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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

FRI 16th - TUES 20th AUGUST 2024

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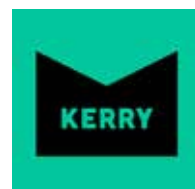


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Welcome to Tralee

READY FOR TRALEE

2023 Arizona rose Ashley Jackson and Antrim rose Mollie O'Brien heading into town for the festival. PHOTO BY: DOMNICK WALSH

The Rose of Tralee International Festival is at the heart of Tralee's modern history and is one of Ireland's oldest and longest-running festivals. Prepare for a burst of colour and energy as you anticipate the world-renowned Rose of Tralee International Festival in 2024. This five-day celebration of Irish culture includes a vibrant parade, live music, and the renowned Rose of Tralee Selection night - where a new Rose is selected as the official Rose of Tralee.

ABOUT TRALEE

- Kerry's vibrant, celebrated capital town of Tralee is rich with more than, 800 years of living history as a historic port town for pilgrims on their way to the Camino de Santiago and a major gateway for adventurers heading out on the Wild Atlantic Way for tours, surfing, walking, swimming and eco-tourism. Irish culture, song and dance is alive and vibrant in Tralee, with Siamsa Tíre home to the National Folk Theatre of Ireland and an arts centre, both of which stage shows, exhibitions and immersive visitor experiences celebrating Ireland's living culture and traditional heritage. The Rose of Tralee International Festival which takes place every August, fills the town with returning diaspora celebrating Irish culture with a festival parade, family-friendly events and a televised show, where the Rose of Tralee is chosen each year.



The Rose of Tralee International Festival is proudly supported by Fáilte Ireland.

"Fáilte Ireland is pleased to support this year's Rose of Tralee International Festival. Festivals and events present an excellent opportunity to showcase the rich heritage and unique culture that Ireland has to offer. They are also important drivers of tourism revenue across the country, particularly in areas that are outside of the traditional tourism hotspots. Developing unique and immersive visitor experiences like Rose of Tralee International Festival play a key role in motivating both international and domestic visitors to choose a destination, while helping drive the sustainable development of the tourism sector for the county and the wider region." – **Ciara Sugrue, Head of Festivals & Events, Fáilte Ireland**



DID YOU KNOW?

🌸 The words of the song are credited to Edward Mordaunt Spencer and the music to Charles William Glover, but many believe that the song was written by Tralee Poet William Pembroke Mulchinock out of love for Mary O'Connor, a maid who worked in the Mulchinock household.

🌸 Dublin-born Alice O'Sullivan, was the first ever Rose of Tralee in 1959. Though she faced adversity, having to leave her airline job because of the marriage ban, Alice returned to college – studying, and then becoming a lecturer in Environmental Psychology, as well as going on to coach skiing to disabled students.

🌸 The First Televised Rose Event: The Gala Rose Ball was introduced in the seventies, as was the involvement of Irish Cultural Organisations including Siamsa Tíre, the band of An Garda Síochána and US military bands. Teilifís Éireann first broadcast Rose Selection live in 1967 from a stage outside the Ashe Memorial Hall. Comper for TV was the late Joe Lynch (Dinny from RTÉ TV soap Glenroe). The show also featured a major parade of entertainers in front of the stage. Rose Selection has been compered by Kevin Hilton, Joe Lynch, Terry Wogan, Brendan O'Reilly, Michael Twomey, Gay Byrne, Kathleen Watkins, Derek Davis, Marty Whelan, Ryan Tubridy, Ray D'Arcy and most recently by Dáithí Ó Sé and Kathryn Thomas.

2024 HOSTS

This year's Rose of Tralee Selection Nights will be hosted by Dáithí Ó Sé and Kathryn Thomas



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH




TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION	VENUE
11.30am	WELCOME THE ROSES to the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee	Meadowlands Hotel
9.30am – 5pm	GOWNS OF GLORY Rose of Tralee Fashion with dresses throughout the decades on display	County Museum
10am – 5pm	ROSE OF TRALEE HISTORICAL EXHIBITION Delve through the decades & history of Irelands longest running Festival	County Library
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
10pm – 2am	FESTIVAL SESSIONS Many of the towns Bars & Hotels are hosting great live music all week (Times may vary)	Various
11pm – 2am	FESTIVAL CLUB Join all our Roses, Rose Escorts, Centres and Teams for a great night of entertainment and fun	Medowlands Hotel

SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

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12pm – 3pm	GO RACING WITH THE ROSES Meet all the Roses up close and enjoy a Family Fun filled afternoon with lots of kids activities	Kingdom Greyhound
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
8.30pm	LOVE FOR ROSES PARADE in association with Féile Thrá Lí - Join the International Roses, Rose Escorts and Roses for a family festival parade with floats, fireworks, glowing costumes & of course the Rose's, Rose Escorts & Rose Buds for 2024 along with 10 Marching Bands and over 100 performers	Town Centre 
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SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH

