in Ireland each year, all you need to do is choose one and start planning your trip!

Don't forget that there's a full list of exciting and unusual things happening all year round at [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie). With loads of information on how to get here and places to stay it's the perfect place to start planning your festival break in Ireland.

## IF YOU LIKE

IF YOU LIKE **TRADITIONAL IRISH CULTURE** ...



Start the year off with the Temple Bar Trad Fest in January! In summer be part of the country's biggest celebration of traditional music at Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann. The Ennis Trad Festival, the Cos Cos Sean Nós Festival and Sligo Live also offer a feast of traditional music to get your toes tapping during the year.

IF YOU LIKE **THEATRE OR FILM** ...



The annual Dublin Theatre Festival showcases the finest in Irish and International theatre every year in this long established festival. The Jameson Dublin International Film Festival, the Galway Film Fleadh and the Cork Film Festival feature the very best in Irish and International cinema with premieres, screenings, master classes and discussions all bringing you closer to the magic of the silver screen. The medieval town of Wexford is home to the world-famous Wexford Festival Opera showcasing rarely explored opera in the stunning new Opera House.

[www.discoverireland.ie/festivals](http://www.discoverireland.ie/festivals)





## IF YOU LIKE THE ARTS ...



You'll be spoilt for choice! Throughout Ireland there are arts festivals that bring you everything except the ordinary in music, dance, theatre, visual arts and street performance! The Galway Arts Festival and Kilkenny Arts Festival are among our best known arts festivals. See the unusual and the exciting at the Dublin Fringe Festival or head to Ireland's South West for the Cork Midsummer Festival of Senses.

## IF YOU LIKE FAMILY FUN ...



A host of exciting festivals and events will keep all ages happy with lots to see and do. St. Patrick's Day in March offers a fantastic fun-filled day for families. Let the Street Performance World Championships or Waterford Spraoi thrill you during the summer. In October, visit Baboró or Roola Boola – two of Ireland's dedicated children's arts festivals, or get involved in Halloween fun at the Virginia Pumpkin Festival for pumpkins and lantern parades by night.

## IF YOU LIKE MUSIC ...



Springtime delights include the Cork International Choral Festival and Dublin Handel Festival. Summertime rocks with major music festivals like Oxegen and Electric Picnic! As the nights get longer the stars of the jazz world arrive in Cork for the Guinness Cork Jazz Festival while Opera buffs head to Wexford for a truly boutique festival experience at the Wexford Festival Opera.

## IF YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART ...



Many of Ireland's festivals and events offer opportunities to participate, to learn something new, or discover a hidden talent! Sign up for courses and workshops at Listowel Writers Week or the Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival. Breathe in the beauty of the landscape at any of our walking festivals. Or choose from the wide variety of winter and summer schools that offer the very best in poetry, music, painting and cookery.

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## IF YOU LIKE FOOD ...



From baked bread to superb seafood and gourmet cheeses there is an abundance of flavours and tastes to stir the senses. Right around the country cookery demonstrations, food trails and artisan produce are in abundance at many food festivals including the Dingle Peninsula Food and Wine festival. Sample Dublin's finest restaurants at Taste of Dublin or feast at the Galway International Oyster Festival. You'll find farmers' markets and food stalls at festivals and fairs all over Ireland!

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## IF YOU LIKE THE OUTDOORS ...



The beauty of Ireland's natural landscape is the perfect arena to take to the outdoors. Challenge yourself to the limit at the Connemara International Marathon or adventure races like Gaelforce West or the Beast of Ballyhoura. Choose from any of our walking festivals and discover the countryside at your own pace. Or just enjoy the craic in the fresh air at any of the exciting horse racing meetings throughout the year.

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# January 2010

## Traditional Culture in January

During the cold days of winter there is no better way to lift the spirits than to be tucked up inside enjoying the warmth and passion of traditional Irish music. 2010 gets off to a fantastic start with a selection of the finest in traditional music and dance around the country.

## Temple Bar TradFest

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TEMPLE BAR, DUBLIN

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27 – 31 January

The Temple Bar TradFest is a celebration of traditional music featuring top musicians and concerts in a variety of settings in the very heart of Dublin. The cultural quarter of Temple Bar is transformed into a trad lover's paradise, with the cream of traditional entertainers from around the globe attracting droves of people to its cobbled streets for some "craic agus ceol."

[www.templebartrad.com](http://www.templebartrad.com)



# The Shindig Traditional Music and Set Dancing Festival Weekend

TRALEE, CO. KERRY

22 – 24 January

The 'Shindig' is a fun packed weekend of great Irish music, set dancing, Sean-Nós dancing, singing and storytelling. Workshops on all aspects of Traditional Irish Set Dancing will teach visitors everything from the basic steps, movements and styles to more advanced levels.

[www.shindigfestival.com](http://www.shindigfestival.com)



# Ardara Country & Western Festival

ARDARA, CO. DONEGAL

23 – 25 January

A dancing weekend for those who fancy a spot of jiving or line-dancing, to the melodies of Ireland's top country bands in this friendly and scenic Donegal town.

[www.ardarafestivals.com](http://www.ardarafestivals.com)



# Unfringed Festival

LIMERICK CITY

27 – 31 January

Limerick's landmark performance festival – a showcase of local, national and international work that is experimental and innovative. Writers, actors, musicians and comedians perform in pubs, clubs and theatres and are also to be found loose on the streets of Limerick!

[www.belltable.ie](http://www.belltable.ie)

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# February 2010

## The Gathering

KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY

24 – 28 February

The Gathering Traditional Festival is now in its 11th year & keeps on growing. This year's headline concert acts include Lúadán, The Brock Maguire Trio, Grada, The Cora Smyth Band & many more. Céilís take place nightly and include performances by The 5 Counties Céilí Band, Allow Céilí Band & Swallows Tail. There are instrument and dancing masterclasses, plus sessions, a Young Musicians concert, singers concert, lectures and lots more. A great weekend for young and old, trad veterans and beginners alike. There's great stayover packages available and plenty of advice on how to enjoy the weekend and Killarneys beauty.

[www.thegathering.ie](http://www.thegathering.ie)



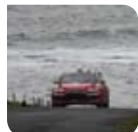
## Galway International Rally

GALWAY CITY & COUNTY

5 – 7 February

An exciting and fast paced motor rally attracting visitors and competitors from around the world. Guaranteed to wow the crowds!

