

IRELAND

The western loughs of Lough Corrib and Lough Mask

Catch superb wild brown trout in idyllic surroundings



THE West of Ireland is blessed with large crystal clear limestone loughs that support a massive population of wild brown trout. These trout are some of the fittest and strongest you will catch anywhere and fight far beyond their size. You will have the chance to catch a trout of a lifetime and fish of over 10lbs are taken on the fly every year with trout of 5 to 7lbs not uncommon. There are large Ferox trout available but are normally only caught by deep trolling (the Corrib record was broken in 2004 with a fish of almost 22lbs).

The fishing season on these loughs falls into distinctive periods where certain methods far out fish others. From opening day on 15 February wet fly fishing is the norm, this is followed by the duck fly which usually starts in

mid March and can go on to mid April. At this time buzzer fishing is by far the best but dries can also be deadly. Following the duck fly comes the olive fishing from mid April to mid May and again buzzer can do amazingly well as will olive patterns both wet and dry. From early May to mid June come the famous mayfly hatches. The fishing at this time can be superb to both wet, dry and dapping the live insects. Around these great loughs the local school children get a special week's holiday to collect mayfly and sell them to the anglers to make some pocket money. An evening spent gnat fishing is also highly recommended. Also hatching throughout the olive and mayfly hatch are massive greyboy buzzers which the trout sometimes target instead of the olives or mayfly.

From June through to mid-August daytime trout fishing depends on the weather but can be excellent to both wet and dry fly especially early morning and late evening when sedges hatch in large numbers. The fishing again reverts back to wet fly fishing from mid August until the end of the season. At this time the trout can be found over deepwater feeding on daphnia as well as in the shallows where they feed on shrimp and hoglouse. This is an excellent time to target large trout which can be found feeding on daphnia.

In summary, throughout the entire fishing season, these loughs offer the angler plentiful and varied opportunities to catch the beautiful wild brown trout for which this region has become so famous.



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The Area

The Gillies Lair Ardnasillagh Lodge is situated on the shores of Lough Corrib near the village of Oughterard in Connemara. Oughterard, being the nearest town only just 2 km away, has numerous pubs and restaurants. The beautiful old city of Galway is only 25 minutes away by car and has excellent shopping, pubs, clubs and restaurants. Also close by is the beautiful Kylemore Abbey, Maam Cross of the quiet man film fame, as well as the breath taking scenery, coastline and numerous beaches. Apart from sight seeing and hill walking this area is well renowned for its golf courses and sea fishing.

The Gillies Lair Ardnasillagh Lodge

Basil and Maura have developed the lodge over the past 10 years and it now boasts four twin rooms and two double rooms all of a high standard. A newly extended dining room / lounge and kitchen offer a friendly comfortable atmosphere and the recently built rod / drying room and boat house are an excellent addition. No matter what you have forgotten to pack all the necessary tackle is available from Basil. There is no other lodge on Lough Corrib so well equipped, so angler friendly, or so convenient to fishing the Lough.



Also available is a self catering cottage just next door. The cottage is of a high standard with a fully fitted kitchen, a large lounge, and three bedrooms all with ensuite facilities. All bed linen is supplied and outside there is a garage/drying room with freezer facilities.

Wise Men Tips

- Our resident "Wise Man", the famous Corrib fly fisherman, Basil Shields points out that "Lough Corrib and Mask compliment each other well as when one turns moody the other turns on and vice versa." So be sure to try both loughs and you should never be stuck for some excellent fly fishing.
- We also recommend that you be sure to sample a pint or two of the excellent Guinness served in "The Boat" bar in Oughterard, this is where all the fishermen go after a long day's fishing and a good place to pick up some useful fishing tips.

Did You Know?

You can view short video clips of our fishing trips on our website – just go to our web page titled "Video Clips" – and enjoy!

TRIP DETAILS

Season:	15th February to 30th September
Fish Species:	Wild brown trout and salmon
Tackle:	A 6 to 7 weight fly rod (9.5ft to 10ft) with a selection of fly line densities. A good selection of traditional Irish wet and dry flies, mayflies and buzzers all of which can be purchased at the lodge
Clothing:	The weather there can be very unpredictable so adopt a layered approach. Include good quality waterproof jacket and trousers, hat and sunglasses

Package includes:

- **Bed & breakfast, pack lunch, boat, engine and guide / gillie hire for as many days as required**
- **Not included is transport to and from the lodge. We recommend you consider hiring a car**
- **Gratuities to boatmen are at the discretion of the angler**

Lodge Capacity: **Twelve anglers (plus six self catering)**

Getting there: **Fly into Dublin or Knock airports. We are happy to arrange your travel should you so require**



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