

## Killarney Reeks Ring of Kerry Trail Ride : Enquiries 2016

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> **Six nights / Five day- Full Trail Ride for 2016:** Half board basis B&B Package (bed & breakfast)

€1,495 per person sharing based on 2 per room. Solo travellers should factor in a Single Supplement €150, where applicable, we cannot guarantee shared rooms.

This includes: 5 days Trail Riding (4+ hours per day), 5 picnic lunches out on trail, 6 nights B&B accommodations, horse, tack & guide. Price does not include evening meals, arrival or departure transfers.

>**Three nights / Two Days - Mini Trail Ride for 2016:** Half board basis B&B Package

€595 per person sharing based on 2 per room. Solo travellers should factor in a Single Supplement €75 where applicable, we cannot guarantee shared rooms.

This includes: 2 days Trail riding (4+ hours per day), 2 picnic lunches out on trial, 3 nights B&B accommodations, horse, tack & guide. Price does not include evening meals, arrival or departure transfers

> **Season Dates 2016 Departures dates for both Full & Mini Trails**

➤ **Arrival, check-in day is Saturdays. Departure check-out in Friday.**

| April*           | May *            | June*            | July*                                | August *         | September *      | October*         |
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|                  | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 1 <sup>rd</sup>  |
|                  | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 9 <sup>th</sup>                      | 13 <sup>th</sup> | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
|                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | 20 <sup>th</sup> | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>30 <sup>th</sup> | 27 <sup>rd</sup> | 24 <sup>th</sup> |                  |

\* Minimum of 2 riders for trail to depart

> **Trail Itinerary & Times:**

For trail ride itinerary see attached. Note that on the itinerary, ride start times each day may change and vary for reasons out of our control at short notice; due to tides, weather and unforeseen circumstance.

.> **Accommodations/ Rooming:** Explained

We use small family run hotels and Bed & Breakfast accommodations along the route. All rooms will have a private shower & toilet with towels provided. Request when booking which room type cont'd

**Twin Room** = 2 separate beds for 2 people **Double Room** = 1 bed for 2 people **Single Room**= 1 or 2 beds with 1 person only occupying the room.(The above single supplement will apply if a client requests a single room or they wish to share and we do not have another person willing to. Request upon booking if they wish to share, we cannot guarantee this will be possible but will check with all other single

## participants

### > **Food & Dining:**

Breakfast is at all Accommodations; full Irish or continental style breakfast.

Lunch; Picnic style out on Trail (bread, fruit, meat, cheese etc.), Tea/Coffee/Water.

Dinner is not included; all villages and towns have a selection of Pubs & Restaurants, serving food.

Most pubs/bars restaurants, accept credit card payments

### > **Arrivals/ Departures:**

Check-in for the Trail is on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm. It is necessary to advise us of approx. arrival time so that there will be a member of the O'Sullivan family here to meet with the client. Additionally, if arriving after 6pm, we need to be advised. So to arrange that someone is available to check you in..

### Transfer Fees if clients wish us to arrange transfers for them

Cork Airport – 60 miles – 1.5 - 2 hour journey: €120 Over 3 People: Extra charge applies

Shannon Airport – 70 miles – 2-hour journey: €170 depending on numbers travelling.

Kerry Airport – 10 miles – 15-minute journey: €30 (enquire with stables)

The TRAIN can be taken from Dublin to Killarney for €81.50 (return) and from Cork for €49.50 (rtn)

These are prices for tickets bought on the day, cheaper ticket prices if bought online in advance)

(Please note that these are approximate rates and may vary slightly) [www.irishrail.ie](http://www.irishrail.ie)

The BUS can be taken from: Shannon for €34.50 (rtn) and Cork €31.50 (rtn) to Killarney, Kerry Airport to Killarney €8.50 (rtn). (Please note that these are approximate rates and may vary slightly)

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

- Upon reaching Killarney by bus or train, the client can telephone the stables and we will be happy to collect them free of charge.

### > **Riding Ability**

We require that all riders participating on the Trial Ride are able to walk to trot(post) and canter competently in an English saddle. We advise western riders to take some English Style lessons before participating on this trip in order to familiarise themselves with English tack and style of riding.