[www.galwayinternationalrally.com](http://www.galwayinternationalrally.com)



# Jameson Dublin International Film Festival

DUBLIN

18 – 28 February

Ireland's premier feature film festival celebrates the very best in Irish and International cinema each February. With over 100 feature films and a range of special events including post-screening Q&A sessions with directors and cast members, panel discussions, industry masterclasses and always a famous face or two making an appearance!

[www.jdifff.com](http://www.jdifff.com)



## Russell Memorial Weekend

DOOLIN, CO. CLARE

26 – 28 February

Established in 1995 in memory of a famous traditional musician, the festival takes place in the tiny village of Doolin, a place of rich and varied musical heritage, against the backdrop of the wild Atlantic coastline. The weekend will feature concerts, céilí, lively pub sessions and workshops in traditional instruments, with a host of top class teachers.

[www.michorussellweekend.ie](http://www.michorussellweekend.ie)



## Opera Ireland Spring Season

GAIETY THEATRE, DUBLIN

27 February – 7 March

Opera Ireland will present a blend of great Irish and International casts in five performances of the magnificent *Romeo et Juliette* (Gounod) and two concert performances of *I Capuletti e I Montecchi* (Bellini) at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin.

[www.operaireland.com](http://www.operaireland.com)



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# March 2010

## St. Patrick's Festival

DUBLIN

12 – 17 March

The capital city is awash with green and all things Irish during St. Patrick's Festival. A six day extravaganza with street theatre, spectacle, Irish music and dance! Taking centre stage on March 17th, the parade illuminates the city with blazing colour as it winds its way through streets broad and narrow. With outstanding entertainment and a welcoming party atmosphere there is nowhere else in the world you would want to be.

Don't forget that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in almost every town and village throughout Ireland! Visit [www.discoverireland.ie](http://www.discoverireland.ie) to find what you're looking for on the one day in the year when everybody feels a little bit Irish! Or prolong your stay and treat yourself to an extra few days exploring the wonderful and welcoming regions of Ireland.

[www.stpatricksday.ie](http://www.stpatricksday.ie)



[www.discoverireland.ie/festivals](http://www.discoverireland.ie/festivals)

Nyah Festival  
March 10 – 18



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Tedfest  
February 25  
– March 7



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## Tedfest

INIS MÓR ISLAND AND INIS OÍRR ISLAND, CO. GALWAY

**25 February – 7 March**

Spread over the Aran Islands of Inis Mór and Inis Oírr, along with a trip to mainland Galway, Tedfest is a unique celebration of Father Ted. Highlights include Ted's Got Talent, The Craggy Cup, The Lovely Girls Contest, a Priests versus Nuns Beach Volleyball tournament and new for 2010 - The Loveliest Horse Competition.

[www.tedfest.org](http://www.tedfest.org)



## Táin Walking Festival

CARLINGFORD, CO. LOUTH

**6 – 7 March**

A golden opportunity to explore the spectacular landscape of the Cooley Mountains as you take the road less travelled through virtually undiscovered countryside. The weekend will cater to all levels through its multitude of scenic routes. A guide will be available throughout the weekend. Booking advisable.

[www.carlingford.ie](http://www.carlingford.ie)



## NYAH, The County Cavan Arts Festival

TOWNS THROUGHOUT CO. CAVAN

**10 – 18 March**

A programme bursting with opportunities for locals and visitors to experience and participate in a wide range of arts activities, concerts, workshops, competitions, exhibitions and more. NYAH is all about the lift that music can give, so forget the recession and enjoy the session!

[www.cavanmusic.com/nyah.html](http://www.cavanmusic.com/nyah.html)



## RBS 6 Nations Rugby

CROKE PARK, DUBLIN

**13 March – Ireland v Wales**

**20 March – Ireland v Scotland**

Ireland takes on two of its greatest rivals in international rugby. Another feast of sporting passion as Irish fans get behind the Grand Slam champions on home turf.

[www.irishrugby.ie](http://www.irishrugby.ie)

## OPEN/INVITED ev+a 2010

LIMERICK CITY

**13 March – 23 May**

Now in its 34th year, ev+a is Ireland's foremost annual exhibition of contemporary visual art using varied venues across Limerick city. The 2010 curator is Elizabeth Bonde Hatz from Sweden.

[www.eva.ie](http://www.eva.ie)



## Springfest International Band Parade

LIMERICK CITY

### 14 March

The 40th International Band Parade, which celebrates its anniversary in 2010, will see marching bands from around the world perform for the masses. In recent years Limerick has held one of the best band parades to be found anywhere in Europe and its a great family day out.

[www.limerick.ie](http://www.limerick.ie)



## St Patrick's Day on Achill Island

ACHILL ISLAND, CO. MAYO

### 17 March

For traditional St. Patrick's Day festivities there's no place like Achill on the rugged west coast of Ireland. Beginning at 6am on St. Patrick's Day traditional pipe bands march for most of the day from village to village through the spectacular scenery of Achill Island, pausing for refreshments of course!

[www.achilltourism.com](http://www.achilltourism.com)



## The Croagh Patrick Walking Festival

CO. MAYO

### 19 – 21 March

The festival consists of a 3 day organised walk along the Croagh Patrick Heritage Trail taking in castles, prehistoric standing stones and tombs, ancient villages, towers and abbeys. Over 200 walkers are expected. On each day walkers will be brought to the start and picked up at the finish point.

[www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com](http://www.croaghpatrickheritagetrail.com)





# April 2010

## Cork International Choral Festival

CORK CITY AND COUNTY

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**28 April – 2 May**

Now into its 56th year, the Cork International Choral Festival is a world class annual event celebrating the very best of choral and vocal music. The programme includes prestigious international and national competitions, gala concerts in Cork City Hall, St Finbarr's Cathedral, St Anne's Shandon and many other special venues in Cork City. Join in to celebrate the very best of choral and vocal music in a city-wide programme of concerts, fringe events, public performances and competition.

[www.corkchoral.ie](http://www.corkchoral.ie)



Punchestown  
National Hunt  
Festival  
20 – 24 April



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Slieve Bloom  
Walking Festival  
30 April – 3 May



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## Titanic Made in Belfast Festival

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

**3 – 11 April**

Belfast's most famous creation is commemorated in this annual festival leading up to the 100th anniversary of the ill-fated ship's launch which will occur in 2012. Features tours, exhibitions, theatre and more.

[www.belfastcity.gov.uk/titanic](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/titanic)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)



## Fairyhouse Easter Festival & the Irish Grand National

RATOATH, CO. MEATH

**4 – 6 April**

A brilliant festival of racing featuring the much loved Irish Grand National on Easter Monday – one of the biggest races on the Irish racing calendar. Sunday 4 April - Powers Gold Cup. Monday 5 April - Powers Whisky Irish Grand National. Tuesday 6 April - Ladbrokes Hurdle.

