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Ireland has long been considered one of Europe’s premier angling destinations, and the West is home to some of the finest waters, rivers and loughs offering a variety of coarse and trout species. Native species such as salmon, trout and pike are the passion of many anglers and there’s plenty of English-style tackle available for those who like it. There are also angling clubs and lodges across the West where you can get advice on where to go and what to do.

Do I need a licence to fish in Ireland?

In Ireland you do not need a licence to fish for trout, coarse species or in the sea. However, if you intend to fish for salmon or sea trout you must have a State Salmon & Sea Trout Licence. State Salmon & Sea Trout Licences are available at a National Licence Office or from an approved licence dealer. A licence covers only the Fishery District in which the licence is purchased. A licence for salmon and sea trout fishing here is very expensive. It’s possible to buy a licence online at www.fishing.ie. It should be noted that a State Licence is required to fish for salmon and sea trout and does not entitle you to fish from permission from fishermen owners must be obtained.

Fishing in the West

The waters off the west coast are warmed by the Gulf Stream, ensuring a longer season spanning from May to October. This longer season means that some of the best coarse fish stocks in Ireland are available to anglers. Pike is the prize catch here with fish of over 20lbs a common sight, and if you’re lucky you might land a monster of 35lbs or more. Deep sea charter boats operate at Clew Bay, Killala, Galway and Mayo’s lakes are recognised as some of the greatest wild brown trout fisheries in Europe. The Salmon Weir in Galway City is another popular and well-known spot for salmon anglers.

Sea Fishing

Anglers favouring coarse fishing should head for the inland rivers and lakes of Galway and Mayo. The deep sea fishing here is spectacular with a long list of species including cod, pollack, ling, conger eel and shark. In recent years, bluefin tuna have also been caught, with the majority being 200-250kg. Some of the best salmon rivers include the Moy, Finn, Erriff, Aungse and Moy Erriff. In recent years, salmon fishing in the Moy Estuary has been better than in other years, with the Moy Erriff in particular offering superb salmon fishing, all in spectacular countryside. The salmon run in the Moy Estuary is the last one to be run in Ireland, and the Moy Erriff is the last one to be run in Ireland.

Trout Fishing

Trout Fishing in the West of Ireland covers only the Fishery District in which the licence is purchased. A list of fishing locations and an unusual variety of warm-water fish. There is excellent shore fishing to be had at numerous locations along the coast including Killala Bay, the Mullet Peninsula, Achill Island and Clew Bay in Mayo and around Clifden, Killary Harbour and Gorumna Island in Galway. The deep sea fishing here is exceptional with a long list of species including cod, pollack, ling, conger eel and shark. In recent years, bluefin tuna have also been caught, with the majority being 200-250kg. Some of the best salmon rivers include the Moy, Finn, Erriff, Aungse and Moy Erriff. In recent years, salmon fishing in the Moy Estuary has been better than in other years, with the Moy Erriff in particular offering superb salmon fishing, all in spectacular countryside. The salmon run in the Moy Estuary is the last one to be run in Ireland, and the Moy Erriff is the last one to be run in Ireland.

Coarse Fishing

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Other Accommodation

Other Accommodation includes the following:

1. Aasleagh Lodge & River Erriff
2. Ballynahinch Castle
3. Camillaun Angling Centre
4. Delphi Lodge
5. Grasshopper Cottage
6. Healy’s Restaurant
7. Lakeland Country House
8. Lough Inagh Lodge Hotel
9. Pontoon Bridge Hotel
10. Screebe Fishery
11. Nonaim Lodge
12. Áras Fáilte, Forster Street, Galway.
13. Abbey House
14. Ár Aoibhinn Angling Centre
15. Ashford Castle
16. Ballynahinch Castle
17. Camillaun Angling Centre
18. Camillaun Angling Centre
19. Corrib Wave Guesthouse
20. Downhill House Hotel
21. Knockcroghery House
22. Nonaim Lodge
23. Portarra Lodge B&B
24. Screebe Fishery
25. The Helm
26. The Helm

For information about the regulations for fishing in Ireland, visit www.fishing.ie.
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Foxford, Co. Mayo
Foxford Salmon Anglers
Tel: 091 635465  Email: info@fishingwestireland.com

Tel: 098 49137

Contact: John Burke
Salmon & trout
Contact: Christina Mitchell
Wild brown trout & sea trout

Contact: Barry Seagrave
Salmon, brown trout & sea trout. Sea angling arranged.

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