

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

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| <i>Limerick City Museum</i><br><a href="http://www.limerick.ie">www.limerick.ie</a>   | <i>Glenstal Abbey</i><br><a href="http://www.glenstal.org">www.glenstal.org</a>  | <i>Curraghchase Forest Park</i><br><a href="http://www.coillteoutdoors.ie">www.coillteoutdoors.ie</a>                             |
| <i>St. Mary's Cathedral</i><br><a href="http://www.limerick.ie">www.limerick.ie</a>   | <i>Lough Gur Visitors Centre</i><br><a href="http://www.loughgur.com">www.loughgur.com</a>   | <i>Anthony Sheehy [Askeaton Tour Guide]</i><br><a href="http://www.anthonysheehytours.com">www.anthonysheehytours.com</a>         |
| <i>The Hunt Museum</i><br><a href="http://www.huntmuseum.com">www.huntmuseum.com</a>  | <i>Irish Harp Centre</i><br><a href="http://www.irishharpcentre.com">www.irishharpcentre.com</a>   | <i>Basecamp Action Adventure Park</i><br><a href="http://www.basecampadventurepark.ie">www.basecampadventurepark.ie</a>           |
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| <i>Limerick Milk Market</i><br><a href="http://www.milkmarketlimerick.ie">www.milkmarketlimerick.ie</a>                           | <i>RetroVentures Ireland</i><br><a href="http://www.retroventuresireland.com">www.retroventuresireland.com</a>                                 | <i>Limerick Greyhound Stadium</i><br><a href="http://www.igb.ie">www.igb.ie</a>   |
| <i>Thomond Park</i><br><a href="http://www.thomondpark.ie">www.thomondpark.ie</a>   | <i>Irish Palatine Heritage Centre</i><br><a href="http://www.irishpalatines.org">www.irishpalatines.org</a>                                    |   |
|   | <i>Desmond Banqueting Hall</i><br><a href="http://www.heritageireland.ie">www.heritageireland.ie</a>   |   |
|   | <i>Great Southern Trail Greenway</i><br><a href="http://www.southerntrail.net">www.southerntrail.net</a>                                       |   |

...serving up everything from contemporary cuisine to traditional fare.

Continue up the main street, **O'Connell Street**, toward the elegant Georgian streets of the **Newtown Pery** area of the city, Limerick's Georgian Quarter. Explore one of the finest collections of Irish contemporary art at the **Limerick City Gallery of Art** and the area in which Pulitzer Prize winning author **Frank McCourt (Angela's Ashes)** grew up can all be found here. A fascinating **Museum** dedicated to Frank McCourt's life is on Hartstonge Street.

No visit to Limerick city would be complete, without a visit to its welcoming mix of legendary pubs and buzzing bars. Limerick has some great theatres, venues and performance spaces both here in the city and in Co. Limerick with a **live music scene** that is recognised nationally and new and established acts can regularly be found performing across many of our venues.

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**Demesne** or get some retail therapy in the town's excellent fashion and accessory boutiques.

Stop at **Abbeyfeale** and explore this appealing market town, or get off the beaten track and explore on foot or by bike, part of the **Great Southern Trail Greenway**, a unique 96km stretch of countryside which follows the route of the former Limerick to Tralee/Fenit Railway line.

Continue through **Mountcollins, Ashford and Broadford** villages at the foothills of the Mullaghareik Mountains. Take note of the simple yet poignant memorial to the **Great Irish Famine** in the Church grounds at Broadford and the village library, which is one of the Carnegie libraries built by the **American Carnegie Foundation** in the early 1900's.

Finish up your scenic West Limerick Drive in **Ballingarry**, where the ruins of the **DeLacy Castle**, originally built by the **Knights Templar** and **Knockfierna** (the Hill of Truth) can be seen.

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**N69 DRIVE**  
From the city, with **Limerick Greyhound Stadium** on your left, take the N69 to the very historic village of **Mungret**. In the general area of the village itself are locations mentioned in Frank McCourt's world famous book **Angela's Ashes**. From Mungret continue on through the villages of **Clarina** and **Kildimo**. Continue on to **Kilcornan**, where you will

find a cluster of fantastic family fun activities to keep you and your little ones entertained. Enjoy the great outdoors at the vast **Curraghchase Forest Park**, check out the selection of farm and exotic animals at **Stonehall Visitor Farm** or for something a little less sedate try a spot of **go-karting**. From Kilcornan, drive a short distance west (6km), hopping out of your car at **Askeaton** to soak up the local atmosphere and get a real sense of history. In medieval times, Askeaton was a stronghold of the Munster Geraldines, the Anglo-Norman Earls of Desmond. Here you will find **Askeaton Castle**, the **Hell Fire Club**, the ruins of the 14th Century **Franciscan Friary** and the ruins of the 13th Century **St. Mary's Church**. Don't pass up the opportunity to take a guided tour with local guide, **Anthony Sheehy**, who has been conducting tours of his home town for the last 30 years.

Take a short detour off the N69 to **Shanagolden** where adventure awaits in the form of **Basecamp Action Adventure Park** and get to grips with a whole host of action packed outdoor activities.

Continue on to **Foynes**, where a visit to the **Foynes Flying Boat Museum** on the main road is an absolute must! The museum recalls the era 1939 – 1945 when trans-Atlantic air traffic between Europe and North America centred on Foynes, with seaplanes using the sheltered strait between the village and Foynes Island. Foynes is also the

birthplace of the **Irish coffee**, concocted for cold and weary seaplane passengers arriving ashore at the air terminus. This part of Limerick is blessed with an abundance of beautiful gardens. Make sure to stop by **Knockpatrick and Boyce Gardens** as you're in the area.