[www.fairyhouseracecourse.ie](http://www.fairyhouseracecourse.ie)



## Dublin Handel Festival

DUBLIN CITY

**10 – 13 April**

A full programme of indoor/outdoor music and many other events celebrating the music of the famous composer George Frederic Handel and his Dublin connections, including the first performance of The Messiah in the Temple Bar area in 1742.

[www.templebar.ie](http://www.templebar.ie)



## Connemara International Marathon

CONNEMARA, CO. GALWAY

**11 April**

A unique event, suited to runners and walkers, comprising of half, full and ultra marathons. The breathtaking Connemara mountains and lakes make this one of the most beautiful marathon routes in the World.

[www.connemarathon.com](http://www.connemarathon.com)



## Ballydehob Traditional Music, Song & Dance Festival

BALLYDEHOB, WEST CORK

**16 – 18 April**

Traditional weekend taking place in a locality of stunning natural beauty. Featuring a concert, workshops, sessions, and singer's night with some of Ireland's best traditional artists, as well as an all-new session trail that should keep feet tapping well into the summer months!

[www.feileathadachab.blogspot.com](http://www.feileathadachab.blogspot.com)



## Waterford Festival of Food

DUNGARVAN, CO. WATERFORD

**16 – 18 April**

An exciting and varied programme of food trails, culinary demonstrations, children's workshops, fine-dining and farmers markets all celebrating the best of local produce.

[www.waterfordfoodfestival.com](http://www.waterfordfoodfestival.com)



## Patrick Kavanagh Annual Poetry Weekend

INNISKEEN, CO. MONAGHAN

**17 – 18 April**

Annual celebration dedicated to Patrick Kavanagh, one of Ireland's best loved poets, in his home town in County Monaghan. The aptly named Noel Monaghan will be the workshop director in 2010.

[www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com](http://www.patrickkavanaghcountry.com)

## Punchestown National Hunt Festival

PUNCHESTOWN RACECOURSE, CO. KILDARE

**20 – 24 April**

The Punchestown Festival hosts some of the best jump racing of the year at this glamorous race meeting with 11 Grade 1 races over the five days.

[www.punchestown.com](http://www.punchestown.com)



## Cúirt International Festival of Literature

GALWAY CITY

**20 – 25 April**

One of Ireland's premier literary events bringing authors of local, national and international standing to Galway for readings, workshops, discussions, book signings and more. A warm welcome and friendly conversation await you in the City of the Tribes as they celebrate the power of the written and spoken word.

[www.galwayartscentre.ie/cuirt](http://www.galwayartscentre.ie/cuirt)

## Slieve Bloom Walking Festival

SLIEVE BLOOM MOUNTAINS, CO. OFFALY

**30 April – 3 May**

Escape to beautiful scenery and great company at the Slieve Bloom Walking Festival. Walks suitable for all levels of fitness. Experienced guides take you to wild and wonderful areas of the Slieve Bloom Mountains. By night enjoy traditional music in the pub and the annual Blisters Ball in Kinnitty Castle.

[www.slievebloom.ie](http://www.slievebloom.ie)





# May 2010

## Guinness Kilkenny Rhythm and Roots Festival

KILKENNY CITY

**30 April – 3 May**

This festival attracts some of the finest names in American Roots music to Kilkenny including country, folk, blues, bluegrass, rockabilly and Cajun. From midday to midnight audiences wind their way through the medieval streets sampling the huge range of music with over 80 shows in 30 venues. The festival has played host to both established and up and coming acts including Ray LaMontagne, Ryan Adams and Calexico.

[www.kilkennyroots.com](http://www.kilkennyroots.com)



Cos Cos Sean  
Nós Festival  
7 – 9 May



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Ballyhoura  
Walking Festival  
1 – 3 May



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## Strokestown International Poetry Festival

STROKESTOWN, CO. ROSCOMMON

**30 April – 2 May**

Ireland's friendliest and most idiosyncratic poetry festival. Readings by 25 poets, both internationally renowned and emerging, take place in the exquisite and otherworldly Strokestown Park House, and the friendly Percy French Hotel. Competitions, witty verse, workshops - all FREE.

[www.strokestownpoetry.org](http://www.strokestownpoetry.org)

## Drogheda Arts Festival

DROGHEDA, CO. LOUTH

**30 April – 3 May**

Drogheda Arts Festival is a celebration of music, theatre, poetry and dance taking place over the May Bank Holiday weekend on the banks of the Boyne- an area steeped in history, archaeology and culture. A wonderful opportunity to dip your toe into the world of creativity.

[www.droghedaartsfestival.ie](http://www.droghedaartsfestival.ie)

## Ballyhoura Walking Festival

KILFINANE, CO. LIMERICK

**1 – 3 May**

Featuring guided walks for all abilities from short woodland and special interest trails exploring the beautiful Ballyhoura countryside, to challenging ascents of Ireland's highest inland mountain, Galtee Mór.

[www.ballyhouracountry.com](http://www.ballyhouracountry.com)



## Cos Cos Sean Nós Festival

RATHCORMAC VILLAGE, DRUMCLIFFE, CO. SLIGO

**7 – 9 May**

This festival celebrates and promotes traditional Irish art forms with performances and workshops by top local and visiting artists. Check the website for the full programme of Céilís, pub sessions, concerts and competitions.

[www.coscocos.ie](http://www.coscocos.ie)



## North West 200

PORTRUSH/PORTSTEWART/COLERAINE, COS. ANTRIM AND LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND

**8 – 15 May**

A week of stunt shows, cavalcades, exhibitions and entertainment culminating in Ireland's most famous Motorbike road race; The International North West 200. The circuit runs along the stunning North Coast - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and home to the world famous Giant's Causeway.

[www.northwest200.org](http://www.northwest200.org)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)



## Burren Slow Food Festival

LISDOONVARNA, CO. CLARE

**21 – 23 May**

Celebrate artisan food in beautiful County Clare with cookery demonstrations, talks, workshops and a farmers market. Guests in 2009 included chefs from the Wild Honey Inn and Bunratty Cookery School alongside celebrity chefs Darina Allen and Clodagh McKenna.

[www.slowfoodclare.com](http://www.slowfoodclare.com)



## Féile na Tuaithe - National Museum of Country Life – Turlough Park

CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO

**22 – 23 May**

A free family festival at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life in Mayo celebrating country life and traditions. Craft demonstrations, artisan food stands, face painting, games, children's activities, storytelling, music, demonstrations and workshops.

