

School & Youth Group | 2025/26

**KILLARY  
ADVENTURE CO**



**SCHOOLS TRIPS & YOUTH  
GROUP ED-VENTURES**

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**CREATING ADVENTURES SINCE 1981 | LIVE THE ADVENTURE**



## OUR MISSION: INSPIRE THROUGH ADVENTURE

We believe adventure unlocks every student's potential. Our Ed-Venture trips provide an environment where students are encouraged to climb, jump, trust each other, and step into the unknown.

Through these experiences, they **push personal boundaries, strengthen friendships, and grow.** The outdoors becomes a classroom where students discover their potential and deepen their connection with the world around them. By exploring the practical skills of orienteering, survival techniques, and environmental awareness, students build leadership, confidence, and critical thinking. These adventures not only foster personal growth but also boost academic performance through newfound confidence.



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*Killary continues to set the standard for outdoor education centres in Ireland. Their dedication to educating young people about the outdoors is impressive, with a focus on sustainability and the unique environment of their location. They are mindful of the challenges facing students in today's changing world and emphasize the importance of nature and the local landscape. Their sustainable agenda and commitment to education make Killary a standout in the field.*

- Mt Anville, 2024 -

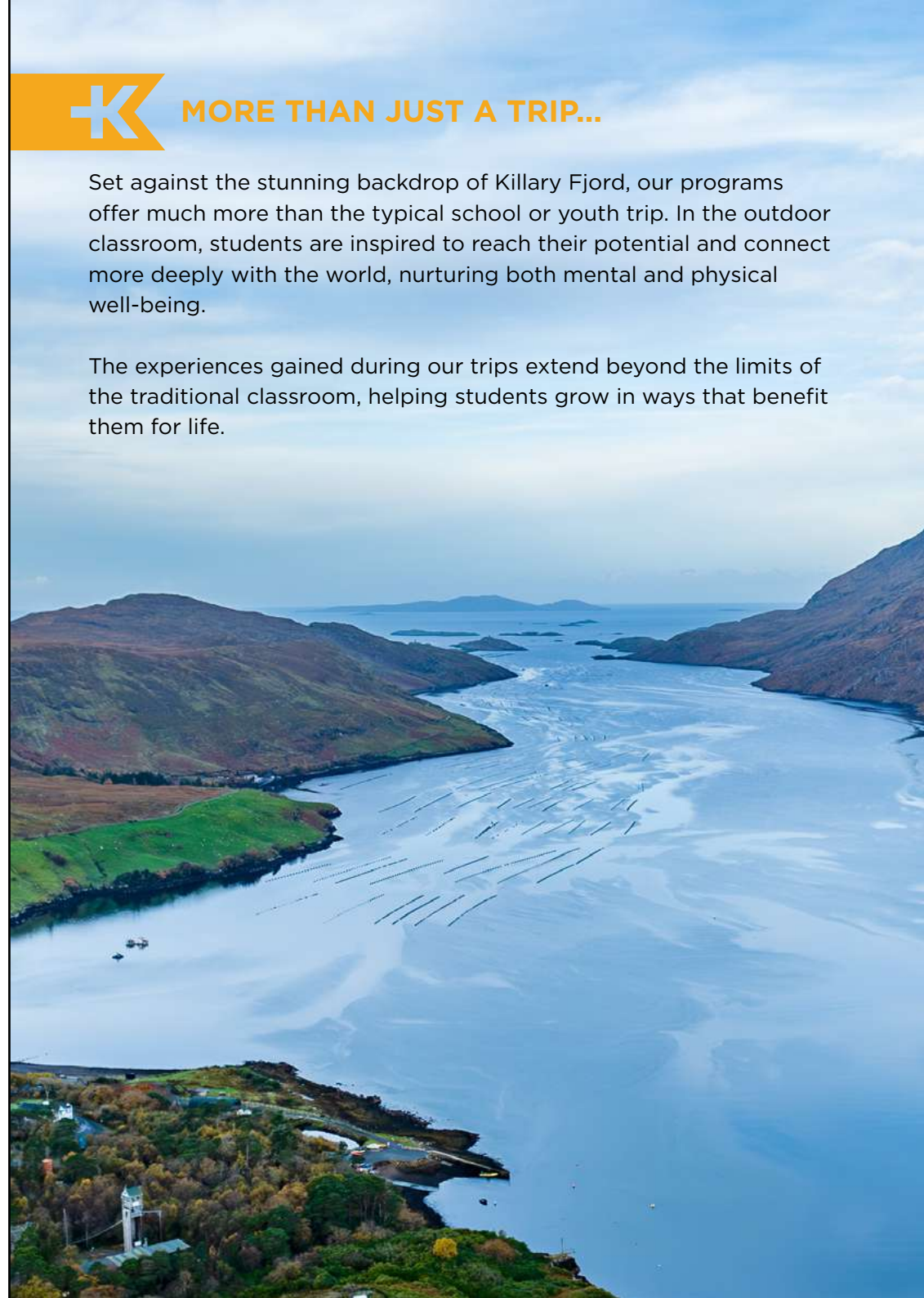
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## MORE THAN JUST A TRIP...

