

EYRE COURT EXAMINER AROUND THE WORLD!



This months supplement is about all the different places around the world to go on holidays! The weather has been quite nice so far and hopefully we have a hot summer! So if it is hot and nice, here are a few places you might like to go to and enjoy the lovely weather! There are destinations in Ireland and in other countries!

Enjoy and happy travelling!

Dingle

There are lots of fun things to do around Dingle and if you ever decide to go there on your holidays, here are some ideas to make your stay in Kerry unforgettable!

The Skellig Hotel is situated just as you enter the town of Dingle. This hotel is great for all the family as it includes: A creche (for all the little people of the family), The Fungi Kids Club (for the older kids aged four to twelve), The Klub (with a pool table and lots of xboxes), a lounge area (for you to chill out), a gym and pool area (with Fungi themed baby pool, Jacuzzi, big pool and some really good exercising equipment) a Movie Room (for the people who love TV), The Coastguard Restaurant (yummy!), The Blasket Bar (for those who like to watch a bit of the match whilst having a pint), a Dingle Peninsula Spa (for those with a need for pampering) and some of the comfiest beds in your rooms. The Skellig also has an amazing view of the sea, has access to downtown and is a really good hotel to stay in!

As you might already know, Dingle is the home to a well known Bottlenose dolphin, Fungi! You can go on many trips to see him and his friends like kayaking, fishing and boat trips. I don't know the exact name or cooridinace of these tours but they definitely are worth doing. Besides, who doesn't want to see a really cute dolphin who is named after a mushroom?!

Jamie Knoxes is a water-sports activity centre. I have only gone there once, but it was some craic! You can either book in advance or pay up front to experience being on a water trampoline! If you have your own wetsuit you can bring it but don't worry if you don't have one because there are lots of different sizes supplied there. Once you get there you can get changed and fitted with a life jacket. Then, you are told which water activity to go to first. This is a really great attraction, and is great for a family day out.

There are a lot of amazing beaches in Dingle, but my favourite beach is Dun Chaoin. It is a really amazing beach and it has what I like to call a baby pool and a big pool. The baby pool is freshwater and comes from a little waterfall on a cliff. The big pool is obviously the sea, which is saltwater. This beach also has great waves if you're planning going surfing or body-boarding!

There is also another great beach called Inch beach. This beach is absolutely humongous! It will definitely take you a while to walk down the promenade! This beach is great if you want to go for a run, make some sandcastles or sculptures, walk the dog and go for a quick dip!

Ice cream is always great when it is a hot day. If you are looking for a great ice cream shop/palour in Dingle, then look no further than Murphys Ice cream! This ice cream palace has two shops in the main town. This ice cream shop has most of the usual flavors, vanilla, strawberry, chocolate... except it has some unique flavours of its own! Some of them are sea salt, Dingle gin, Guinness, brown bread, toasted oats, raspberry sorbet, blackberry sorbet, chocolate sorbet (made with real rainwater), Kierans cookies, and of course all of them are tested by moi!

There is one last activity I want to acknowledge. There is this great rock climbing centre out a bit from town called Play at Height. This place is great for a day when you want to try something new or just for some plain ol' craic! Once you enter there is a reception where you get fitted with a helmet and harness. After that there are some helpers inside to tell you what to do! There is also a baby play area and a playground. Outside, there is a big outdoor action zone where you can climb up a huge ladder and then jump off a platform! And these are just some of the amazing activities that you can do around Dingle! I hope you found this little article helpful if you are planning to go to Dingle!

by Lauren Davis



The Skellig Hotel

My holiday to Tenerife

My family and I went to Tenerife in June of last year. We went on a plane for four hours. We stayed in Playa Las Americas. We visited for a week. The weather was really nice. It was around 20oC at night and between 20 and 40oC during the day. The hotel we stayed in was called Parque Santigo 3. There was a shopping centre under the apartments that we stayed in. There were 3 big pools outside the apartments and a sheltered playground with a pool and 6 water slides. Around the pools there were lots of deck chairs. There was a beach across from the apartments. Down the road there were lots of gift shops and restaurants. There was so many different restaurants you could go to a different restaurant every night. There was a massive water park around 15 minute drive on a bus called Siam Park. There were so many different slides at the park we didn't get to go on all of them. There was a big playground with buckets of water tipping everywhere. There also were small water slides at the playground as well. There was a restaurant there too. We spent most of the days at the pools outside the apartments. We were never bored. We had a great time and I would definitely go again.