[www.museum.ie](http://www.museum.ie)



## Fleadh Nua

ENNIS, CO. CLARE

**23 – 31 May**

A feast of traditional Irish entertainment comprising Ceilithe, Fleadh Club, music trails, street entertainment, lectures, workshops and more. Thousands of people flock to Ennis each year for this lively celebration of music and song.

[www.fleadhnua.com](http://www.fleadhnua.com)



## Tattersalls Ireland International Horse Trials

TATTERSALLS FARM, RATOATH CO. MEATH

**27 – 31 May**

See thrills and spills as Ireland's top riders go up against the very best from Europe, the UK and as far afield as New Zealand and the USA. In addition to the equestrian action there are crafts, archery, falconry, fine food and wine.

[www.tattersalls.ie/events](http://www.tattersalls.ie/events)



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# June 2010

## Party time in Cork!

From the middle of June to mid-July everything goes a little bit bonkers in Cork. Kicking off in style with the Cork MidSummer Festival and major gigs almost nightly at "Live at the Marquee", the action moves on to beautiful West Cork for a feast of classical music and the finest in literature. A fleet of 68-foot yachts will arrive in historic Kinsale in early July having conquered 34,000 miles on The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. A month of magical mayhem winds down with Kinsale Arts Week, maybe you should too!

## Cork Midsummer Festival of the Senses

12 – 27 June

Prepare for sensory overload! Music, theatre, dance and performance provide a dynamic and colourful invasion of Cork city centre each summer.

[www.corkmidsummer.com](http://www.corkmidsummer.com)



Taste of Dublin  
10 – 13 June



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West Cork Chamber  
Music Festival  
25 June – 3 July



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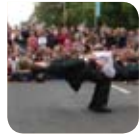
## Street Performance World Championships

DUBLIN & CORK

### Dates to be confirmed

The best street performers in the world come to Ireland to compete for the title of Street Performance World Champion. If it's a weekend of memorable entertainment that you are after, the Street Performance World Championship is it!

[www.spwc.ie](http://www.spwc.ie)



## Listowel Writers Week

LISTOWEL, CO. KERRY

### 2 – 6 June

A long running annual festival that brings together acclaimed authors, poets, journalists, artists, singers and storytellers in Listowel. Immerse yourself in the wonder of writing with workshops, lectures, readings, interviews and drama in the birthplace of some of Irelands most celebrated writers.

[www.writersweek.ie](http://www.writersweek.ie)



## Carlsberg Cat Laughs Comedy Festival

KILKENNY CITY

### 3 – 7 June

An internationally acclaimed festival showcasing the very best in Irish and international comedy acts, attracting visitors for world class entertainment and no shortage of side-splitting humour in the atmospheric setting of this charming medieval city.

[www.carlsbergcatlaughs.com](http://www.carlsbergcatlaughs.com)



## Loughcrew Garden Opera

OLDCASTLE, CO. MEATH

### 5 – 6 June

Loughcrew Garden Opera present La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi in the uniquely beautiful gardens of Loughcrew House with cast, crew (and audience if they wish!) dressed in period costume. A sumptuous meal is served during the intervals which can be enjoyed in the cafe or outside on picnic tables.

[www.loughcrew.com](http://www.loughcrew.com)



## Immrama – The Lismore Festival of Travel Writing

LISMORE, CO. WATERFORD

### 10 – 13 June

A very special festival inspired by the word 'Immrama' - the old Irish word for journey. Focusing on travel writing and literature, including literary presentations by top national and international writers.

[www.lismoreimmrma.com](http://www.lismoreimmrma.com)



## Taste of Dublin

IVEAGH GARDENS, DUBLIN

10 – 13 June

A celebration of the best of Ireland's speciality food and drink. Dublin's finest restaurants and most celebrated chefs serve up sample dishes to delight all taste buds. Great food, great company and great live entertainment as visitors mingle amongst the stalls in the beautiful surrounds of the historic Iveagh Gardens.

[www.tastefestivals.ie](http://www.tastefestivals.ie)



## Éigse Carlow

CARLOW

11 – 20 June (provisional)

A festival of multi-cultural activity featuring a dynamic range of entertainment and arts. From interactive experiences for children to outdoor rock gigs for teens, craft fairs and opera galas to comedy shows, barbecues and film screenings, Éigse is an extravaganza with broad appeal.

[www.eigsecarlow.ie](http://www.eigsecarlow.ie)



## The Galway Sessions

GALWAY CITY

14 – 21 June

A festival of Irish traditional music featuring premier local and internationally renowned acts. Events include the big stage, folk club gigs, set dancing, céilís and pub trails.

[www.galwaysessions.com](http://www.galwaysessions.com)



## Carrick Water Music Festival

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, CO. LEITRIM

23 – 27 June (provisional)

A festival of classical, jazz and traditional music with art exhibitions, drama, book readings and children's events in beautiful surroundings by the banks of the River Shannon.

[www.carrickwatermusic.com](http://www.carrickwatermusic.com)



## West Cork Chamber Music Festival

BANTRY, CO. CORK

25 June – 3 July

A superb line-up of more than 70 internationally renowned musicians playing the finest music, including contemporary and rarely performed works, staged in spectacular settings: Bantry House, St Brendan's and St Finbarr's Churches.

[www.westcorkmusic.ie](http://www.westcorkmusic.ie)





# July 2010

## Festival time in Galway!

In July the ever-vibrant city of Galway becomes a hive of activity, fun and excitement for locals and visitors alike! With great places to stay, and stunning countryside on the doorstep, it's a great time to come and stay in Galway!

[www.discoverireland.ie/west](http://www.discoverireland.ie/west)

## Galway Film Fleadh

6 – 11 July

Feature screenings, documentaries, film shorts and debates are all part of the Galway Film Fleadh.

[www.galwayfilmfleadh.com](http://www.galwayfilmfleadh.com)

## Galway Arts Festival

12 – 25 July

Ireland's largest Arts Festival - expect the unexpected and a feast of dance, spectacle, visual art and music!

[www.galwayartsfestival.com](http://www.galwayartsfestival.com)

## Galway Races

26 July – 1 August

For great craic and great horse racing follow the crowds to the Galway Races summer meeting, for 7 days of racing including the renowned Ladies Day!

