



Currach Building Course in Ireland

Program fee: \$3,800

Location: Boyne River/Slane Castle

Dates: Starting the first weekend of May, September, and October

What's included in the Currach Building Program?

- 2-week intensive traditional Irish boat building program
 - Includes boat handling, safety awareness, seamanship, theory and personal fitness
- History of the Currach
- Small course (10 participants maximum)
- Launch and rowing of the Currach that is built in the course
- Airport pick-up and return
- Transportation to and from the sites
- Accommodation: Rock Farm Slane
 - Interns will be housed in the Lime House
- Bed linen, towels, and utilities
- Course materials
- Use of work overalls, safety boots and gloves
- 2 **Game of Thrones** excursions.

What other costs will each student be responsible for?

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Dublin
- Meals
- Personal expenses
- Optional participation in evening activities
- Non-refundable application fee \$80
- Non-refundable intent to enroll deposit – this will be deducted from your program fee \$500
- Refundable accommodation security deposit \$400

How do I apply?

Email: admin@international-internships.com with your CV/Resume + Cover Letter.

Cover Letter:

- Send a brief essay on why you are applying for the course – what do you hope to gain from this experience?
- Please include the following information:
 - Previous injuries

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- Medication currently being taken
- Allergies
- Swimming ability

Optional Week Extension (Additional Cost): Learn to build a Straw House for one week following the completion of the boat building course. Courses are taught at the Rock Farm Slane Garden.

For details on accommodation and the Strawbale House build visit: <http://rockfarmslane.ie/>

What will you do as part of our program:

Rowing

Taste of Rowing

- One 2-hour session on the water at either of our city locations
- Participants have a go at rowing a two-hand Dunfanaghy currach with the assistance of an instructor. If time and conditions allow there is the possibility of rowing a currach without an instructor in the boat.

Seamanship skills

This programme mixes aspects of seamanship theory and on the water skills.

- Participants develop awareness for their environment and an understanding of the factors involved to undertake water activities in a safe and competent manner.
- Practical knowledge of handling different types of currach from 2-hand Dunfanaghys up to 4-hand Naomhogs.
- Theory to include: Weather, tides, knots, personal equipment, navigation and history of the local area

This programme would also include a half day trip on the water.

Trips are dependent on conditions but may include:

Boat Building

Dunfanaghy Currach build

It is a simple yet very effective boat design.

Participants use traditional methods were possible to shape the gunnels in preparation for the natural hazel rods. The rods are then bent into shape with the help of an expert's eye and then all tied down to give the frame surprising strength. Participants also shape their own oars x4 leading to a good basic understanding of woodwork by the end of the build.