

Ireland's
Shannon
Region

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FREE Visitor Guide

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Landmarks
& Towns

Amazing
Natural
Wonders

Fun
Outdoor
Activities

Great Shopping,
Entertainment
& Experiences

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The Fun Starts Here



Aside from the great river itself, the Shannon Region is perhaps best-known as being home to the Burren and the Cliffs of Moher—Ireland’s top scenic visitor attraction. But, extending as it does from the Lakelands right in the centre of Ireland to the Atlantic, the Shannon Region is home to many other wonders.



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a Hundred Thousand Welcomes – to Ireland’s Shannon Region!

Situated on the mighty Atlantic Ocean, the Shannon Region is renowned for its great beauty, activity and history and for its wealth of great visitor attractions and entertainments.

This free publication aims to enhance your visitor experience.

Plenty of choice

Variety is the essence of a good holiday, and the contents panel page gives you a sense of the range of attractions and entertainments on offer – from folk parks and show caves, visitor farms and dolphin-watching boat trips, historic houses and gardens, museums and bus tours through to Medieval Castle Banquets and Irish Music Evenings.

To help you choose where to visit, detailed information is included on each attraction / entertainment and shopping experience including location details, opening times, admission rates, sat nav co-ordinates, facilities, parking etc.

Enjoy!

Finally, we do hope that you take the time to explore the rich heritage and delights of the Shannon Region and that your ‘Daily Adventure’ is a rewarding and enjoyable one.

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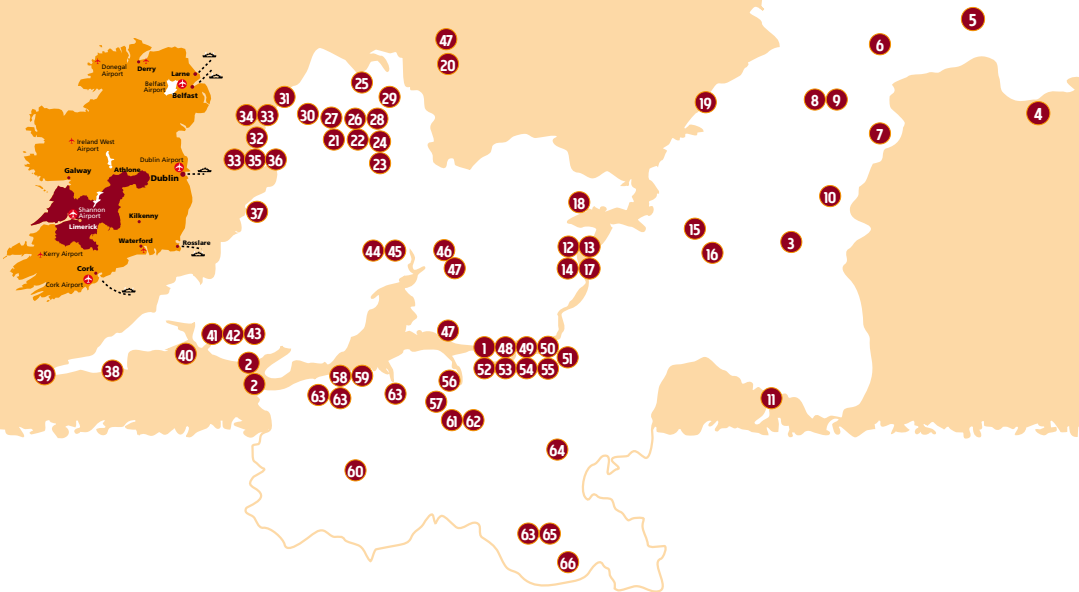


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Opening Dates and Times are subject to change and may vary throughout the seasons and by day of week. Establishments indicating 'open year-round' may still close, for instance, on Christmas Day. We recommend you verify dates and times directly with each featured establishment, particularly if travelling distances. Entertainments operate subject to demand and pre-booking is normally required.

Admission Rates

The admission rates quoted in this publication are the normal rates for individual adult admissions, children and families. Many of the featured attractions and entertainments do offer special rates for groups, students and seniors. The rates quoted are the 2016 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

Errors and Omissions

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Barratt Tours

Ennis, Co. Clare & Limerick City



Enjoy a magical day tour



Since 1998, Barratt Tours have been operating day tours from Limerick to a range of destinations. The tours offer the highest standards of personal service.

Cliffs of Moher Day Tour

An insight into the unique limestone landscape of The Burren while showing you places 'off the beaten track'—Caherconnell Stone Fort &

Sheepdog Demonstrations, Poul nabrone Tomb, Galway Bay and the famous Cliffs of Moher.

Blarney & Cork City Day Tour

Enjoy some magnificent scenery in Ireland's famous Golden Vale, kiss the Blarney Stone—which legend has it will give

you the gift of Irish eloquence! Take in some shopping at the Blarney Woollen Mills store before heading to Cork City to explore some of its spectacular architecture.

Discounts available on-line. Transfers from Dublin by train with connection to day tours in Limerick. Check the website for more details.

Visiting



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Limerick
Tel: 087-237 5986; 061-333 100
info@4tours.biz
www.4tours.biz



Departure Locations
All tours depart from bus stop @ Arthur's Quay in Limerick city centre. Collections available from most Hotels and B&B's



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Tour Start Times
Cliffs of Moher Tour
Depart Limerick at 09:45h
Collections available from some hotels and B&B's in Limerick, Ennis & Shannon

Blarney/Cork City Tour
Depart Limerick at 09:45h
Collections available from some hotels and B&B's in Limerick & Adare Limited winter programme, check website for details



Tours/Rates
Cliffs of Moher Tour everyday €27
Blarney/Cork City Tour Sat €30
10% reduction for Students & Seniors



Shannon Ferry

Killimer, Kilrush, Co. Clare



Bridging the best of Ireland's West



From early morning as the mist descends the Shannon Estuary, to the setting of the sun in the late of the evening, ShannonFerry will

take you and your vehicle on this memorable 20 minute journey across the estuary linking the iconic tourist destinations of the Banner County of Clare to the Kingdom of Kerry.

This is a lovely experience for visitors who would like a short break on their journey to relax as they sail across the majestic Shannon Estuary. As the only vehicle ferry trip on the main spine of the Wild Atlantic Way, this invigorating journey allows you experience the rugged nature of land and sea as you breathe in the fresh salty sea air that encapsulates Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way.



Contact
ShannonFerry Group
Killimer, Kilrush, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-905 3124
enquiries@shannonferries.com
www.shannonferries.com



Location
Killimer: 11 km off the N68 (between Ennis and Kilrush)—take R485 and R486. From the Burren & Cliffs of Moher, take the N67 to Killimer



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.61503, -9.38081 Killimer
52.5873, -9.3599 Tarbert



Ferry Times
Operates all year round, except Christmas Day. Ferry leaves Killimer every hour on the hour (07:00-19:00h) and Tarbert every hour on the half hour (07:30-19:30h) Half hourly sailings during high season months until 21:00h from Killimer and 21:30h from Tarbert



Admission Rates
Car single €18, return €28 (including passengers). Discounts available online @ shannonferries.com



Information
Visitor centre open 09:00-19:00h



Parking
Coach and car parking available





Barack Obama Plaza

Moneygall, Co. Offaly

The story of an Irish emigrant.



"From Moneygall to the White House" is an exciting exhibition that tells the story of how an Irish emigrant departed a small village in Co Offaly in 1851 in search of a better life. Little did Moneygall know that Falmouth Kearney the local shoemaker's son would become the 3rd Great Grandfather to

US President Barack Obama. The story is similar for so many with Irish ancestry and the exhibition tells the story of the Great Hunger and how it caused a mass of Irish to leave Irish soil. The exhibition also highlights the influence of the Irish abroad and the office of US Presidents, and there is a short film to explain the connection and the build up to the visit of President Obama to Moneygall. Restaurants, convenience store, services station and meeting rooms also on site.

Visiting



Contact
Barack Obama Plaza
Junction 23, M7, Moneygall,
Co. Offaly
Tel: 0505-45810
www.barackobamaplaza.ie



Location
Located on the M7 Motorway
Limerick to Dublin, Junction 23



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52.8848, -7.9453



Opening Times
Site open 24 hours a day
Visitor Centre 10:00-18:00h



Information
On-site - Supermac's, Papa John's,
Supersubs, Mac's Place, Tim Hortons
Café, Spar, Topaz Service Station,
Restrooms, Free WiFi



Parking
Ample free car and coach parking



Emo Court

Emo, Co. Laois

A tranquil haven of beauty



Emo Court, located in the village of Emo in County Laois is a neo-classical mansion. It was designed by the architect James Gandon in 1790 for the Earls of Portarlington and is a magnificent example of neo-classical style. During the

middle of the 20th century it was owned by the Jesuits, it was then acquired and extensively restored by Mr. Cholmeley-Harrison in the 1960s. The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens and parkland which were first laid out in the 18th century and contain formal lawns, a lake and woodland walks with many very fine trees and shrubs. It offers the visitor a truly tranquil experience. The house and gardens were taken into State ownership in 1994.

Visiting



Contact
Emo Court
Emo, Co. Laois
Tel: 057-862 6573
emocourt@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



Location
2.5 km from Emo (Accessed from
Kildare - Portlaoise Road - N7).
7 km from the Portarlington train
station



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53.1073, -7.1968



Opening Times
24th Mar to 28th Sept, daily 10:00-
18:00h. Gardens open all year every
day during daylight hours. Last
admission, one hour before closing



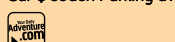
Admission Rates
Adult €4, Senior/Group €3
Child/Student €2, Family €10



Information
Access to house by guided tour only
Guided tours available hourly. Entry
to the garden free of charge, tours
available by prior booking
2.2 km walking loop of 20 acre lake
- walkers welcome. Cupcake Cafe at
Emo Tea Rooms - booking required
for groups



Parking
Car & coach Parking available





Tullamore D.E.W. Old Bonded Warehouse

Tullamore, Co. Offaly

Home of the legendary Irish whiskey



Situated right in the heart of Ireland, there is an incredible experience that has been waiting for you since 1829. Visit the newly renovated home of Tullamore D.E.W. Irish Whiskey and immerse yourself in the history and magic that lies

inside the walls of this 19th century bonded warehouse, where the whiskey making tradition began. The Visitor Centre is set on the banks of the Grand Canal, which was vital in allowing the former distillery

to transport whiskey to Dublin for distribution around the world.

Enjoy a guided tour which blends audio-visual and traditional storytelling, and raise a glass of complimentary Tullamore D.E.W. Irish Whiskey.

Visiting



Contact
Tullamore D.E.W.
Old Bonded Warehouse
Bury Quay, Tullamore, Co. Offaly
Tel: 057-932 5015
info@tullamoredeiw.com
www.tullamoredeiwvisitorcentre.com



Location
Tullamore is 1hr from Dublin and Galway, just off Exit 5 on the M6



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53.2777, -7.4932



Opening Times
Open all year
Mon to Sat: 09:30-18:00h
Sun/B Hols: 11:30-17:00h
Closed Dec 24th to Jan 1st



Admission Rates
Curious Taster's Journey:
Adult: €12, Senior/Student: €9
Families (2 adults and up to 3 children): €28

Whiskey Wise Masterclass:
Adults: €25, Time: 14:30h
Ultimate Distillery Experience:
Please call 057 932 5015 to book



Information
Fully licensed whiskey bar, restaurant and gift shop. Guided Tours available



Parking
Public parking available



Two Great Naturals

Co. Offaly

Parklands and Mountains

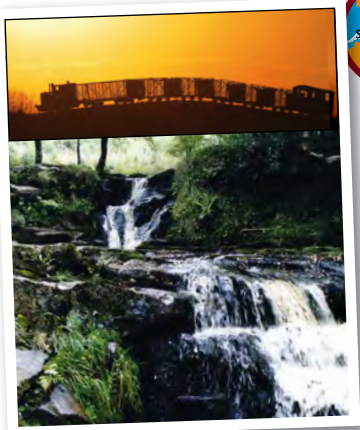
Lough Boora Parklands

A unique natural attraction, this park's boglands are now a habitat for a wide range of flora and fauna including over 130 species of bird. There are many walks to be enjoyed including Mesolithic Walk, Boora Lake Walk and the Sculpture Walk. 'Sculpture in the Parklands' — a collection of 15 outdoor sculptures is also on display here and worth a visit.

Slieve Bloom Mountains

The rolling hills of the Slieve Bloom Mountains are a land of forests and blanket bog rich in archaeology, history, tradition and culture. Enjoy one of the many day treks, eco walks and looped walks. Stop off points along the marked walks

include waterfalls, ring forts, eskers and much more. Maps are available from local tourist information offices/points. Some are available by download from the website.



Visiting



Contact
Lough Boora Parklands
www.loughboora.com
Slieve Bloom Mountains
www.slievebloom.ie
Mid Ireland Tourism (Mon-Fri)
Tel: 057-912 0923
info@midirelandtourism.ie
www.midirelandtourism.ie



Location
Lough Boora Parklands: on the R357 between the villages of Cloghan and the Blueball. Slieve Bloom Mountains: Trailheads of walks are located at various points around the mountain. See website for details



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Lough Boora 53.2336, -7.7201
Slieve Bloom 53.0744, -7.6123



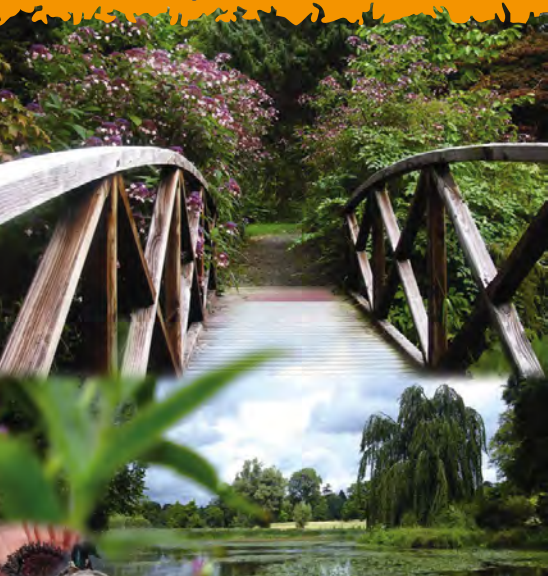
Parking
Lough Boora parklands: parking available on-site
Slieve Bloom Mountains: parking available at trailheads





Birr Castle Gardens & Science Centre

Birr, Co. Offaly



‘In the heart of Ireland, a park that has won Guinness Records, a green jewel of world renown’

Eliana Ferioli - The Great Gardens of Europe



Ireland's Largest Treehouse and Award Winning Gardens

See the world in 120 acres. Meander through beautifully landscaped and natural parkland with 5 km of walking paths, boasting a worldwide plant collection.

The Millennium Gardens are surrounded by the romantic Hornbeam Cloister walk, with plants exclusive to the Demesne and the world's tallest box hedges.

The Treehouse Adventure Area features Ireland's largest treehouse, bouncy pillow, picnic

areas and sand pits.