[www.galwayraces.com](http://www.galwayraces.com)

Galway Arts  
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TriAthlone TriFest  
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Clonmel Junction  
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## The Clipper Round the World Yacht Race Stopover

KINSALE, CO. CORK

Due any day from the 1 – 4 July, depending on sea conditions

Ten months, 35,000 miles of ocean and 400 people facing the challenge of a lifetime. Ten 68 foot racing yachts set off from England on September 13, 2009 and 8 days of festivities will celebrate their arrival in Kinsale in July 2010.

[www.clipperroundtheworld.com](http://www.clipperroundtheworld.com)



## TriAthlone TriFest

ATHLONE, CO. WESTMEATH

1 – 4 July

A family and sporting festival that revolves around a competitive triathlon, with accompanying events, music, gigs and activities for all ages.

[www.trifest.ie](http://www.trifest.ie)



## Clonmel Junction Festival

CLONMEL, CO. TIPPERARY

3 – 11 July

Nine days of quality theatre, eclectic music, breathtaking dance, spectacle, workshops and more! In its 10th year, Clonmel Junction promises to be the biggest and best yet, a guaranteed assault on the senses!

[www.junctionfestival.com](http://www.junctionfestival.com)



## Willie Clancy Summer School

MILTOWN MALBAY, CO. CLARE

3 – 11 July

This world famous summer school established in the memory of skilled piper Willie Clancy, promotes excellence in the study of traditional Irish music, song and dance.

[www.willieclancy-summerschool.com](http://www.willieclancy-summerschool.com)



## Oxegen

PUNCHESTOWN, CO. KILDARE

9 – 11 July

The very biggest names in rock, pop and electronic music take to the stage for the first of many music festivals in Ireland each Summer. Oxegen is Ireland's biggest festival and the largest 100% CarbonNeutral event in Ireland.

[www.oxegen.ie](http://www.oxegen.ie)

## Earagail Arts Festival

THROUGHOUT DONEGAL

10 – 18 July (provisional)

A bilingual, multi-disciplinary festival offering a national and international programme of music, theatre, children's events, literature and outdoor events in various locations throughout the stunning county of Donegal.

[www.eaf.ie](http://www.eaf.ie)



## DLR Festival of World Cultures

DUN LAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN

23 – 25 July

A truly global carnival! Immersed in all things folk, traditional, eclectic, tribal, digital and experimental, the DLR Festival of World Cultures presents a kaleidoscopic programme.

[www.festivalofworldcultures.com](http://www.festivalofworldcultures.com)



## Mary from Dungloe

DUNGLOE, CO. DONEGAL

24 July – 2 August

A ten day festival encompassing events for all ages with many free activities. Family fun, music, song and dance, and of course the crowning of the 43rd Mary from Dungloe.

[www.maryfromdungloe.com](http://www.maryfromdungloe.com)



## 3 Irish Open Golf Tournament

KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY

29 July – 1 August

The lakes and mountains of Killarney will provide a stunning backdrop to the 2010 3 Irish Open. The event takes place just weeks before the European Ryder Cup team is announced so golf's top names will be making the trip to Kerry to compete for the €3 million prize fund.

[www.3golf.ie](http://www.3golf.ie)



## Spraoui

WATERFORD CITY

30 July – 1 August

International street theatre & world music festival, with events both large and small. Spraoui is a family friendly weekend full of colour & imagination. All events at Spraoui are free!

[www.spraoui.com](http://www.spraoui.com)





# August 2010

## Kilkenny Arts Festival

KILKENNY CITY & COUNTY

### 5 – 16 August

The Kilkenny Arts Festival is a 10 day feast of visual art, classical music, literature, theatre and dance, jazz, indie and traditional Irish music, craft and lots of good craic. Many events take place inside St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny Castle and other historic attractions, turning the medieval town of Kilkenny into the destination of choice each August.

[www.kilkennyarts.ie](http://www.kilkennyarts.ie)



Rose of Tralee  
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## The Beast of Ballyhoura Adventure Race

CORK, LIMERICK, TIPPERARY

30 July – 2 August

A non-stop 28 hour+ adventure race designed to challenge top adventure racers. Mixed teams of four members are pushed to the limit as they go mountain running, biking, kayaking, abseiling, shooting and orienteering. An absolute must for those in search of a guaranteed adrenalin rush!

[www.ballyhouracountry.com](http://www.ballyhouracountry.com)



## Fáilte Ireland Dublin Horse Show

RDS, BALLSBRIDGE, DUBLIN

4 – 8 August

A celebration of Ireland's affinity with the horse in the heart of the city. The Dublin Horse Show is one of the country's largest and most glamorous events and a highlight of the summer with much loved features including the Aga Khan Trophy and Puissance events and of course, Ladies Day.

[www.dublinhorseshow.com](http://www.dublinhorseshow.com)



## Tullamore Show & AIB National Livestock Show

TULLAMORE, CO. OFFALY

8 August

A truly unique authentic cultural experience showcasing country living's many and varied forms. Competition, exhibition, farm, home, garden and fashion. An absolute must for any self respecting enthusiast of rural living!

[www.tullamoreshow.com](http://www.tullamoreshow.com)



## Puck Fair

KILLORGLIN, CO. KERRY

10 – 12 August

One of the oldest and most traditional fairs in Ireland, dating back to pre-Christian times. A wild mountain goat is crowned King for 3 days and nights of fun and entertainment.

[www.puckfair.ie](http://www.puckfair.ie)



## Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival

BIRR, CO. OFFALY

13 – 20 August

Birr Vintage Week and Arts Festival is a week long event, where locals and visitors gather in the pretty Georgian heritage town of Birr. Highlights include the Sunday parade of vintage cars, engines, floats, horses and carriages, marching bands, jugglers, clowns and hilarious street theatre.

[www.birrvintageweek.com](http://www.birrvintageweek.com)



## Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

CAVAN TOWN, CO. CAVAN

15 – 22 August

The largest festival of traditional Irish music, song and dance, welcoming people from all over the world. Competitions, céilithe, parades, pageants, and street sessions and over 10,000 musicians come together to preserve the great tradition of playing and enjoying Irish music.

[www.fleadh2010.ie](http://www.fleadh2010.ie)



## Terryglass Arts Festival

TERRYGLASS, CO. TIPPERARY

18 – 22 August

A programme of artistic events that are accessible, thought provoking, challenging, inclusive and fun. As a multi disciplinary arts festival the programme includes visual arts, dance, theatre, music, poetry, film, storytelling and performance.

[www.terryglassartsfestival.ie](http://www.terryglassartsfestival.ie)

## Rose of Tralee

TRALEE, CO. KERRY

20 – 24 August

This much loved and internationally known festival welcomes Roses from all over the world. Family fun, music, parades and fireworks all culminating in the crowning of the 51st Rose of Tralee.