9.30am – 5pm	GOWNS OF GLORY Rose of Tralee Fashion with dresses throughout the decades on display	County Museum
9.30am–12pm	MASS & SERVICE WITH THE ROSES Roses will attend the following churches for prayer & reflection	Various
2pm	LOVE FOR ROSES PARADE in association with Féile Thrá Lí - Join the International Roses, Rose Escorts and Roses once more for a family festival parade with floats, fireworks, glowing costumes & of course the Rose's, Rose Escorts & Rose Buds for 2024 along with 10 Marching Bands and over 100 performers	Town Centre 
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
3.30pm – 5.30pm	ROSE TWINNINGS Our 32 Roses will drop in for a chat, meet family, take pictures and autographs	Various Pubs & Hotels
6pm	ROSE TRADFEST Get ready for song and dance at the Home of the Roses	Meadowlands Hotel
7pm – 8pm	LIGHT A CANDLE Come to the wetlands for the annual lighting of the candle ceremony in aid of Recovery Haven	Tralee Bay Wetlands
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10am – 11am	ST JOHN OF GODS Roses and Rose Escorts to visit St John of Gods Monavalley Tralee	St John of Gods
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
8pm – 11pm	RTÉ ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION Part 1 live on TV	KSA & M.T.U
10pm – 2am	FESTIVAL SESSIONS Many of the towns Bars & Hotels are hosting great live music all week (Times may vary)	Various
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10am – 11am	BLENNERVILLE RESOURCE CENTRE Roses and Rose Escorts to visit Blennerville Resource Centre	Blennerville Resource Centre
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
6pm	FOSSETTS CIRCUS Ireland's most famous and best loved Circus	Dan Spring Road
8pm – 11pm	RTÉ ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION Part Two live on TV	KSA @ M.T.U
10pm – 2am	FESTIVAL SESSIONS Many of the towns Bars & Hotels are hosting great live music all week (Times may vary)	Various
11pm – 2am	FESTIVAL CLUB Join all our Roses, Rose Escorts, Centres and Teams for a great night of entertainment and fun	Medowlands Hotel
11.30pm – 12am	MIDNIGHT MADNESS Join us at the Denny Street Stage where the 2024 Rose of Tralee will be introduced and the winner of the Rose of Tralee Monster Raffle will be announced! Enjoy fireworks and celebrations with Fhéile Trá Lí and dance the night away with our Roses and Rose Escorts.	Town Centre





FESTIVAL FLAIR

DON'T MISS THE
'LOVE FOR ROSES'
PARADE ON
**SATURDAY AT
8.30PM**



DAILY DELIGHTS

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE	VENUE
9.30am – 5.30pm	WELLNESS ZONE presented by Quest & Thrive with Meditation, Yoga, breathwork, soundbath, talks & workshops for all the family including healthy food & drinks.	Páirc an Phiarsaigh FREE
9.30am – 5.30pm	GOWNS OF GLORY Rose of Tralee Fashion with dresses throughout the decades on display	County Museum
9.30am – 5.30pm	BLENNERVILLE WINDMILL Ireland's largest working windmill which also includes displays on the history of milling its famine emigrant port and a model railway exhibition.	Blennerville
10am – 9pm	FESTIVAL FOOD & CRAFT Browse & buy from the Festival's Arts, Crafts & Food Stalls	Town Centre
10am – 5pm	ACTIVITY PARK Discover the Joy in Nature & Activity at our Eco Park, Nature Reserve with Biodiversity Wildlife, explore Natural Heritage with lots of activities for all the family.	Tralee Bay Wetlands
10am – 5pm	HERITAGE HUNTERS for Heritage Week pick up your free Tralee Family Heritage Trail & go on a journey of discovery around Tralee following the Story Map	Tourist Office @ Kerry County Museum
10am – 5pm	ROSE MEMORABILIA EXHIBITION Delve through the decades & history of one of Irelands longest running Festival, the Rose of Tralee International Festival	County Library FREE Closed Sunday
10am – 5pm	WELLNESS ADVENTURE join Quest & Thrive for guided trails, hikes, greenway cycles, stand-up paddling & kayaking to foraging walks & more	Páirc an Phiarsaigh Departure point
11am – 4pm	FAMILY TOWN Tay70 Birthday Roadshow, the School of Irish Archaeology's Big Dig, Planet Science Kidz, Dance Zone, Paws & Tails Dog Shows, Marching & Pipe Band Circles, Kerry Library's Dee the Bee Story Trail, Bounce World, Pop-Up Gaeltacht, and much more. See daily listings	Town Park
12pm – 4pm	SPOT BUSKING Street Performers Of Tralee; soak up our local buskers good vibes & entertainment	Town Centre
1pm – 5pm	SPOILT Street Performers Of Ireland Local & Travelling silly, thrilly and daredevilish shows	Town Centre
3pm – 11pm	BIRDS AMUSEMENTS Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy	Town Centre
5pm – 11pm	LIVE MUSIC 30 hours of live music presented by a host of local, national and international Bands, Acts and Performances on three stages throughout the five days. See daily listings	Square, Denny Street & Mobile Stages

