

Cross-country jumping in Ireland

IRELAND

Tucked away in the heart of the **Irish countryside**, a couple of hours from Dublin, Annaharvey Farm is a welcoming, family-run equestrian centre specialising in **cross-country jumping**, where guests can experience authentic rural life and quintessential Irish hospitality. Whether you're a **novice rider** seeking to build confidence or a more **experienced equestrian** looking for a new challenge, this holiday offers a variety of packages to suit every level and riding ambition. With a trusted team of instructors, a wide range of well-schooled Irish horses, and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere, it's the perfect place to ride, learn, and unwind.

Centre based holidays	 8 days (6 days riding)	 From £1,189		Family holidays from 7 y.o
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Highlights

- Experience warm Irish hospitality in a rural setting, enjoy genuine country charm on a working family farm.
- Riding packages are flexible from 3 to 14 nights, with riding lessons tailored to your requirements.
- Excellent horses and ponies, confident and capable for all levels, from complete beginners to more advanced riders.
- Fantastic facilities including cross-country and arena training – over 100 fences to build confidence in jumping, with expert guidance from an experienced team.
- This is a true family affair, and you will meet the passionate Deverell family, who live and breathe horses and welcome guests as part of their extended family... And their menagerie of cats and dogs!

Day 1 — 1: Arrive at Annaharvey

 The Lodge Guest House

Flights are not included but can be booked on request.

We can arrange a transfer from Dublin airport (approx. 1h30) or the nearby town of Kilbeggan (accessible by bus from Dublin), at an extra cost – see dates and prices. We would recommend renting a car, especially in the low season when dinners are not included.

Settle into the lovely, renovated guesthouse and join guests for dinner.

Please note that dinners are not included during the low season.

Day 2 — 2: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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There are a variety of packages available to suit riders of all abilities along with their families and friends. Choose from 1, 2 or 3 hours riding per day - if you are not sure how much riding you will be fit enough for, we advise that you book the less intense package, and you can add on extra riding when you arrive.

Lessons are typically one hour and in small groups. You can find your feet in the indoor or outdoor arenas (one of them includes cross country jumps), before you make your way to the cross-country course that has over 100 jumps!

In your spare time, those who have rented a car can explore the area around the farm: the lively town of Tullamore, the Slieve Bloom Mountains... Or further away, why not a visit to the National Irish Stud or the Rock of Cashel!

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Day 3 — 3: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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Day 4 — 4: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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Day 5 — 5: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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Day 6 — 6: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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Day 7 — 7: Lessons or Trails - 1h-3h riding

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Day 8 — 8: Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport.

DATES & PRICES			
DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
01/03/2026	08/03/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
08/03/2026	15/03/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
15/03/2026	22/03/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
22/03/2026	29/03/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
29/03/2026	05/04/2026	£1,189	Full

05/04/2026	12/04/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
12/04/2026	19/04/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
19/04/2026	26/04/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
26/04/2026	03/05/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
03/05/2026	10/05/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
10/05/2026	17/05/2026	£1,189	Open
17/05/2026	24/05/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
24/05/2026	31/05/2026	£1,189	Full
31/05/2026	07/06/2026	£1,189	Full
07/06/2026	14/06/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
14/06/2026	21/06/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
21/06/2026	28/06/2026	£1,311	Full
28/06/2026	05/07/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
05/07/2026	12/07/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
12/07/2026	19/07/2026	£1,311	Full
19/07/2026	26/07/2026	£1,311	Full
26/07/2026	02/08/2026	£1,311	Full
02/08/2026	09/08/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
09/08/2026	16/08/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
16/08/2026	23/08/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
23/08/2026	30/08/2026	£1,311	Guaranteed departure
30/08/2026	06/09/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
06/09/2026	13/09/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
13/09/2026	20/09/2026	£1,189	Full
20/09/2026	27/09/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
27/09/2026	04/10/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
04/10/2026	11/10/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
11/10/2026	18/10/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure
18/10/2026	25/10/2026	£1,189	Guaranteed departure

Price details

- Flights or transportation to your destination (international/domestic) are not included but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates are per person, based on two riders sharing a twin/triple room during the stay. This rate includes 2 hours riding per day, but it's possible to have from 1h up to 3h, per day - please contact us for more details.

- Prices are based on a full board meal plan in June, July and August. Outside these dates, half-board (breakfast and lunch) will be offered, and a car rental becomes necessary.

- Dates are flexible and you can arrive/depart on any day. This holiday will confirm for one person and all departures are guaranteed. We recommend a stay of 7 nights, but it is possible to stay for as little as 3 nights and as many as 14 nights. Please contact us for a personalised quote over your preferred dates.

- Groups are composed of a minimum of 1 rider and a maximum of 8 international riders, plus guides.

- If you sign up to the ride as a solo rider and there are no other riders likely to share your room, you will be charged a single room supplement of approx. €140/£125/\$165. You will then be reimbursed if a sharer is found for you at a later date.

- Transfers from/to Dublin airport are not included. The rate is €200/£175/\$235 per way (up to 3 people). The timings are flexible. Transfers from/to Kilbeggan Bus Stop are also possible and are €40/£35/\$50 per way.