[www.roseoftralee.ie](http://www.roseoftralee.ie)



## Gael Force West

WESTPORT, CO. MAYO

21 August

Gael Force West is a gruelling physical challenge that takes place over a 65km stretch of the Western coast. Participants run or walk 20km, cycle 44km and kayak the last 1.5km home to certain glory, big hugs and a well earned cup of tea.

[www.gaelforcewest.ie](http://www.gaelforcewest.ie)



## Heritage Week

NATIONWIDE

21 – 29 August

Celebrating Ireland's natural, built and cultural heritage with thousands of free activities across the country. Includes walks, tours of historical buildings, music, dance, story telling, wildlife excursions and much more!

[www.heritageweek.ie](http://www.heritageweek.ie)





# September 2010

## Dublin Festival Season!

In September Dublin city comes alive with festivals, culture and sport...

With so much happening in Dublin you'll hardly have a free moment - but when you do the city's great food, shopping and atmosphere will be waiting....

### The Dublin Fringe Festival

**11 – 26 September**

16 days and nights of cutting edge theatre, dance, music and art in venues even the guidebooks don't know about.

[www.fringefest.com](http://www.fringefest.com)

### Dublin Theatre festival

**23 September – 10 October**

Europe's oldest theatre festival and has grown to be Ireland's premier cultural event, presenting the best of the world's theatre.

[www.dublintheatrefestival.com](http://www.dublintheatrefestival.com)

### Culture Night

**24 September**

Hundreds of museums, galleries and many more mysterious venues open free of charge and late into the night so you can experience the very best of culture all in one night.

[www.templebar.ie](http://www.templebar.ie)

### The GAA All Ireland Finals

The climax of the traditional sports calendar sees the finals of the senior Gaelic football (19 September) and hurling (5 September) championships take place on the hallowed turf of Croke Park.

[www.gaa.ie](http://www.gaa.ie)



Dublin Fringe Festival  
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## Electric Picnic

STRADBALLY HALL DEMENSE, CO. LAOIS

**3 – 5 September**

Three day music & arts festival Electric Picnic has sold out to a 35,000 capacity each year since its inception. Ten stages of world class artists in all genres of music. But the Electric Picnic is about much more than music. Here, imagination is everything - you are entering another world for the weekend!

[www.electricpicnic.ie](http://www.electricpicnic.ie)



## Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival

LISDOONVARNA, CO. CLARE

**3 September – 3 October**

Europe's biggest singles event with music and dancing day and night. Being able to say your parents met at Lisdoonvarna is not as uncommon as one might think!

[www.matchmakerireland.com](http://www.matchmakerireland.com)

## Monaghan Rhythm & Blues Festival & "Harvest Time Blues"

MONAGHAN TOWN

**3 – 5 September**

A 3 day blues festival, celebrating the music that gave birth to Rock & Roll! Headline concerts in the festival's main marquee along with blues trails and acoustic concerts all showcasing the most celebrated performers in this genre.

[www.harvestblues.ie](http://www.harvestblues.ie)

## Appalachian and Bluegrass Festival

ULSTER AMERICAN FOLK PARK, OMAGH, CO. TYRONE, NORTHERN IRELAND

**3 – 5 September**

A well established festival featuring performances from some of the biggest names in bluegrass music, both international and home-grown, in a unique open-air setting.

[www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)



## Cape Clear International Storytelling Festival

CAPE CLEAR ISLAND, CO. CORK

**3 – 5 September**

A unique storytelling festival of multi-cultural diversity and suitable for all, set against the stunning scenery of Cape Clear Island.

[www.capeclearstorytelling.com](http://www.capeclearstorytelling.com)



## Clifden Arts Festival

CLIFDEN, CO. GALWAY

**16 – 26 September**

A celebration of the arts where a host of visiting artists rub shoulders with local performers. Poetry, music, dance, theatre and comedy – something to suit all tastes.

[www.clifdenartsweek.ie](http://www.clifdenartsweek.ie)

## The National Ploughing Championships

CARDENTON, ATHY, CO. KILDARE

**21 – 23 September**

A cross section of everything associated with rural Ireland attracting thousands of visitors each day. The national ploughing finals, machinery and livestock exhibitions, cookery and craft and much much more. Truly something for everyone at this major autumn event.

[www.npa.ie](http://www.npa.ie)



## Galway International Oyster Festival

GALWAY CITY

**23 – 26 September**

Running since 1954, the Galway Oyster Festival celebrates the start of the oyster season with a lively programme of fun events and activities such as the Oyster Opening Championships and the gala ball.

[www.galwayoysterfest.com](http://www.galwayoysterfest.com)



## Johnny Keenan Banjo Festival

LONGFORD TOWN, CO. LONGFORD

**23 – 26 September**

A celebration of Irish traditional, American bluegrass and folk music. Major international artists performing indoor and outdoor concerts, sessions and music workshops.

[www.johnnykeenan.com](http://www.johnnykeenan.com)



## New Ross Piano Festival

NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

**23 – 26 September**

International weekend festival focused on the piano. Six pianists and a chamber group perform in a series of concerts all taking place in historic St. Mary's Church along with other piano-related events.

[www.newrosspianofestival.com](http://www.newrosspianofestival.com)





# October 2010

## Wexford Festival Opera

WEXFORD

20 – 31 October (provisional)

One of the world's most important Opera Festivals, with visitors promised a rare experience through a unique programme of opera, concerts and recitals. Now entering its 59th season, it is admired all over the world for presenting rare and often neglected opera productions, which are often difficult to see elsewhere. The programme also features a superb range of concerts, recitals and other festival events. The Festival has a new home at the stunning new Wexford Opera House (opened in 2008) and this has added a further unique dimension to the experience. Wexford Festival Opera continues to deliver a rare experience to visitors from all around the globe and one which is presented with a sense of warmth and good fun. Early booking for all events is essential. General booking opens in June 2010.

[www.wexfordopera.com](http://www.wexfordopera.com)



[www.discoverireland.ie/festivals](http://www.discoverireland.ie/festivals)

Guinness Cork  
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October sees festivals turning their attentions to younger audiences, the arts connoisseurs of the future!

## Baboró Arts Festival for Children

GALWAY CITY

**Mid October (dates to be confirmed)**

Baboró is Ireland's flagship international arts festival devoted exclusively to children and families, in the quest to inspire children to engage with the world through their experience of the arts. A week long celebration of theatre, dance, music, puppetry and workshops to give children their first taste of the wonders of the arts.