By Aoife O'Dowd

Turkey

Turkey is a lovely place to go on your holidays. When I went we stayed in a B&B. There was a swimming pool at the back. We stayed there for a few days. All the days we stayed it was about 20 or more degrees. We bought a few nice souvenirs to bring home with us. The B&B was nice. Inside there were 3 single beds and 1 double bed. The swimming pool at the back of the house was big enough for a family. It is not dear over there when you are buying stuff. The people are very nice. There was music and fun stuff every night.

By Jack Rosney



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Achill

For the last three years I have been going to Achill for my Easter holidays. Achill is in Co. Mayo near Westport. There is a little bridge going from Westport to Achill. It takes about three hours to get to there from Eyrecourt but it is worth the journey. There is a lot to do in Achill because it is near the water. You can go fishing and do all kinds of water sports. There is a beach there called Keel beach. It is a really long beach and it is really nice in the summer. It is also a landmark. In Achill the land is very boggy and there is a lot of turf cut there in the summer. It is very quiet in Achill because there wouldn't be many cars driving past where we stay. There is a mountain in Achill that you can climb and there is a statue of Mary up there. There are also little mounds of rocks where people have put the ashes of their deceased member(s) of their family and you can say a prayer up there as well. On Easter morning in Achill, there is mass at six o'clock in the morning beside the sea on the golf course for an hour. I have gone there to mass every Easter since I started going to Achill. There is also another landmark in Achill called the Abandoned Town beside one of the graveyards there. The town was abandoned because of the Great Irish Famine. All the people migrated to England from nearby counties. Achill is a really nice place to go for your holidays and I can't wait to go next Easter.

by Cian Rocke



Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo is really worth a visit. Its Ireland's largest zoo located in the Phoenix Park. It's packed with wild animals such as, Elephants, Monkeys, Giraffes and many more. Opening hours are the same all week [9:30-6pm]. It's definitely worth a visit. Dublin zoo also do a Birthday Party Package, with a special trail tour with the party host, wildlife themed party decorations, party activities in safari camp, Dublin zoo goodie bags and a special treat for the birthday boy/girl. It will be a party you will never forget! go to www.dublinzoo.ie

By Kiara Corcoran



Scotland

On the 17th of March my family and I went to visit our cousins in Scotland. We stayed for one week and did loads of fun things. We went to Scotland on the ferry from Belfast to Cairnryan. The journey took about two and a half hours and is great for young families. The boat was very comfortable and there was lots of things to do. There was a cinema, a PlayStation, a gift shop, restaurants and play room.

When we got to Aberfoyle in Scotland we stayed in the gate lodge of a small castle. The owner of the castle was a friend of my uncles. Other places to stay in that area are The Rob Roy hotel, The Lake of Menteith hotel, The Inn on Loch Lomond, MacDonald Forest hill Resort and The Loch Achray hotel. Or you can self cater like we did. We went for lovely walks in forests because Scotland is a great place for wildlife. We also went to see Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle, they were cool. We went on a family tour in Stirling and the guide was very funny which was also great for young children. Aberfoyle is a really nice little village and there is loads of things to do and places to stay.

Scotland is a great place to go for a nice holiday and I would love to go back and do the same thing again.
By Ellen Larkin

My Holiday to Spain

Last summer I went to Spain on my Summer holidays. I stayed in apartment number 37 . There was a pool outside the apartment. Down the road from me and my family there was a beach we walked to it every day. We went down at around 11:00am and got back to the apartment at 4:00pm. In the morning before I went to the beach I always went to the pool and when I come back from the beach I went into the swimming pool again until late. We flew from Shannon airport. When we arrived in Alicante airport a taxi brought us back to our apartment. It was late in the night time when we unpacked our clothes and went to bed. The next day we got up bright and early we went shopping to get food. One day we went to the water park we were about half an hour waiting in the queue to get in. It was so cool. I went to the biggest shopping centre in Spain. I bought a few things. It was brilliant. I went out for dinner. My holiday was the best holiday I ever went on. I hope 2016 will be just as good. By Eva Larkin

Last year we went to Spain and stayed in a place called Playa Montroig. We stayed in a camp site in mobile homes. There was a little water park there with 4 pools (a baby pool a diving pool and a swimming pool with a slide and the best one was the pool with the 4 slides two out the side and 2 down the middle). We stayed for a week . There were restaurants all over the camp site. There was a shop about a 2 minute walk away from the camp site . Beside the shop was the beach. Also really close to the campsite is Portaventura water park which has the tallest slide in Europe .