Continue west along the N69 through Loughill as far as **Glin**. Situated on the banks of the Shannon Estuary, Glin is the former seat of the Knight of Glin and is home to the lovely **Glin Heritage Walks**.

From Glin continue on to **Tarbert**. The car ferry at Tarbert acts as the gateway between Clare and Kerry and indeed the **Wild Atlantic Way**. From here one can continue on the N69 through **Listowel** and on to **Tralee**, Co. Kerry or take the ferry to **Killimer** in Co. Clare and discover what this beautiful County has to offer.



**Experience LIMERICK TOURS**

**OVERVIEW**  
**START:** Limerick city  
**DURATION:** 3 – 4 days

Two to three nights in Limerick is ample time to explore some of the sights as set out in this guide. Accommodation in Limerick is plentiful, diverse and offers excellent hospitality and high standards.

Limerick is also the **Gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way**, so use it as a base for exploring Ireland's longest touring route. While you're here, make sure to engage with Limerick's locals – there is a reason why we are known as Ireland's friendliest county!

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**Please Note:**  
*This route is intended only as a suggestion. You can begin your journey from any point along the route. Please note and adhere to any signs stating 'Private Property'.*

**LIMERICK CITY**  
Where better to begin your **Experience Limerick Tours**, than in its city centre. Limerick is an ideal city to explore on foot or by the city's very own **Limerick Bike Scheme**. Limerick city, one of the oldest cities in Europe, is a Viking city dating back to the 9th century and is home to a multitude of historical and cultural treasures. Its castles, ancient walls and museums are a testament to its dramatic and captivating past. Explore King's Island - the **Medieval Quarter** of

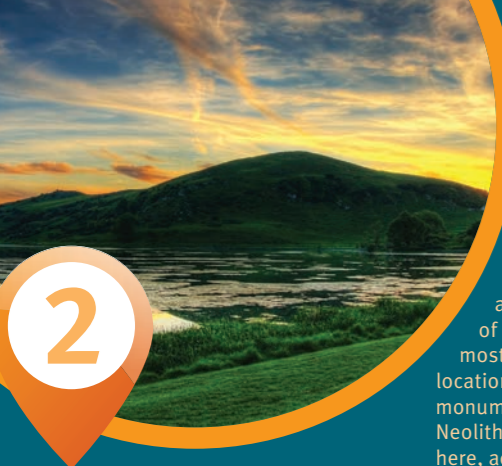


cottages, medieval buildings and rich heritage and is truly a gem in Limerick's crown. Antiques shops, boutiques, cozy country pubs and other retailers jostle for space with a half dozen or so restaurants, while the ruins that surround the village add their own counterpoint of timeworn and venerable character.

Further enhance your experience of Adare with a visit to the **farmers market** which takes place every Saturday, indulge in the finest **afternoon tea**, go **horse riding**, take in a day at the races at **Limerick Racecourse** at nearby Patrickswell, or go golfing in the area's world-class and much renowned **golf**



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**EAST COUNTY LIMERICK AND THE GOLDEN VALE DRIVE**  
Tour 2 takes you 13km north-east of the city on the N7 Limerick to Dublin Road, to the lovely village of **Castleconnell**. Visit the **Irish Harp Centre** or perhaps try a spot of **angling**. Take a walk by **Worrell's End** or **World's End**, referring to the fact that this quay was used during the Great Famine in the 1840's as an embarkation point for emigrants fleeing Ireland for the New World.

From here, continue by car to the village of **Murroe** where you will find the magnificent **Glenstal Abbey** (Note – Private property, however, visitors are welcome to walk in the grounds and to visit the church). Close by is the **Clare Glens** - a peaceful, wooded, walkers paradise. Enhance your East Limerick experience even further and check out the **electric bikes** from Go-Eco bikes in **Cappamore**.

Travel back to the main N7 road toward

the city and take the R512 heading in the direction of Kilmallock. The picturesque driving route you are embarking upon is known as the **Golden Vale Drive**, which will take you through some of the most lush, green and rolling pastures in Ireland. Continuing through Ballyneety and on to **Lough Gur**, 20km south of the city centre, is one of Ireland's most important archaeological locations, with a number of sites and monuments ranging in date from Neolithic to Medieval times. While you're here, actively engage with over 6,000 years of history at the fascinating **Lough Gur Heritage Centre**.

For lunch consider stopping off in the charming town of **Bruff** or check out what it was like to live in the 1900's at **Old Irish Ways**. Continue on to picturesque **Bruree**, famous for being the place where former President of Ireland, Eamon de Valera grew up. Make sure to stop off in the bustling Walled Town of **Kilmallock**. Kilmallock, also known as the crossroads of Munster, is an important Norman town and was at the centre of Ireland's political development from the 13th through to the 17th centuries. Nearby Kilmallock are the impressive villages and towns of **Kilfinane, Ballylanders, Galbally, Emly and Pallasgreen**.

It's no secret that this whole area is steeped in history but it is also a playground for outdoor pursuits with a whole host of activities designed to get your adrenalin pumping. Brush away the cobwebs on the longest trail network of its kind at the **Ballyhoura Mountain Bike**







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