FRIDAY 16TH AUGUST

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE	VENUE
9am-5pm	ROSE GARDEN PARTY a mix of local and Irish artisan producers with some Busking & Bouncing!	The IOG
11am – 4pm	ART IN THE PARK A unique opportunity to enjoy local Artists Work both traditional & contemporary	Denny St
12pm – 3pm	ST.JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH TOURS Built @1819, the Church is an architectural and historical treasure-trove including the Mulchinock Family Tomb. A must-visit for Heritage Week in Tralee	Ashe St. (FREE – Donations accepted)
4pm – 5.30pm	OPENING CEREMONY presented by Kerry County Council to welcome the 2024 Rose of Tralee International Festival Roses; entertainment from Music Generation Kerry & local Tenor Noel Heaslip	The IOG
5pm – 5.30pm	CEILIÚRADH Under 12 Dance group kicks off the evening's entertainment in the square	Square Stage
5.45pm -7pm	REEL TRAD launches our 5 evenings of entertainment in the square	Square Stage
8pm – 11pm	FRIDAY FEELIN' with top Cover Acts TOM JONES (8pm), DOLLY PARTON (8.45pm), ROD STEWART (9.30pm) & CHER (10.15pm)	Denny St. Stage
9pm – 11pm	MÓ CUSHLÁ gets the nighttime entertainment in the Square off to a flying start	Square Stage
9pm – 11pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music to kick off the festival	Castle Street

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE	VENUE
9.30am – 10.30am	TRALEE PARKRUN Calling all Adults to join us for this weekly 5K event. Info & register www.parkrun.ie	Town Park
10.30am – 4pm	ROSE CUP BLITZ Camogie @ Caherslee Tralee Parnells with Football at Na Gaeil & Kerins O'Rahilly's GAA Club grounds	GAA Grounds Various
11am – 4pm	EMERGENCY SERVICES OPEN DAY An Garda Síochána Tralee DV coordinate a showcase of all state & voluntary emergency response organisations with some Roses visiting	Denny St Side of Ashe Hall
11am – 12pm	LAUNCH OF ROSE OF TRALEE HISTORICAL EXHIBITION Meet the Roses at this annual historical exhibition	County Library
12pm – 3pm	ST.JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH TOURS Built in 1819, the Church is an architectural and historical treasure-trove including the Mulchinock Family Tomb. A must-visit for Heritage Week in Tralee	Ashe St. (FREE – Donations accepted)

5pm – 5.45pm	MIKE WAGNER kicks off the evening's entertainment in the square	Square Stage
5.45pm – 6.30pm	EILEEN CRONIN DUO More great music live from the town square	Square Stage
6.30pm – 7.15pm	JONATHAN HEALY Great local talent to keep everyone entertained in the square here in Tralee	Square Stage
6.30pm – 8pm	MUSIC GENERATION KERRY presents their Band Project along with their Super Group	Denny St Stage
8pm – 9pm	PRE-PARADE MUSIC keeping the crowds entertained before the Parade	Denny St. Stage
8.30pm – 10.30pm	LOVE FOR ROSES PARADE with floats, fireworks, glowing costumes & of course the Rose's, Rose Escorts & Rose Buds for 2024 along with 10 Marching Bands and over 100 performers	See Parade Route Note arrival times
9pm- 10.30pm	ROSE OF TRALEE Presentation of the 2024 Rose of Tralee International Festival participants	Denny St. Stage
9pm – 11pm	AFTERSHOCK We're keeping it local for the highlight of Saturday night with this young Tralee Band	Square Stage
10pm – 11pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music post parade entertainment	Castle Street
10.15pm – 10.30pm	FIREWORKS to illuminate the skies over Kerry's Capital Town	Denny St
10.30pm – 11pm	NEXT IN LINE – The new Louis Walsh Boyband	Denny St

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE	VENUE
9.30am – 10.30am	TRALEE JUNIOR PARKRUN Calling all Children to join us for this weekly 2K event. Info www.parkrun.ie	Town Park
11am – 4pm	ART IN THE PARK A unique opportunity to enjoy local Artists Work both traditional & contemporary	Denny St
2pm – 3.30pm	LOVE FOR ROSES PARADE A vibrant and colourful parade featuring a mix of floats, costumes, and eye-catching decorations & of course the Roses, Rose Escorts & Rose Buds for 2024	See Parade Route
3pm – 3.45pm	BAND OF AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA make a welcome return to Denny Street to entertain the crowds	Denny St. Stage
3.30pm – 5.30pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music & dancing for the rockin' Rockies!	Rock Street
3.30pm – 5pm	PUB TWINNINGS presented by Tralee Vintners ; participating Hotels & Bars will host the Roses and Centre's along with their Family & Friends and of course their Rose Escorts	Various
5pm – 5.45pm	GER O'HANLON kicks off the evening's entertainment in the square	Square Stage
5.45pm – 6.30pm	EILEEN CRONIN DUO More great music live from the town square	Square Stage
6.30pm – 7.15pm	LIXNAW COMHALTAS lovely Sunday evening with local traditional performers	Square Stage
7pm – 8pm	CELEBRATION OF LIGHT Join the 2024 Rose participants for a candle ceremony in aid of Recovery Haven	Tralee Bay Wetlands
7.30pm – 9pm	SUPER SUNDAY returns funded by YOUNG HOMES and featuring ABBA REUNION Tribute act getting the crowds singing & dancing along	Denny St. Stage
9pm – 11pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music to keep everyone entertained	The Mall / Denny St.
9pm – 11pm	RENOVATOR We're keeping it local for the highlight of Sunday night with this young Tralee Band	Square Stage
9.30pm – 11pm	SUPER SUNDAY funded by YOUNG HOMES continues with International Tribute Acts THE CLASSIC BEATLES & QWEEN rockin' Denny Street	Denny St. Stage