World Famous 'Great Telescope'

Discover the largest telescope in the World for over 70 years, created by the 3rd Earl of Rosse in the 1840's on the Castle grounds.

Ireland's Historic Science Centre

Travel back to the time of the earlier Earls and Countesses of Rosse, and explore the interactive galleries of astronomy, engineering and photography.



Visiting

Contact

Birr Castle Gardens & Science Centre
Birr, Co. Offaly
Tel: 057-912 0336
mail@birrcastle.com
www.birrcastle.com



Location

In the centre of Birr Town which is conveniently located in the centre of Ireland, with easy access from all major roadways and cities



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53.0967, -7.9143



Opening Times

Open every day of the year
March to Oct 09:00-18:00h
Nov to Feb 10:00-16:00h
Full programme of events available on-line at www.birrcastle.com



Admission Rates

Adult €9. Child (5-12 years) €5
Children Under 4 Free
Student/Senior €7.50
Family (2 adults and 2 children) €25
Guided Tours €25
Group rate €7



Information

The Courtyard Café (opens seasonally)
Discovery Gift Shop (open year round)



Parking

Free coach parking





Birr Heritage Town

Birr, Co. Offaly

Turning back the clock to the elegance of the Georgian era, Birr has stayed true to its 18th and 19th Century character, with tree-lined malls and avenues and wonderful Georgian Architecture.

The narrow main streets retain their beautiful shop fronts. There are also two churches and a Wesley Chapel built in the gothic style. Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre is a must see.



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Location

Birr is just 35 minutes north of Nenagh and is located at the junction of the National Routes, N62 and N52



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53.0960, -7.9105



Information

Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafés and shopping available



Parking

Public on street parking

Roscrea Heritage Centre

– Roscrea Castle & Damer House

Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Roscrea Castle consists of a gate tower, curtain walls and two corner towers dating from the 1280s. The rooms are furnished and some house exhibitions.

Built in the early 18th century in the Queen Anne style, Damer House is an example of pre-Palladian architecture. Within the complex, there is a restored mill displaying original St. Cronan's high cross and pillar stone.



Visiting



Contact

Roscrea Heritage Centre - Roscrea Castle & Damer House, Castle Street Roscrea, Co. Tipperary
Tel: 0505-21850
roscreaheritage@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9551, -7.7980



Opening Times

24th Mar to 14th Sept
Daily 10:00-18:00h
Last admission 45mins before closing



Admission Rates

Adult €4, Senior/Group €3, Family €10
Child/Student €2. Guided tours on request



Parking

Public car & coach park close to site

Holy Cross Abbey

Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Holy Cross Abbey is one of Ireland's National Monuments. Anyone interested in ecclesiastical sites will have this at the top of their 'to visit' list. Founded in the 12th century by Donal Mor O'Brien for the Benedictine Order, but later transferred to the Cistercians, it was abandoned in the 1600s. The Abbey has been lovingly restored to its former glory as one of Ireland's finest Irish 15th century churches.



Visiting



Contact

Nenagh Tourist Office (Seasonal)
Banba Square, Nenagh Co. Tipperary
Tel: 067-31610
nenaghtio@failteireland.ie



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52.6391, -7.8685



Information

Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafés and shopping available



Parking

Ample parking available



Killaloe River Cruises

Ballina Killaloe, Lough Derg, Co. Clare

Tours of the River Shannon and Lough Derg



Enjoy a tour of the River Shannon and Lough Derg from the picturesque Heritage Town of Killaloe, a 20 minute drive from Limerick or Nenagh. Escape to a carefree world where you can relax and unwind as you cruise along the calm sheltered waters of Ireland's pleasure lake.

Two modern boats are in operation suitable for all ages:

Spirit of Killaloe - a 50 seater

passenger boat with on board bar facilities and an upper viewing deck.

Spirit of Lough Derg—a 12 seater passenger boat fully enclosed with outside seating.

A commentary is provided on interesting sites as you cruise by.

Killaloe is a charming heritage town with a wide variety of shops, cafés, bars, restaurants and boutiques.

Visiting



Contact

Killaloe River Cruises
Lakeside Drive
Ballina/Killaloe, Co. Clare
Tel: 086-814 0559
www.killaloerivercruises.com



Location

At the pier on the Ballina side of the bridge in Killaloe, directly in front of Flanagan's Bar and Restaurant
Just 7 km from J27 off the M7



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52.8096, -8.4407



Sailing Times

Several departures daily
Reservations necessary. Cruise lasts for 1 hour. Private charter available, groups of up to 50 people catered for



Admission Rates

Adult €14
Senior (65+) €12.50
Children (16 and under) €7.50
Family (2a & 2c) €40, (2a & 3c) €45



Information

Licensed bar, tea and coffee on board the Spirit of Killaloe



Parking

Free car and coach parking



Ballina Killaloe

Birthplace of Brian Boru

Ballina Killaloe, Lough Derg, Co. Clare

On Limerick's Doorstep

Just under 20 minutes from Limerick, Killaloe was once Ireland's capital as the 11th century seat of Brian Boru (940-1014), High King of Ireland.

Killaloe connects Clare and Tipperary with a 13 arch bridge to the village of Ballina. 13th century St. Flannan's Cathedral, unique for its stone carving inscriptions is in Killaloe, while

both villages host restaurants, galleries and shops as well as a Sunday Farmers Market.

The Lough Derg Way & The East Clare Way walking routes offer spectacular views of Lough Derg along the way. Killaloe Ballina is a popular spot for fishing and many watersports activities.



Visiting



Contact

Ballina Killaloe Tourist Office (seasonal)
Nenagh Tourist Office
Tel: 067-31610 (seasonal)



Location

20 minutes from Limerick



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.8073, -8.4402



Information

A range of restaurants, cafés, shopping and accommodation available



Parking

Ample parking available





Discover

Counties Clare, Tipperary, Galway



The River Shannon's Pleasure Lake

Lough Derg has 179 km of indented shoreline, stretching over 40 km from Portumna at its northern tip to Killaloe and Ballina in the south. 12 kms, at its widest point, Lough Derg is an area of great charm, natural beauty and heritage.

Many exciting activity options are available in the Lough Derg area that will inspire, relax or energise you. Spectacular countryside terrain and the wonderful waters of the lake make an ideal setting for many pursuits.



Angling & Watersports

Lough Derg is also an excellent angling destination with many operators around the lake providing the necessary boats, ghillies and services. Canoeing, waterskiing, kayaking, paddle boarding and sub aqua diving are some of the high energy options that can be enjoyed if you bring your own equipment or in some cases hire locally.



Walking

Walking trails such as the East Clare Way and the Lough Derg Way allow you to spend a few days exploring the rolling hills by foot. If you're seeking a shorter excursion there are a number of forest parks and circular walkways which can be enjoyed for just a couple of hours. Many of them are situated on the lake's surrounding mountains where stunning scenery is guaranteed.





Lough Derg

Heritage

Over 90 heritage sites are accessible around Lough Derg as the lake has a long history of habitation and its shores have been settled since prehistoric times. In the early medieval times it served as an integral part of the water highway from the Atlantic Ocean to the Irish midlands and beyond. Climb the 101 steps of the 13th Century Nenagh Castle or travel back in time at The Irish Workhouse Centre in Portumna. Holy Island/Inis Cealtra in the middle of Lough Derg is a must visit to explore the heritage and history of Lough Derg.



Towns & Villages

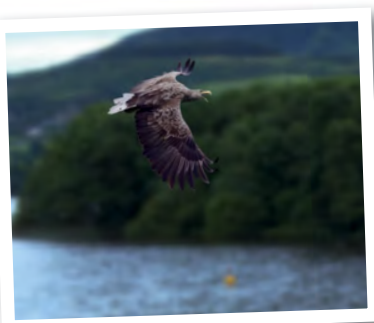
Towns and villages like Killaloe, Ballina, Portumna, Mountshannon and beyond offer a wealth of lively pubs, bistros and fine dining options as well as, antiques, fine architecture, traditional Irish music, local art and craft pieces and great shopping.

Whether you visit for a day or a week, opt for a cruiser, the luxury of a stately home, the facilities of a hotel, or the fun of a farmhouse holiday, you'll find that perfect holiday accommodation in the Lough Derg area.



The White Tailed Eagle

In 2013 the first white tailed eagles born in Ireland in over a century hatched near Mountshannon on Lough Derg. These amazing birds and chicks can be easily viewed using binoculars and scopes from the shore at Mountshannon Harbour or the newly opened bird hide also at Mountshannon. As the birds only selected Lough Derg as their home in 2011 please follow any local viewing instructions to avoid disturbance.



More Information

Lough Derg is a destination bursting with locations, experiences, sites, and activities to explore. This information offers only a flavour of the possibilities. For comprehensive information, and further details you are best advised to ask locally and log onto www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie

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Contact

www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie



Location

Counties Clare, Tipperary, Galway

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HISTORIC SITES

Portumna Castle 53.0927, -8.2185
Nenagh Castle 52.8650, -8.1981
Holy Island 52.9151, -8.4517



LAKESIDE TOWNS & VILLAGES

Dromineer 52.9248, -8.2756
Killaloe/Ballina 52.8088, -8.4475
Terryglass Village and Harbour 53.0564, -8.1987
Mountshannon 52.9317, -8.4298
Nenagh 52.8650, -8.1981
Ogonneloe 52.8869, -8.4589
Portore/Garrykennedy 52.8926, -8.3576
Portumna 53.0927, -8.2185
Puckane 52.9318, -8.2385
Scarriff 52.9088, -8.5331
Tuamgraney 52.8985, -8.5410
Whitegate 52.9505, -8.3729
Woodford 53.0521, -8.4002

VIEWING POINTS

Ballycuggeran Woods 52.8346, -8.4625
Lookout 52.8795, -8.3948
Millennium Cross 52.8553, -8.3978
Portumna Forest Park 53.0904, -8.2452
Tountinna 52.8472, -8.3922

LAKESIDE PARKS

Two-Mile-Gate 52.8346, -8.4625
Castlelough 52.8870, -8.3942
Dromineer 52.9248, -8.2756
Ballina 52.8102, -8.4415
Mountshannon 52.9317, -8.4298





John Hanly & Co. Ltd

Factory Shop

Nenagh, Lough Derg, Co. Tipperary

A unique shopping experience

John Hanly & Co. Ltd was established in 1893 and since then has been weaving quality fabrics and accessories in cashmere, merino wool, lambswool and mohair. These products are sold to top brands, designers and quality retailers around the world.

In the Factory Shop see the complete collection of Hanly scarves, shawls, throws, gents and ladies jackets and tweed caps. The shop also stocks an extensive selection of quality Irish Knitwear, table linen and unique crafts and gifts from all over Ireland.

The Factory Shop is open only when the factory is open. During holiday time it is advisable to ring in advance to make sure the shop is open.



Visiting



Contact

John Hanly & Co. Ltd
Ballyartella Woollen Mills
Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Tel: 067-24278
jhanly@iol.ie
www.johnhanly.com



Location

Situated in Ballyartella just 1 km off the R495 (the Nenagh to Dromineer Road) Follow the signs



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9019, -8.2397



Opening Times

Open 10:00-18:00h Monday to Friday (closed 12:45-13:15h)



Information

Orders shipped world wide



Parking

Free car parking on-site



Nenagh

Nenagh, Lough Derg, Co. Tipperary

Historic Market Town



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Nenagh, which is the largest town in north Tipperary, has had a long history of being a market town and a county town. Its streetscapes, scale, and buildings all speak of a glorious past and vibrant community.

As a compact town a visitor walking its streets can view or visit its Franciscan Friary ruins, old Jailhouse block and gateway, restored Courthouse, newly reopened Castle, and the Nenagh Heritage Centre in the old

Governor's House.

Close to Lough Derg where you can try sailing, canoeing and boat hire. Try one of the many walking and cycling routes that start in the town or enjoy Nenagh Town Park.

Visiting



Contact

Nenagh Tourist Office (seasonal)
Banba Square, Nenagh Co. Tipperary
Tel: 067-31610
nenaghtio@faihteireland.ie
www.nenagh.ie



Location

West of the M7 Dublin to Limerick motorway, exits 24 & 26 9 km east of Lough Derg



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8642, -8.1975



Opening Times

Nenagh Heritage Centre:
Tues to Fri 10:00-16:00h
North Tipperary Genealogy Centre:
Tues to Fri 10:00-16:00h
Nenagh Castle: Tues to Sat 10:00-13:00h & 14:00-16:30h (Last admission 15:45h)



Information

Great range of historic buildings, restaurants, cafés, accommodation, and shopping available.



Parking

Ample parking available





Saint Flannan's Cathedral

Ballina Killaloe, Lough Derg, Co. Clare

Built in the Gothic style



Killaloe Cathedral is part of a Western Ireland tradition of church building and dates from the transition between the Romanesque and Gothic periods. Its style is mainly

Oak Screen; 13th century font; and its spectacular East Window – erected in 1865, it is made up in three sections which together measure 11 metres high and nearly 5 metres wide.

Gothic but there are traces of earlier styles.

Features within the cathedral which are worth exploring are the 12th century Romanesque Doorway; an Ogham Stone dating to about 1,000AD, a 12th century High Cross; the cathedral's large

Visiting



Contact

Saint Flannan's Cathedral
Royal Parade, Killaloe
Killaloe/Ballina, Co. Clare
Tel: 061-374 779
www.cathedral.killaloe.anglican.org



Location

Killaloe/Ballina is the primary visitor town from which to explore Lough Derg. It is 30 mins from Shannon Airport and just 5 mins off the M7 (exit 27)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8062, -8.4395



Opening Times

Please note that while the cathedral is a national monument it is also in constant use by the Anglican Community. Visitors are welcome to attend services and to visit the cathedral when in the area



Admission Rates

There are no admission rates
Contributions appreciated



Parking

Available on nearby streets or near the tourist office (on the bridge)



Mountshannon

Mountshannon, Lough Derg, Co. Clare

A beautiful & scenic village dating to the 18th century



Mountshannon is an attractive village near the Clare shoreline of Lough Derg which offers many amenities to visitors. Activities include golfing, woodland walking, cycling, boating, fishing and swimming.

The locality has some very interesting historical sights such as Ringforts and a Wedge Tomb known locally as

"The Dolmen". No visit would be complete without a trip to Holy Island one of the most famous monastic settlements in Ireland established in the 8th Century. Its many attractions include a well preserved Round Tower, the ruins of six churches and a cell like structure which is one of the most extraordinary buildings in Ireland. Boat trips and guided tours available.

The focal point of the village of Mountshannon is Aistear Iniscealtra, a 4.5 acre community park. There are over three and a half thousand trees, plants and shrubs planted throughout the park. A large green area has been retained for recreational and relaxation purposes.

