

HORSE DRAWN CARAVANS



The award winning Kilvahan Horse-Drawn Caravan experience gives you the opportunity to step outside of the everyday bustle and unwind in the beautiful Irish midlands. The freedom of the countryside is yours at a slow and relaxing pace. You decide what your holiday will consist of - whether to travel between rural farmhouses or to stop off at a country pub for a lively session of traditional music. Perhaps you'd like to view a castle or medieval monastery or partake in a round of golf or fishing.

The Caravan:

When you arrive you will be shown to your caravan, they are based on the traditional Traveller caravans of old and can sleep four adults or two adults and three children. They have two double beds and one bunk which is suitable for a child, these all convert to comfortable seating during the day. Lighting is provided by cosy gas lights and you can cook on a modern four-ring gas hob. Outside there are storage boxes at the rear and all our vans have a front platform from which you can drive your horse while admiring the surrounding countryside. You will spend the 1st night in your caravan at our base, giving you a chance to familiarize yourself with your new home.

As we are situated in the beautiful Slieve Bloom mountains we can boast of having some of the quietest roads in Ireland in one of the most under utilized mountain regions in the entire country.

The Route

On arrival we will give you to take with you a comprehensive guide book and route-map to the area and the stopovers. We will advise you on routes taking into consideration your preferences - this holiday is about you and what you want it to include and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. You will travel through the county on a variety of quiet country roads passing rivers, lakes, forests, historical sites and of course pubs. At night you may park at one of our designated stopover points. These may be quiet country pubs or rustic farmhouses they all offer a proper Irish welcome, good toilet and shower facilities, caravan parking area, a field for the horse to graze in and most will provide evening meals and breakfasts if required. You may also form your own route if you wish to stop over at any farm where permission is forthcoming. You will be constantly meeting and mixing with the locals at the stops, in the pubs and shops and will find them very warm and open.

The Horse

Central to your enjoyment of this holiday is your new best friend! Our horses are chosen for their pleasant (and very individual) temperaments and bomb proof characters. They all have several years experience as working horses in Dublin city and so have no fears of traffic etc. You will be fully trained in caring for, harnessing and driving your horse the morning after you arrive, and we will take you the 1st kilometre of your route, after this you're a nomad for the week. No previous experience of horses is required-in this case THEY are the professionals, all we require is a willingness to learn and an appreciation of animals.

*Information and rates based on information as at November 2005.
Where given NZD rates are a guide only, and are subject to tariff and exchange variance.*



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PRICES

All prices are in Euro and are per caravan.

| | | <i>First Week</i> | <i>Follow on Weeks</i> |
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| April 29 to July 1 | <i>Low season (LS)</i> | €700 | €600 |
| July 2 to August 26 | <i>High Season (HS)</i> | €920 | €700 |
| August 27 to October 31 | <i>Low season (LS)</i> | €700 | €600 |

The starting date of each week taken determines the rate used. Starting dates are on Saturday and Wednesday.

Short Breaks: (4 day – Saturday to Wednesday)

Available April 29 to July 1, and August 27 to October 31 Euro 440

Transfers:

Euro 60 per person return from Shannon or Dublin Airports.

(On starting and finishing days only – arrivals generally between 11am & 3pm; departures between 9 & 10am)

Riding Horse:

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| Optional extra riding horse | LS | Euro 240 per week |
| | HS | Euro 320 per week |

Deposit:

Kilvahan require a 40% deposit to confirm the booking.

A further refundable deposit of Euro 130 per caravan is required to cover damage.

Overnight Stops:

Visitors pay stopover owners Euro 24 per caravan per night for parking, grazing and use of toilets. Showers cost Euro 1 each.

Arrival:

Visitors should aim to arrive between 4pm and 6pm, but no later than 7:30 pm.

Various:

Gas, horse feed, bed linen and tea towels are included. Towels are not.