MONDAY 19TH AUGUST

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE	VENUE
5pm – 6.15pm	TRAD 'N' TRALEE Ceoltoiri na Ceolainne Lac Snamha with wonderful music, song and dance	Square Stage
6.30pm – 7.15pm	MIKE WAGNER Great local talent to keep everyone entertained in the square here in Tralee	Square Stage
8pm – 11.30pm	ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION NIGHT 1 Live on RTÉ Television to meet the first group of 32 Roses	MTU – KSA
9pm – 11pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music to keep everyone entertained	The Mall / Denny St.
9pm – 11pm	DREAMS OF FREEDOM another amazing local act rocking the square	Square Stage
9pm – 11pm	DEREK RYAN with support from Sabrina Fallon presenting an evening of Country Music	Denny St. Stage

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST

TIME	EVENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR CANCELLATION	VENUE
5pm – 5.45pm	JUSTIN FLYNN kicks off the evening's entertainment in the square	Square Stage
5.45pm – 7.30pm	TRAD IN TRALEE Great traditional Irish talent with Lixnaw CCÉ Ceollann group	Square Stage
8pm – 11.30pm	ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL SELECTION NIGHT 2 Live on RTÉ Television to meet the next group of 32 Roses	MTU – KSA
8.30pm – 10pm	SPIN HOUSE PARTY Spin South West DJ's come to Tralee for a buzzin' set	Denny St. Stage
9.30pm – 11.30pm	MOBILE MUSIC MIX local 'n' live music to keep everyone entertained	The Mall / Denny St.
9.45pm – 11.30pm	MIDNIGHT CAFE what a line-up to get the Square rocking & ready for Midnight Madness	Square Stage
10pm – 11:45pm	ORACLE a welcome back to the Festival for this local Band bringing the Festival to a close	Denny St. Stage
11.45pm – 12.15pm	MIDNIGHT MADNESS annual tradition to present the 2024 Rose of Tralee to the people of Tralee	Denny St.
12pm – 12:15am	FIREWORKS look up and enjoy our spectacular display bringing our festival to a close	Denny St.

Féile Thrá Lí – StreetFest 2024 is presented by Kerry County Council and Féile Thrá Lí CLG in support of the Rose of Tralee International Festival. The Promoters would like to acknowledge, in advance, the support of all funding Sponsors, both current and potential. A thank you to all the principal response agencies, all of the hard working team of staff & volunteers who have all assisted to ensure this Festival will be presented in both a safe and successful manner.

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Pub twinning

MEET YOUR FAVOURITE ROSES, TAKE A SELFIE, GRAB AN AUTOGRAPH AND A REFRESHING DRINK IN GREAT COMPANY! THESE PUBS WILL BE THE "HOMES" TO THE FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS OF THIS YEAR'S ROSES FOR THE DURATION OF THE FESTIVAL, SO DON'T BE A STRANGER!



ROSE SUPPORTERS

San Francisco Rose Katie McFadden pictured with firemen at The Castle Bar during pub twinning at the 2023 Rose of Tralee International Festival.

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WE THANK THE PUBS WHO HAVE SPONSORED
THIS YEAR'S ROSE PUB TWINNING EVENT FROM
3.30PM TO 5.30PM SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST

