



# **GALWAY RACES**

Racing in the City of Tribes

A photograph of a stone tower in the foreground on the left, with a horse race in progress in the background. The tower is made of dark, weathered stone with several small, narrow windows. The race track is a grassy field with a white fence, and several horses and jockeys are visible in the distance. The background is filled with lush green trees and a building with windows.

**“THE GALWAY RACES  
ARE A STATE OF MIND.  
INDEED THEY ARE, A  
STATE OF MIND THAT  
IS DISTINCTLY IRISH,  
OFTEN COPIED BUT  
NEVER EQUALLED.”**

JOHN B. KEANE



## MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Opening Night

A much-loved tradition for locals, Opening Night blends thrilling racing, lively entertainment, and the warmth of Galway culture to kick off the Summer Festival in unforgettable style.

FIRST RACE  
**5:00PM**

## TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Tribes Tuesday

A vibrant day celebrating local pride, Tribes Tuesday unites clubs, families, and supporters for fundraising, racing, and the joy of gathering your tribe.

FIRST RACE  
**5:00PM**

## WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Tote Galway Plate Day

A festival favourite, the Galway Plate Day delivers top-class racing and a lively evening of country music with Michael English, making it one of the most thrilling days of the week.

FIRST RACE  
**5:00PM**

## THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Ladies Day

A dazzling blend of world-class racing, standout style, and vibrant entertainment, Thursday's Ladies Day is the festival's most fashionable and iconic occasion.

FIRST RACE  
**2:00PM**

## FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

Friday's Most Stylish

A vibrant mix of standout fashion, festival energy, and top-class racing, Friday's Most Stylish sets the tone for an unforgettable bank holiday weekend at the Galway Races.

FIRST RACE  
**5:00PM**

## SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

The Weekender

A buzzing August Bank Holiday celebration, The Weekender combines vibrant crowds, festival energy, and the thrill of racing in Ballybrit.

FIRST RACE  
**2:00PM**

## SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST

Mad Hatters Family Funday

Packed with family fun, creativity, and the excitement of the Ahonora Handicap, Mad Hatter's Family Funday brings the festival to a colourful and memorable finale.

FIRST RACE  
**2:00PM**

Times subject to change. For the most up to date time please visit our website. Gates will open two hours before the first race.

# OPENING NIGHT

Monday signals the start of the Galway Races Summer Festival, and there's no mistaking the surge of excitement that comes with it. The opening night is always a favourite with the local Galway crowd, who return year after year to celebrate tradition, connection, and the magic of being back in Ballybrit again. It's the moment the city comes alive, setting the tone for an unforgettable week ahead.

The feature race of the evening, The Connacht Hotel (QR) Handicap, brings a thrilling sporting highlight to the heart of the action. Paired with live music and entertainment throughout the day, the atmosphere builds steadily as racegoers gather, reconnect, and settle in for the first great contest of the festival.

Adding to the sense of occasion, the Galway Tenors deliver a special opening performance that captures the spirit of Galway culture, warm, spirited, and rooted in heritage. With a fun, relaxed, family-friendly vibe running through the evening, Opening Night is all about tradition, shared memories, and that unmistakable buzz that marks the beginning of something special.

## MONDAY TICKET PRICES:

<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b> <small>Save with Advanced Admission</small>	€35.00 €30.00	<b>PARADE RING LOUNGE</b>	€35.00
<b>FLEXI TICKET</b>	€35.00	<b>PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€60.00
<b>RESERVED SEAT</b>	€25.00	<b>FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€40.00



# MONDAY



# TUESDAY

## TRIBES TUESDAY

Tuesday has been reimagined and revitalised as Tribes Tuesday, a celebration of community spirit and local pride. This year, clubs and teams from across Galway are invited to bring their tribe to Ballybrit. Uniting supporters, families, and friends to create an atmosphere buzzing with friendly rivalry.

Throughout the day, these local teams will compete to win valuable fundraising support for their clubs. Music and entertainment add to the uplifting energy, turning the course into one big gathering of tribes and giving racegoers a vibrant, feel-good festival experience.

On the track, all eyes turn to the prestigious Colm Quinn BMW Mile Handicap, Tuesday's feature race and one of the highlights of the week. With a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere and that unmistakable Galway charm, Tribes Tuesday celebrates belonging bringing your people together for racing, entertainment, and moments worth sharing.