Visiting



Contact

Mountshannon
Lough Derg, Co. Clare
www.mountshannon.com



Location

Located on the shores of Lough Derg, East Clare on the R352



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9319, -8.4279



Information

Restaurants, Pubs and Cafés



Parking

There is on street parking available



Portumna

Portumna, Lough Derg, Co. Galway

On Lough Derg, Ireland's pleasure lake

A Georgian Town set on the idyllic banks of Lough Derg, Portumna is a main centre for hire cruisers and watersports. Activities include walking, cycling, golf, go-karting and equestrian sports.

Portumna's public Forest Park offers a first-class wheelchair and buggy-friendly walkway and viewing platform along with other forest walks.

Portumna Castle and Gardens is a semi-fortified house built in 1618 with grounds. The ground floor of the castle is open to the public.

Portumna is also a great base for a wide range of local attractions, including Pallas Karting & Paintball, Shannon



Cruising, Dartfield Horse Museum, Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna Dominican Priory, Seoltoiri Sailing School, Sieve Aughty Riding Centre, Portumna Golf Club, Galway East Ecclesiastical Trails, the Friday Country Market and Portumna Architectural Walking Tours. There is free parking available all over Portumna.

Visiting

Contact

Portumna
Lough Derg, Co. Galway
www.portumna.net
www.discoverloughderg.ie

Location

Portumna is a town in the South-East of County Galway, on the border of County Tipperary. The town is located to the West of the point where the River Shannon enters Lough Derg

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0923, -8.2193

Information

Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafes and shopping available

Parking

On street and off street public parking available adjacent to the town centre



Burren Nature Sanctuary

Kinvara, Co. Galway



Interpretive centre for the natural history of the Burren

The mile long Burren walk takes you through karst limestone pavement, hazel and ash woodland, past wildflowers and orchids in season, the magical disappearing lake and Burren Botany Bubble exhibit.

Facilities include a state of the art adventure playground, sand building site, indoor play zone, farm pets and fairy woodland.

The Sanctuary café offers delicious, freshly cooked, local produce; scones, cakes, savoury tarts, fishcakes, and fresh salads from the organic polytunnel.

Try the hazelnut, cheddar and spinach savoury scone with local nettle & garlic cheese with a delicious seaweed salad. Also serving Tom Tom artisan coffee.



The award winning Burren Nature Sanctuary is the interpretive centre for the natural history of the Burren.

Visiting

Contact

Burren Nature Sanctuary
Cloonasee, Kinvara
Co. Galway
Tel: 091-637 444
info@bns.ie
www.bns.ie

Location

Driving Directions:
Turn left at Sextons bar in Kinvara take the right hand fork 1 km on the left

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.1288, -8.9278

Opening Times

Open daily 10:00-18:00h
Check website in low season

Admission Rates

Sept to May, Children <3 €4, Children >3 €8, Adults €4. Family day pass (2 + 3) €28
May to Aug, Children <3 €5 Children >3 €10 Adults €5 Family day pass €35 Groups and yearly membership discounts available

Information

Fully wheelchair accessible building, café, gift shop parties and groups

Parking

Free on-site parking





Ted Tours

Kilfenora, Co. Clare

Ted Tours – that's MAD, Ted...



Visit the locations from the hit TV series 'Father Ted' and discover the REAL Craggy Island (no ferry trip is necessary). Follow in the footsteps of Ted, Dougal, Jack and Mrs. Doyle. Drink in their local pubs, have tea & cake with the real Mrs. Doyle, re-enact "My Lovely Horse", or dress as your

favourite character... any kind of madness is possible! We really are the experts when it comes to all things Ted, with local knowledge beyond belief we can take you to places you never thought existed! Fancy dress and props are provided. Tours start in Kilfenora, with pick up available in Ennistymon or Doolin. Tours, tea and cakes at the Father Ted House and pick up in Ennistymon or Doolin must be booked in advance to avoid disappointment. Book it all online at www.tedtours.com

Visiting

Contact

Ted Tours
The Burren Hub
Kilfenora, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 8846
www.tedtours.com

Location

30km from Ennis, take the R476 through Corofin until you reach Kilfenora. Located in the Burren Hub on the left as you enter Kilfenora Free parking opposite. Online booking available

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9898, -9.2166

Opening Times

Tours on Thurs, Fri, Sat, & Sun from Apr to Oct. Call to book outside these times. Shop open Tue-Sun 10:00-18:00h Apr to Oct

Admission Rates

Tours €25 per adult, €20 per child
Tea and cakes at the Father Ted house €10 per adult, €8 per child
Father Ted souvenirs from €1

Information

Father Ted souvenirs, refreshments available to take away; free wifi; tourist information and booking facilities

Parking

Free parking



e-whizz Electric Bikes

Kilfenora, Co. Clare

The easier way to see the scenery

Enjoy the scenery of the Wild Atlantic Way and the Burren on a high quality Kalkhoff electric bike. Standard bikes and child seats are also available. Simply hire a bike, or take one of our self-guided tours and discover the hidden secrets of North Clare.

The self-guided tour, provides you with a bike, a safe, off-main-road route to follow, as well as helmet, panniers and other accessories to make your adventure complete. Advice is also given on places to stop for refreshments along the way.

Bike through the stunning Burren landscape and quiet roads to the coast, through small villages and rural areas. You will see prehistoric sites,

medieval castles, cliffs and beautiful coastline, visit lovely cafes, restaurants and bars, marvel at the beauty of the Aran Islands with a ferry ride from Doolin Pier or relax in a quiet spot with a picnic.

No experience of electric bikes required, it's as easy as riding a bike!

Bikes can be delivered to Doolin Pier or to your accommodation for an additional charge.



Visiting

Contact

e-whizz
The Burren Hub
Kilfenora, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 8846
www.e-whizz.com

Location

30km from Ennis, take the R476 through Corofin until you reach Kilfenora. On entering Kilfenora the Burren Hub is on your left

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9898, -9.2166

Opening Times

10:00-18:00h Tues to Sun from April to Oct. Call to book outside these times

Rates

Bike hire from €20, tours from €30, bike delivery from €7 per bike

Information

Take away refreshments available, free wifi; tourist information and booking facilities. Guided tours available by pre-arrangement
Online booking available
Free entry to the Cliffs of Moher for cyclists

Parking

Free parking opposite





Clare Heritage & Genealogy Centre

Burren National Park Information Point

Corofin, Co. Clare

Trace your roots & discover your past

Founded in 1982, this flagship Genealogical Centre has the largest collection of genealogical material housed in any one place, to enable persons with Co. Clare roots to trace their forebears. The parish registers from all of Co. Clare's 47 parishes form the core of a unique database that includes a range of Civil Records comprising rentals, valuations, tithe assessments, estate maps and papers, census returns, obituaries and gravestone inscriptions.

Located within the campus is the Clare Heritage Museum, an award-winning presentation of the material aspects of

19th century social, educational and folk life. The Burren Information Point provides information on the Burren National Park and includes free guided walks of the National Park in addition to a free Bus service to the Park from May to August.



Visiting



Contact

Clare Heritage & Genealogy Centre
Church Street
Corofin, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-683 7955
clareheritage@gmail.com
www.clareroots.com



Location

13 km north of Ennis, on R476



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.9420, -9.0653



Opening Times

All year, Mon to Fri, 09:00-17:00h
Museum: May to Oct, 10:00-17:00h
Burren Information Point:
Apr to Sep 10:00-17:00h



Admission Rates

Museum: Adult €4. Children (5 years or under) Free. (6-18 years) €3



Information

Tourist Information Point. Burren National Park Information Point located at the Centre
Free Bus to Burren National Park daily from May to August



Parking

On street for cars and coaches



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www.heritageireland.ie



The Burren Centre & The Kilfenora Ceili Band Parlour

Kilfenora, Co. Clare



Gateway to the Burren

The story of the Burren is excitingly captured in 'A Walk Through Time' multi-dimensional exhibition at The Burren Centre in Kilfenora. The story unfolds through a series of vignettes, models, slides, artefacts and information panels.

Visitors get a comprehensive introduction to the geology, flora and fauna of the region, and an understanding of the history and effects of man on the unique landscape.

Beautifully displayed artefacts, original works of art and enthralling life-like reproductions of human activity combine to provide an insight into the rich heritage of the Burren.

A visit to The Burren Centre Tea Rooms is a must where you will find all the best in traditional home made cuisine. Browse in the Craft Shop where exquisite locally produced crafts are on sale. A must see tourist attraction.

The Kilfenora Ceili Band Parlour

Take a walk down memory lane and enjoy the exciting new exhibition entitled The Kilfenora Ceili Band Parlour which explores the music and history of this internationally renowned band. Exhibits provide a unique opportunity to trace the music and history of the internationally renowned Kilfenora Ceili Band. With the help of top of the range visual displays, artefacts, musical instruments, artwork and acoustics the music of The Kilfenora Ceili Band will visually and aurally come to life before you. The exhibition is in an intimate setting and will take you on a rare musical treat of the music of the new and old band. If you plan on visiting the Burren region this is a musical journey of discovery not to be missed, it has to be experienced.



Visiting



Contact
The Burren Centre and The Kilfenora Ceili Band Parlour (Gateway to the Burren) Kilfenora, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 8030
info@theburrencentre.ie
www.theburrencentre.ie



Location
On the R476 between Ennis and Lisdoonvarna, 24 km from Ennis, 8 km from Lisdoonvarna, 8 km from Ennistymon and 22 km from Ballyvaughan



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9902, -9.2165



Opening Times
Open daily. Last admission half an hour before closing time
Mar 12 to May 31, 10:00-17:00h
June 1 to Aug 31, 09:30-17:30h
Sept 1 to mid-Oct, 10:00-17:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €6. Student/Senior €5
Children (6 years or under) free
(6-16 years) €4
Family (2+4) €20



Information
Extensive tearooms
Spacious craft shop



Parking
Free parking for cars and coaches





Aillwee and Birds of Prey

Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare



Ireland's Premier Show Cave



bears. Your guide will bring you safely back to the outside world, where you can shop and browse through distinctly different Gift Shops housed in an award-winning complex.

An Experience Not To Be Missed!

Aillwee Cave – The Cave underground

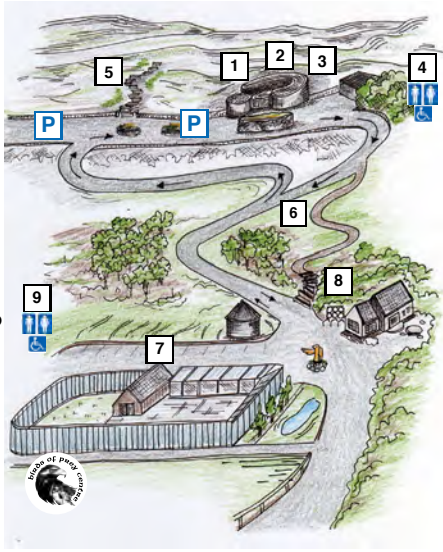
The Burren is a place full of wonder, beauty and discovery. Aillwee welcomes you to its underground surprises – CAVE of beauty. Expert guides will accompany you during your leisurely tour. Take a 35 minute stroll through the beautiful caverns, over bridged chasms, under weird formations and alongside the thunderous waterfall which sometimes gently sprays the unsuspecting visitor!

Marvel at the frozen waterfall and explore the hibernation chambers of long-extinct brown

Gift Shop and Coffee Shop

After your visit to the underground sit back in the tearoom and enjoy a homemade scone and a hot cup of coffee....

Lunches are available throughout the day.



FACILITIES ON SITE

- 1. Information, Cave Tours & Cave Entrance
- 2. Gift Shops
- 3. Tea Rooms
- 4. Toilets
- 5. Mountain Walk
- P = Parking
- 6. Woodland Craft Village with daily demonstrations, the Archery Range, Woodland Craft Courses
- 7. Birds of Prey Centre
- 8. Farm Shop
- 9. Toilets





Cave Educational Centre



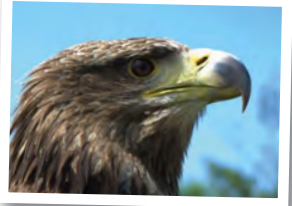
Birds of Prey Educational Centre

The Birds of Prey Educational Centre is set against the most stunning backdrops the Burren can offer and is home to one of the largest and most varied collection of Birds of Prey in the county – Eagles, Falcons, Hawks and Owls. Interactive information boards and audio guides provide further insight into all aspects of Birds of Prey. Daily flying displays provide a rare opportunity to see many species in dramatic free flight.



A Hawk Walk

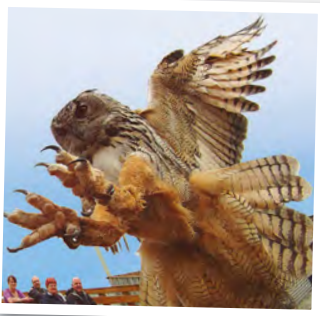
Take a "Walk with a Hawk", a once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with one of nature's top predators, all in the unique setting of Aillwee Mountain. To make a booking and for further details – Tel 065-7077036.



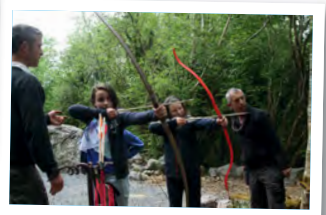
Woodland Craft Village

Woodland Craft Village is a hive of activity as villagers share with and educate visitors on their skills of wilderness survival and techniques in the art of Woodland Crafts.

Wood carving, Bow making, Fire Lighting Techniques, and Willow Craft are all skills that are in danger of becoming no more than historical lore. By sharing in their preservation, visitors of all ages are empowered to reconnect with their environment. A variety of Craft Courses and Summer Bushcraft Camps are available during the summer months.



Archery is a great sport for all ages and abilities. At Aillwee no experience is needed: all equipment and training will be provided. Your session will give you a hands-on experience of this ancient art. The resident



archer will offer tips and advice. You will leave with new skills and knowledge of a sport that is timeless and lots of fun for all.

Burren Gold Cheese

The Farm Shop at Aillwee has been the production site for the award winning Burren Gold Cheese since 1985.

Milk for the farmhouse cheese is sourced from a neighbouring farm, where their Friesian Dairy Herd graze the unique rich grasses and herbs of the spectacular Burren region of North County Clare. Burren Gold is a firm textured Gouda style cheese with a rich creamy taste. It comes in a variety of flavours – Plain, Smoked, Cumin, Garlic & Nettle and for something a little more exotic-Piri Piri. Why not pop in to the Farmshop and taste some delicious Burren Gold Cheeses! You may even be lucky enough to see the cheese maker at work.



Visiting

Contact
Aillwee Cave
Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-707 7036
info@aillweecave.ie
www.aillweecave.ie

Location
5 km south of Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare just off the R480

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0918, -9.1503

Opening Times
Open daily all year 10:00 –17:30h
(Jul & Aug, 10:00–18:30h)
NB. End of Nov and all of Dec mornings only

Admission Rates
Cave Tour € Birds of Prey Centre:
Adult €18
Children €10
Family Tickets €44/€50

Information
Gift Shop and Tea Room. Farm Shop with Cheese and Fudge Making

Parking
Extensive parking for cars and coaches



Poulnabrone Dolmen

Carron, Co. Clare

Portal Tomb that dates back to 3200 BC



The Burren's built history has left the ruins of round towers, ancient churches, high crosses, tombs, and holy wells.