[www.baboro.ie](http://www.baboro.ie)



## RoolaBoola Childrens Arts Festival

CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO

**18 – 25 October (provisional)**

RoolaBoola is one of the leading children's arts festivals in Ireland. It features a selection of the highest calibre international children's theatre, music and dance shows as well as other arts events, including children's book readings, visual art exhibitions, street performances and a multitude of hands-on arts workshops in a range of media to delight and inspire both children and their families.

[www.thelinenhall.com/roola-boola](http://www.thelinenhall.com/roola-boola)



## Dublin Theatre Festival

DUBLIN

**23 September – 10 October**

Established in 1957, the festival is the oldest dedicated specialist theatre festival in Europe featuring an amazing range of plays and performances in venues all over the capital city.

[www.dublintheatrefestival.com](http://www.dublintheatrefestival.com)



## Dingle Food and Wine Festival

DINGLE, CO. KERRY

**1 – 3 October**

Delight your taste buds with taste trails, cookery demonstrations, farmers markets, special restaurant menus and lots of other goodies at this festival, taking place on the scenic Dingle Peninsula.

[www.dinglefood.com](http://www.dinglefood.com)



## Carlow Autumn Walking Festival

CARLOW COUNTY

**8 – 10 October**

Fully guided walks for beginners, intermediate and advanced walkers on the South Leinster and Barrow Ways. All walks led by knowledgeable local guides. Get on those walking shoes!

[www.carlowtourism.com](http://www.carlowtourism.com)



## Ulster Bank Belfast Festival at Queen's

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND

16 – 31 October

A major highlight in the local events calendar, this festival showcases the best of international art and Northern Ireland's rich and vibrant cultural scene.

[www.belfastfestival.com](http://www.belfastfestival.com)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)



## Sligo Live Music & Arts Festival

SLIGO

21 – 25 October

Sligo Live is a festival celebrating traditional, roots and acoustic music. It has carved out a niche as one of the most relaxed, intimate and enjoyable music festivals in Ireland. Including concerts, sessions and free fun along with the famous 'Fiddler of Dooney' competition.

[www.slivolive.ie](http://www.slivolive.ie)



## Guinness Cork Jazz Festival

CORK CITY & COUNTY

22 – 25 October

Non-stop jazz, much of it free, at Europe's friendliest jazz festival! A superb cast of world-class jazz stars, jazz trails, master classes, workshops and exhibitions. An action packed programme of great sounds by day and night including the lively Guinness Festival Club with music on six stages.

[www.guinnessjazzfestival.com](http://www.guinnessjazzfestival.com)



## Virginia Pumpkin Festival

VIRGINIA, CO. CAVAN

22 – 25 October

The heaviest pumpkin is the centrepiece of a fun weekend combining street carnivals, artisan craft markets, international entertainment acts, music of the highest calibre and a monster fancy dress party!

[www.pumpkinfestival.ie](http://www.pumpkinfestival.ie)



## Irish Conker Championships

FRESHFORD, CO. KILKENNY

24 October

This homage to an age old childhood game proves to be a great family day out. If you go bonkers for conkers, simply choose your weapon and go head to head for the coveted title of Irish Conker Champion. They just don't make games like this any more!

[www.irishconkerchampionship.com](http://www.irishconkerchampionship.com)





# November 2010

## Autumn Rugby Internationals

DUBLIN

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### 6 November – Ireland v South Africa

In what promises to be a momentous and memorable occasion, Ireland will take on World Champions South Africa in the opening game at the new Aviva stadium, and also play New Zealand, Argentina and Samoa later in the month. All eyes will be on the redeveloped Lansdowne Road as the Irish Rugby team plays for glory at its new home ground, cheered on by proud and passionate fans.

[www.irishrugby.ie](http://www.irishrugby.ie)



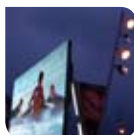
## Cork Film Festival

CORK CITY & COUNTY

7 – 14 November

An eclectic mix of big-budget pictures, world cinema, independent films, documentaries and short films from all over the globe as well as acting as a platform for Irish film shorts.

[www.corkfilmfest.org](http://www.corkfilmfest.org)



## Ennis Trad Festival

ENNIS, CO. CLARE

11 – 15 November (provisional)

A festival for those who love to hear or play Irish traditional music of the highest quality. Including céilís, concerts, recitals, workshops, master classes and competitions.

[www.ennistradfestival.com](http://www.ennistradfestival.com)

## Foyle Film Festival

LONDONDERRY, NORTHERN IRELAND

19 – 27 November

The largest film festival in Northern Ireland and a unique celebration of local, national and international cinematic excellence, featuring screenings, workshops and competitions.

[www.foylefilmfestival.org](http://www.foylefilmfestival.org)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)



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# December 2010

## Walk Killarney & Kerry

KILLARNEY, CO. KERRY

**26 – 27 December**

Fully guided walks through Ireland's oldest oakwoods, highest mountains, heritage and wildlife rich landscapes and dramatic Atlantic Coastline. Experience the history hidden within the landscapes of Kerry in the company of knowledgeable and entertaining guides. All categories of walking are covered. Why not plan a break in Kerry and experience all that this wonderful county has to offer!

[www.killarney.ie/walkkillarney](http://www.killarney.ie/walkkillarney)



[www.discoverireland.ie/festivals](http://www.discoverireland.ie/festivals)

## The Spirit Of Christmas Past

CULTRA, CO. DOWN, NORTHERN IRELAND

**11 – 12 December**

Come and experience the wonderful atmosphere of a 1900's Christmas with storytelling, traditional mumming, brass bands, carol singing, craft activities and the chance to sample traditional festive fayre.

[www.nmni.com](http://www.nmni.com)

[www.discovernorthernireland.com/events](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com/events)

## Limerick Christmas Racing Festival

LIMERICK

**26 – 29 December**

Great racing, great fun, great food and great entertainment are all guaranteed at the Limerick Races 4 day Christmas Festival, a much anticipated highlight in the city's social calendar.

[www.limerickraces.ie](http://www.limerickraces.ie)



## 12 Days of Christmas in Dublin Docklands

DUBLIN CITY CENTRE

**Mid December**

Treat yourself to deliciously indulgent hot chocolate, beers or traditional Gluweinand. The festival is traditional Christmas at its best, with the beautifully restored showpiece 'Galloping Horses' Carousel and other fairground attractions for all the family.