Set against the stunning backdrop of Killary Fjord, our programs offer much more than the typical school or youth trip. In the outdoor classroom, students are inspired to reach their potential and connect more deeply with the world, nurturing both mental and physical well-being.

The experiences gained during our trips extend beyond the limits of the traditional classroom, helping students grow in ways that benefit them for life.





## SAFETY & SUPERVISION

Safety is our top priority. Our 24-hour supervision and comprehensive CCTV coverage ensure that students are always in safe hands. Whether teachers/leaders wish to engage fully or take a moment to relax, we offer the flexibility to make your experience as comfortable as possible and give you peace of mind.

### All our instructors are:

- Garda-vetted
- Child Protection trained/certified
- Qualified in Remote Emergency Care
- Certified professionals and fully in-house trained, following a rigorous safety policy.

Strict safety procedures are in place for every activity and equipment supplier, covering ratios and operating standards. Comprehensive risk assessments are conducted for all activities to ensure the highest level of safety for your students.



## OUR ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide variety of land and water-based activities that cater to all interests and abilities. Every year, we expand our lineup to include new challenges, ensuring there's always something fresh and exciting to try.



### LAND BASED ACTIVITIES

Giant Swing - Climbing Tower - High Ropes Course  
- Archery - Electronic Orienteering - Bushcraft -  
Archery Combat - Killary Challenge - Aerial Park



### WATER BASED ACTIVITIES

Kayaking - Giant Stand Up Paddle Boards - Cliff  
Jump - Thor Jump Zone (seasonal) - Turf Challenge  
Gorge Walking - Raft Building - Katakana's

### EVENING PROGRAMME

Our new Evening Programme can include a Céilí, drumming workshops, circus skills workshops and more. The programme will be dependent on the length of stay.

Our geodesic dome provides the perfect space for our evening programme no matter what the weather.



## TEACHERS/LEADERS AT KILLARY

Teacher/Leader accommodation at Killary includes king or twin en-suite rooms, equipped with full facilities and a dedicated teachers only area. Each room offers stunning views of Killary Fjord, providing a peaceful setting for relaxation or work.

### DEDICATED TEACHERS LOUNGE AVAILABLE WITH:

- A warming wood stove & comfy seating
- Nespresso coffee machine & our famous homemade flapjacks
- All-day wi-fi access, dedicated work station
- The best view in the whole building!

### FREE PERKS ARE PART OF EVERY PACKAGE

Included complimentary for all teachers/leaders are:

- Bike rental
- Use of our Scandinavian Sauna
- Cruise on the Connemara Lady
- Visit to the local village in the evenings to sample the atmosphere
- Visit Kylemore Abbey and the Victorian walled garden

“ Killary Adventure Centre provides an excellent service with amazing scenery. All the staff are friendly, kind, and supportive. Really enjoyed our stay

- Colaiste Muire Mathair, 2024 - ”



## STUDENTS AT KILLARY

Student accommodation at Killary consists of modern dormitory-style rooms designed for practicality. Each room is equipped with essential facilities, providing a functional and comfortable space for student groups.

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

- 4/6 bedded en-suite dorm rooms
- Bed linen and duvets included
- Under-floor heating throughout

### OTHER FACILITIES AT KILLARY ADVENTURE CENTRE INCLUDE:

- Large geodesic dome for evening games
- Spacious dining room
- Sun room lounge area
- Pool table chillout room
- Drying room for outdoor gear
- Extra showers and changing rooms
- Tuck shop
- All our meals are home cooked and include a selection of fresh salads



## FOOD & DINING AT KILLARY

You and your students will enjoy fresh, home-cooked meals that are carefully crafted for optimal nutrition. Every meal is served in our spacious dining room, with options catering to vegetarian, vegan, and special dietary needs.

### SAMPLE MENU

**Breakfast:** Cereal, toast, fruit, scrambled eggs or beans, juice, tea & coffee.

**Lunch:** Homemade soup & DIY sandwiches, fruit, and homemade flapjacks.

**Dinner:** Hearty traditional Irish dishes, like lamb stew, housemade pies, and lasagne with fresh salads.

**Dessert:** Housemade cakes & tarts.

**Supper:** Tea & biscuits.

## A TYPICAL DAY AT KILLARY

8.30-9.30am	Breakfast
10am-1pm	Activity Sessions
1-2pm	Lunch
2-5pm	Activity Sessions
5-6pm	Showers & Chillout
6-7.30pm	Dinner & Mobile Phone time
7.30-10.30pm	Evening Games & Supper
11pm	Lights Out

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We encourage students to disconnect from technology - Phones are collected upon arrival and returned for limited use. Exceptions are made for medical or essential purposes, which must be arranged in advance.



