

You are going to read a passage about a unique way to travel. First read it through quickly to get a general understanding.

Road trip? Been there. Caribbean cruise? Done that. Simply jetting off for the weekend? Yawn. For most travellers, going on a trip usually involves travelling in a car, getting on the train or boarding a plane. Ditch that everyday method of travelling and embark on a truly wild adventure.

Emerald Isle is the poetic name for Ireland due to its green countryside, rolling hills and vales of green. If you ever have the chance to travel to Emerald Isle, ditch the car and hitch a horse instead.

To begin with, learn how to harness, yoke and drive a horse before setting off for the Irish countryside with Wicklow-based travel outfitter, Clissmann Horse Caravans. The four-berth carriages come complete with cooking and sleeping spaces, although travellers will have to use the toilet facilities at various pubs and inns along the way. By day, explore long sandy beaches and peaceful countryside festooned with wildflowers and butter-yellow gorse. At night, set up a camp in a charming farm setting, toast some marshmallows over a campfire, roll out your sleeping bag and nap in the comfort of your covered carriage under the stars amid the musical backdrop of nature sounds. The days are open-ended, so the itinerary is entirely up to you, and your horse, of course.

There are some physical health benefits to this kind of wild adventure travel. Scientists have recently reported that our modern obsession with cleanliness might be leading to a rise in allergies, asthma and inflammatory bowel disease. Getting dirty could just be the best path to developing a strong immune system. When you get dirty, you improve your physical health. Also, going on wild adventures raises your tolerance for uncertainty. Placing yourself in situations where things don't always go as planned, such as on a horse caravan trip helps you learn to cope with the uncertainties in life. One of the best things about taking a different method of travelling and embarking on an adventure is that you can shed your familiar skin for a while and pretend to be anything you want to be before you take a drastic and permanent step. It really lets you safely 'try on' alternative lives. Who would you be if you lived there?

As Mark Twain once wrote, '20 years from now you'll be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines and sail from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore, dream and discover.'



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Complete the following table. Choose **no more than three words and/ or a number** from the passage for each answer.

Travelling on Horse Caravans

Name of travel outfitter	1 _____
What you will learn	2 How to harness, yoke and _____
Number of berths	3 _____
Day activities	4 _____
	5 _____
Night activities	6 _____
	7 _____
Why horse caravan adventure is good for you	8 _____
	9 _____
	10 _____