

IRELAND

LOUGH ERNE AND LOUGH MELVIN

Boat fishing for wild trout on some of the best lakes in Ireland



THE Fermanagh Lakeland is one of the most scenic areas of Ireland that not only offers some of the best wild trout fishing but also the chance of catching Atlantic salmon. WhereWiseMenFish gives you the chance to enjoy excellent fishing, accommodation, food and the famous Irish hospitality. Traditional lough style fishing is the norm drifting from a 19' lough boat and for those less experienced anglers we can offer instruction from fully qualified guides.

Lower Lough Erne is a huge expanse of water 18 miles long and up to five miles wide, with depths of up to 200 feet and many islands and rocky outcrops. This

gives an ideal habitat for wild brown trout which average 2lbs with many much larger specimens caught each season. Early season fishing starts in the shallows around the rocky areas where the trout are feeding on hog louse and shrimp. This is then followed in early April with the duck fly hatch and the olive hatch towards the end of April and start of May. The highlight of the season is the mayfly, for which Lough Erne is justly famous. The mayfly hatch lasts three to four weeks and fantastic sport can be had pulling wet flies through the waves as well as fishing dries. In July and August fishing can be challenging but fishing early morning and late evening with sedge patterns can be excellent. From mid-August to the end of the season traditional wet fly fishing is the best as the fish turn on to daphnia. Also available on the Erne, when trout fishing is slow, is the chance to catch pike on the fly. The Pike is Irelands largest fresh water predator and

can provide excellent sport with the possibility of catching some very big fish.

Lough Melvin compliments Lough Erne due to the fact that it not only fishes throughout the season but it can fish well due to the fact it holds four separate trout species as well as salmon and char. No artificial stocking has ever taken place on Melvin and the trout have not changed since the Ice Age, making this Lough a must for the wild trout enthusiast. The four species of trout are brown trout, gillaroo, sonaghan, and ferrox. So different genetically are these that scientists have suggested that they be regarded as separate species.

Salmon enter Lough Melvin from January each year but the fishing on the Lough does not start until 1st February. They are frequently caught while trout fishing and therefore add a bit of spice to your days fishing throughout the year.



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The Area

This area of Ireland is blessed with beautiful scenery, historic houses and estates and ancient sites. Walking and sightseeing are a must and there are many places to visit in the area including for example Castle Coole – a magnificent neo-classical house with fine interiors and furnishings from before 1830. There is also the Marble Arch Caves – these Mesozoic limestone caves have an extensive network of caverns that can be viewed from a boat. On top of all this is the excellent shopping in Enniskillen town and not to be forgotten are the very friendly and high quality pubs and restaurants.

The Lodge – Lusty Beg

The Lusty Beg cottages are situated in the heart of the Fermanagh Lakeland and the accommodation is second to none. Located on a 75 acre private island on Lower Lough Erne the log cabins are fully equipped and furnished. There are 11 cabins that sleep up to six persons all over looking the Lough. They have a fully equipped kitchen, two twin rooms and a master bedroom with ensuite facilities. Breakfast and packed lunches are available from the restaurant on request.



Also available is bed and breakfast accommodation in the Courtyard Motel and all rooms are ensuite and of a high standard. The complex also boasts an excellent bar and restaurant as well as leisure facilities including a swimming pool, tennis court, nature trail and conference centre.

Wise Men Tips

The famous Lough Erne guide, Brian Crothers, gave the following two tips.

- “Don't overlook fishing on Lough Erne. It has been a well kept secret and holds large numbers of quality wild brown trout.”
- “Sonaghan (the native trout to Lough Melvin) are extremely sporting fish and fight far beyond their size.”

Client Comments

“I fished with Brian last season on Lough Erne. It is a massive water but he had the uncanny ability to put us over plenty of fish. Great sport – I will definitely be back!”

Chris Taylor – Norfolk, UK

TRIP DETAILS

Season: **Salmon on Lough Melvin 1st February to 30th September. Brown trout 1st March to 30th September on Lough Erne and 15th February to 30th September on Lough Melvin.**

Fish Species: **Wild brown trout and salmon.**

Tackle: **9 ½ to 10 foot fly rod rated 6 to 7 and a selection of line densities.**

Clothing: **The weather can be very unpredictable so adopt a layered approach. Include good quality waterproof jacket and trousers, hat and sunglasses.**

Rate: **Fishing is £180 (UK pounds) per day for two persons sharing a boat. Lodge prices vary from £475 per week low season to £590 high season for up to six persons sharing. Prices may vary.**

Package Includes:

- **Accommodation, boat, engine and qualified guide for as many days as required.**
- **Not included is the transport to and from the lodge, permits and licences.**
- **We recommend you consider hiring a car.**
- **Gratuities to the boatmen are at the discretion of the angler.**

Lodge Capacity: **Each of the 11 cottages can accommodate up to six guests.**

Getting There: **Fly into either Belfast International or George Best Belfast City Airport. We are happy to arrange your travel should you so require.**



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