## SPECIALISED PROGRAMS

### TRANSITION YEAR TRIP: AIM HIGHER, ACHIEVE MORE

Our curated Transition Year Trip is designed to motivate, build confidence, and foster personal growth through shared adventure experiences.

Students engage in activities that promote teamwork, leadership, and communication, creating lasting memories and invaluable life skills.

### GAISCE AWARD PROVIDER

Killary Adventure is a **recognised Gaisce teaching establishment** which can facilitate the Adventure Journey walking section of the award for your group.

- **Bronze Award:** 25-30km walking. This walk can usually be achieved in 1.5 days
- **Silver Award:** 50-79km walking. This walk can usually be achieved in 2 days

Our Gaisce Co-ordinator, will be happy to advise you in advance on preparation and requirements.

Contact us on tel: **095 43411** or email: [adventure@killary.com](mailto:adventure@killary.com)

“ We have been travelling to Killary Adventure Centre as a school group for 18 yrs! The experience has always been & continues to be amazing! All instructors & group leaders are absolutely amazing - fabulous with the children, very organised, so helpful & safety is paramount. The accommodation is perfect, the food is plentiful & great quality. It was a fantastic experience all round! ”

- Gaelscoil Bhríde, 2024 -



## PRICE RATES 2025

Our school residential programmes are suitable for students from 8+ years. All programmes include breakfast, lunch, dinner, activities, evening games and 24-hour supervision.

### Residential Rates Per Student

1-night B&B with 1 activity day, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, 1 evening games programs: **€134pp**

1-night B&B with 2 activity days, 2 lunch, 1 dinner, 1 evening games programs: **€204pp**

2-nights B&B with 2 activity days, 2 lunch, 2 dinner, 2 evening games programs: **€248pp**

3-nights B&B with 3 activity days, 3 lunch, 2 dinner, 3 evening games programs: **€362pp**

### 1 Free Teacher/Leader with every 25 students (Max of 4)

Any additional teachers pay our standard food and accommodation rates.

Prices are based on a minimum group of 10.

### Daily Rates Per Student

Full day (<4 activities) - 10am to 5pm: **€72pp**

Half day (<2 activities) - 10am to 1pm/2pm to 5pm: **€45pp**

**Bring your own packed lunch or lunch can be booked for €12.00pp.**

A quote for any length of stay can be provided by our bookings team. Contact us to discuss your groups' needs.

## Contact us and book your school trip:

Contact the bookings office to discuss how your group can be accommodated at Killary and we will look after you every step of the way. Please have the following information to hand so we can make the process as efficient as possible:

- 1: Number of students and leaders likely to be in your group
- 2: How long you would like to stay for
- 3: Possible dates that you would prefer

Tel: **095 43411** Email: **adventure@killary.com**



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*Are experiencing at Killary couldn't have been more positive. Huge range of excellent activities, clean and welcoming accommodation.*

*Couldn't recommend it more for a school or youth group!*

- Portumna Community School, 2024 -

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At Killary Adventure Co., we are committed to preserving Connemara through sustainable practices and community involvement. Key initiatives include:

- **B Corp Certification (March 2024):** Reflects our commitment to balancing profit with purpose and sustainability.
- **Heating & Hot Water:**
  - 200kW biomass boiler fueled by locally sourced wood (within 5km).
  - Goal to be fossil fuel-free by 2026.
- **Electricity:**
  - 6kW wind turbine and 32kW solar farm.
  - Additional 8kW of solar panels and a 10kW battery installed in 2024.
- **Food Waste:**
  - 100% composted on-site with a Ridan compost machine.
  - Upgraded to a Harp renewable electric food composter in 2024.
- **Tree Planting:**
  - 500 trees planted annually since 2018.
  - Continued planting with 500 trees in February 2024.
- **Waste Management & Recycling:**
  - On-site recycling centre for bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.
  - No plastic bags in bins; youth groups encouraged to sort waste before departure.
- **Innovative Practices:**
  - Experimenting with sustainable building materials, including hemp blocks.
  - Reducing single-use plastics and aiming for zero-waste events.
  - Testing biochar for use in tree planting and greenhouses.
- **Visitor Engagement:**
  - Encouraging visitors to follow our green philosophy by sorting waste, reusing, and recycling where possible.

### Killary Adventure Group Sustainability Plan