If you are staying at a campsite in Playa Montroig it is €50 per person and

€310 for a family for a standard room in a bungalow from 13-21 st of June.

If you want to book a holiday there the phone number is +34 977 81 06 37. It is located in Tarragona Spain.

By Ellie Gohery and Jack Loughnane

My holiday to America

A few months ago, I went to my cousins' house in America. We stayed in their house, so I can't recommend any hotels. We were in Boston.

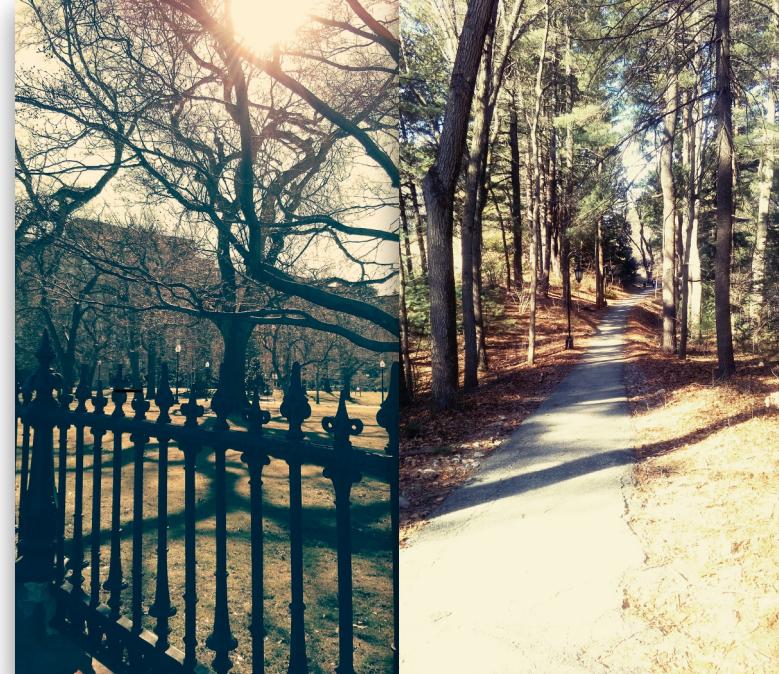
You might have heard of some shops, or "stores", such as Target or Walmart. If you want to go shopping, I'd recommend either Target or Natick Mall. Natick Mall is a shopping centre, as you might have assumed. If you want to buy merchandise for bands or anything popular, I'd recommend going to Hot Topic, but most of their items are very expensive (For example, you can spend \$6 on a wristband if you wanted). If you want to buy CDs, I'd recommend Target.

We went to a lot of restaurants, but I don't remember most of them. There was one called The Cheesecake Factory (which I'd honestly thought was a factory) which was expensive, but worth the money.

There was an art shop called AC Moores, which I'd definitely recommend. They also sell jewellery, so even if you don't like art I'd still recommend it. I'd advise going to Wellesley College, if you'd enjoy having a walk on the campus.

There's also a Starbucks there, which is open to everyone. The (edited) photos here are views from the campus. Did you know Hillary Clinton went to Wellesley?

by Lorna Kelly



Photos by: Lorna Kelly

Holiday In Galway

Galway is a lovely place to go. It's a simple place to go but there's so much to do. There are two cinemas in Galway. The Eye and the IMC. Its €9.20 per adult peak, €7.20 off peak, a child is €5.75 and family of 2 adults and 2 children is €23.80.

In Salthill there's Leisureland. It is a huge swimming pool. It has a big water slide. During the summer time there is a big bouncy castle on the pool from 2pm-5pm. There are amusements beside Leisureland. They are there all year round. There is also a kids casino in Salthill. It's close to the aquarium. It's called Seapoint.

