



# **TRADITIONAL IRISH HARP Summer Schools 2024**

**with Ireland's most celebrated tutor**

## **JANET HARBISON**

**in the famous Donegal town of Dungloe**

close to Donegal Airport (Flights @ €35 from Dublin Airport!)

A max of 8 participants on any week



**June 30-July 6 (Week 1)    Adults Only**

**July 7-13 (Week 2)    Teachers & Players**

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## June 30 – July 6 (Week 1) for ADULT PLAYERS

This first week is a regular summer-school for adult players (all over the age of 18!) featuring all you would expect in the format of previous years - daily tuition in large and small groups, workshops, lectures, concerts, sessions and local trips out - an superb week of positive harping experience, confidence building, significant progress and social connections!

Arrive Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> and join us for dinner at 7pm. The course proper starts at 9.30am on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>. Depart Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> after breakfast. (Accommodation on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> is also available on arrangement.)

## July 7 – 13 (Week 2) for ALL AGES OF PLAYERS

The course starts at 10am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> with accommodation from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. But for those staying over from Week 1, in-between-courses-day (Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>) accommodation is free.

This is also a great week for the STUDENTS who will have morning classes (from 10am-1pm) with lots of teacher-attention - often with one-on-one training - all supervised by Janet. This allows for exploring the local area: walking, hiking, swimming, shopping, practising or just relaxing in the afternoons! Students may also consider to 'observe' on the teachers' course (but there's a fee for this!). Everyone is invited to join in the evening time activities - including the 'teachers' concert' on Wednesday, the 'big quiz' on Thursday evening and the 'finale night' on Friday with the big session at Húdí Beag's into the small hours (and a bus home)... Whichever you are: student or teacher, we guarantee that everyone will get a great week's training, a wild Donegal experience and a whole new community of for-ever harpy friends. Another bonus for adult students staying over from Week 1, is a free night's accommodation on the Saturday night in-between the courses (6<sup>th</sup>).

## July 7 – 13 (Week 2) for TEACHERS

The course starts at 3pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. Arrive Saturday or Sunday (no extra cost for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> accommodation)

Week 2 is specifically designed for TEACHERS in traditional (oral) teaching with a range of volunteer harp students to practise on!! Whichever background you come from, and whether you are already professional, improving your skills or just starting out - this is a week that will hone your leadership skills, equip you with relevant repertoire, build confidence and competence in delivering, and enhance your creative arrangement skills for tune accompaniment or ensemble playing.

## Our Course Venue



On the Wild Atlantic Way (coast) and just a few minutes walk from the centre of the town of Dungloe, our summer school venue is in the Fairgreen Cottages Complex - located beside the Waterfront Hotel (with a spa and health centre!). We have a range of 2-bedroomed and 4-bedroomed cottages - all with twin or double beds (which can also be booked for single occupation). The 2-bedroomed cottages share a bathroom – and 4-bedroomed cottages have all rooms ensuite. Each cottage also has its own sitting room and fully equipped kitchen (so people can choose how they wish to have their evening meals - cooking in or out!). We expect that we will have some of the houses 'hosting' evenings (party nights!) ....



## Afternoon options

For walks, swims, exploring, shopping, relaxing, practising! Dungloe is a typical Donegal town with lots to offer. We are also closely located to Mount Errigal, Donegal's most spectacular mountain that is a favourite for climbers (mid level) and are close to the Glenveigh National Park which is a preserved area of natural beauty and nature conservation. Included in our Wednesday afternoon trip is a boat trip to the wild Gola Island (weather permitting). The island is now deserted but a very special place much celebrated in Donegal songs.



## Recommended travel arrangements

Fly into Dublin Airport, and take another flight from Dublin airport to Donegal with Aer Lingus. This takes 35 minutes and costs €40 and there are just 2 flights every day at 11.40 and 18.50hrs. The airport is just a short drive from our Centre and we will pick you up. Be sure to book early. Alternatively, you may hire a car and drive, or take a direct bus to Dungloe from Dublin Airport. This is a journey of 4-5 hours – or take some days to tour around and explore!

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