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Ireland is one of the planet's most sought-after bike touring destinations and a place that many people, the world over, dream of visiting, if only once in their lifetime. The steep seaside cliffs, the lush green mountains, and the safe, colorful towns attract millions of tourists from all around.

Special feature After some years of bashing out stories and editing copy for newspapers in both England and Australia, Tom Cooper decided to turn his hand to writing a book. It was Ireland itself â€” happy scene of many teenage and adult holidays alike. We asked Tom to answer a few questions about planning a cycle touring trip to Ireland. For a low-carbon start to your holiday consider taking the ferry. Which route you chose will depend on your plans in Ireland as well as which departure point is most convenient. Holyhead Anglesey has ferries to the Dublin area, while Belfast is served by ferries from Merseyside. My favourite link to Larne is via Troon about 35 miles south-west of Glasgow. The main departure point for Larne is Cairnryan, further to the south of Glasgow, but it is a much busier port with a lot of HGV traffic. If you prefer to fly, there can be some unbelievably cheap fares to Ireland. Watch the baggage charges and check how the airline wants your cycle packed. In the main cycling areas, the west, south west and the Kingfisher Trail Irish lakelands and Causeway Coast, there are companies hiring touring bikes and usually offering other services such as route planning, accommodation booking and luggage transfers. Do you need to take spare parts or can you get sorted out along the way? Adding a spare chain, chain tool and folding spare tyre is not a bad idea as failures involving these can really strand you. If you have a state-of-the-art bike with the latest components, spares can be hard to get locally and they may not even be in the country. There is a lot to be said for an older, easy-to-fix bike when touring in Ireland. What type of accommodation is available? This varies considerably from tour to tour. The tours can mostly be completed with a combination of campsites and hostels, or just hostels, although for a handful of stages a night in a bed and breakfast might be needed to plug the odd gap. Cycle camping is not for everyone but taking a tent make it a good waterproof one! Regional food â€” is there a must-try dish? Mussenden Temple and Downhill Strand The best time of year to go The touring season in Ireland is April to September, although if you are lucky enough to live in Ireland there will be some brilliant riding days throughout the year. My favourite months for touring are May for the north and September for the south. May is a fantastic month in Ulster with the gorse splashing yellow across the hillsides and filling the air with a curiously tropical, coconut smell. September is the month of harvest home although this can vary considerably! The woodlands around Killarney are never more beautiful than at this time of year as the first copper tones begin to fringe the leaves and the bright-red berries of the mountain ash flash in the sunshine. Which is your favourite tour? Favourites are always tricky â€” as I tell my nieces and nephews, you are all my favourites! Upper and Lower Lough Erne are beautifully undeveloped lakes studded with tree-shrouded drumlin islands. The Cliffs of Magho again on the Donegal-Sligo tour stand out because the view is so unexpected. Ireland has some amazing sea cliffs, but these are lake cliffs and the gentle climb through the Navar forest contains no clues as to the views ahead. The cliffs stand some m high and run for about 9km on the south side of Lower Lough Erne. The view extends to the Donegal coast in the west and the birds-eye view reveals the complex lacustrine sedimentary lake plains topography of Fermanagh. Picking literature that reflects the area you are travelling in can also add an immense amount of interest to the time you spend riding. Ireland has a wonderfully rich literary culture. And, of course, Ireland has produced some top-drawer English-language poets. Read on and ride on! Tom Cooper After some years of bashing out stories and editing copy for newspapers in both England and Australia, Tom Cooper decided to turn his hand to writing a book.

2: Ireland bike Tours. Unique Cycling Holidays along Ireland's Coast. | Ireland By Bike

Information on cycling and cycle touring in Ireland. Ireland has some great cycling possibilities with some stunningly beautiful scenery, from quiet rolling countryside, the more tougher mountainous areas in the south and the wild Atlantic coastline of the west coast.

3: Motorcycle Tours of Ireland

Ireland by Bike was born from our love of bike touring and a passion to share our wonderful area with you. We have been providing bike tours here since For we are offering a full range of cycling and walking holidays throughout the North West region.

4: Ireland Bike Tours | Ireland Bicycle Tours | Cycling Tours Ireland

Cycle Touring Ireland. 80 likes. Inspiring photos from all over Ireland, taken on cycling trips.

5: Bicycle Tours Ireland Bike Touring Cycle Vacations Biking Holidays

Ireland bike tours. Bike Touring is so much more than merely seeing the sights. It is about connecting with locals, trying new things, being active, and immersing yourself in the Irish culture.

6: Ireland Galway Guided Bike Tours | VBT Bicycling Vacations

Best Cycling Routes in Ireland. From short loop routes to multi day scenic tours, Ireland has some of the best cycle routes in the world and is perfect for cycle holidays.

7: Top 10 Cycle Routes in Ireland | www.enganchecubano.com

Bike through classic Irish landscapes in Counties Cork & Kerry. Enjoy private whiskey tasting and lively village culture. Request a trip itinerary.

8: Ireland Bike Tours | Easy Rider Bicycle Tours

This tour involves cycling through some of the most remote and rugged scenery that Connemara on the west coast of Ireland has to offer. You will also be experiencing part of the Wild Atlantic Way coastal route.

9: Cycle touring in Ireland - Cicerone

Tony Boyd from Iron Donkey Bicycle Touring, avid Galway cyclist Pat O'Donnell, and pedal power journalist Nicola Brady put down their panniers just long enough to give you their favorite cycling routes around Ireland.

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