- Children are welcomed from 7 years old.

Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.

The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

SUPPORT TEAM

1 English-speaking instructor

LOGISTICS

Six, twelve or eighteen hours riding per week, depending on your package

ACCOMMODATION

Twin room in guest house

MEALS

Full board or half board depending on the time of year - please check "Dates&Prices"

EXTRAS

Sauna and hot tub access

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Beverages and personal extras

TRANSPORT

Return airport transfers

International flights

EXTRAS

Tips to the local team

INSURANCE

Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

Optional

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

Horses

Annaharvey Farm is home to a superb selection of Irish-bred horses and ponies carefully matched to every level of riding ability, from gentle ponies for beginners to stronger horses including some Connemaras, Irish Sport Horses and Irish Cobs. Many have been bred and trained on the farm, so the team knows them inside out. The horses are fit, happy, and well cared for, enjoying a varied workload and plenty of turn out.

Guide & local team

A friendly, dedicated group who bring genuine country hospitality and equestrian expertise to your ride. Founders Henry and Lynda Deverell lead the way with a long-standing commitment to both farm life and top-class riding. Their son Sam is the Equestrian & Events Manager, while Aaron oversees the wider farm as Farm Manager, and Charlotte ensures your accommodations feel just like a home from home. Riding School Manager Evelyn Browne ensures the equestrian side runs smoothly, now assisted by Mary, who brings enthusiasm and care to every lesson. Together, this family-run setup makes the atmosphere relaxed, welcoming and personal.

Minimum riding ability

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All levels accepted from beginners to more experienced riders.

Beginners and novices will be getting lessons in the arena and may not be able to jump unless the instructor decides their ability is sufficient.

To join in the cross-country jumping, all riders should be comfortable at walk, trot, and canter, with some basic jumping experience. Nervous or less experienced jumpers will find plenty of small, confidence-building fences to enjoy, while more advanced riders can take on a greater challenge. Those who prefer not to jump can still enjoy the thrill of cantering across open fields or splashing through the farm's lakes and rivers.

Note: advanced riders should be aware that although fun and varied, the cross-country course is more tailored towards strong intermediate riders who want to build their confidence over honest, solid fences.

Rider weight limit: 100 kg / 220 lbs / 15.7 st

PACE

Riders will ride at all paces on the cross-country course and arena lessons, based on ability.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The horses will be tacked and untacked for you.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

No particular conditions other than outlined under "riding ability".

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

English tack.

Helmets and body protectors to the current standards are mandatory for jumping and can be borrowed from the farm.

Equus Journeys highly recommends that riders bring their own hats to ensure a proper fit.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

Once a working grain barn, the Lodge was lovingly restored and converted into a charming guest house in 1996. Many of its original farm features remain, creating a warm and characterful atmosphere. The Lodge offers nine individually decorated bedrooms - single, twin, double, and family rooms - each brought to life with colourful textiles and Lynda Deverell's own hand-painted artworks.

All rooms feature en-suite bathrooms with fresh towels and complimentary toiletries. Guests can unwind in the sauna or hot tub, both free of charge,

and enjoy convenient on-site parking and Wi-Fi access (though the countryside connection can be a little slow).

MEALS

Full board accommodation from June to September, half board (breakfast and lunch) in the low season.

- Breakfast is a continental selection as well as a cooked to order menu (the full Irish must be tried!)
- Lunch is usually a mix of pies, quiches and wraps with a selection of salads.
- Dinner is hearty, homemade cooking and will include stews, curries, pasta bakes... A mix of Irish and international cuisine!

Special dietary requirements can be accommodated within reason with advance notice.

CLIMATE

From March to October, the weather around Tullamore offers the best of Ireland's gentle countryside climate. Spring brings cool, fresh days with blossoming hedgerows and average temperatures around 10–14°C. Summer is mild and pleasant rather than hot, with long daylight hours, temperatures in the high teens to low twenties, and the occasional light shower keeping the landscape lush and green. Autumn remains comfortable for riding, with crisp mornings, golden fields, and temperatures gradually cooling to around 12–15°C.

TIPS

Tips are not expected but appreciated.

PACKING LIST

Head

- Helmets are mandatory. Your riding hat must comply with the official regulations (fixed peaks are not acceptable when cross-country jumping).

Upper Body

- The weather can be unpredictable in Ireland so we recommend bringing tops you can wear in layers, T-shirts, sweatshirts and vests etc.
- Body protector (mandatory when jumping)
- Half or long-sleeved cotton shirts (to provide protection from the sun) or T-shirt in a quick-drying material
- A light raincoat that you are comfortable in
- A lightweight fleece or jumper
- A swimsuit

Legs

- 2 pairs of jodhpurs or riding trousers
- 1-2 pairs of trousers suitable for dinner at the Conor's bar

Hands and feet

- Short jodhpur boots and half chaps are the best option as they are much cooler and easier to transport, but if you are used to riding in your long boots and want to wear them this is fine.
- Lightweight shoes for the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves

Other useful items

- Toiletries
- Small medical kit
- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Any medication you regularly take
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc..

Our Recommendations

- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you in case you lose your originals