On the side of the main R480 road from Corofin to Ballyvaughan, the Poulnabrone Dolmen is one such example of the Burren's built history. This ancient portal tomb dates back to the Neolithic period, 3200BC.

It comprises of a tabular capstone supported by two slender portal stones, and bordered by a nearby cairn.

While it is one of over 150 dolmens in Ireland, the magnificence of this dolmen means that it is often regarded as one of Ireland's most photographed monuments.

The final resting place of some of the first farmers of the Burren, it is a mystical place to wind down after a long day, as one sits in the peaceful and scenic surroundings of this unique landscape. While there take a picture through the dolmen as the sun descends in this special place.

Visiting



Location

Near Carron, just off the R480 road from Corofin to Ballyvaughan

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0469, -9.1409

Parking
Off road parking



Caherconnell Fort

& Sheepdog Demonstrations

Carron, Co. Clare

A modern experience of our magnificent past

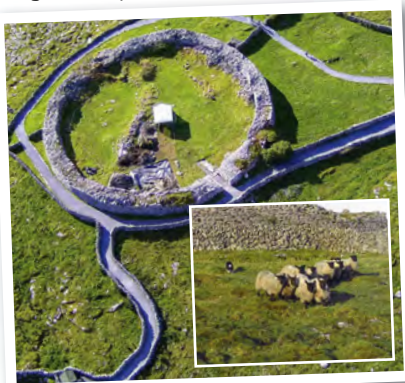
The Fort

A family run business, Caherconnell Fort is one of the best preserved stone forts in the Burren. The impressive visitor centre at Caherconnell provides a modern experience of our magnificent past.

Ongoing excavations by the Caherconnell Archaeological Field School have yielded fascinating results, enhancing Caherconnell's reputation as a prominent archaeological site.

Sheepdog Demonstrations

Home to the only Sheepdog Demonstrations in the Burren, Caherconnell has featured on RTE's Nationwide and is a CIE Tours International Award of Excellence winner. Demonstrations daily March-October. Please see the website for times.



Visiting



Contact

Caherconnell Fort
Carron, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 9999
info@caherconnell.com
www.caherconnell.com



Location

28 km from Ennis and 10 km from Ballyvaughan on the R480

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0420, -9.1372

Opening Times

Mar to end Oct 10:00-17:00h
July and Aug 10:00-18:00h

Admission Rates

Fort: Adult €7, Senior/Student €6
Sheepdog Demonstrations:
Adult €5, Senior/Student €4
Combined Ticket:
Adult €9.60, Senior/Student €8
Family & Group rates available

Information

Café offering hot lunch, home baking and fresh farm food a speciality. Extensive shopping

Parking

Free monitored parking for cars and coaches





Michael Cusack Centre and Cusack Way Walking Trail

Carron, Co. Clare

A Living Part of Irish Culture and History

Michael Cusack Centre

The stunning landscape of Carron is home to the Michael Cusack Centre. Visitors will experience real culture and history in the beautifully restored famine era thatched



cottage and the exhibition dedicated to Michael Cusack, the founder of the GAA. This is a must for all GAA fans!

New activities are now available including griddle bread-making demonstration, Irish language class and horseshoe throwing, great fun for tours, groups and team building - pre booking essential.

The Cusack Way

Walk in the foot steps of the great man himself, this Burren walking trail to Cahercommaun Stone Fort starts from the Michael Cusack Centre car park. This 6 km linear walk is free and takes in many interesting archaeological artefacts on route to the 8th century Cliff Fort.

Visiting



Contact
Michael Cusack Centre
Carron, The Burren, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 9944
info@michaelcusack.ie
www.michaelcusack.ie



Location
Just off the R480, on the L1014 Carron Road, 15 minutes from Ballyvaughan and 25 km from Ennis



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0211, -9.0877



Opening Times
Michael Cusack Centre
Open daily April to Oct 10:00-17:00h
School and coach tours welcome

The Cusack Way Walk
Open daily all year round



Information
Tea, coffee and light refreshments available. Gift shop



Parking
Free coach and car parking on-site
Founding Patron: Pat O'Donnell



Burren Perfumery and Floral Centre

Carron, Co. Clare

Ireland's natural perfumery & tea rooms

The Burren Perfumery draws inspiration from the flora and beauty of the Burren landscape to create its signature scents, artisan range of hand-crafted soaps, certified organic creams and candles using the very best natural and organic ingredients sourced from all around the world. A busy working factory, visitors are welcome free-of-charge year round to observe the Perfumery team as they go about their daily tasks. All products are hand-made on-site and can be purchased in the Perfumery shop. Perfume talks, open door sessions and tours take place throughout the Summer. Details can be found at www.burrenperfumery.com.

Nourish both body and soul with some refreshments at the Perfumery's Tea Rooms, take a stroll through the award-winning organic Herb Garden, and view a locally-shot short film outlining the history and beauty of the Burren.

Groups of 8 persons or more strictly by prior arrangement only. Worldwide mail order.



Visiting



Contact
Burren Perfumery Ltd
Carron, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 9102
burrenperfumery@mac.com
Mailorder: www.burrenperfumery.com



Location
Located in Carron, in the heart of the Burren, 34 km from Ennis and 6 km off the R480



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0437, -9.0467



Opening Times
Open daily ALL YEAR round
10:00-17:00h
July and August, 09:00-19:00h
May, June and Sept, 10:00-18:00h
Christmas see website



Admission Rates
General Admission Free. See website for details of upcoming events. Tours of 8 persons or more by prior arrangement only



Information
Extensive shopping facilities. Soap, organic cream making and candle making on premises. Organic Tea Rooms (open April to September), Organic Herb Garden. Wi-fi Facility



Parking
Cars & mini-buses only. No coaches





Burren Smokehouse

Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare



Taste Smoked Irish Organic Salmon from the Burren!



Call in and taste Smoked Irish Organic Salmon directly from the Burren. Learn how salmon is smoked. You can see the demonstration kiln and run your hands through the oak shavings.

Enjoy the unique series of mosaics about the ancient

legend of "The Salmon of Knowledge".

Look at the biggest wild salmon that was ever caught for the Burren Smokehouse.

A video is available in English, German, Spanish, French, Italian and Swedish. Pre-booked full presentations available.

This family-run business is passionate about local foods that you can buy in their Gourmet Shop. Irish Gourmet Foods are sent to destinations all around the world using their mail order service.

More information available at the online Irish Food Shop www.burrensmokehouse.com

Visiting



Contact

Burren Smokehouse Ltd
Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-707 4432
info@burrensmokehouse.com
www.burrensmokehouse.com



Location

In Lisdoonvarna. N67 route
10 km from the Cliffs of Moher



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0281, -9.2922



Opening Times

Open daily
Jan & Feb 11:00-16:00h
Mar & Apr 10:00-17:00h
May to Aug 09:00-19:00h
Sept to Oct 10:00-17:00h
Nov & Dec 10:00-16:00h



Admission Rates

Tasting and DVD presentation free of charge
Pre-booked full presentation for 10+ people, Adult €5, Student €3



Information

Gourmet Food Shop and Craft Shop
Gastro-pub & Microbrewery in the
Roadside Tavern next door



Parking

Free car and coach parking at the
Visitor Centre



Doolin Cave

Doolin, Co. Clare



A Stunning Underworld Experience

Doolin Cave is unlike any other show cave in the world. See the 'Great Stalactite', at 23feet/7.3metres, it is the longest free hanging stalactite



in the Northern Hemisphere and the only one like it in the world that is open to visitors. Afterwards take your adventure above ground on a charming farmland nature trail. Meet and greet the stars of the nature trail Pygmy goats, Minnie and Vinnie and an unusual and funny collection of chickens. Learn about the unique diversity of wild flowers that grow in the Burren region.

Enjoy lunch in the Doolin Cave café and browse the unique collection of pottery, made from glacial cave clay, in the gift shop.

Drop in to a truly wild cave!

Visiting



Contact

Doolin Cave
Doolin, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-707 5761
tours@doolincave.ie
www.doolincave.ie



Location

On the western edge of The Burren, an extensive karst area of North West Clare



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.0419, -9.3450



Opening Times

Open Mar to Nov 10:00-17:00h
Open Christmas/New Year



Admission Rates

Adult €15, Child €8
Family €50 (2 adult & 3 children)
10% Discount on Prices Above
when you show this guide



Information

Café and craft shop



Parking

Ample parking available





Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

Liscannor, Co. Clare



A world class visitor experience

The Burren & Cliffs of Moher is a UNESCO Global Geopark

The Cliffs of Moher are a Signature Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way. Looming over Clare's west coast, the magnificent Cliffs of Moher stretch for 8 kilometres and rise to 214 metres over the Atlantic Ocean. The Cliffs of Moher is home to Ireland's largest mainland seabird colony with up to 30,000 breeding pairs.

There are over 600 metres of pathways and viewing platforms along the cliff edge which allow the visitor to enjoy a spectacular and healthy cliff walk. The amazing views of the Cliffs, the famous Aran Islands, Kerry Mountains, Galway Bay, O'Brien's Tower and the thousands of seabirds make the Cliffs a magical place. If you are lucky, you will hear and see the Cliffs Buskers playing traditional music along the Cliff pathways. Talking telescopes are dotted along the paths.



Eco-friendly Visitor Centre

The Visitor Centre opened in 2007 and is set into the hillside offering an all-weather experience. The Centre is a unique structure which minimises the visual imprint on its setting and makes significant use of eco-friendly features such as geothermal heating, extensive recycling and state of the art waste management.

O'Brien's Tower 1835

O'Brien's Tower was built by local landlord Cornelius O'Brien as a viewing point for visitors in 1835. The tower stands at the highest point of the Cliffs and offers the best photo opportunity from the top viewing platform. Amazingly, one can view 5 surrounding counties on a clear day.

Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point

- Visitor information leaflet and site map available in regular and large print
- Book tickets online and save time
- Avoid crowds, visit before 11am or after 4pm
- Audio guide FREE to download from iTunes / Google Play



Visiting



Contact

Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 6141
info@cliffsofmoher.ie
www.cliffsofmoher.ie



Location

R478 10 km North of Lahinch
(10 mins drive)
R478 8 km South of Doolin
(8 mins drive)
N85 (R478) 45 km North of Ennis
(40 mins drive)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.9714, -9.4235



Opening Times

Opening time varies between 09:00 and 21:00h Closing time varies with sunset times.

For exact times see website or Telephone: 065-708 6141
Closed Dec 24th, 25th, 26th.



Admission Rates

Cliffs, Visitor Centre & Onsite Parking
Adult €6
Senior €4
Student €4
Child under 16 Free

O'Brien's Tower

Viewing and Historic Information Leaflet. Adult €2. Child €1



Information

Cliffs View Café, Puffins Nest Café, Gift & Souvenir Shop, Craft Shops in outdoor Market Street



Parking

Onsite car parking across the road from the Cliffs. Disabled parking at the Cliffs side of the road. Additional disabled parking in main carpark





Doolin2Aran Ferries



Doolin and Liscannor, Co. Clare



The Original Cruise Company

Aran Islands

Daily sailings to the Aran Islands from Doolin. Visit the spectacular Dún Aengus Fort on Inis Mór, get away from it all on Inis Meáin or take a quick trip to the smallest one — the beautiful island of Inis Oírr. You can visit Inis Oírr and the Cliffs of Moher in the same day.

View the Cliffs from the Sea

Look up at the majestic beauty of the Cliffs of Moher from below and see everyone's favourite birds, the Puffins in action on the 1 hour voyage of discovery.

The Fleet

Doolin2Aran Ferries have the largest and most comfortable fleet of ships in Doolin. With 4 ships that can carry over 330 passengers per sailing, you will be in very safe hands with their experienced crew.

Try the new 360 Cliffs of Moher Tour-Book Online!



Visiting



Contact

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www.doolin2aranferries.com



Location

Liscannor & Doolin Pier. From Galway: N18 to Kilcolgan, turn right onto N67 for Lisdoonvarna From Limerick, Ennis or Killimer Car Ferry: follow signs to Lahinch/Cliffs of Moher. Liscannor is north of Lahinch



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

Doolin Pier 53.0156, -9.4051
Liscannor Pier 52.9370, -9.3843



Sailing Times

Sailings operate 7 days per week, March to 1st November
Office open from 08:00-21:00h
Typical Sailings: Aran Islands: 10:00h Cruises: 12:00 and 15:00h. All sailings are tide and weather permitting and are subject to change. Please phone for up to date times



Information

Tea/Coffee/Snacks available at the pier



Parking

Free quayside parking



Doolin Ferry Co.

with Bill O'Brien Est 1970

Doolin, Co. Clare



Aran Islands & Cliffs of Moher Cruises

Travel with Doolin's Original Ferry to the Aran Islands & Cliffs of Moher. Join **Bill O'Brien** and family on the *Largest and Most Comfortable* ferries to Ireland's traditional past.

Aran Islands

Escape to the **Aran Islands**; **Inis Mór, Inis Meáin, Inis Oírr**. Walk, cycle, bus, or hitch

a pony around the stunning scenery to view ancient ruins and bountiful sea life. Refresh yourself at a variety of traditional pubs, cafes and shops.

Cliffs of Moher by sea

Breathe in the magical **Cliffs of Moher** on a 1-hour cruise. Sail up close to the Great Sea

Stack to view Ireland's largest seabird colony including Puffins. Enjoy the Crew's expert knowledge with on board commentary.

Fáilte ar bord - Welcome aboard **THE Doolin Ferry Co.!**
#doolinferry



Visiting



Contact

Doolin Ferry Co.,
Doolin Pier, Doolin, Co. Clare
Liam: 065-707 5555 / 087-958 1465
info@doolinferry.com
www.doolinferry.com



Location

From Galway, N18 to Kilcolgan, turn right onto N67 follow to Ballyvaughan-Lisdoonvarna-Doolin From Limerick/Shannon/Ennis; follow signs to Cliffs of Moher via Ennistymon- Lisdoonvarna- Doolin Follow **Doolin Pier** signs to the water



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

53.0148, -9.4044



Sailing Times

Open 08:00-18:00h, 7 days Mar-Nov. Visit www.doolinferry.com/sailing-times for timetable. Reservations recommended and phone ahead for sea condition updates

Sailing Options

Inis Mór / Inis Oírr / Inis Meáin / Cliffs of Moher. Full day, Half day, Overnight, and 1 hour options. Use DISCOUNT CODE ADV16 and save online!



Information

Island Maps at ferry ticket office



Parking

Free parking on quayside





The Rock Shop

Gift Shop & Tearoom

Liscannor, Co. Clare



Fossils, Gems, Minerals and Jewellery

At The Rock Shop view an exciting range of gemstones and gifts sourced from Ireland and around the world. Jewels and jewellery to suit all tastes and budgets, and of course Rocks, Fossils and Mineral Specimens for collectors young and old.

