Boating Holidays
on Lough Erne, County Fermanagh
Fermanagh is known as the Lakelands of Northern Ireland, due to the vast Waterways which dominate the County. Lough Erne is a truly rural, unspoilt and tranquil leisure-orientated expanse stretching from Belleek in Fermanagh to Belturbet in County Cavan. From Lough Erne, one can even navigate as far as Limerick, following the Shannon-Erne Waterway link to the majestic Shannon River Navigation.

With plenty to see and do along the route of your boating holiday you won’t be disappointed with what Fermanagh has to offer. Famed for our breathtaking scenery and historic islands you will have the chance to explore the area in a way only accessible by boat – White Island and Inishmacsaint Island to name but a few.

Stop off at the world famous Belleek Pottery on the western edge of Lower Lough Erne and explore the picturesque Irish village.

Meander around the grounds of historic Tully Castle before stopping off at Devenish Island, which was founded in the 8th Century and remains a historic gem.

The Island town of Enniskillen is the site where Upper and Lower Lough Erne connect on the River Erne and offers visitors a fantastic choice of restaurants and pubs.

This charming town is home to Enniskillen Castle, Castle Coole National Trust property as well as a great range of shops including the Buttermarket Craft & Design Centre.

The route of your boating holiday on Lough Erne will allow you a fantastic choice of great places to stop for food, drink and entertainment. Enniskillen is of course the
hub, but also don’t forget the 5* **Lough Erne Resort** where fine dining awaits you. Atmosphere and fine food is something Fermanagh is well known for – **The Ardhownen Theatre**, **The Killyhevlin Hotel**, **Carrybridge Lakeside Lodge** and **Angling Centre** as well as **the Watermill Restaurant** all offer some fantastic local fayre and are perfectly situated along the water, to allow you to access them.

Cruise further along Upper Lough Erne and discover **Belle Isle Estate** home to **Belle Isle Castle** and the **Belle Isle School of Cookery** for the culinary enthusiast among you! Don’t forget to take a look as you pass Inish **Rath Island**, home to the Hare Krishna community or **Inish Corkish Island** home to the pigs of the famous **Fermanagh Black Bacon** which can be bought from **O’Doherty’s Butcher Shop** in Enniskillen.

## Activities

A boating holiday gives you the perfect opportunity to take part in the many activities available in the County.

The opening of the **Lough Erne Resort** made Fermanagh a new golf destination. Their new 18 hole championship course designed by Nick Faldo is an asset to the County. The resort which hosted the 2013 G8 summit, is now a beacon in Irish 5* luxury and hospitality.

World renowned as a **fishing** destination, Lough Erne is a mixed coarse and game fishery. The game angling mainly takes place in the Lower Lough which is over 25 miles long, although Trout, Salmon and Wild Brown Trout are found throughout the system. Upper Lough Erne is considered one of the best pike fishing lakes in Europe. There are a number of **activity centres** dotted around the lake which offer facilities for you to try banana-skiing, kayaking, windsurfing, water trampoline, climbing, archery etc.

The **Lough Erne Canoe Trail** is a 50km route through the magnificent lakes of Upper and Lower Lough Erne, which is ideal for all levels. There is a comprehensive website and waterproof guide to help you navigate the route. Canoes can be hired through various points along the lake. Canoe guides are also available. [www.canoeni.com](http://www.canoeni.com)

Fermanagh is the ideal venue for **walking and biking** enthusiasts and the many jetties along the way will allow you access to some of the finest walks in the County. Climb to the top of the Magho Cliffs and marvel at one of the most stunning viewpoints in Ireland or take a leisurely walk around the grounds of Crom Estate National Trust and watch the deer go by. Most of our walking routes are ideal for biking also.
Explore the Waterway

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Carrybridge Boat Company
Carrick Craft Boat Company
Manor House Marine Boat Company

Enniskillen Town
Why Choose a Boating Holiday

A boating holiday on Lough Erne is the perfect relax & getaway from it all experience in the most idyllic location - whether you’re a busy couple looking for the ideal way to spend quality time with each other, or an active family looking for fun and adventure.

The boats are also ideal for larger groups some of which can sleep up to 10 people - whatever your reason we know you’re going to love it!

Q. What do you need to captain your own boat?
A. Nothing!

You don’t need a licence or have any experience to operate a cruiser.

- No specialist knowledge is required, just common sense. Moorings are never more than a few kilometres apart, and you are unlikely ever to be very far from a marina.
- No qualifications are required
- Navigating our inland waters is very straightforward. All charter companies have friendly trained personnel to explain everything you need to know to enjoy our great outdoors.

www.boat-holidays.info
What To Expect On A Typical Boat

Equipment we supply on your cruiser includes cutlery, crockery, glasses, cooking utensils, bed linen and hand towels, a radio/CD player and a pair of binoculars. Bath towels are provided.

On-board services include galley with gas cooker, oven and grill, fridge, shower room, flushing lavatory and hand basin, hot and cold running water and hot air central heating. If required, bicycles and outboard motors are available to hire but pre-booking is essential.
To Book

Carrybridge Boat Company
Lisbellaw, Co. Fermanagh BT94 5HX
t: ++44 (0) 28 6638 7034
e: info@cbcboats.com
w: www.cbcboats.com

Carrickcraft
The Moorings, Bellanaleck Co. Fermanagh BT92 2BA
t: ++44 (0) 28 3834 4993
f: ++44 (0) 28 3755 1806
e: sales@carrickcraft.com
w: www.cruise-ireland.com

Aghinver Boat Company
Aghinver, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh BT94 1JY
t: ++44 (0) 28 6863 1400
e: info@abcboats.com
w: www.abcboats.com

Manor House Marine & Cottages
Lough Erne, Killadeas, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh BT94 1NY
t: ++44 (0) 28 6862 8100
f: ++44 (0) 28 686 28000
e: info@manormarine.com
w: www.manormarine.com

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**by Air**
Ireland is served by flights into Belfast International Airport, Dublin Airport, Belfast City Airport, Shannon Airport and City of Derry Airport as well as Cork, Galway and Knock Airports. Fly direct from a wide range of airports in the UK, Europe, USA and Canada.

Belfast International Airport and Belfast City Airport are both approximately 2 hours drive from Fermanagh. Dublin Airport is around 2 hours drive and the City of Derry Airport is approximately 1 hour 45 mins.

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**by Ferry**
Regular, scheduled ferry services operate between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. Other sailings operate from Fishguard to Rosslare, Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire or Dublin Port and Liverpool to Dublin. For details on routes and schedules please use the details to the right.

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