### TUESDAY TICKET PRICES:

<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b> <small>Save with Advanced Admission</small>	€35.00 €30.00	<b>PARADE RING LOUNGE</b>	Sold Out
<b>FLEXI TICKET</b>	€35.00	<b>PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€60.00
<b>RESERVED SEAT</b>	€25.00	<b>FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€40.00

# GALWAY PLATE DAY

Wednesday at Ballybrit is one of the most anticipated days of the entire festival, combining top-class racing with a vibrant social atmosphere. As crowds gather for the iconic Tote Galway Plate, there's a real sense of history and excitement in the air, marking this as a standout moment in the summer racing calendar.

The quality of competition, the thrill of the jumps, and the roar of the crowd create an electric atmosphere that racing fans look forward to all year. It's a day where sporting excellence takes centre stage.

As evening falls, the festival shifts into full entertainment mode with Michael English taking to the main stage for a night of dancing, music, and high-energy fun. With superb racing by day and unforgettable live entertainment by night, Wednesday blends sport and celebration in true Galway Races style.

## WEDNESDAY TICKET PRICES:

<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b> <small>Save with Advanced Admission</small>	€35.00 €30.00	<b>PARADE RING LOUNGE</b>	€35.00
<b>FLEXI TICKET</b>	€35.00	<b>PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€60.00
<b>RESERVED SEAT</b>	€25.00	<b>FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€40.00



# WEDNESDAY



# THURSDAY

## LADIES DAY

Thursday at the Galway Races is synonymous with style, glamour, and unforgettable moments as racegoers step out in their finest for the most fashionable day of the festival. The atmosphere is electric from the moment the gates open, with colour, creativity, and individuality on full display throughout Ballybrit.

At the heart of the day is the renowned Ladies Day competition, offering an incredible €10,000 prize that draws stunning fashion, exceptional talent, and nationwide attention. Music and entertainment run throughout the course, adding to the vibrant, celebratory feel and making the day as enjoyable socially as it is visually spectacular.

On the track, attention turns to the prestigious Guinness Galway Hurdle, Thursday's feature race and one of the top contests of the entire week. The combination of elite racing, high fashion, and lively entertainment makes Ladies Day a true highlight of the Summer Festival.

### THURSDAY TICKET PRICES:

<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b> <small>Save with Advanced Admission</small>	€40.00 €35.00	<b>PARADE RING LOUNGE</b>	€40.00
<b>FLEXI TICKET</b>	€35.00	<b>PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€65.00
<b>RESERVED SEAT</b>	€30.00	<b>FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€45.00

# FRIDAY'S MOST STYLISH

Friday brings a fresh burst of energy to Ballybrit as style takes centre stage for Friday's Most Stylish, hosted in partnership with Athlone Towncentre. It's a day where racegoers showcase their individuality, confidence, and creativity, adding vibrant flair to the festival as fashion lovers arrive dressed to impress ahead of the Bank Holiday Weekend.

The Friday's Most Stylish competition draws incredible looks from across the country, creating an uplifting and glamorous atmosphere. With music and entertainment running throughout the day, the course buzzes with excitement as guests enjoy the perfect blend of racing, fashion, and celebratory long-weekend vibes.

On the track, the spotlight turns to the prestigious Guinness Handicap, Friday's feature race and a standout moment in the week's racing schedule. Together, the top-class racing, live entertainment, and stylish celebrations make Friday an unforgettable start to the August Bank Holiday Weekend.

## FRIDAY TICKET PRICES:

### GENERAL ADMISSION

Save with Advanced Admission

€40.00

€35.00

### PARADE RING LOUNGE

€40.00

### FLEXI TICKET

€35.00

### PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE

€65.00

### RESERVED SEAT

€30.00

### FESTIVAL PACKAGE

€45.00





# SATURDAY

## THE WEEKENDER

Saturday at Ballybrit is all about celebration as the August Bank Holiday Weekend comes alive and the festival hits full flight. Known as The Weekender, it draws huge crowds eager to soak up the atmosphere, enjoy great racing, and make the most of one of the biggest days of the summer.

The course fills early as racegoers flock to Ballybrit, ready for a full day of excitement, entertainment, and that unique Galway buzz. The energy is high, the crowds are vibrant, and the festival feel is unmistakable. A perfect combination of sport, socialising, and long-weekend fun.

