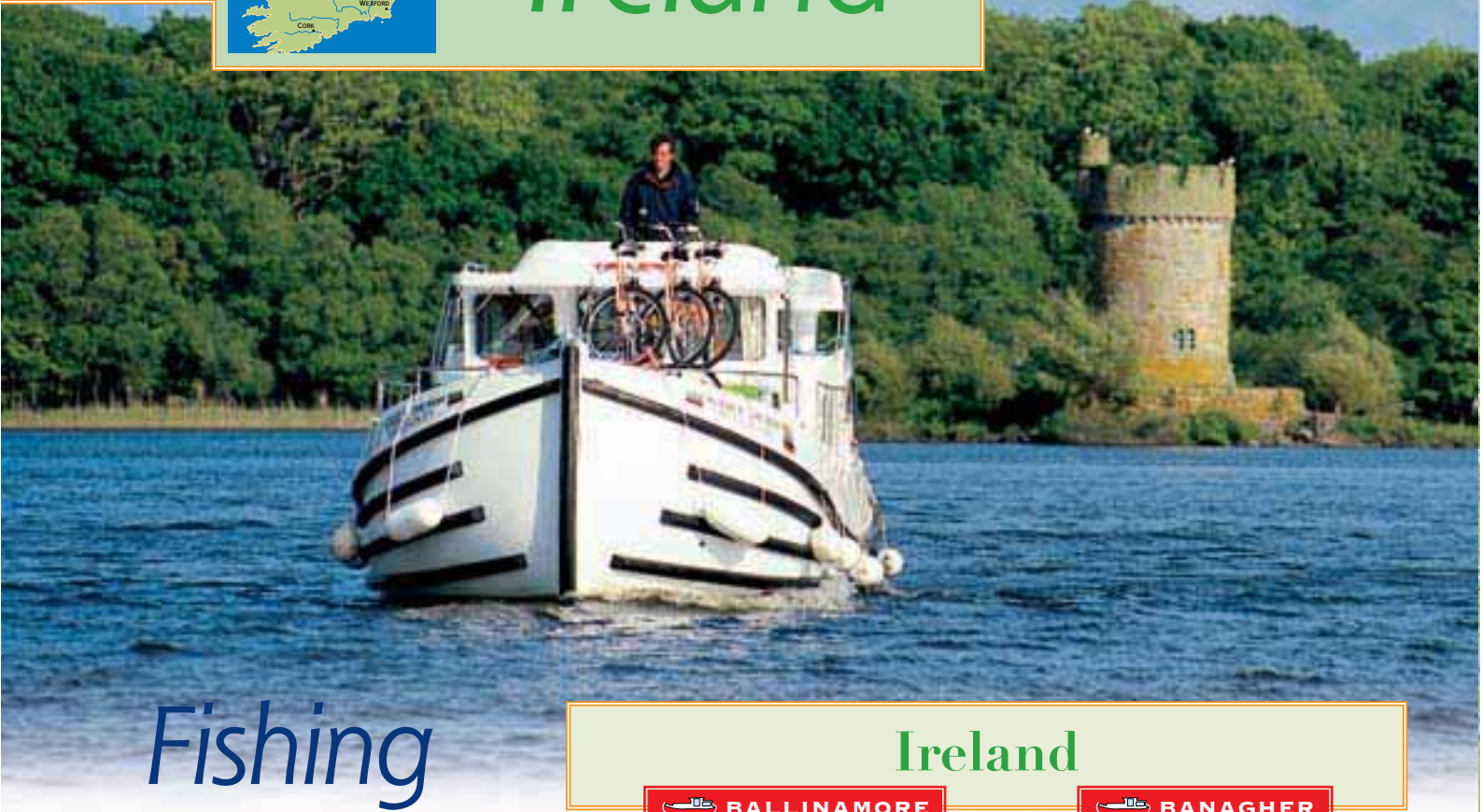




Ireland



Fishing

In the Irish Republic, you're absolutely free to fish as you will.

Welcome to a fisherman's paradise: In Northern Ireland however a fishing licence is required, and checks are made. Upper and Lower lough Erne are waters particularly prized by fishermen. Ballinamore has an excellent shop for fishermen where you can get good advice and where they will recommend suitable baits for each type of fish at differing times of year.



Fish are abundant everywhere in the unpolluted waters of the many lakes, rivers and canals. Pénichettes here all come with a dinghy. You can request an optional outboard motor if you wish, as well as fishing rods and bait.

Golf

Ireland is a golfer's paradise. Whether you head north or south, you'll find at least 4 golf courses along your route. All these courses are open to all comers.