With displays of precious and semi-precious stones, onyx, Connemara Marble and a huge selection of healing crystals, you are sure to find something beautiful and unique.

There is a presentation room with a FREE audio visual presentation outlining the history of quarrying the famous

Liscannor flagstones from the nearby Cliffs of Moher.

The Tearoom is open All Year Round. Enjoy delicious home baked scones and cakes, soups and much more while relaxing with beautiful views over Liscannor Bay. Shop online at www.therockshop.ie



Visiting



Contact

The Rock Shop
Liscannor, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 1930
info@therockshop.ie
www.therockshop.ie



Location

On the Wild Atlantic Way just 2 km outside Liscannor Village



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9437, -9.4235



Opening Times

Open Daily from 10:00h



Information

On-site Tearoom serving Soup of the Day, followed with a coffee and selection of homemade cakes
Wi-Fi available on-site



Parking

Coach and car parking on-site

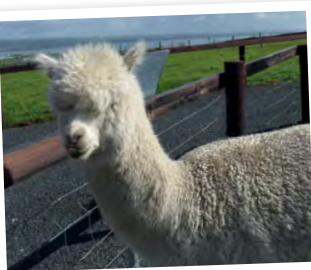


Moher Hill Open Farm

Liscannor, Co. Clare



With lots to see and do



Beautifully situated overlooking Liscannor Bay, this **Award Winning** (Environmental Award) farm is close to Ennistymon, Lahinch, Liscannor and Doolin.

Visitors to the farm can interact with a variety of endearing animals, those typical to Irish farms, and some from more exotic locations including emu, ostrich, llama and a family of

Vietnamese pot bellied pigs. Miniature donkeys and falabella ponies are a great favourite. Meet the new arrival, Andy the Alpaca.

There are a number of purpose built indoor facilities including go-karting, bouncing castle and ball pool as well as a range of outdoor facilities including animal paddocks, go-karts, mini golf, a fully equipped children's play area and picnic area where you can bring your own or purchase from the tuck shop and newly built coffee shop. Antique farmyard machinery also on display. Visit the new outdoor play area.

2013, 2014 and 2015 winner of the FBD Clare Business Excellence award for Best Tourism Hospitality in Clare.

Visiting



Contact

Moher Hill Open Farm
Cliffs of Moher Road
Liscannor, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-708 1071 / 708 6867
moherfarm@eircom.net
www.moherfarm.com



Location

4 km from Liscannor on the R478



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.9572, -9.4183



Opening Times

Apr & Oct W/ends only 11:00-18:00h
Open daily
May & Sept 11:00-18:00h
Jun to Aug 10:00-18:00h
Sun 12:00-18:00h
Open Easter, Easter Holidays, Halloween and Santa Village in Dec



Information

Picnic area. Tuck shop. Coffee shop



Parking

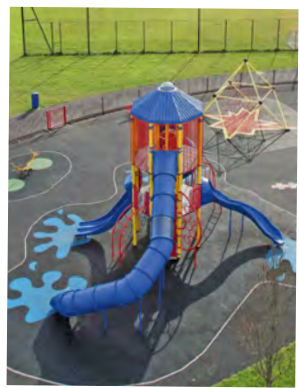
Free on-site parking for cars and coaches



Clare Playgrounds

County Clare

It's playtime!



While visiting County Clare be sure to look out for the many playground facilities around the county. All designed to provide universally accessible, imaginative and interactive play areas for children aged 0-12 in safe and friendly environments.

North Clare: Corofin, Crusheen, Doolin, Kilmaley, Lahinch, Lisdoonvarna and Miltown Malbay.

South Clare: Cratloe, Newmarket on Fergus, O'Briensbridge, Quin and Sixmilebridge.

East Clare: Feakle, Kilkishen, Killaloe, Mountshannon, Scariff and Tulla.

West Clare: Ballynacally, Cappa Kilrush, Cooraclare, Kilbaha, Kildysart, Kilkee, Kilrush, Labasheeda and Lissycasey.

Ennis & Shannon: Tir na Nog in Shannon. Tim Smythe Park and Lees Road in Ennis. And Clarecastle just south of Ennis.

For more information, visit www.clare.ie

Visiting



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

Ballynacally 52.4352, -9.4438
Cappa, Kilrush 52.3746, -9.3010
Clarecastle 52.4852, -8.5752
Cooraclare 52.4212, -9.2540
Corofin 52.5642, -9.4549
Cratloe 52.4234, -8.1856
Crusheen 52.5623, -8.5345
Doolin 53.1894, -9.2217
Feakle 52.5530, -8.3859
Kilbaha 52.3411, -9.5146
Kildysart 52.4023, -9.6207
Kilkee 52.4041, -9.3846
Kilkishen 52.4817, -8.4431
Killaloe 52.4829, -8.2659
Kilmaley 52.4921, -9.6223
Labasheeda 52.3956, -9.1442
Lahinch 52.5637, -9.2052
Lees Road, Ennis 52.51437, -9.0143
Lisdoonvarna 53.1380, -9.1733
Lissycasey 52.4420, -9.1023
Miltown Malbay 52.5115, -9.2354
Mountshannon 52.5552, -8.2551
Newmarket on Fergus 52.4538, -8.5332
O'Briensbridge 52.4580, -8.3050
Quin 52.4852, -8.5141
Scariff 52.5438, -8.3215
Sixmilebridge 52.4425, -8.4647
Tim Smythe Park, Ennis Toddler 52.5118, -8.5847
Teen 52.5056, -8.5841
Tir na Nog, Shannon 52.4220, -8.5240
Tulla 52.5149, -8.4511

Miltown Malbay

Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare



Home of Traditional Music



Miltown Malbay is surrounded by beautiful sandy blue flag beaches and the rugged countryside of West Clare and is equidistant from Trump International Golf Links Doonbeg and the famous Lahinch Golf Courses with a nine hole links course just out the road. Excellent surfing beaches with great walks along the Cliffs to the Atlantic Roar.

Beaches are suitable for families with lifeguards in attendance.

Miltown Malbay has, for many years, been synonymous with traditional music. This history ensures great music sessions all year round. Keep your ear to the door of the many pubs in town as music and dancing can start at the drop of a hat.

For the last thirty six years July has been marked annually by the Scoil Samhradh Willie Clancy Summer School, and is the largest summer school in the world. This Market town has an excellent choice of local shops, bars & restaurants to cater for all tourists needs.

Visiting



visitmiltownmalbay.ie

Miltown Malbay has enjoyed a long history of playing host to visitors from holiday makers to music students to followers of traditional Irish music. An ideal location to relax and enjoy local beaches and discover traditional music, song and dance at its best

Location

32 km west of Ennis. An ideal base for touring, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher, and Loop Head



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8558, -9.4000



Information

Containing an excellent choice of Bars and a host of music venues with traditional music nightly
Host to an array of good food establishments encompassing country house cooking to four star restaurants
Ranging from Local B&B's to Three and Four Star Hotels



Parking

Free parking available on the street and a large Town Car Park





Dolphinwatch Carrigaholt

Carrigaholt, Co. Clare



Dolphin Watching & Wildlife Eco-adventure

Europe's largest resident group of bottlenose dolphins live here at the Mouth of the River Shannon. With approximately 200 individuals in this group, the dolphin encounter rate with Dolphinwatch is one of the best in the world.

The passenger ship, Draiocht ("Magic"), skippered by Geoff Magee, departs from Carrigaholt Castle Pier to take you on an extraordinary adventure. Geoff's fascinating commentary keeps you informed throughout the trip. The competent and friendly crew are on board to ensure your comfort, safety and enjoyment.

Watching and learning about the dolphins in their natural habitat is central to the experience, yet every trip is different in this dynamic environment. You might meet a

grey seal emerging from a cave, spot a herd of wild goats on a hillside, learn about the many species of nesting seabirds, and delight in the stunning cliffs and caves of the Loop Head Peninsula and the coast of North Kerry.

A family business since 1992, Dolphinwatch is an award-winning marine tourism activity:

- **Gold Certificate** - Ecotourism Ireland
- **Gold Certificate** - Irish Responsible Tourism Awards
- **Excellence Award** - TripAdvisor
- **Named in the Top Ten Wildlife Attractions in Ireland** - BBC
- **Ambassadors** of the Wild Atlantic Way

Carrigaholt is a Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

The Loop Head Peninsula

Dolphinwatch is located on the multi-award winning Loop Head Peninsula: **Gold from both the Irish and World Responsible Tourism Awards 2015; European Destination of Excellence Award; "Best Place to Holiday"** - Irish Times.

This narrow peninsula is famous for whale, dolphin and bird watching. Visit the Loop Head Lighthouse, a Signature Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way. www.loophead.ie

Visiting



Contact

Susanne and Geoff Magee
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Carrigaholt, Co. Clare
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www.dolphinwatch.ie



Location

On the Wild Atlantic Way Carrigaholt Village. 10 km (6 miles) south of Kilkee on the Loop Head Peninsula. R487 from Kilkee; then R488 to Carrigaholt.



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6038, -9.7088



Sailing Times

Phone or email for prices, schedule and reservations. Current sailing times posted on the website. Booking advisable. Trip duration: 2 - 3hrs. approx



Information

Dolphin & Nature Information Centre and Gift Shop. Snack bar & toilet facilities on board. Award winning Pub Restaurant, Chip Shop, Pubs and Shop in Village. Retail Fish Shop on Pier



Parking

Free parking in village and at Castle Pier car park





Loop Head Lighthouse

Kilbaha, Kilrush, Co. Clare



At the tip of West Clare

The enchanting Loop Head Lighthouse is located at the tip of the Loop Head Peninsula at the furthest point west on the Clare coastline and is a discovery point along the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way. The wild and rugged Atlantic coastline, contrasting sharply with the sheltered Shannon Estuary truly sets a breathtaking backdrop to the Lighthouse.

Visitors have the opportunity to be guided to the top of the Lighthouse and take in the magnificent views.

An exhibition focusing on the history of Irish Lighthouses and the people who have operated them since the 17th



century is located in one of the Light Keeper's Cottages. Other highlights in the locality include the Bridges of Ross, an important habitat for cliff nesting birds.

Visiting



Contact
Clare County Council
Ennis, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-684 6429
www.loophead.ie
www.clare.ie



Location
25 km from Kilkee on the R487



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.5630, -9.9205



Opening Times
12th March to 2nd October
10:00-18:00h



Admission Rates
Adult €5, Children €2
Family €12 (up to 3 children)



Information
Limited refreshments available on-site



Parking
Free car parking



Scattery Island Centre

Scattery Island, Co. Clare



Where the mighty Shannon meets the Wild Atlantic

Enjoy the unspoilt beauty of Scattery Island, home to a monastic settlement founded in the early 6th century. There are the ruins of six churches and one of the highest Round Towers in Ireland, with the unusual feature of its door at ground level. Scattery has suffered at the hands of many invaders including the Vikings during the early 9th century but Brian Boru later recaptured the island.

The main church on the island is Teampall Naomh Mhuire. There is

an effigy of a bishop's head on the outside of the east window of the Cathedral believed to be that of St. Senan. An exhibition of the history of the island is housed in the visitor reception building, which is situated near the pier.



Visiting



Contact
OPW Visitor Centre
Scattery Island, Co. Clare
Tel: 087-995 8427
scatteryisland@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



Location
Located approximately one mile off Kilrush. 2.5 km boat trip from Kilrush Marina



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6350, -9.4948



Opening Times
26th May to 31st Aug
Daily 10:00-18:00h (recommended visiting times). Last admission 45 mins before closing



Admission Rates
Free of Charge (There is a separate charge for ferries to Scattery Island)



Information
Please note that access to the island is dependent on tidal/weather conditions



Parking
Ample parking available at Kilrush Marina





Dolphin Watching

Kilrush Marina, Co. Clare



Discover the Shannon Dolphins—from Kilrush



The Shannon estuary is one of the few places in Europe that is home to a resident group of bottlenose dolphins. With over 140 dolphins here in the estuary, the record of sighting dolphins is very high.

Trips depart daily from Kilrush marina onboard the passenger boat Dolphin Discovery where

you'll encounter these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat while enjoying the breathtaking views of the Shannon estuary. Experience the excitement of seeing dolphins leap clear out of the water

or swim along with the boat, where you are sure to get some amazing shots of them.

Friendly and helpful crew are onboard to make sure you have an enjoyable trip.

An excursion not to be missed on your visit to Clare!

Visiting



Contact

Dolphin Watching on the Shannon Kilrush Creek Marina, Kilrush, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-905 1327
info@discoverdolphins.ie
www.discoverdolphins.ie



Location

Kilrush, 43 km from Ennis on the N68, 56 km from the Cliffs of Moher on the N67 and just 8 km from the Shannon Car Ferry at Killimer



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.6355, -9.4963



Sailing Times

Sailings operate May to Sept (subject to demand and weather) Phone for prices, times and bookings. Trip duration 2 hrs. Approx.



Information

Tea, coffee and snacks available at the marina to take onboard. Toilet facilities onboard



Parking

Extensive parking at Kilrush Marina for coaches and cars



Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre

Kilrush, Co. Clare



Beautiful walled garden



This sheltered walled garden covering 2.158 acres is set among 420 acres of native woodland. The garden which was formerly part of the Vandeleur Family Demesne, has been restored around the old path system with a horizontal maze, unusual water features and a freestanding Victorian-style working glasshouse, which is accessible to visitors.

The garden specialises in many unusual and tender plants that thrive in the areas unique western microclimate. A wide variety of plants is also available for sale.

Children can enjoy the living willow structure, sand area and follow the butterfly trail. Chess enthusiasts can enjoy the giant game in the garden. A collection of old farm machinery enhances the courtyard.

Facilities at the Vandeleur Centre include a gift shop, coffee shop serving breakfast, lunch, tea/coffee and scones. The Vandeleur Picture Exhibition and an exhibition of Kilrush in Landlord Times are on display in the Centre.

Visiting



Contact

Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre, Killimer Road Kilrush, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-905 1760
info@vandeleurwalledgarden.ie
www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie



Location

43 km from Ennis on the N68. Just outside Kilrush on the N67 Killimer Road, 8 km to the Shannon Ferry (Killimer-Tarbert)



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.6365, -9.4735



Opening Times

April to September:
Mon to Fri: 10:00-17:00h
Sat, Sun, Bank Holidays
12:00-17:00h
October to March:
Mon to Fri 09:30-16:30h
Closed on Sat, Sun, Bank Holidays
Good Friday



Admission Rates

Free entry



Information

Coffee shop, gift shop & plant sale



Parking

Ample free parking available





Kilrush Heritage Town

Kilrush, Co. Clare



Located on the diverse coastal landscape of west Clare



Kilrush is at the centre of a rich and diverse coastal landscape on the West Clare Peninsula. Set in the stunning seascape of the River Shannon, the islands of Hogg and Scattery and the picturesque village of Cappa, this is the perfect place to start exploring the west coast of Ireland. The designation of Kilrush as a Heritage town recognizes its legacy as a

landlord estate town with a rich maritime tradition.