JACK MAC'S

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THE IMPERIAL HOTEL

CORK ROSE &
LONDON ROSE

THE GRAND HOTEL

DERRY ROSE & PERTH ROSE

J TURNERS BAR

DONEGAL ROSE
& NEW ZEALAND ROSE

SEÁN ÓGS

DUBLIN ROSE,
SAN FRANCISCO ROSE
& FLORIDA ROSE

BETTY'S BAR

GALWAY ROSE
& MELBOURNE ROSE

AN SHEBEEN

KERRY ROSE

HENNESSY'S

KILDARE ROSE

BAILY'S CORNER

KILKENNY ROSE &
NORTH CAROLINA ROSE

THE MUNSTER BAR

LEITRIM ROSE, DUBAI ROSE
& NEWFOUNDLAND
& LABRADOR ROSE

PADDY MAC'S

LOUTH ROSE

THE BLASKET

MONAGHAN ROSE
& YORKSHIRE ROSE

THE FIDDLER

OHIO ROSE

KIRBY'S BROGUE INN

ROSCOMMON ROSE
& CHICAGO ROSE

BRIDGE LANE

SLIGO ROSE

LINNANE'S BAR

SYDNEY ROSE

AN CEARNÓG

TIPPERARY ROSE
& NEW YORK ROSE

THE ASHE HOTEL

WATERFORD ROSE

THE CASTLE BAR

WICKLOW ROSE

AN TEACH BEAG

WESTMEATH ROSE



HOW IT ALL STARTED...

An Tóstal was a series of festivals around the country launched in 1953 to celebrate all that was great and good about Irish life. From this concept emerged the inaugural Rose of Tralee Festival (or Festival of Kerry as it was then called) in 1959. Before The Tóstal Festival was phased out in 1958 it gave inspiration to the founders of the Rose of Tralee Festival to create an event that would attract 'Roses' from ex-patriate communities. The idea for the Rose of Tralee International Festival came when a group of local business people met in Harty's bar, Tralee to come up with ideas to bring more tourists to the town during the horse racing meeting and to encourage expats to return to their native Tralee. So it was that the first Rose of Tralee Festival was held in 1959 with Rose representatives from Tralee, London, Dublin, Birmingham, and New York.



DON'T
MISS





MUST SEE

LOVE FOR ROSES PARADE

Parade floats, street entertainers, marching bands and more take over the streets of Tralee as the Love for Roses Parade makes its way to Denny Street on Saturday and Sunday. For times see the daily programme

BIRDS EUROSHOW FUNFAIR

Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy - a host of attractions that are sure to appease even the most seasoned thrill seekers who dare to be suspended upside down, turned over or whisked through the air. Birds don't neglect our younger thrill seekers either, with an extensive selection of Juvenile attractions for young children to enjoy.

ROSE OF TRALEE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SELECTION NIGHTS

Hosts Dáithí Ó Sé and Kathryn Thomas take over the KERRY Sports Academy, MTU to present the 2024 Rose of Tralee selection live on TV this August 19th and 20th for a fun-filled night of music and entertainment (and a few surprises too!), as our International Roses and their Rose Escorts take to the stage for an energy-filled night to remember.

Tickets are €90 each, with a special deal this year! If you buy tickets for both nights in the same booking, you can get the two tickets for €150 – a €30 discount!

The RTÉ Rose of Tralee International Festival airs live on RTÉ One and the RTÉ Player on Monday 19 August and Tuesday 20 August from 8pm.

GOWNS OF GLORY

Visit Kerry County Museum to view an eloquent collection of fashion that has graced the Dome throughout the Festival's long history from 1959 to the present day. Come and see some of the styles that were worn by various Roses of Tralee and re-live the memories of how their dreams came true.



Festival map



FÉILE THRÁ LÍ PARADES
 Love for Roses Parade: 8.30pm Saturday
 Love for Roses Parade: 2pm Sunday
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- 1 M.T.U
- 2 Meadowlands Hotel
- 3 Tourist Kiosk
- 4 Denny Street
- 5 Tourist Office & Kerry County Museum
- 6 Tralee Town Park
- 7 The Rose Wall & Rose Walk
- 8 Birds Amusements
- 9 Square Stage
- 10 The Mall
- 11 University Hospital Kerry
- 12 Fossett's Circus
- 13 Tralee Garda Station

	ROSE OF TRALEE OFFICE
	BIRD'S AMUSEMENT PARK
	LIVE MUSIC
	FOSSETT'S CIRCUS
	STREET MARKETS
	ROSE SHUTTLE BUS STOPS



DISCOVER MORE FAMILY ACTIVITIES IN KERRY



Tralee is the perfect location for families with activities galore, from the Kerry County Museum with its interactive Medieval Experience to Blennerville Windmill, Ireland's largest working, flour-grinding windmill. While you're there, experience the added attraction of a fully functioning model railway and an exhibition about the history of emigration from Tralee, including passenger lists and historical records about the Jeanie Johnston. Just a short distance from Tralee town lies Crag Cave, an ancient fossil cave in Castleisland thought to be over 1 million years old. There's plenty to see and do at Crag Cave, with a lovely cafe, gift shop and extensive indoor play arena for kids.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16TH 11.30AM:
Welcome the Roses to Tralee at the Meadowlands Hotel

DISCOVER MORE
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Rose of Tralee dresses throughout the decades will be on display every day from 9.30am-5pm. Roses of Tralee to give talk on Saturday, 3pm
KERRY COUNTY MUSEUM

The Rose of Tralee Historical Exhibition includes memorabilia donated by past Roses and archive material celebrating the Festival
KERRY LIBRARY