[www.dublindocklands.ie](http://www.dublindocklands.ie)



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12 - 17	ST. PATRICKS FESTIVAL DUBLIN
13	IRELAND V WALES - RBS 6 NATIONS RUGBY
13 Mar - 23 May	OPEN/INVITED EV+A 2010
14	SPRINGFEST INTERNATIONAL BAND PARADE
17	ST PATRICK'S DAY ON ACHILL ISLAND
19 - 21	THE CROAGH PATRICK WALKING FESTIVAL
20	IRELAND V SCOTLAND - RBS 6 NATIONS RUGBY

## APRIL

3 - 11	TITANIC MADE IN BELFAST FESTIVAL
4 - 6	FAIRYHOUSE EASTER FESTIVAL
10 - 13	DUBLIN HANDEL FESTIVAL
11	CONNEMARA INTERNATIONAL MARATHON
16 - 18	BALLYDEHOB TRADITIONAL FESTIVAL
16 - 18	WATERFORD FESTIVAL OF FOOD
17 - 18	PATRICK KAVANAGH ANNUAL POETRY WEEKEND
20 - 24	PUNCHESTOWN NATIONAL HUNT FESTIVAL
20 - 25	CÚIRT INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE
28 April - 2 May	CORK INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL
30 April - 3 May	SLIEVE BLOOM WALKING FESTIVAL

## MAY

30 April - 2 May	STROKESTOWN INTERNATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL
30 April - 3 May	DROGHEDA ARTS FESTIVAL
30 April - 3 May	GUINNESS KILKENNY RHYTHM AND ROOTS FESTIVAL
1 - 3	BALLYHOURA WALKING FESTIVAL
7 - 9	COS COS SEAN NÓS FESTIVAL
8 - 15	NORTH WEST 200
21 - 23	BURREN SLOW FOOD FESTIVAL
22 - 23	FÉILE NA TUAITHE
23 - 31	FLEADH NUA
27 - 31	TATTERSALLS IRELAND INTERNATIONAL HORSE TRIALS

## JUNE

Dates tbc	STREET PERFORMANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
2 - 6	LISTOWEL WRITERS WEEK
3 - 7	CARLSBERG CAT LAUGHS COMEDY FESTIVAL
5 - 6	LOUGHCREW GARDEN OPERA
10 - 13	IMMRAMA – THE LISMORE FESTIVAL OF TRAVEL WRITING
10 - 13	TASTE OF DUBLIN
11 - 20	ÉIGSE CARLOW
12 - 27	CORK MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE SENSES
14 - 21	GALWAY SESSIONS
23 - 27	CARRICK WATER MUSIC FESTIVAL
25 June - 3 July	WEST CORK CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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**JULY**

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Any day 1 - 4	DEPENDING ON SEA CONDITIONS - THE CLIPPER ROUND THE WORLD YACHT RACE STOPOVER
1 - 4	TRIATHLONE TRIFEST
3 - 11	CLONMEL JUNCTION FESTIVAL
3 - 11	WILLIE CLANCY SUMMER SCHOOL
6 - 11	GALWAY FILM FLEADH
9 - 11	OXEGEN
10 - 18	EARAGAIL ARTS FESTIVAL
12 - 25	GALWAY ARTS FESTIVAL
23 - 25	DLR FESTIVAL OF WORLD CULTURES
24 July - 2 Aug	MARY FROM DUNGLOE
26 July - 1 Aug	GALWAY RACES
29 July - 1 Aug	3 IRISH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT
30 July - 1 Aug	SPRAOI

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**AUGUST**

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30 July - 2 August	THE BEAST OF BALLYHOURA ADVENTURE RACE
4 - 8	FÁILTE IRELAND DUBLIN HORSE SHOW
5 - 16	KILKENNY ARTS FESTIVAL
8	TULLAMORE SHOW & AIB NATIONAL LIVESTOCK SHOW
10 - 12	PUCK FAIR
13 - 20	BIRR VINTAGE WEEK & ARTS FESTIVAL
15 - 22	FLEADH CHEOIL NA HÉIREANN
18 - 22	TERRYGLASS ARTS FESTIVAL
20 - 24	ROSE OF TRALEE
21 - 29	HERITAGE WEEK
21	Gael Force West

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**SEPTEMBER**

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3 Sept - 3 Oct	LISDOONVARNA MATCHMAKING FESTIVAL
3 - 5	APPALACHIAN AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
3 - 5	CAPE CLEAR INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL
3 - 5	ELECTRIC PICNIC
3 - 5	MONAGHAN RHYTHM & BLUES FESTIVAL
5 Sept	GAA HURLING FINAL
11 - 26	DUBLIN FRINGE FESTIVAL
16 - 26	CLIFDEN ARTS FESTIVAL
19 Sept	GAA FOOTBALL FINAL
21 - 23	NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS
23 - 26	GALWAY INTERNATIONAL OYSTER FESTIVAL
23 - 26	JOHNNY KEENAN BANJO FESTIVAL
23 - 26	NEW ROSS PIANO FESTIVAL
23 Sept - 10 Oct	DUBLIN THEATRE FESTIVAL
24	CULTURE NIGHT

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**OCTOBER**

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23 Sept - 10 Oct	DUBLIN THEATRE FESTIVAL
Mid October	BABORÓ ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN
1 - 3	DINGLE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL
8 - 10	CARLOW AUTUMN WALKING FESTIVAL
16 - 31	ULSTER BANK BELFAST FESTIVAL AT QUEEN'S
18 - 25	ROOLABOOLA CHILDRENS ARTS FESTIVAL
20 - 31	WEXFORD FESTIVAL OPERA
21 - 25	SLIGO LIVE MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL
22 - 25	GUINNESS CORK JAZZ FESTIVAL
22 - 25	VIRGINIA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
24	IRISH CONKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**NOVEMBER**

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7 - 14	CORK FILM FESTIVAL
6	AUTUMN RUGBY INTERNATIONAL
11 - 15	ENNIS TRAD FESTIVAL
19 - 27	FOYLE FILM FESTIVAL

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**DECEMBER**

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11 - 12	THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS PAST
Mid December	12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS IN DUBLIN DOCKLANDS
26 - 27	WALK KILLARNEY & KERRY
26 - 29	LIMERICK CHRISTMAS RACING FESTIVAL





## GET READY FOR 2011!

If you are one of the unlucky ones who didn't make it to one of Ireland's fantastic festivals or events this year, make sure you don't miss out next year! Ireland's festivals and events calendar is ever increasing, ever changing and ever improving - and 2011 is sure to be another year filled with excitement, entertainment, emotion, wonder, spectacle and lots and lots of fun. All you have to do is turn up! So get planning and make sure 2011 is the year for that well earned break in Ireland!

# Map of Ireland



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