While in the area, take in the wonderful Vandeleur Walled Garden and visitor centre, take a trip to Scattery Island, visit the Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Foundation or take a trip onboard the Dolphin Discovery to view the resident group of bottlenose dolphins in the Shannon Estuary. If travelling further south along the Wild Atlantic Way, take Shannon Ferries which connect you from Killimer to Tarbert.

Visiting



Contact
Kilrush Town Council
Town Hall
Kilrush
Co. Clare
Tel: 065-905 1047
kilrush@clarecoco.ie
www.clare.ie



Location
Located on the N68 from Ennis town



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6407, -9.4859



Information
A range of restaurants and shops available



Parking
Ample parking available

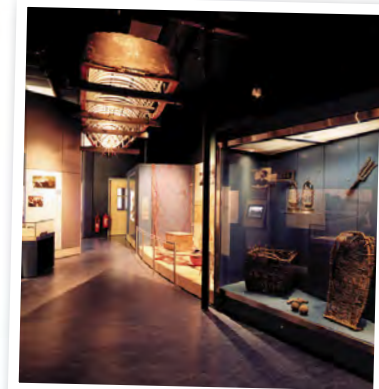


Clare Museum

The Riches of Clare

Ennis, Co. Clare

8,000 years of history excitingly captured



Clare is a remarkable county and the story of its people stretches back over 8,000 years. Its incredible history is excitingly captured at the Riches of Clare exhibition at the Clare Museum. Located in the beautifully

restored former Convent of Mercy building, the exhibits are uniquely displayed, using the themes of earth, power, faith and water.

Over 400 artefacts of Clare origin on loan from the National Museum of Ireland, can be seen. These beautifully displayed artefacts, together with other collections gathered locally, original works of art, enthralling audio-visual and interactive experiences, and dramatic images, all combine to provide an exciting glimpse into the rich history and heritage of the county.

Visiting



Contact
Clare Museum
Arthur's Row, Ennis, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-682 3382
claremuseum@clarecoco.ie
www.clarelibrary.ie



Location
Situated in Ennis Town Centre off O'Connell Square



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8441, -8.9818



Opening Times
Oct to May, Tues to Sat 09:30-13:00h £ 14:00-17:30h – last admissions at 12:30 £ 17:00h
Jun to Sept, Mon to Sat 09:30-13:00h £ 14:00-17:30h – last admissions at 12:30 £ 17:00h
Closed Bank Holidays £ Sundays



Admission Rates
FREE. NB. Large groups should book in advance



Information
Tourist information office in the building



Parking
Public car and coach parking nearby, access from Clonroad. Also car park in Friary off Francis Street





Ennis Friary

Ennis, Co. Clare

Visit the town's oldest building



This 13th century Franciscan friary, founded by the O'Briens, of Thomond who once ruled much of North Munster, has numerous 15th/16th century sculptures carved in the local hard limestone.

A carved image of St. Francis

The visitor to Ennis Friary can also see the sacristy, an impressive structure with ribbed, barrel-vaulted ceiling. The friary is also the burial place of the O'Brien and McMahon families - the ancient Kings of Clare.

carrying a cross, wearing the Franciscan habit and displaying the stigmata is evident in the nave. Under the south arch of the tower, an elaborate tracery canopy of the late 15th century was perhaps part of an ornate tomb.

Visiting



Contact
Ennis Friary
Abbey Street,
Ennis, Co. Clare
Tel: 065-682 9100
ennisfriary@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



Location
Situated in the town centre of Ennis



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8459, -8.9814



Opening Times
24th Mar to 2nd Nov
Daily 10:00-18:00h
1st Oct to 2nd Nov
Daily 10:00-17:00h
Last admission 45 mins
before closing



Admission Rates
Adult €4
Senior/Group €3
Child/Student €2
Family €10



Information
Guided tours available on request
Leaflet/Guide book: English, Irish,
French, German, Italian & Spanish



Parking
Public car & coach park close to site

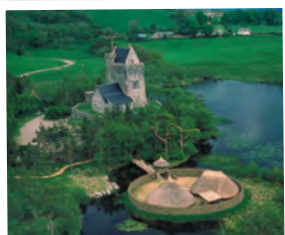


Craggaunowen

- The Living Past Experience

Near Quin, Co. Clare

A Re-creation of Celtic Ireland



Craggaunowen—Experience Ireland's original award winning Pre-historic Park. Explore the roots of the people, homesteads, animals and artifacts of over 1,000 years ago which have touched and shaped how we live today.

Visit the Crannog – an artificial island dwelling defended by a hidden pathway in the water. Travel back in time to the life of the hunter-gatherer in the Ring Fort. You will see how the

Celts carried out their everyday activities as they cooked over open fires or in pits; ground corn for making bread or porridge on hand-powered querns; made pottery, wooden bowls, goblets and platters. See the Brendan Boat – a leather hulled boat built by Tim Severin who sailed across the mid-Atlantic, re-enacting the voyage of St. Brendan and the early Christian monks reputed to have discovered America centuries before Columbus! Craggaunowen Castle a 16th century restored Medieval Castle built in 1550 stands defiantly on a crag overlooking the lake and enjoys magnificent views of the countryside. Observe rare animal breeds such as wild boar and soay sheep - specimens of the pre-historic era.

Visiting



Contact
Shannon Heritage
Tel: 061-360 788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com



Location
Located off the R469 near
Quin Co. Clare



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.8128, -8.7893



Opening Times
Open Easter Saturday to September
10:00-17:00h (last Admission 16:00)
Opening times may be subject to
change



Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family,
Seniors, Child rates etc



Information
Tearoom and Gift Shop



Parking
Free for coaches and cars
A Shannon Heritage Attraction





Bunratty Castle

Bunratty, Co. Clare



A window to the past



Bunratty Castle and Folk Park is one of Ireland's top visitor attractions. A visit to the Castle, the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland, and the captivating Folk Park is a wonderful experience for all the family.

Built in 1425, the majestic Castle was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. It now contains mainly 15th and 16th Century furnishings, tapestries and works of art, which capture the mood of

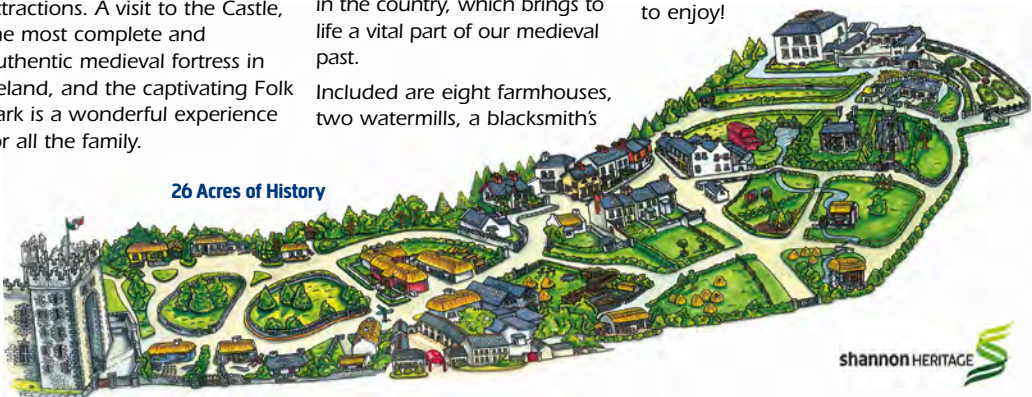
the times. Marvel at the finest collection of medieval furniture in the country, which brings to life a vital part of our medieval past.

Included are eight farmhouses, two watermills, a blacksmith's

forge, a church, a display of 19th century agricultural machinery and lots more....

A restored village street complete with pub, post office, school, doctor's house, hardware shop, printers, drapery shop, and pawnbrokers provide the main focal point for the park which will enchant and mesmerise both young and old. There is also a fabulous new children's playground, including slides, swings, zipwire, Viking head ship, hammock and sand play area for little ones (and not so little!) to enjoy!

26 Acres of History



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& Folk Park

Medieval Castle Banquets

Join the Earl of Thomond for a glorious banquet at the majestic 15th century Bunratty Castle. The Earl's Butler welcomes guests from the four corners of the world toasting an era of great Irish taste with excellent food, fine wine and honey mead. Enjoy the dulcet tones of the Ladies of the Castle accompanied by Irish harp and fiddle during dinner, followed by a superb selection of Irish medieval and traditional

songs and instrumental music. At Dunguaire Castle, on the shores of Galway Bay, an evening of superb music, song and storytelling awaits you, while at Knappogue Castle enjoy an evening of music, song & dance taking you on a musical journey from medieval times to the present day. Each castle offers a distinctive and riveting entertainment show.

Book online at
www.shannonheritage.com



Irish Nights



For a celebration of the best traditions of Ireland, join the finest singers, dancers and musicians at the Irish Night at Bunratty Folk Park and experience the friendship of a true traditional Irish evening. You are greeted at the door by the Fear an Tí with a wide smile and a warm handsake.

Enjoy stories of life in Ireland, traditional and contemporary dancing and Irish Music with home cooked food and excellent wine. No where else can you experience the fun of what the Irish do best—Enjoy yourselves... you might even learn a step or two!

Book online at
www.shannonheritage.com



Visiting



Contact
Shannon Heritage
Bunratty Castle & Folk Park
Bunratty, Co. Clare
Tel: 061-360 788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com



BUNRATTY CASTLE & FOLK PARK

Location
Ten minute drive from Shannon Airport, off N18 dual carriageway between Limerick and Ennis



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6986, -8.8111



Opening Times
Open daily year round 09:00-17:30h
Last admission to Folk Park 16:15h, to Castle 16:00h. Closed Dec 24th, 25th, 26th. Call for further details



Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family, Seniors, Child rates etc



Information
Gift and speciality shops on the village street. Selection of dining options—Tea Room (Mar to Oct) & Mac's Pub (Mid-Jan to Dec 23rd—limited opening during off-peak)



MEDIEVAL CASTLE BANQUETS

Location
Bunratty as above
Knappogue, near Quin Co. Clare is 20 km from Shannon Airport
Dunguaire, Kinvara, on the N67, 48km from Ennis, 27km from Galway



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Bunratty 52.6986, -8.8111
Knappogue 52.7957, -8.8265
Dunguaire 53.1418, -8.9253



Banquet Times
Reservations Necessary
Bunratty 17:30 & 20:45h, year round
Knappogue 18:30h, Apr to Oct
Dunguaire 17:30 & 20:45h Apr to Oct



Admission Rates
Incl. mead reception, 4 course dinner with wine, entertainment programme following dinner, taxes & service chgs



Information
Extensive Souvenir and Gift Shops (late opening in peak season only)



IRISH NIGHTS

Location
Bunratty, as above



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6986, -8.8111



Performance Times
Nightly April to October at 19:00h (Reservations Necessary)



Admission Rates
Incl. liqueur reception, 4 course dinner with wine, entertainment programme following dinner, taxes & service chgs



Information
Extensive Souvenir and Gift Shop (late opening in peak season only)



Parking for all venues
Ample free parking for coaches and cars





Blue Flag Beaches of Clare



Enjoy a day at the beach

Clare combines the stunning natural beauty of its long and meandering coastline with unique windswept landscapes, making this the perfect area to enjoy a day at the beach while taking in the beautiful scenery around.

With several beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to never be far away from a great day out at the beach.

There are miles and miles of beaches, great for swimming, exploring rock pools, and all sorts of beach fun. There are plenty of water activities to be enjoyed from sub-aqua, sailing, diving, water skiing, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and of course surfing.

There are lots of surf schools located along the coast. Go

dolphin or whale watching or relax with the many boat experiences and cruises available to view the fabulous Clare coastline and beyond.

If you enjoy the great outdoors, there's no better place for a holiday or a day out. There's so much to see and do!



The Blue Flag Programme

The Blue Flag is an international award for beach excellence. It is presented to beaches which have excellent water quality, which provide a range of services and visitor facilities, and which meet other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education.

Visiting



Contact

For up-to-date listings of current Blue Flag Beaches please drop into any visitor information centre or visit www.blueflag.org



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude Clare

Ballycuggeran 52.8347, -8.4633
 Cappa Pier 52.6286, -9.4985
 Doonbeg 52.7373, -9.5285
 Fanore 53.1116, -9.2910
 Kilkee 52.6786, -9.6508
 Lahinch 52.9318, -9.3541
 Mountshannon 52.9325, -8.4318
 Spanish Point 52.8466, -9.4397
 White Strand 52.9355, -9.3562





King's Island

King's Island Medieval Quarter, Limerick City



Experience Medieval Limerick



The King's Island Medieval Quarter of Limerick City contains a wealth of built heritage.

Nicholas Street, the city's old main street links most of the sights — Bishop's Palace, now home to Limerick Civic Trust and open to the public; King John's Castle and some of the remains of the Walls of Limerick.

Limerick is often referred to as the Treaty City and across the bridge from the castle is the famous Treaty Stone upon which folklore says the 1691 Treaty was signed. Limerick City Museum is currently situated in City Hall.

Also on Nicholas Street are the old Alms Houses and the remains of the City Exchange,

which used to be the central hub of commercial activity in Limerick, and now forms one of the boundary walls of St Mary's Cathedral.

King John's Castle was built between 1200 and 1210 and was repaired and extended many times over the following centuries, most recently in 2013. It remains a most impressive Anglo-Norman Fortification.

Walking tours of both King's Island and other historic elements of the city are available. Enquire at the Tourist Office.



St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral built in 1772 plays host to concerts and other performances during the year. The Cathedral faces towards the new part of Limerick across the Abbey River and the Hunt Museum. While the Cathedral is a beautiful and historic building, it is still used today for its original purpose, as a place of worship and prayer.

Visiting



Contact

Limerick City Tourist Office
20 O'Connell Street
Limerick City
Tel: 061-317 522
www.limerick.ie



Location

Limerick City Centre. 5 mins. walk from Tourist Information Office



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6676, -8.6243



Opening Times

The Castle, Cathedral, Museum and walking tours all operate various opening times. Enquire at the Tourist Office or from each attraction directly



Information

King's Island has a number of bars, restaurants, and shops to choose from



Parking

There is a surface car park near both St Mary's Cathedral and King John's Castle and also a multi-storey car park on King's Island. All of them are within a two minute walk of the city centre





King John's Castle

King's Island Medieval Quarter, Limerick City



Experience 800 years of history



King John's Castle, on 'King's Island' in the heart of medieval Limerick city, brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Following a multi million euro investment in 2013, the visitor centre is designed to deliver a modern visitor experience within its walls, all brought to life in a stunning new exhibition. 21st century touch screen technology, 3 D models and discovery drawer are among the exciting techniques that will connect you to tales of

siege and warfare. Children will love the dazzling array of computer generated animations and ghostly projections as they travel back through time. The Education and Activity Room is bustling with tasks to stimulate curious minds.

In the busy courtyard, you will discover a medieval campaign tent, a blacksmiths forge and scenes from a seventeenth century siege. The sights, scenes and sounds of King John's Castle and its environs all combine to recreate the atmosphere of the era.