Join our International Roses, Rose Escorts, Centres, Teams and families for great entertainment every night from 11pm to 2am
JOHNNY FRANK'S, MEADOWLANDS HOTEL



Spills & thrills for all the family to enjoy
BIRDS AMUSEMENTS



Saturday & Sunday: Féile Thrá Lí's Love for Roses Parades
TOWN CENTRE



Pub Twinning:
3.30pm to 5.30pm Sunday 18th
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PLUS DISCOVER FÉILE THRÁ LÍ'S FIVE-DAY EXTRAVAGANZA OF PARADES, LIVE MUSIC, STREET THEATRE AND FIREWORKS AT FESTIVALTRALEE.COM

LOCAL TREASURES

Experience Tralee, a bustling hive of activity. Visit the local museum in the middle of the town and uncover its rich historical treasures.

Take a walk around the local park and make time for the gorgeous rose garden. Stop for a coffee in one of the cute cafés and watch the world go by. With spectacular views of the Slieve Mish and Stack's Mountains, enjoy this beautiful part of Ireland.

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With an extensive range of excellent spa hotels and guesthouses, a crisp, luxurious bed is always guaranteed. Or why not bring your camper van or caravan, or embrace the rugged outdoors with a camping trip? There are fully serviced campsites dotted around Tralee Bay, perfect for waking up to stunning views of Blue Flag beaches like Banna, Castlegregory, Ballyheigue and Derrymore.





TRALEE BAY WETLANDS

Positioned on the coastline on the Wild Atlantic Way and the mouth of the Tralee Bay, the Wetlands Eco Park is full of nature and wildlife, experiences and character among the stunning and scenic views of our beautiful mountains, the range of Habitats including Coastal Reedbeds, Marsh and River channels.



THE AQUA DOME

The Aqua Dome is packed with features for the whole family to enjoy, young & old, swimmers and non-swimmers. Visitors can enjoy swimming with the current, surfing the waves, relaxing in the lazy river, wrestling the river rapids, riding the sky-high flume slide and plunging down the outdoor falling rapids.



KERRY COUNTY MUSEUM

With five galleries to explore, there is a world of treasure and trails in Kerry County Museum, located in the Ashe Memorial Hall, adjacent to Tralee Town Park. Priceless artefacts on display in the MUSEUM GALLERY illustrate the turbulent history and fascinating archaeology of the county.



ROSE OF TRALEE STATUE

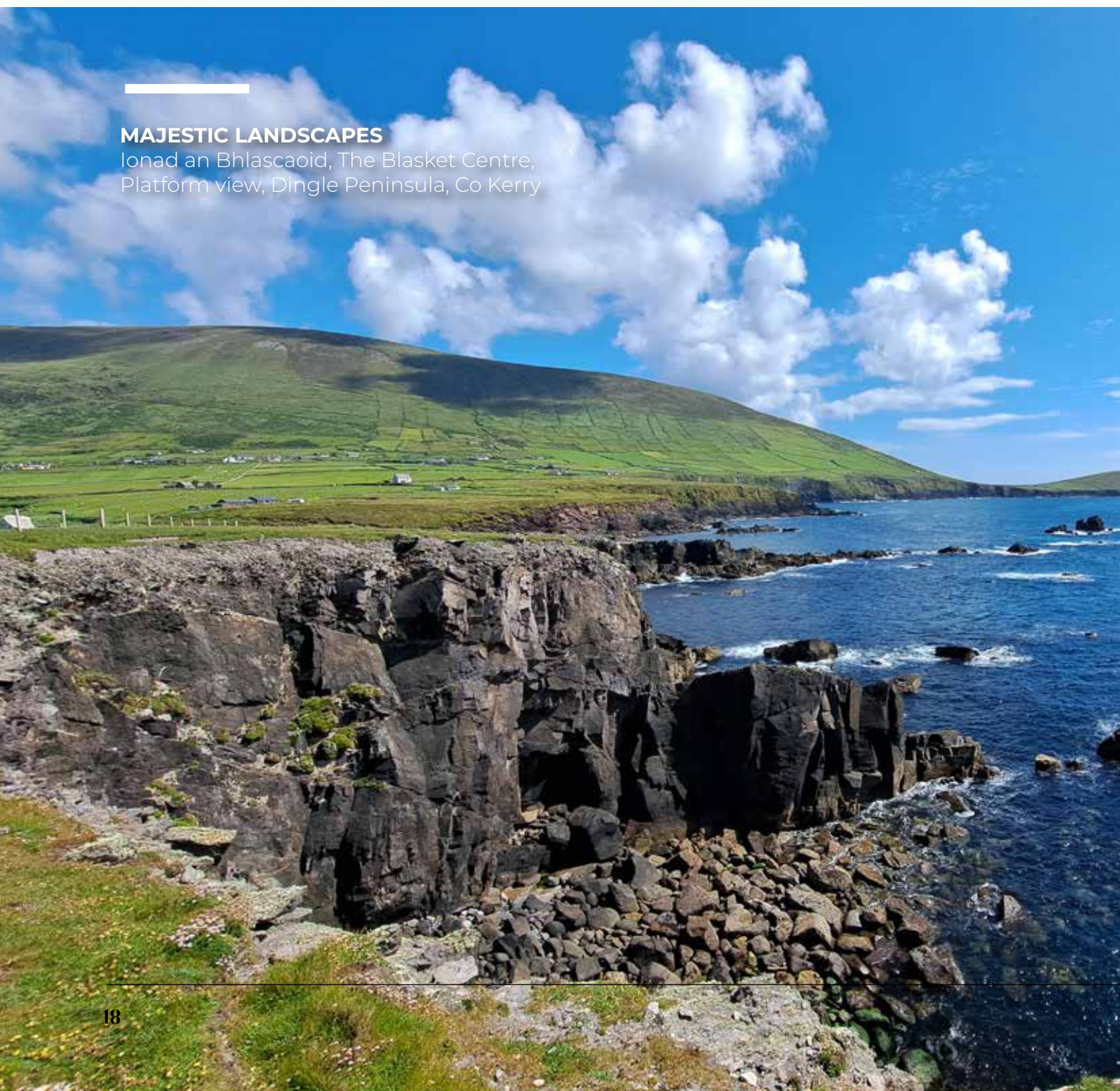
The statue can be found in the surroundings of the Rose Garden in Tralee Town Park. It is a tribute to the original Rose of Tralee, Mary O'Connor, along with her beloved, William Pembroke Mulchinock. It is set in the centre of the Rose Garden, surrounded by over 35 varieties of roses and a Rose Wall that contain the name of every Rose who has participated in the Festival.

