

IRELAND

If you are looking for an excuse to make a pilgrimage to the auld sod and boating and golfing are interests of yours, you may want to consider jumping on some web site such as goireland.com, golfireland.com, cruiseireland.com or just Google some combination of Shannon River, golf and boats. You pilot your own boat on the Shannon river, pulling into the dock of the next town you intend to golf, become immersed in the local culture away from the larger tourist areas. The size of your party will determine the size of the boat you will need, be it family, golf group, or friends. Times and destinations are of your choosing. There are about 40 courses within 10 kilometers of the Shannon. If you need wheels for the nongolfers or prefer driving to the courses instead of getting a taxi, rent a car and take turns moving it from town to town. Renting would also be ideal for local touring. Vacation rental by owner (VRBO) might be helpful if you plan to stay longer and want a more permanent base to operate from.

The Irish tourist board publishes an Ireland Golf Guide that lists some 400 courses on the island. The guide is published by Harmonia Ltd, their telephone is 353 (0) 1 240 5300, the web site is www.harmonia.ie. Just accessing Irish Tourism might provide local assistance.