Relax afterwards in the café – the perfect place to unwind while enjoying terrific views onto the castle courtyard and the Shannon river.



Living interpretation & re-enactments

Have fun exploring King John's Castle, enjoy magnificent views and imagine a Norman soldier's life in this medieval fortress. Reach out and touch the past through a wide range of new technologies and specialist multi media techniques. Join in the living interpretation and re-enactment with costumed guides who reveal the secrets and scandals of castle life.

Visiting



Contact
Shannon Heritage
Tel: 061-360 788
reservations@shannonheritage.com
www.shannonheritage.com



Location
Nicholas Street, King's Island,
Limerick City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6699, -8.6247



Opening Times
Open all year. Jan, Feb, Nov, Dec
09:30-17:00h
Mar 09:30-17:30h
Apr & Oct 09:30-18:00h
May to Sept 09:30-19:30h
Last admission 1 hour before closing
Closed Dec 24, 25, 26



Admission Rates
Varying categories including Family
Seniors, Child rates etc



Information
Souvenir Shop, Café



Parking
Car park available. Street parking
also available nearby, including
limited coach parking
A Shannon Heritage Attraction





Limerick Carriage Tours

Limerick City

For a tour with a difference

Luxurious traditional horse drawn carriage sightseeing tours of Medieval and Georgian Limerick City. Sit back and relax while your friendly tour guide takes you around the many wonderful historical sites along the tour route which also includes stops for scenic photo opportunities.

The elegant (weather proof) carriage has a table with glass holders and guests are welcome to bring along refreshments to enjoy on the carriage or can avail of Bar Drinks Service (purchased separately) from one of the select pubs/restaurants



located along the route. Enjoy 10% discount off a Traditional Irish Music Night and/or King John's Castle Experience when you book a tour with us. Terms & conditions apply. Visit website www.limerickcarriagetours.com or call us and we will be delighted to advise you on your nearest pick up point.

Visiting



Contact
Limerick Carriage Tours
Limerick City
Tel: 085-157 8356
info@limerickcarriagetours.com
www.limerickcarriagetours.com



Location
Limerick City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6699 -8.6247



Opening Times
Mid March to Oct
Selected Weekdays & Weekends
15:00-21:00h. Subject to change
Reservations essential
Limited Winter service available
Nov & Dec book online



Admission Rates
40 min private Medieval Tour
Adult 1-4 Persons €50, Family/
Senior 1-4 Persons €40, Additional
Adult €10 each, Additional Senior/
Child 12 yrs & under €7.50 each
Capacity 8 Persons. 1hr private
Georgian Tour 1-8 Persons €100



Information
Choice of pick up & drop off
locations throughout city centre
Visit website for details



Parking
Car park, multi storey and street
parking available



Michael Flannerys Pub & Whiskey Tastings

Limerick City

Sample a personalised Irish Whiskey Tasting in an authentic setting



Michael Flannerys Pub has one of the largest Irish Whiskey collections in Ireland and is the ideal place to enjoy an Irish Whiskey tasting. A knowledgeable Whiskey Dispenser will offer you a tasting of three featured Irish Whiskeys in a traditional,

intimate pub. You will be given a history of Irish Whiskey and taken through the production process before sampling and comparing. You will then discover what makes Irish Whiskey so special.

Corporate and private parties are welcome. Alternatively you can avail of the sampling tray with 3 featured Irish Whiskeys at any time. The cost of a Whiskey tasting is from €18 per person and patrons must be over 23.

Visiting



Contact
Michael Flannerys Pub
17 Upper Denmark Street
Limerick City V94 T9W3
Tel: 061-436 677
info@flannerysbar.ie
www.flannerysbar.ie



Location
Just off O'Connell Street, next to the Limerick Milk Market in the heart of Limerick City Centre



Opening Times
Open 363 days a year
Mon, Tues & Wed 10:00-00:30h
Thurs, Fri & Sat 10:00-02:30h
Sun 13:00-00:30h



Admission Rates
Rates dependant on choice of Whiskey Tasting - starting from €18
Numbers are limited and advance booking is necessary



Information
Breakfast & Lunch served
Mon to Sat from 10:00 - 15:00h



Parking
Street parking and multi-storey



The Hunt Museum

Custom House, Limerick City

Where there's something for everyone



The Hunt collection is a nationally important holding of some 2,000 original works of art and antiquity. These have been generously donated by the Hunt family to the people of Ireland and are housed in Limerick's 18th Century Custom House.

On display are objects from all periods of time, from the Stone Age to the 20th century.

Each piece was selected

according to the quality of its design, craftsmanship and artistic merit. Among the many important pieces in the collection are the personal seal of Charles I of England, the Mary Queen of Scots Cross and a coin revered since the Middle Ages as being one of 'the thirty pieces of silver'.

Also on permanent display are works by O'Connor, Leech, Hone, Orpen and Jack B. Yeats, brother of the famous poet.

Facilities include regular guided tours, museum gift shop and a café overlooking the River Shannon. Families can enjoy treasure trails and colouring sheets.

Visiting



Contact

The Hunt Museum
Custom House
Rutland Street, Limerick City
Tel: 061-312 833
info@huntmuseum.com
www.huntmuseum.com



Location

Limerick City Centre, 1 min walk from the Tourist Information Office at Arthur's Quay



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6664, -8.6240



Opening Times

Open year-round. Mon to Sat 10:00-17:00h; Sun. 14:00-17:00h
Closed Good Friday, Christmas Day and St. Stephen's Day



Admission Rates

Adult €5. Student €3.50
School Children €2.50
Family €12
Admission Free every Sunday



Information

Riverside Café and Gift Shop open to the public. Free Wifi



Parking

Ample on-street parking, multi-storey and other car parks nearby, plus coach parking



Milk Market Limerick

Cornmarket Row, Limerick City

Famous All-Weather Food and Variety Markets

The Milk Market is one of Ireland's most famous markets. Here, since 1852, local producers and traders have been selling fresh, natural foods and other produce. Regular markets operate Fridays to Sundays and there are occasional special interest markets from crafts and fashion to gardening and antiques. Speciality shops in and around the market open other days.

The **Saturday** market is famous. Here you'll discover great cheeses and chutneys, just-caught fish and artisan meats, organic fruit & vegetables, delicious healthy breads, raw milk and fresh pressed juices.

The **Friday** 'City Market'

features fresh and natural food produce, flowers & shrubs, crafts and more. **Sunday** is a family-orientated market with fine foods, arts, crafts, fashion, jewellery, antiques, bric-a-brac and curiosities. There is usually lots of kid's activities and entertainment.

Snacks from gourmet sandwiches and pastries to soups and coffees are available at all markets.



Visiting



Contact

Limerick Milk Market
Cornmarket Row, Limerick City
Tel: 061-214 782
www.MilkMarketLimerick.ie



Location

Located in the city centre on Cornmarket Row, near Cruises Street. It is clearly marked on the Glance Visitor GuideMap to the city



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6637, -8.6219



Opening Times

Friday City Market: 10:00-15:00h
Famous Saturday Market: 08:00-15:00h
Sunday Family/Variety Market: 11:00-15:00h
Opening times for shops in the market buildings vary, many operate normal hours Monday to Saturday. Times and markets subject to change. Check the website for latest information



Information

The Market offers a superb range of produce, including delicious foods to enjoy at the market or treats to take away



Parking

Multi-storey and other car parks nearby, including on Denmark Street and Michael Street





St. Mary's Cathedral

Bridge Street, Limerick City

Visit the oldest and most historic building in Limerick



St Mary's Cathedral stands above the Shannon River on King's Island, where it was founded in 1168 AD and is the Principal Church of Limerick city parish. It was founded on the site of a palace donated by Donal Mor O'Brien, King of Munster.

The most prominent feature is the West Door which tradition has it was the main entrance to the palace. This had been the centre of government in the early medieval Viking city. The Cathedral remains the oldest and most historic building in Limerick.

No trip to the City is complete without visiting this historic building at the very heart of this ancient metropolis. Open every day of the year for prayer, it is also open daily for visits by tourists and pilgrims. Concerts and other events also take place during the year.

Visiting



Contact

St. Mary's Cathedral
Bridge Street, Limerick City
Tel: 061-310 293
stmaryscathedralcoi@yahoo.ie
www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org



Location

Limerick city centre



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.6686, -8.6233



Opening Times

Open daily
May to Sept:
Mon to Fri 09:00-17:00h
Sat 09:00-16:00h
Sun 10:30-16:00h
Oct to Apr:
Mon to Fri 09:00-17:00h
Sat 09:00-13:00h
Sun 10:30-13:00h



Information

Morning prayer 09:00h Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat. Eucharist (Holy Communion) 10:30h Tues & Thurs
Sunday worship 11:15 & 19:00h



Parking

On-site & some street parking
Public car parks near by



Limerick City Gallery of Art

Pery Square, Limerick City

See the best of contemporary art



Limerick City Gallery of Art is one of the leading contemporary art galleries in Ireland and home to an important collection of Irish 18th-21st century art in all media. LCGA also holds the National Collection of Contemporary Drawing and the Michael O'Connor International Poster Collection. Artists included in the collections are

Seán Keating, Jack Yeats, Paul Henry, Grace Henry, Sir William Orpen, John Shinnors, Donald Teskey, and many more. Exhibitions from the Permanent Collection are exhibited along with the contemporary exhibitions. LCGA hosts EVA INTERNATIONAL Ireland Biennial, and hosts various events, talks & workshops throughout the year. The gallery is housed in the Carnegie Building which is a two storey building with 650 square meters of exhibition space between the two floors & a café which looks onto the People's Park at the rear of the gallery.

Visiting



Contact

Limerick City Gallery of Art
Carnegie Building, Pery Square
Limerick City
Tel: 061-310 633
artgallery@limerick.ie
www.gallery.limerick.ie



Location

Located in Limerick city centre overlooking Pery Square



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

52.6590, -8.6285



Opening Times

Open 7 days a week
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00-17:30h
Thurs 10:00-20:30h
Sat 10:00-17:00h
Sun 12:00-17:00h
Closed on Bank & Public Hols



Admission Rates

The gallery is a free public amenity



Information

Café on-site



Parking

Public on street parking



Stonehall Wildlife Park

Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

Stonehall hosts a wide variety of rare & domestic animals, from Llamas, Alpacas, Ostriches, Emus, Rheas, & a large variety of Parrots & Birds of Prey.

Enjoy the nature trail walk.

Caters for all weather conditions. Visit the indoor pets corner, bring your picnic and enjoy the indoor play area where there are a variety of go-karts and bouncy castles for the children.



Visiting



Contact
Stonehall Wildlife Park
Curraghchase, Kilcornan, Co. Limerick
Tel: 061-393 940
info@stonehallvisitorfarm.ie
www.stonehallvisitorfarm.com



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6080, -8.8680



Opening Times
April, May, June, Sept, Oct
Sat & Sun 11:00-18:00h
July & Aug. Open 7 days a week
Mon to Sat 11:00-18:00h
Sun 11:00-18:00h
Nov to Mar closed
Open Dec for Santa's Grotto



Admission Rates
Adult €8. Children €8
Separate rate for Santa's Grotto



Parking
Parking facilities for coaches & cars

Coillte Forest Park Curragh Chase

Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

Mixed woodlands, parkland and lakes



The Park covers 313 hectares of mixed woodlands, parkland and lakes around the shell of the 18th century Curragh Chase House. The area provides a rich habitat for a diverse range of animals and plants. There are several special areas of conservation in the park and Coillte is currently involved in restoring native woodlands to important sites in the park.

There are a number of looped way marked trails in the park to suit all visitors. They vary from the multi-access Lake Walk (1.5 km) and Arboretum Walk (1.1 km) suitable for wheelchair users and buggies, to the longer Curragh and Glenisca

Trails suitable for those looking for more demanding walking and cycling. Playground, Picnic Site & Public toilet available.

Visitors to the park can also enjoy the little Kiltulla Church nearby which is said to date from the 9th or 10th centuries. Northwest of Curragh Chase House is the ancient Killeen Church.

Visiting



Contact
Coillte Forest Park Curragh Chase
Kilcornan, Co. Limerick
Tel: 061-337 322
www.coillte.ie
www.coillteoutdoors.ie



Location
The park is located 22 km west of Limerick on the N69 coast road close to Kilcornan and Askeaton



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6075, -8.8720



Opening Times
Mar to Oct 07:00-22:00h
Nov to Feb 08:00-17:00h



Admission Rates
€5 charge per car (coins only accepted)
€40 Annual Admittance Card—see website for details



Parking
Parking on-site. Please note Summer and Winter opening times above



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Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum

Foynes, Co. Limerick



A unique experience for all

There was a time when the great Flying Boats criss-crossed the globe & the picturesque village of Foynes became the epicentre of the aviation world for aircraft preparing to take on the might of the Atlantic Ocean.

The award winning Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum excitingly captures this truly unique story with a comprehensive range of exhibits & interactive displays for all ages to enjoy. Visitors have a once in a lifetime opportunity to board the world's only **Full-Size Boeing 314 Flying Boat** replica. You can even test your pilot skills by trying your hand at flying the **New Boeing 314 Flight Simulators**.

Walk in the footsteps of JFK, Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt and many other dignitaries, movie stars and refugees who landed at Foynes during

World War II. Throughout the original terminal building this nostalgic & romantic era is told by way of original film in a 1940s style cinema, showcases covering the war years, airline memorabilia, control tower, radio & weather equipment & much more...

Foynes and the flying boats will be forever connected with the invention of Irish Coffee as they combined to give us this uniquely Irish treat. Learn all about this historic event by watching a wonderful 3D holographic show re-enacting this famous night back in 1943.

The restaurant offers many delights such as lunch or afternoon tea in a beautiful 1940s setting. Foynes is nestled along the banks of the Shannon Estuary on the Scenic N69 Route, a recommended **Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point**.



Life on the river today and yesteryear

The Maritime Museum allows you to relive the history & personality of the River Shannon. While Maritime may only conjure images of water & docks, the history charted at the museum will give you an insight into how the river changed & shaped the lives of those who lived on or near it through the centuries. Read the story of transportation & emigration on the river during the famine & see how American Confederate uniforms were made in Limerick & shipped from Foynes during the American Civil War. Uncover the tragic story of the Colleen Bawn & the weird tale of the "Windsor Castle Ghost Ship" & much more. Enter the original Control Tower from the 1940s which offers panoramic views of the majestic Shannon Estuary, Foynes Island, Village & Harbour.

Visiting



Contact

Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
Foynes, Co. Limerick
Tel: 069-65416
info@flyingboatmuseum.com
www.flyingboatmuseum.com



Location

On N69, 37 km from Limerick City and 64 km from Tralee



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6115, -9.1097



Opening Times

Mid-March to Mid-Nov 09:30-17:00h
June, July & August 09:30-18:00h
Open Daily on above dates
Last entry 1 hour before closing



Admission Rates

Adult €11. Child €6 (Under 5 free)
Family (2+4) €28
Group Rates Available



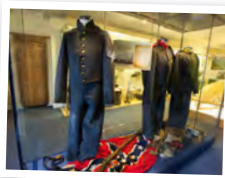
Information

Tourist Information Point
Home of Irish Coffee
1940s style Restaurant (O'Regan's)
Gift shop carrying an exciting range of unique giftware



Parking

Ample car and coach parking





Foynes Heritage Town

Foynes, Co. Limerick



Located on the scenic N69 driving route.