DAY TRIPS FROM

TRALEEE

MAJESTIC LANDSCAPES

Ionad an Bhlascaoid, The Blasket Centre,
Platform view, Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry





BREATHTAKING VIEWS

Dunquin Pier with the Blasket Islands in the background

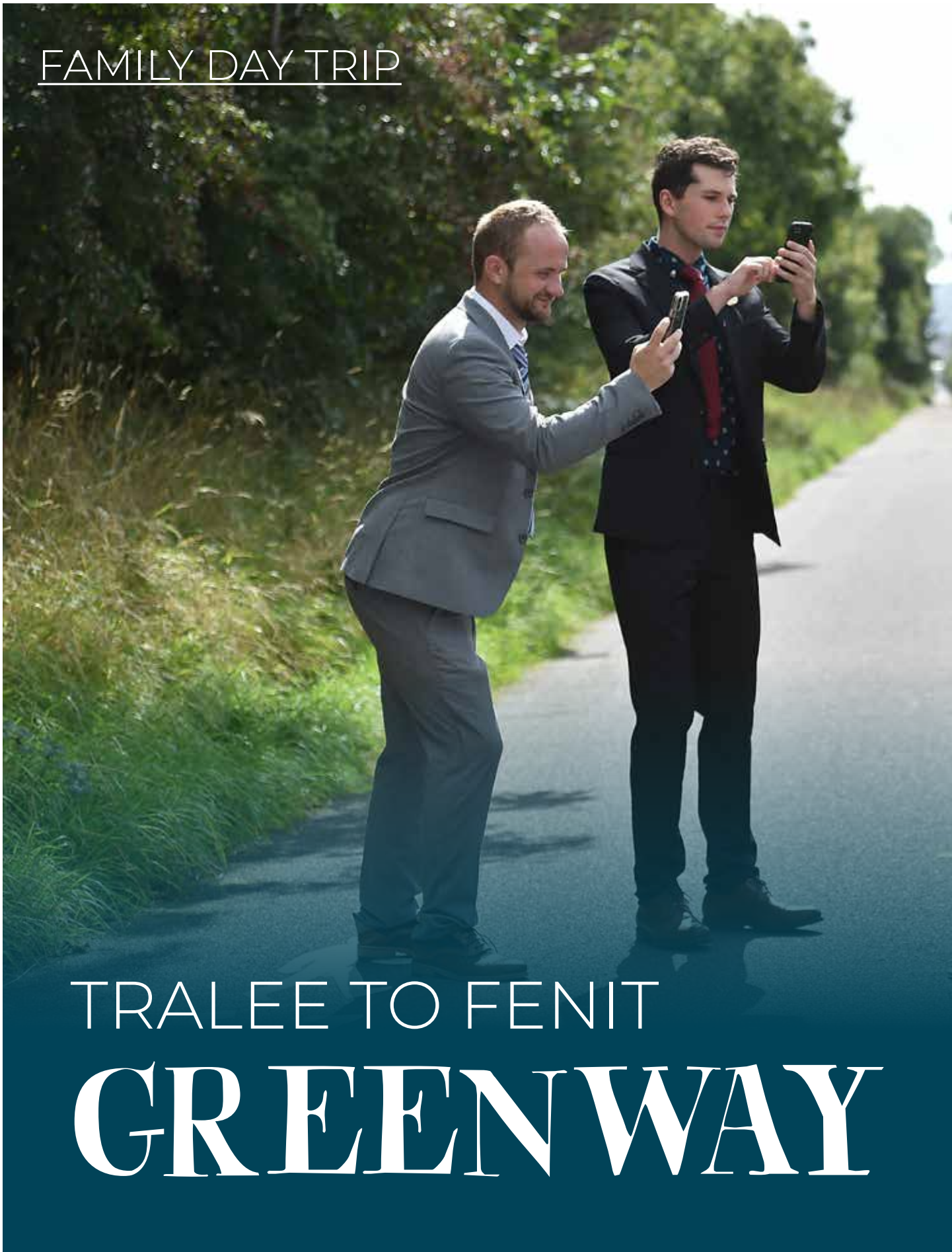
SEA WORTHY VIEWS

ONLY 60 MINUTES FROM TRALEE TOWN

Dunquin

- In Dunquin, the most westerly parish on the Dingle Peninsula, is a unique heritage centre and museum. The Blasket Centre tells the story of the Blasket Islands and the tiny Irish speaking community who lived there until the mid-20th century. The Centre is also a stunning piece of architecture in itself.
- The complete upgrade of the Centre in 2022, with its totally renewed and interactive exhibitions, provides an imaginative and authentic re-telling of the story of the Blasket islands, their rich heritage and unique literature. The Centre is a Wild Atlantic Way Signature Discovery Point and a highlight of any visit to the Dingle Peninsula. The site incorporates a fully accessible clifftop viewing platform that offers dramatic views of the Blasket archipelago and the Atlantic coastline.
- Life on the Blaskets was difficult. People survived by fishing and farming and every day involved a struggle against the elements. Emigration and decline led to the final evacuation of the Great Blasket in 1953.
- **Visit the Blasket Centre to experience the extraordinary legacy of the Blasket Islanders and delve into the heart of Irish culture, language and history.**

FAMILY DAY TRIP



TRALEE TO FENIT
GREENWAY



The trail begins in the heart of Tralee, the largest town in Kerry, and takes riders on a journey through the picturesque countryside to the charming seaside village of Fenit. Along the way, cyclists will encounter a variety of breathtaking views, including the wild Atlantic Ocean, majestic mountains, and verdant fields.

One of the most striking features of the Tralee Fenit Greenway is the diverse range of landscapes that it covers. The trail begins by crossing the River Lee, which flows through Tralee and out into Tralee Bay. From there, riders are treated to a stunning view of the Dingle Peninsula, with its rugged coastline and rolling hills in the distance.

As the trail approaches Fenit, the scenery becomes even more spectacular, with stunning views of the ocean and the rugged cliffs that line the coast.