Ireland

 BALLINAMORE

 BANAGHER

Shannon

From Ballinamore, fairest village in the county, you enter the majestic Shannon, Ireland's longest river, which unrolls before you in all its variety. Free from all commercial traffic, and navigable for 220km with only 6 locks, this river and the lakes it flows through, some more like inland seas, make a delicious combination of natural landscapes and historic sites... On its banks all the way is superb parkland, as well as bird and wildlife

sanctuaries. In County Roscommon the charming little town of Boyle boasts the ruins of a Cistercian abbey founded in 1161, a stunning mixture of Romanesque and Gothic styles. Further south, the town of Athlone is notable for its imposing castle which has dominated a strategic crossing ever since the 13th century. *Swimming is possible in authorized places.*

The North of Ireland

 BALLINAMORE

Shannon-Erne Waterway & Erne

From Ballinamore you head north on the "Shannon-Erne Waterway" to reach the Erne, the second great Irish river system. The 63km long canal has 16 locks and has been magnificently restored. With its 34 fine old bridges, it allows one to cruise, for the first time this century, through a dream landscape. Rivers alternate with canals and lakes studded with islands, in an unique mixture of peaceful untouched landscapes and villages offering a traditional welcome. You will head towards Ballyconnell

and Belturbet, both with a strong folkloric tradition, and then onwards into County Fermanagh, a land of lakes, a paradise for birdspotters, botanists and fisherman, and your introduction to Northern Ireland. The historic town of Enniskillen is an excellent starting point for discovering the special attractions of Ulster. Here you are at the heart of one of Europe's last unpolluted natural paradises.

HOLIDAYS ON A PENICHETTE

Suggestions of Cruises OUT AND BACK

 FROM / BACK TO

BALLINAMORE

Shannon-Erne Waterway-Erne

► One week

• **BALLINAMORE, BALLYCONNELL, BELTURBET, CROM CASTEL (ESTATE), ENNISKILLEN, SOUTHERNEND OF THE LOWER LOUGH ERNE.**

221 km, 10 locks, 4h 45 / day.



• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, ROOSKY, LOUGH KEY, BOYLE.**

151 km, 26 locks, 4h 00 / day.



• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, ROOSKY, LANESBOROUGH, LOUGH KEY, BOYLE.**

203 km, 30 locks, 5h 00 / day.



► Two weeks

• **BALLINAMORE, BALLYCONNELL, BELTURBET, SOUTH OF THE LOWER LOUGH ERNE, BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, ROOSKY, LOUGH KEY, BOYLE.**

372 km, 36 locks, 4h 00 / day.



• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, ROOSKY, LANESBOROUGH, ATHLONE, LOUGH KEY, BOYLE, LOUGH ALLEN.**

360 km, 40 locks, 3h 45 / day.



On the canal locks are electronically operated, and open between 0900 and 2000. A smart card that you can buy at the base (13€) gives access to all services (locks, toilets, showers, laundry, pump-out).

► Three weeks

• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, ROOSKY, LANESBOROUGH, ATHLONE, BANAGHER, PORTUMNA, LOUGH DERG, KILLALOE, BALLINA, LOUGH KEY, BOYLE, LOUGH ALLEN.**

632 km, 42 locks, 4h 00 / day.



On all the larger lakes, cruising is forbidden in high winds.



Cruises ONE WAY

► One week

• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, BOYLE, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, LANESBOROUGH, BANAGHER.**

165 km, 15 locks, 4h 00 / day.



► Ten/eleven days

• **BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, BOYLE, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, LANESBOROUGH, ATHLONE, PORTUMNA, BANAGHER.**

270 km, 19 locks, 4h 00 / day.



► Two weeks

• **BALLINAMORE, BALLYCONNELL, BELTURBET, ENNISKILLEN, BALLINAMORE, LEITRIM, BOYLE, CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, LANESBOROUGH, BANAGHER, PORTUMNA, BANAGHER.**

365 km, 25 locks, 4h 00 / day.



 One way cruises can be carried out between May and October.

KNOCK 

GALWAY 

SHANNON RIVER
Carrick-on-Shannon
Limerick
length: 220 km

SHANNON 

LIMERICK

LOCABOAT'S SEE AT A GLANCE GUIDE

Our symbols will allow you to select the cruising area that suits you best:



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Locks are open every day

ACCESS

 All major European airports have direct flights to Dublin. We can arrange group transfers from Ballinamore (27 €). Banagher (50 €) From the UK, there are flights to Shannon (230 km), Knock (94 km) and Londonderry (136 km). Dublin > Ballinamore: 150km Dublin > Banagher: 150km Websites to consult include: www.dublinairport.com, www.aerlingus.com, www.ryanair.com.

 The other way of getting to Ireland is by ferry and from the UK, there are ferries from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire/Dublin, from Fishguard or Pembroke to Rosslare, from Swansea to Cork, from Cairnryan to Larne and Stranraer to Belfast amongst others. There are also ferries to Rosslare from Cherbourg and Roscoff in France.

Websites to consult include: www.irishferries.com www.brittany-ferries.com

Other informations : www.ireland.ie