Foynes is a Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way and is part of the N69 Coastal Driving route (Limerick to Kerry). This busy seaport was Ireland's first transatlantic airport from 1939-1947. Foynes was where the first transatlantic

passenger flights from the United States arrived in 1939, and it was in Foynes in 1943 that Chef Joe Sheridan invented the world's most famous drink "Irish Coffee".

The Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum, situated in the original airport terminal building,

recalls all this past with wonderful displays, original film and lots of rare memorabilia. There are 2 beautiful gardens either side of Foynes village, a kids playground in the centre of the village and wooded & coastal walks in the area.

Visiting



Contact

Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
Heritage Centre, Foynes,
Co. Limerick
Tel: 069-65416
info@flyingboatmuseum.com
www.flyingboatmuseum.com



Location

On the N69, 37 km from Limerick City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.6115, -9.1097



Information

A range of restaurants and shops available



Parking

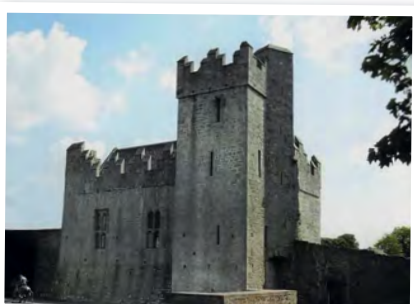
Ample parking available



Desmond Hall

Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

Step back in time



This is a unique heritage attraction located in the centre of Newcastle West - a Co. Limerick town located on the N21 between Limerick City and Killarney, Co. Kerry. Desmond Hall was built by the Fitzgeralds (Earl of Desmond) in the 1200's.

It is an imposing two-storey structure and was used by the Earls of Desmond for banqueting and entertainment. It has a fascinating history; having survived battles, sieges and rebellions.

The hall, vaulted lower chamber and adjoining tower were all constructed during the 15th century (the hall and chamber were built on the remains of a 13th century structure of similar size). Its restored medieval features include an oak musicians' gallery and a limestone hooded fireplace.

Visiting



Contact

Desmond Hall
The Square, Newcastle West,
Co. Limerick
Tel: 069-77408
desmondhall@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie



Location

Situated in the town centre of Newcastle West



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.4506, -9.0607



Opening Times

25th May to 7th Sept
Daily 10:00-18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing



Admission Rates

Free of Charge



Information

Admission by guided tour only
Partial access for visitors with disabilities



Parking

Parking available close to site





Adare Country Pursuits

Adare, Co. Limerick

Exhilarating outdoor activities!

Adare Country Pursuits provides a range of exhilarating outdoor activities including Falconry, Archery and Gundog Training on the beautiful grounds of Adare Manor Hotel and Golf Resort. These historic activities will be delivered during private sessions for individuals, families or larger groups tailored specifically to your needs.

Falconry

Enjoy an up close and personal encounter with a collection of Hawks, Owls, Falcons and Eagles.

Archery

Led by a team of friendly, experienced instructors, you will learn how to hold the bow & arrow and fire at a static target with the precision of an Olympian.

The Gundog School

Learn to handle trained gundogs and see dogs at differing levels of training incorporating obedience, agility, marking, water work and observe their ability to work as part of a team of trained dogs.

Follow on instagram: [adarecountrypursuits](https://www.instagram.com/adarecountrypursuits)



Visiting

Contact

Adare Country Pursuits
Adare Manor Hotel
Adare, Co. Limerick
Tel: 087- 684 5497 or
087- 657 5576
wf@adarecountrypursuits.com
www.adarecountrypursuits.com

Location

Located on the grounds of Adare Manor Hotel, Adare, Co. Limerick

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.5638, -8.7878

Opening Times

Open all year round
Pre Booking necessary for all activities
Reservations can be made on the day

Admission Rates

Available on request

Information

We deliver private sessions to individuals, families or groups
Tailored specifically to your needs

Parking

Parking available for activity participants



Adare Heritage Centre

Adare, Co. Limerick

Ireland's prettiest village



Adare Heritage Centre open all year houses a number of outlets including:

Black Abbey Crafts Extensive range of Irish crafts & gifts.

Adare Woollens Ltd Traditional Irish woollens & knitwear.

Currans Heraldry The family crest experts with a database of 120,000 Irish, British, & European names.

The Dovecote Restaurant

Authentic home cooked food open all day.

Desmond Castle Tours

Visit a 13th century Norman Castle. Tours from June to Sept. A shuttle takes you from the Heritage Centre to the historical site. Enquires to Adare Heritage Centre.

Adare Historical Exhibition

Journey through the historical exhibition, a reconstruction of Adare's unique past. The story is told through model re-enactments with storytelling in English.

Tourist Information Point

A selection of gifts & souvenirs, information & assistance.

Visiting

Contact

Adare Heritage Centre
Main Street, Adare, Co. Limerick
Tel: 061-396 666
info@adareheritagecentre.ie
www.adareheritagecentre.ie

Location

On the main street in Adare Village

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.5647, -8.7900

Opening Times

Open seven days, 09:00-18:00h

Admission Rates

Free admission to historical exhibition
Castle Tour: Adult €8, Senior €6, Student €5, Child €5 (5yrs or under Free).
Village Walking Tour: Adult €7
Combination rates available

Information

Craft & Gift Shopping. Restaurant

Parking

Convenient free car and coach parking at the rear of the centre with easy access to the main building via the rear entrance





Limerick Garden Trail

Various locations in Co. Limerick

A Gardener's Paradise



The Limerick Garden trail features some of the region's best gardens, some of which have won national awards and featured in gardening magazines. The trail contains gardens that range in size from small to very large and

from new to old, so there is something to stimulate both the novice and experienced gardener. The gardens are situated along some of the most attractive routes through the county.

Boyce's Gardens
Open May to Oct

Knockpatrick Gardens
Open April to Oct

Terra Nova Gardens
Open Apr to Sept

Ballynacourty Gardens
Open by appointment only

Please call ahead to check opening times.

Visiting



Contact
Boyce's Gardens
Foynes, Co. Limerick
Tel: 069-65302 / 087-979 0359
www.boycesgardens.com

Knockpatrick Gardens
Foynes, Co. Limerick
Tel: 069-65256
www.myinfo.ie/knockpatrick-Gardens

Terra Nova Gardens
Kilmallock, Co. Limerick
Tel: 063-90744
www.terrannotaplants.com

Ballynacourty Gardens
Askeaton, Co. Limerick
Tel: 061-396 409



Location
Boyce's, Knockpatrick & Terra Nova located along the N69 out of Limerick
Ballynacourty located off the M20 out of Limerick



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Boyce 52.5996, -9.1611
Knockpatrick 52.5913, -9.1080
Terra Nova 52.4464, -8.6019
Ballynacourty 52.6437, -8.9358



Lough Gur Heritage Centre

Bruff, Co. Limerick

One of Ireland's archaeological and historical gems



Lough Gur is a magical and mysterious place that is rich in folklore along with a wealth of archaeology and history dating back to Stone Age times. The breathtaking surroundings will transport you to a tranquil haven - ideal for nature and

bird lovers with the area being home to a wide variety of water birds and birds of prey.

The Heritage Centre provides a fascinating interpretation of the sites associated with Lough Gur and is located just 5km from the Great Grange Stone

Circle - the largest stone circle in Ireland. The Centre houses a modern exhibition detailing over 6,000 years of history with audio guides, listening points, AV presentation, interactive touchscreens and nature trail.

Visiting



Contact
Lough Gur Heritage Centre
Lough Gur, Bruff
Co. Limerick
Tel: 061-385 186
loughgur@gmail.com
www.loughgur.com



Location
From Limerick City follow R512 (Kilmallock Road) south 21km through Ballyneety village. Take the first left after Reardons Pub in Holycross



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.5233, -8.5203



Opening Times
Heritage Centre - Summer opening hours: Mon to Fri 10:00-17:00h
Sat & Sun 12:00-18:00h
Dec to Feb 12:00-16:00h



Admission Rates
Adults €5, Children €3
Senior/Students €4
Family €15



Information
Guided tours available. Tea/Coffee light refreshments available
Call for winter opening hours



Parking
Coach and Car parking available on site





Kilmallock Heritage Town

Kilmallock, Co. Limerick

Medieval town steeped in history and tradition



Known as the crossroads of Munster, Kilmallock has a colourful history dating back to its origins in the 12th century. It was named after the early 7th century Saint, Saint Mocheallóg. An important Norman town, it was at the centre of

Ireland's political development from the 13th to the 17th centuries, a history that is evident through the rich architectural heritage that is its natural monuments, including: John's Castle, Blossom Gate, the Town Walls, Collegiate Church, the Stone Mansion, the Famine Memorial Park and the Dominican Priory. An interesting museum and history trail are also available in the town. Kilmallock has all the facilities of a large town - shops, restaurants, theatre, children's playground, guided tours etc.

Visiting



Contact
Ballyhoura Fáilte
Main Street,
Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Tel: 063-91300
reception@ballyhoura.org
www.visitballyhoura.com



Location
Located off the N20, 35 km from Limerick City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.3995, -8.5750



Information
A range of restaurants and shops available



Parking
Ample parking available



Ballyhoura Country

Kilfinane, Co. Limerick



Adventure, Heritage & Hospitality

Ballyhoura Country stretches from the north east of Limerick to the north east of Cork, bordering Tipperary and is flanked by the Ballyhoura Mountains. The region boasts an impressive selection of accommodation options (hotels, castles, B&Bs, self catering and a luxury hostel) along with a multitude of activities and attractions for all age groups.

As part of Ireland's Ancient East, archaeological and historical gems include the medieval walled town of Kilmallock and pre-historic Lough Gur with its stone circle, wedge tomb and visitor centre. Heritage Hubs celebrate the area's important ancestry for

example De Valera Museum in Bruree and JFK's links with Bruff. Home to Europe's largest mountain bike park, there are 98km of looped cycling trails to suit all levels. Walkers can enjoy the waymarked walks and trails all year round. In addition, cross road dancing, rambling houses, road bowling, orienteering, geocaching and guided tours are also available.



Visiting



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Ballyhoura Fáilte
Main Street, Kilfinane
Co. Limerick
Tel: 063-91300
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www.visitballyhoura.com



Location
Just 45 mins from Limerick City



SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
52.3591, -8.4681



Admission Rates
Many activities are free. Contact Ballyhoura Fáilte for details



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Depart	Killimer	Tarbert
Mon. thru Sat.	07.00	07.30
Sun.	09.00	09.30
Departures every hour		
Last Departure	19.00	19.30

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Departures every hour		
Last Departure	17.30	18.00

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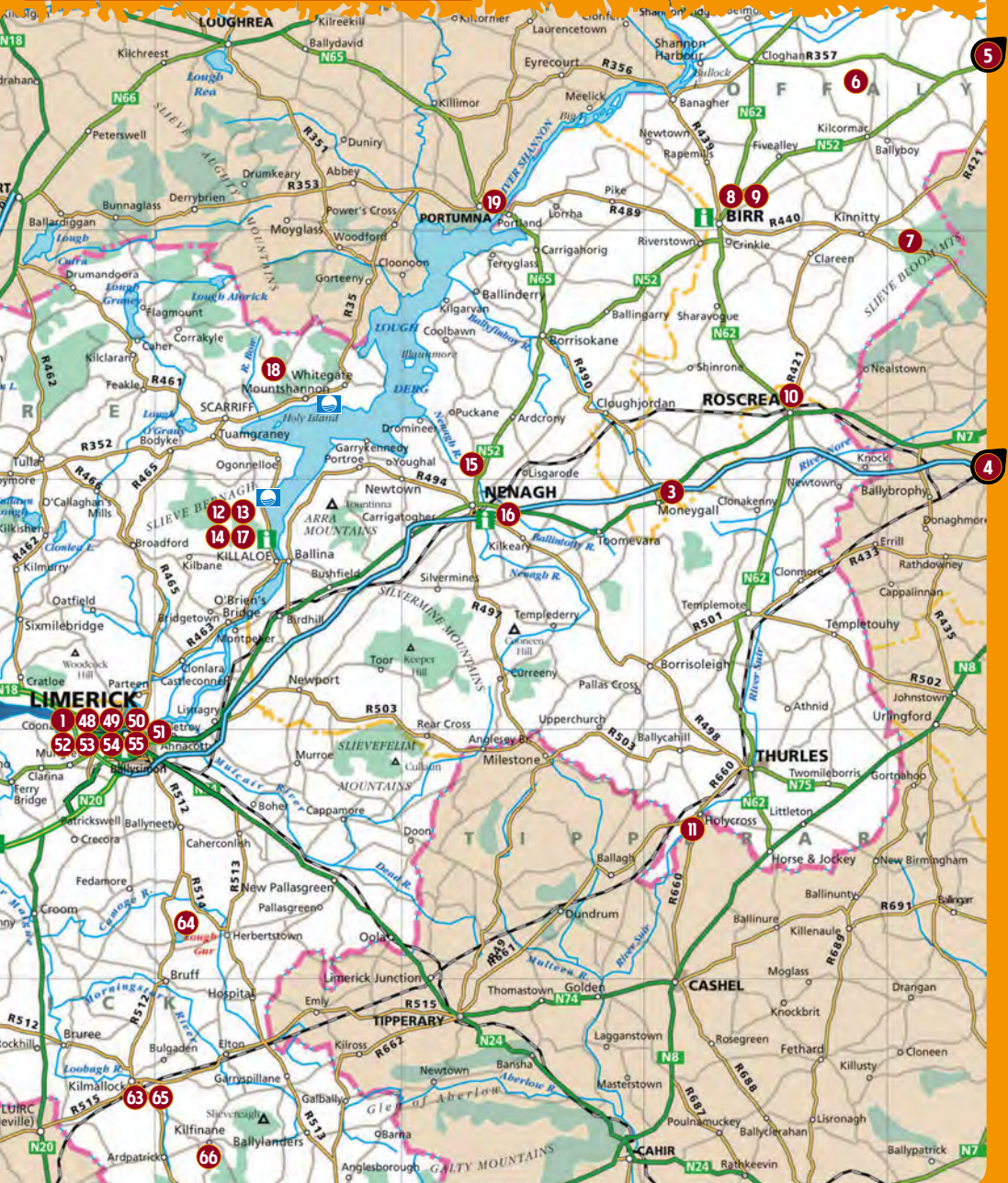
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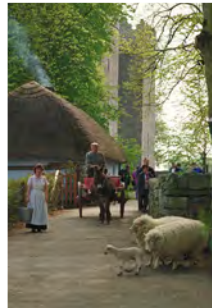
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