



TRADITIONAL IRISH HARP

Summer Schools 2024

with Ireland's champion tutor

JANET HARBISON

in the famous Donegal town of Dungloe

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



June 30-July 6

Week 1

Adults Only

July 7-13

Week 2

Teens & Adults

With a max of 8 participants on any week

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2024 Donegal Harp Summer Schools



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

July 7 – 13 (Week 2) for PLAYERS FROM AGE 12 UP

For TEENS (supervised!) as well as ADULTS, this course starts at 10am on Monday 8th with accommodation from Sunday 7th (and from Saturday 6th for students staying both weeks). With the teacher-trainees, there will be more 'break-out' classes tailored to the course participants – more attention and perhaps, a little more energy in the classroom!

Arrive Sunday July 7th and join us for dinner at 7pm. The course proper starts at 9.30am on Monday July 8th. Depart Saturday 13th after breakfast.

A typical daily schedule (except Wednesday afternoon when we take a trip out)

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| Monday - Friday 9.30-10.30am | Warm-up Harp Aerobics Hour |
| 11am – 12.30 | Morning classes |
| 1pm | Lunch (provided) |
| 2 – 3.30pm | Afternoon classes (except Wednesday) |
| 6.30-7.30pm | Recital / Workshop with Janet and guest performers |
| From 7.30pm | Eat in or out |
| 9.30pm – late | Sessions out at a local hostelry or activities in |

July 7 – 13 (Week 2) for TEACHERS

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 musical leadership, equip you with relevant repertoire, build confidence and competence, and enhance your creative arrangement skills for stage and session playing. This course is altered from the original schedule to offer teachers a full day's course on Sunday July 8th and then a 'Teacher's Hour' each day of the Week 2 course from Monday to Friday. From the opening presentation on 'Introduction to Oral Teaching', there is theoretical and practical, structured teacher coaching through the week that is guaranteed to add a new dimension to your regular teaching work, present or future. The course starts at 11am on Sunday 7th. Arrive Saturday evening or Sunday morning (at no extra cost for Saturday 6th accommodation). Email Janet for more...

The 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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