### > **Saddle Bags**

Each horse is fitted with a saddle bag, so riders may carry personal items with them, such as; rain clothing, water bottle, camera, Sun block etc.

### > **Safety For Riders**

- Please listen to Guides instructions and respect them

- Please ask for clarification if you do not understand any instruction from your Guide

- Trail Riding involves long and hard hours on both Horses and Riders. It is up to the Guide to dictate the pace and at no time is anyone allowed to pass the leader or set the pace. Any person behaving in a manner likely to cause an accident or disregarding the instructions of the Guide(s) will be removed from the ride.

### > **Tack**

All horses have English saddles, and bridles. The saddles we use are the 'Swiss Ranger' saddle, made by Peter August Spirig (Switzerland). These are designed for comfort for the long distance rider and their horse. So extra gel pads etc. are not necessary, but if riders wish to bring them, they are more than welcome to.

**> Horses**

The horses we use for the trail are a mixture of Irish Drafts, Irish Cobs, Percheron Crosses

**> Insurance**

Killarney Reeks Trail/Ring of Kerry Trail Rides recommends that all clients take out personal accident as well as baggage insurance, as the Trail can in no way be held responsible for accident, loss, damage or injury to person or baggage. We also advise clients to take out Trip Cancellation Insurance.

**> Money/Currency**

Ireland has the EURO Currency. Visa, MasterCard, Delta, Maestro, Laser and American Express are accepted in the majority of pubs/bars and restaurants as well as gift shops and grocery stores.

**> Time Difference**

Ireland is at Greenwich meantime (GMT) i.e. same time as the UK. Please bear this in mind when trying to contact the office. Office hours are 8am-6pm 7 days a week. + 353 (0) 64 66 31686

**> Emergency Contacts**

Killarney Riding Stables can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for emergencies purposes on + 353 (0) 64 66 31686. If we do not answer at once, it is because we may have another call, so keep trying.

**> Mobile Phones**

If clients have a tri-band phone, it will work in Ireland, depending on personal phone contracts. 'Vodafone Ireland' is our main mobile phone server. Reception is good, in almost all areas. In emergencies if someone needs to contact a client, and cannot get them on their mobile phone they can call the stables on + 353 (0) 64 66 31686, the phone is answered 24/7 and we can then forward on a message to them.

**> Clothing/Equipment**

Riding Helmets are obligatory in Ireland. For the Trail Ride Current European standards apply: Your helmet will need to meet one of these standards.

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| EN 1384:1996 | PAS 015:1998 | SNELL E2001     |
| ASTM F1163   | BSEN 14572   | BSEN 1384: 1997 |

Suitable footwear and pants to be worn. We do not advise riding in Denim Jeans unless you are used to doing so as they may chaff your legs. Riding breeches/jodhpurs with chaps or long boots are recommended. Footwear must be supportive of the ankle and have a heel.

Weather varies but does not go extremes in either hot or cold. Layers are best, and you can pack some in your saddlebags each day. Sun Block is recommended. Gloves are recommended. Ponchos / cycling capes are not permitted.

Waterproof clothing is recommended, like rain jacket and rain pants that fit over your riding clothes. If you have a full length rain coat, please ensure that it can be secured around your legs so as not to flap in the wind.

**> Extra Nights**

If you wish to stay an extra night at the beginning or at the end of your trail, we will be happy to recommend local Hotels and B&B's.

**> Additional Riding in Killarney National Park**

Killarney Stables operates guided trails into Killarney National Park for 1, 2 and 3 hour durations, 7 days a week, for further details please contact us. [www.kerrytrailride.com](http://www.kerrytrailride.com)

**> Reservations**

A 50% deposit is necessary to secure a reservation. Balance due 60 days prior to date of trip.

**> Cancellation Policy**

Deposits are fully refundable if notification is given in writing 60 days prior to departure.

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| 60+ days   | - | Full Refund |
| 50-59 days | - | 90% Refund  |
| 40-49 days | - | 80% Refund  |
| 30-39 days | - | 70% Refund  |
| 20-29 days | - | 60% Refund  |
| 10-19 days | - | 50% Refund  |
| 0-9 days   | - | No Refund   |
| No show    | - | No Refund   |

Notification of cancellation must be submitted in writing.

***Killarney Reeks Ring of Kerry Trail Ride : 2014***

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