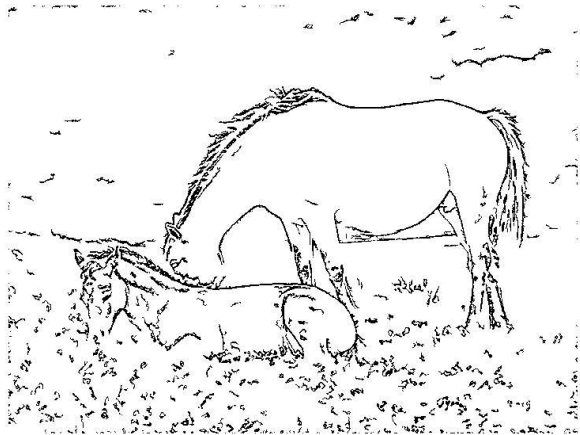




COLOUR & LEARN

GALWAY
IRELAND
CONNEMARA
PONIES



What are Connemara ponies?

Connemara ponies are a special horse breed from Connemara, in Galway in the west of Ireland. The Connemara ponies are stocky, muscular ponies that measure between 128 cm (centimetres) and 148 cm in height. It is as if they were designed for the land that they live on, as they are really suited to the wildness of it.

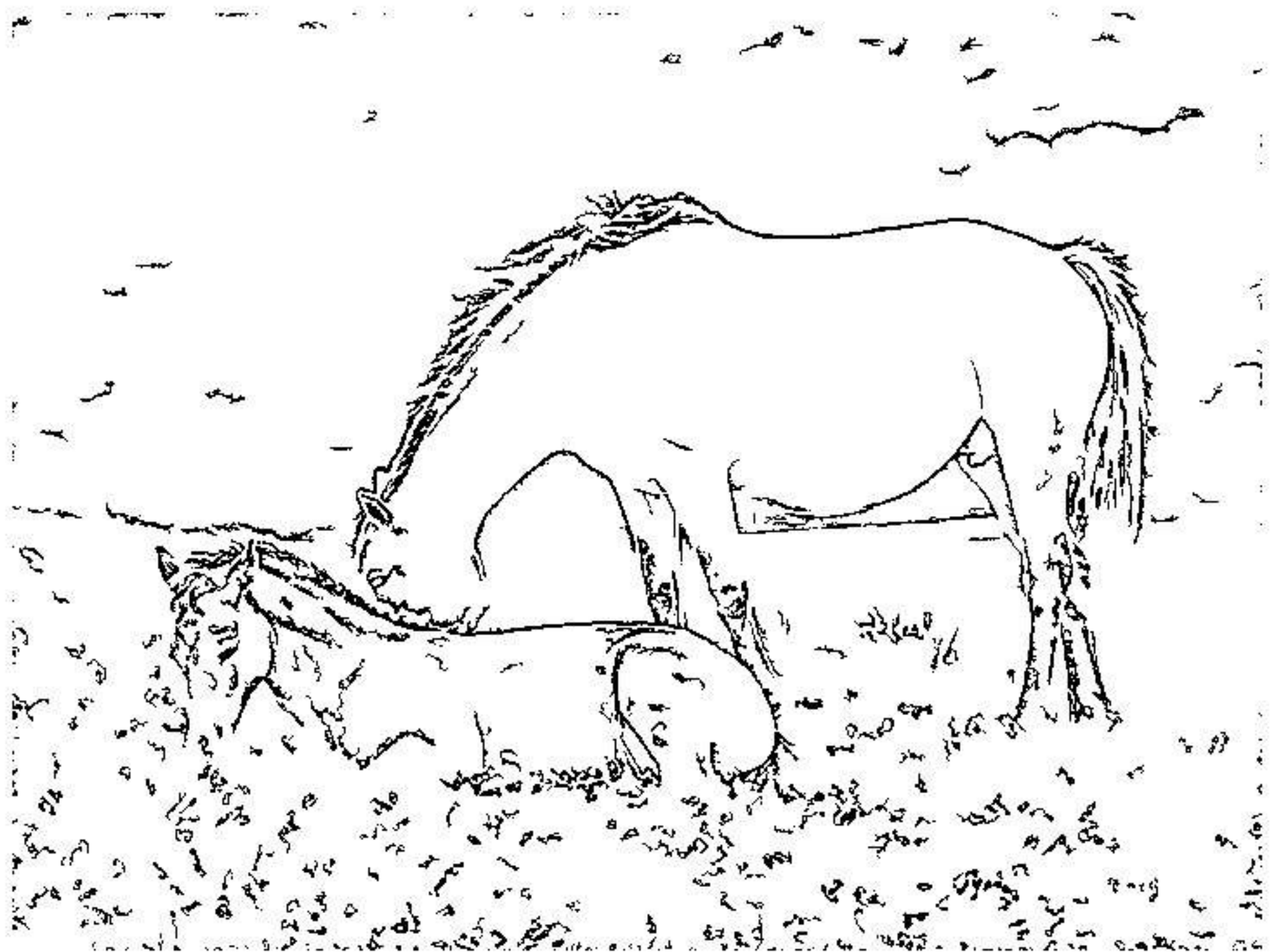
It might surprise you to know that the Connemara pony breed came from Scandinavia originally. (Scandinavia is a group of countries in the north of Europe: Denmark, Sweden and Norway). The Vikings who came to Ireland from Scandinavia, in the year 795 brought these horses.

Then centuries later, according to local legend, at the time in the 16th century when the Spanish Armada ships sank off Connemara's coast, their Arab horses were able to swim to shore. Once settled in their new home, they bred with the local Connemara ponies starting off a new wild, tough breed.

As these Arab horses were from the south of Spain, an area called Andalucia, they were known to be elegant and strong. So the Connemara ponies you can see there today are a mixture of both of these types of horses. They are known to be really kind and gentle, but also very hard working horses.

You can colour from the photo on the next page. Have fun!





Enjoyed this colouring page?

Find more by clicking on:

<https://travelinspires.org/colouring-pages/>



Did you show your parents your
colouring page?

Do they know Connemara?

They can discover Connemara and other
beautiful places by clicking on:

<https://travelinspires.org/galway-most-beautiful-places-few-local-legends/>