On the track, attention turns to the Boyle Sports Handicap Hurdle, Saturday's feature race and a major highlight for racing fans. Blending top-class sport with the excitement of a bank holiday Saturday, The Weekender delivers an unforgettable experience for everyone who walks through the gates

### SATURDAY TICKET PRICES:

<b>GENERAL ADMISSION</b> <small>Save with Advanced Admission</small>	€30.00 €25.00	<b>PARADE RING LOUNGE</b>	€30.00
<b>FLEXI TICKET</b>	€35.00	<b>PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€55.00
<b>RESERVED SEAT</b>	€20.00	<b>FESTIVAL PACKAGE</b>	€35.00

# MAD HATTER'S FAMILY FUNDAY

Sunday brings the Galway Races Summer Festival to a joyful and colourful close with Mad Hatter's Family Fun Day, delivered in partnership with Ireland West Airport. It's a day designed for all ages, full of excitement, creativity, and memorable moments as families enjoy one last celebration at Ballybrit.

The course fills with colour as children and adults arrive in their best handcrafted hats, each hoping to take home a prize in the much-loved Mad Hatter's competition. With entertainment, activities, and fun running throughout the afternoon, it's a relaxed and welcoming day that truly celebrates the family spirit of the festival.

On the track, the prestigious Ahonoora Handicap takes centre stage as the final feature race of the week. Bringing together great sport, family entertainment, and a festival atmosphere, Mad Hatter's Family Funday is the perfect ending to what is always an unforgettable week at Ballybrit.

## SUNDAY TICKET PRICES:

### FAMILY TICKET

€50.00

Save with Advanced Admission

€42.50

### RESERVED SEAT

€20.00

### GENERAL ADMISSION

€30.00

Save with Advanced Admission

€25.00

### PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE

€55.00

### FLEXI TICKET

€35.00

### FESTIVAL PACKAGE

€35.00

Children under 16 years are admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult.



# SUNDAY

# GROUP PACKAGES

The Galway Races is very popular with sports and social clubs. This year we have two all-inclusive great value packages on offer for groups of ten or more people. Available on all 7 days of our Summer Festival.

## PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE

Admission Ticket

Grandstand Reserved Seat Badge with Access to The Winning Post Bar and Panoramic Views of the Finish Line

Racecard

€5 Betting Voucher

€7 Drink Voucher

<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUN</b>
€60	€60	€60	€65	€65	€55	€55

Early booking is advised for Premium Festival Packages

## FESTIVAL PACKAGE

Admission Ticket

Racecard

€5 Betting Voucher

€7 Drink Voucher

<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>	<b>SUN</b>
€40	€40	€40	€45	€45	€35	€35

## FLEXI TICKETS

An Adult Admission Ticket that can be used once on any day of the Summer Festival 2026.

**PRICE: €35.00**

# GRANDSTAND RESERVED SEATING

Located on the third floor of the Millennium Stand, this badge grants racegoers access to the private and comfortable surroundings of the Winning Post Bar, offering a relaxed space overlooking the finish line, spectacular balcony views from your own reserved seat, and convenient bar and Tote facilities away from the crowds.

Considered the jewel in the crown of the Millennium Stand, it gives you the freedom to dip into the buzz of the enclosure below and then slip back into your reserved area to watch a race, enjoy a drink or something to eat, and soak up the electric atmosphere with friends throughout the day.

	Reserved Seat	Reserved Seat & Admission
<b>MON 27<sup>TH</sup></b>	€25.00	€55.00
<b>TUE 28<sup>TH</sup></b>	€25.00	€55.00
<b>WED 29<sup>TH</sup></b>	€25.00	€55.00
<b>THU 30<sup>TH</sup></b>	€30.00	€65.00
<b>FRI 31<sup>ST</sup></b>	€30.00	€65.00
<b>SAT 1<sup>ST</sup></b>	€20.00	€45.00
<b>SUN 2<sup>ND</sup></b>	€20.00	€45.00

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# TRIBESMEN TICKET

In a gesture of gratitude towards the vibrant business community that has long supported the Galway Races, we are proud to present the Tribesman Ticket. A special offer available exclusively to businesses in Galway.

