

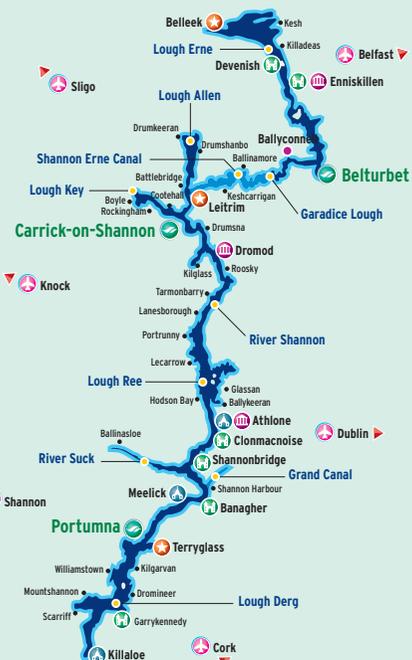


## Belturbet- Carrick-on-Shannon- Belturbet - or vice versa

### The Canal Cruise

*A suggested 7 day itinerary for a return to base cruise from Belturbet*

Use the modernised Shannon- Erne Waterway to join the Shannon at Leitrim and take a trip into Lough Allen where Drumshanbo is a must for fishing enthusiasts. The island studded Lough Key is the jewel among Roscommon's lakes and its forest park is an outstanding feature in a region rich in natural attractions.



## Belturbet- Carrick-on-Shannon- Belturbet

75km / 16 locks / 16 hours

### Day 1

#### Carrick on Shannon – Leitrim Village

Arrive in Carrick on Shannon; this is now one of the most popular inland resorts in Ireland, renowned for its friendly people, attractive streetscapes, bustling marinas and traditional shop fronts. There is a wide range of quality restaurants and you are assured of a warm welcome in his picturesque town. Cruise to Leitrim Village, it is the gateway to the Shannon-Erne Waterway and boasts a jetty with excellent facilities for the cruising traffic which passes through. Enjoy a wholesome Irish meal at the Barge Steakhouse.

**7km / 1 hours cruising**

### Day 2

#### Leitrim Village – Keshcarrigan

Depart early morning from Leitrim Village and cruise to Keshcarrigan – a nice small, scenic village steeped in folklore of Sheebeg and Sheemore, the two surrounding mountains regarded as home to the fairies or "little people". The view from the summit of Sheebeg is breathtaking. This village is always good for a night of Irish hospitality. Enjoy a nice meal that evening at the Canal View House & Restaurant or a more casual evening at Gertie's Canal Stop, Irish pub, for some Hearty Irish Food. You can also enjoy Clay Pigeon Shooting locally or fish in the surrounding lake at Lough Garadice. You will find many types of fish bream, roach, hybrids, perch and pike.

**10km / 3.5 hours cruising / 8 Locks**

### Day 3

#### Keshcarrigan – Ballinamore

Cruise from Keshcarrigan to Ballinamore - a friendly town boasting two marinas. The town is a fine example of an Irish rural market town – a continuous main/high street, with many shops and townhouses. You can enjoy a round of golf at the local Ballinamore Golf Club. Drumcoura City is a Western style dude ranch overlooking the beautiful lake 'Drumcour' which is surrounded by mountains and hills or visit drumcoura city, a Western style Bar and Restaurant, Live Music each night, well worth a visit.

**13.7km / 3 hours cruising / 3 Locks**

### Day 4

#### Ballinamore – Garadice – Ballyconnell

Depart for Garadice east of Ballinamore, one of the largest lakes in Leitrim. It's islands contain the ruins of an O'Rourke castle, OR

Visit a small farm at Swan Island, you can see rare and traditional farm animals to seen and feed. Mooring area on site. You can dine at "Davy's Cottage" on the farm where home cooked food and a pint of Guinness, an Irish coffee and wines from round the World are always on hand.

Cruise to Ballyconnell – which is a vibrant and picturesque town in West Cavan with a number of pubs, restaurants & Polo D's Main st is a must.

You can also fish locally in the river at Ballyconnell where you can roach, hybrids, perch and pike. If you want a more relaxing afternoon enjoy a round of golf at the Slieve Russell hotel. It has an 18-hole championship golf course, 9 Hole Par 3 Course, country Club and several restaurants.

**19km / 3 hours cruising / 3 Locks**

### Day 5

#### Ballyconnell – Belturbet

Arrive in Belturbet - a busy town attracting anglers and boating enthusiasts as well as being a focal point in the Emerald Star network. Belturbet is one of Ireland's premier angling locations with good other attractions, such as old Belturbet Station which now comprises of a Railway Visitor Centre or enjoy the Horse Riding at the Redhills Equestrian Centre.

**12 km / 4 hours cruising / 4 Locks**

### Day 6

Leave Belturbet and cruise down the Shannon Erne Canal towards Carrick. There are many stop off's along the route. At Lock 10 Kilclare there is The Sheemore Inn where you can have a quick pint and relax.

**75km / 10 hours cruising / 10 Locks**

### Day 7

Overnight in Carrick-on-Shannon. A very lively, bustling town, lots of shops, restaurants. You could visit Lough Key, a legendary backdrop of water, parkland and forest. The Lough Key Experience is an engaging audio tour of the history and nature of the Park through the 19th Century underground servant's tunnels offering a 'birds eye' view of the landscape

**10km / 3 hrs cruising / 1 Lock**