Nestled on the rugged coast of County Kerry in southwestern Ireland, the Tralee Fenit Greenway is a 13.6km stretch of off-road trail that winds its way through some of the most stunning landscapes the region has to offer. From quaint villages and tranquil beaches to rugged cliffs and rolling hills, this scenic route has something for everyone, making it a must-see destination for tourists and locals alike.



FAMILY DAY TRIP

THE SLEA HEAD
DRIVE



The Sleah Head Drive (Slí Cheann Sléibhe) is a circular route, forming part of the Wild Atlantic Way, beginning and ending in Dingle, that takes in a large number of attractions and stunning views on the western end of the Dingle Peninsula. The route is clearly labelled by road signs throughout its length. The Sleah Head Route is most enjoyable when done slowly over a number of hours allowing time for the many interesting stops and detours along the way. A minimum of a half-day should be set aside for the journey.

Travellers are strongly advised to travel clockwise in order to avoid meeting the large tour buses that frequent the route during the summer. Part of the Sleah Head cliff road is very narrow and single lane only. The route is suitable for motorists, but is also enjoyed by cyclists - bicycles can be hired at a number of locations in Dingle.

Sleah Head Drive, one of Ireland's most scenic routes, takes you on a journey through historic sites, Irish speaking villages, famous Hollywood film locations with close up views of the world renowned Blasket Islands and distant views of the Skellig Islands on the south western horizon.





MEADOWLANDS

HOTEL • TRALEE

HOME OF THE ROSES 2024



FRIDAY
16TH AUGUST

11:30am
1pm-2:30pm
10:00pm

Welcome the Roses
Meet & Greet with Roses
Festival Party with
Roses & Centres
Live Music with Pólca 4



SATURDAY
17TH AUGUST

10:00pm

Festival Party with
Past Roses & Escorts
Live Music with Seanie & Martin Hurley

SUNDAY
18TH AUGUST

6:00pm
9:00pm

Rose of Tralee Trad Fest
Party with the Roses & Escorts
Live Music with Mickey D

MONDAY
19TH AUGUST

8:00pm

Rose of Tralee shown live
on our big screen

TUESDAY
20TH AUGUST

11:00pm

Post Selection Party
in Johnny Frank's
with DJ Big Jim



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