

Great ESCAPES

BOOT UP: IrelandWays has some great offers promoting hidden walkways and wilds of the west coast worth checking out. Cycle the Great Western Greenway and Achill Island from €330pps for a three-night half-board break, with bike rental available. Alternatively, Walk the Dingle Peninsula and Kerry Camino from €278pps on the same basis. Both trips include luggage transfers from hotel to hotel so you don't have to lug it around all the time, and a holiday

pack including route notes and practical information. For more or to book, call 01 525 2886 or see IrelandWays.com.

RAIL AND THE RAJ:

Incredible India has a buy-one, get the second half price offer on the Deccan Odyssey train tour, which runs from Mumbai to Delhi.

The five-star luxury train stops at: Ajanta Caves, a World Heritage site with ancient murals and sculptures depicting the life of Buddha; the tiger reserve of Ranthambore, once the private hunting ground of the Maharajas of Jaipur; the forts and palaces of the Pink City of Jaipur; the Taj Mahal and Agra.

The trip is full board and includes flights, transfers and tours with English-speaking guides. Children under five travel free on the train if sharing with parents. For an eight-day trip booked in September the

cabin for two sharing comes to

€6,157. See incredibleindia.com or its Irish agents Travel247.ie for more.

PIZZA AND CREAM:

Topflight has arranged some options to make a stay in the (already delightful) coastal town of Sorrento in Italy more interesting, with options from a half-day ice cream class or pizza school, or excursions to Pompeii, Vesuvius or Herculaneum. Trips start at €689pps for seven B&B nights in

the three-star Hotel Londra including flights, transfers, representative service and generous luggage allowance. Price is based on a June 14 departure. For more details, call (01) 240 1700 or check out topflight.ie

SHORT HOP TO THE SUN: If

a week is too long for your summer getaway, GoHop.ie has a list of shorter (and cheaper) options. For sun there's five nights on the Algarve, departing August 28 at only €208 including return flights from Shannon, or Malta for four nights from €246 ex-Dublin on June 15. If a city break is more your thing, then Barcelona for five nights starts at €231 leaving August 27, or Lisbon from €252 on August 20. See GoHop.ie or call (01) 241 2389 for details.



WILD WEST: Keem Bay, Achill Island

