

## TAKE TO THE WATER IN FERMANAGH

Fermanagh is Northern Ireland's 'Lake District', beloved for its stunning scenery, historical landmarks and diverse experiences. Lough Erne is home to 154 unique islands, including the famous Devenish Island which was founded in the 6th century by Saint Molaise. For adrenalin-fuelled days, there's wonderful opportunities for canoeing and all kinds of watersports. For the history buff or nature lover, take a tour amidst the myriad uninhabited islands to view ancient sites and unspoilt views, all from the perfect vantage point.



Clare McCoy, PR Officer (ROI) at Tourism NI said, "Fermanagh is an ideal location to visit over the summer months with so much activity and attractions centred on Lough Erne. Enniskillen's top hotels such as the 5\* Lough Erne & 4\* Killyhevlin Hotel all boast stunning lakeside views coupled with award winning restaurants and spas. The county also offers quirky alternative accommodation such as Finn Lough Bubble Domes or staying on Lusty Beg island! Make sure to explore the magical underworld of the Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark and travel in style to your evening restaurant in a luxury water taxi".

### **Lakeland Island Hop - Enniskillen**

Travel aboard the comfy and charming Erne Water Taxi to see Fermanagh from a new angle and immerse yourself in the majestic views around you. From Enniskillen, enjoy a guided historical tour of the scattered islands that lie in Lough Erne's sapphire waters and stop at the famous Devenish Island to explore. Your knowledgeable local guides will impart their wisdom as you glide across the Lakeland landscape with unrestricted views of Fermanagh's unforgettable sights. During your stop off at Devenish Island, you can also enjoy a picnic with a packed hamper full of local produce.

### **Get Active On The Enniskillen Blueway**

If you fancy something a little more on the active side, the new Water Activity Zone offers a new adventure experience to explore Enniskillen from the water which includes canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding or enjoy a short trip around Ireland's only island town and hire one of the 'wee red boats' from Erne Boat Hire. There are a number of activity centres dotted around the lake which offer facilities for you to try banana-skiing, kayaking, windsurfing, water trampoline, climbing and archery. The Lough Erne Canoe Trail is a 50km route through the magnificent lakes of Upper and Lower Lough Erne, which is ideal for all levels.

### **Fermanagh on Wheels**

If you're more comfortable on dry land, fear not as there are still many ways to experience the water from the shoreline. Lakeland Segway Tours visit locations such as Killfole Lough and the National Trust sites of Crom Castle and Florencecourt, while also while testing your skills on a Segway. Take the scenic drive to Lough Navar, and you will reach a dramatic cliff-top viewing point with a sweeping view across Lough Erne to the distant Donegal Mountains.

### **Captain Your Own Boat**

What better way to explore Fermanagh than renting your very own boat and cruising the beautiful Lough Erne. These waters are framed by magnificent country - lush green rolling meadows give way to craggy uplands with spectacular cliffs that then lead on to uninterrupted open moorland. Its three hundred miles of freshwater make it one of Europe's best kept secrets and also one of the most uncongested stretching from Belleek to Belturbet. Ranging from 2 to 10 people and all amenities catered for - it is easy to captain your own boat!

### **World Famous Fishing**

Fermanagh is renowned for its world famous fishing. With over 300 square miles of water, the Lakelands are an angler's paradise with its abundance of Loughs and Rivers, the waters offer game anglers the opportunity to fish for salmon and wild brown trout as well as stocked rainbow and brown trout. There are many popular Loughs, rivers and fisheries that are easily accessed by visitors and which remain open all year round.

Fermanagh's Lakelands are a water-lover's dream. For information and inspiration including special offers, visit [www.discovernorthernireland.com](http://www.discovernorthernireland.com)