The Tribesman Ticket initiative offers local enterprises a €10 discount on ticket packages for the upcoming Summer Festival at Ballybrit. Whether it's rewarding loyal customers, planning a memorable employee summer party, or enhancing the experience at pubs and restaurants with bus transportation and live music, this initiative is designed to bring people together while giving back to the community that has championed Galway Races for generations.

Additional drink, Tote, and lunch vouchers are available to further enhance the race day experience. Minimum purchase of 10 tickets required. Early booking is advised for Premium Festival Packages. Each purchase of 10 packages earns one entry into a draw to win a Table of 6 in our Corporate Hospitality Suite on Monday, 27th July.

## PREMIUM FESTIVAL PACKAGE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
€55	€55	€55	€60	€60	€50	€50

## FESTIVAL PACKAGE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
€35	€35	€35	€40	€40	€30	€30

## FLEXI TICKET

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
€30	€30	€30	€30	€30	€30	€30

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# HOSPITALITY

## KILLANIN STAND HOSPITALITY

The stunning Killanin Stand plays host to two spectacular hospitality suites with fantastic panoramic views of the race track. The Plate Suite is located on the second floor with The Hurdle Suite located on the third floor. These two hospitality suites, while combining action and atmosphere, provide the ideal setting for entertaining family, friends or work colleagues.

### TO BOOK

Enquiries to our hospitality partners,  
Lydon House Catering

**(091) 564 372**

**HOSPITALITY@LYDONHOUSE.COM**



### THE SILVER PACKAGE

This all inclusive package includes:

- Racecourse Admission Ticket
- Complimentary Car Parking
- 4 Course Meal with wine
- Reserved Table for the Day
- Personality Tipster
- Executive Guest
- Race Card & Pen
- Cash Bar Facilities Available
- Tote Facilities

**MON 27<sup>TH</sup>** €195.00 pp **TUE 28<sup>TH</sup>** €195.00 pp

### THE GOLD PACKAGE

This all inclusive package includes:

- Racecourse Admission Ticket
- Complimentary Car Parking
- Executive Guest Badge
- Champagne Reception on Arrival
- Race Card & Pen
- Five course meal
- Complimentary wines with meal
- Racing Tipster
- Complimentary Bar (excluding Champagne) closing half an hour after the last race
- Afternoon tea
- Tote facilities
- Reserved table for the day

**MON 27<sup>TH</sup>** €275.00 pp

**TUE 28<sup>TH</sup>** €275.00 pp

**WED 29<sup>TH</sup>** €325.00 pp

**THU 30<sup>TH</sup>** €395.00 pp

**FRI 31<sup>ST</sup>** €300.00 pp

**SAT 1<sup>ST</sup>** €275.00 pp

**SUN 2<sup>ND</sup>** €275.00 pp

# MILLENNIUM STAND HOSPITALITY

The Millennium Stand is located beside the Parade Ring. The popular Panoramic Restaurant is situated on the third floor and offers guests a comfortable restaurant serving delicious mouth watering food. With its ideal location and fantastic views of the racetrack, overlooking the Winning Post, it is the perfect venue for your group to enjoy a day out together. Enjoy the comfort of your own reserved table, a beautiful meal, fine wine and an incredible atmosphere.



## THE GOLD PACKAGE

This all inclusive package includes:

- Racecourse Admission Ticket
- Complimentary Car Parking
- Executive Guest Badge
- Champagne Reception on Arrival
- Race Card & Pen
- Five course meal
- Complimentary wines with meal
- Racing Tipster
- Complimentary Bar (excluding Champagne) closing half an hour after the last race
- Afternoon tea
- Tote facilities
- Reserved table for the day

**MON 27<sup>TH</sup>** €280.00 pp

**TUE 28<sup>TH</sup>** €280.00 pp

**WED 29<sup>TH</sup>** €330.00 pp

**THU 30<sup>TH</sup>** €400.00 pp

**FRI 31<sup>ST</sup>** €305.00 pp

**SAT 1<sup>ST</sup>** €275.00 pp

## THE WEEKEND SPECIAL

This all inclusive package includes:

- Racecourse Admission Ticket
- Guest Badge to the Killanin Stand Hospitality Suite
- Four Course Lunch
- Tote Betting Facilities
- Reserved Seat/Table for the Day
- Full Bar Facilities Available

**SAT 1<sup>ST</sup>** €100.00 pp **SUN 2<sup>ND</sup>** €90.00 pp

## TO BOOK

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