I mentioned the aquarium. There are lots of different kinds of fish and sea creatures housed there. It's a cool place to visit.

Feeling hungry? You can't miss Supermacs in Galway, including Salthill. There are also many other restaurants in Salthill.

If you decide to stay for the weekend, you can stay in many lovely hotels. I can recommend the Galway Bay Hotel in Salthill and the Connacht hotel closer to the city.

If it's a nice day, you can go to the beach and have a splash in the waves! Build sandcastles and jump off the diving board.

On the way home you can stop off at the new Galway Plaza. It has Supermacs, Papa Johns, Bewleys cafe, carvery, petrol station and toilets.

We're lucky to live in Galway and have Galway city so close to us!

Adam Ryan



Italia

So for the past three years, my family and I have been going to Italy. Italy is an absolutely beautiful country with so many beautiful places to go. The people there are so nice and the weather is so hot! Once when we were in Tuscany, it was 40 degrees! So anyway, in Italy, we've been to Florence, Rome, The Vatican City, Pisa and Tuscany. The first year we went to Italy, we went to Pisa (that's where we flew into), Rome, The Vatican City and Tuscany. The second year we went to Pisa (where we flew into again), Florence and Tuscany and the third year, we went to Pisa (where we flew into... AGAIN!) and Tuscany. As you can guess, we love Tuscany! But since Rome is the capital, I thought I'd make this article about Rome and all the different places and things to go see.

In 2013 (our first year in Italy) we went to the capital city, Rome! Let me tell you, it is a very busy city! We only stayed two days there. During those two days, we went to see nearly everything there is to see in Rome. We went to see, The Colosseum, The Pantheon, The Trevi Fountain, Circus Maximus, The Roman Forum and the Spanish Steps.

The Colosseum:

The Colosseum is in the centre of Rome. It was built between 72AD and 80AD. It is made from concrete and stone. The huge building has over 80 entrances and could hold up to 80,000 spectators. It was used for Gladiators to fight in and also where the emperors would put the peasants against the lions. Underneath the arena is an area where they used to keep the peasants and lions together with only a small wall separating them. Over the years, parts of the building have fallen down but most of it stands in great condition. If you do ever decide to go see the Colosseum it's open from 8:30am - 3:30pm.

The Pantheon:

The Pantheon is a building in Rome. It was originally built as a temple to the Ancient Gods of Rome. The Pantheon is one of the best preserved buildings in all of Rome, and since it was built, it has nearly always been used. Since the 7th century the building has been used as a Roman Catholic Church. Inside the dome building, there is a hole in the roof called 'The Eye Of Pantheon'. In front of The Pantheon, is the beautiful 'Fountain Of The Pantheon'. The opening times are 9am – 7:30pm

The Trevi Fountain:

The Trevi Fountain is a fountain in the Trevi district of Rome. The Trevi Fountain was designed by a man named Nicola Salvi and was financed by a lottery that was held in Rome. During the construction of the fountain, many of the builders got injured and even a few died. Over all it took 32 years to complete (1730-1762). Now when people go to see it, they throw money into the fountain and make a wish. It is estimated that over €6000 have been thrown into the fountain.

The Circus Maximus:

The Circus Maximus is an ancient Roman chariot racing stadium. It was mainly used for entertainment. Apart from the chariot racing, it was also used to hold religious events and holding public games during festivals. Special games were held there to celebrate victory in wars. After the 6th century the stadium was no longer in use and began to suffer from damage. Thieves also stole material from the stadium and caused great damage to the structure. It is open 24 hours a day for public viewing.

The Roman Forum:

The Roman Forum is a long rectangular forum in Rome. It was mainly used for meetings and celebrations. The emperors and powerful politicians surrounded the Forum with great buildings and monuments to show people their wealth and their power. Many of those buildings can still be seen today.

The Spanish Steps:

The Spanish Steps are a set of steps in Rome, climbing a very steep slope between Piazza di Spagna at the base and Piazza Trinitá dei Monti, with the Trinitá dei Monti church at the top. They're called The Spanish Steps because of where they rise from, Piazza di Spagna which in English means "Spanish Squares. A lot of tourists will just sit on the steps for hours and enjoy the lovely view!"

By Libby Mullery

