



Optional Activities and Excursions

Nestled along the rugged coast of Donegal, Kilcar is a seaside village rich in heritage and natural beauty. Known for its deep roots in the yarn and wool industries, Kilcar offers visitors a chance to explore its traditional craft while immersing themselves in the breathtaking landscape - and [The Cottage at Glenmaire](#) is your spot. .

Whether you're cycling through scenic routes on an e-bike, hiking through the hills, fishing along the coast, or kayaking in crystal-clear waters, Kilcar is an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. As night falls, the village comes alive with the sound of traditional Irish music flowing from local pubs, offering a warm and authentic cultural experience.

The activities list below is not exhaustive of all we have to offer, but should provide ideas of what is available to you as itineraries are created. Guest experiences at the Cottage at Glenmaire are customized to the desires and interest of each group.

Please note that many activities are weather dependent. This is simply to say, with so many options, flexibility is key. Lastly, please know those few activities denoted with an * indicates not included in the package.

NATURE / OUTDOORS

- ❖ **Driving Tour to the Top of [Slieve League](#)** (read more about the cliffs below)
- ❖ **Guided Hiking Tour** of the famous Hills of Donegal
- ❖ **Paddle Boarding**
- ❖ **Sea Kayaking**
- ❖ **E-Biking** our Glorious Coast Road
- ❖ **Boat Trip**
 - Climb aboard Buíochas (pronounced "Bwe Cus") our converted and renovated fishing vessel, for a jaunt up the Irish Coast and to the base of the Slieve League - Europe's Highest Sea Cliffs which are 3 times higher than the wee biddy Cliffs of Moher down south. This experience is highly weather dependent and often a morning-of decision
- ❖ **Pilgrims Walk - Bridget's Stroll.**
 - Get dropped off ocean side at the ruggedly stunning shores of An Port, Glencolumbkille, Participants will trace the mountain route Maureen's Grandmother Bridget Byrne walked every Sunday to attend Mass. (40min travel from Kilcar; @ 2 1/2 hour hike)

CULTURAL WONDERS

- ❖ **Meet our Favorite Donegal Knitter - [Kathleen Meehan](#) *YouTube video***
- ❖ **Sheep Dog Herding Demonstration**
- ❖ **Kilcar tours of [Studio Donegal](#) and [Donegal Yarns](#)**
- ❖ **Ceili Dancing Classes for Beginners**
 - Along with an oral history of how and why of Irish Dance origins
- ❖ **[Donegal Craft Village](#)** - Meet our talented local artists
- ❖ **[Ardara Distillery Tour](#)**
- ❖ **[Folk Village](#)** in Glencolumbkille (40min travel)
- ❖ ***Afternoon High Tea at [Lough Eske Castle](#)** (40min Travel; Cost per Guest)

RELAX & WELL-BEING

- ❖ **Stay in - Wake Up Late** and read a book - *always an option!*
- ❖ **Gym Workouts** in the village's Aislann Centre
- ❖ **Yoga on [Muckross Surf Beach](#)**
- ❖ **Hiking the Coast Road** The setting of recent movies, Gods Creatures and In the Land of Saints and Sinners
- ❖ **Teelin Sauna and a Swim** - [Sliabh League Sauna](#)
- ❖ ***Spa Day at Lough Eske Castle** followed by **shopping in [Donegal Town](#)**
 - (40min travel; Cost per Guest)
- ❖ ***[Voya Seaweed Baths](#) in Strandhill**
 - (Cost per Guest)) with Stop Off at [Belleek Pottery](#) (90min travel)