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The BEST Visitor Attractions 2020/21
WIN an Amazing Holiday Break at a

Take our 2-minute online feedback survey, and you could win this fantastic prize.

This Daily Adventure guide provides you with lots of great ideas on things to do, see and enjoy during your Ireland holiday. We encourage and welcome reader feedback and, therefore, if you take our 2-minute online survey you will have a chance of winning a wonderful Lighthouse Holiday Break for up to 5 people sharing at a choice of locations around Ireland.

Take the Survey and Win
Our feedback survey will take you no more than 2 minutes to complete, and you can do so online via www.YourDailyAdventure.com/enter, or you can scan the QR code above.

The Prize
A Stay at an Amazing Irish Lighthouse
Great Lighthouses of Ireland features 14 amazing lighthouses perched high in dramatic locations around Ireland’s stunning coastline. They are wonderful to visit, and visitors can also stay at eight of these lighthouses. See www.GreatLighthouses.com.

The lucky winner, selected from those completing our survey, will get to enjoy an exhilarating 3-night stay, for up to 5 people sharing, at their choice of lighthouse locations. The prize break must be availed of within 12 months of winning.

You must complete the online survey no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.
Great Lighthouse of Ireland

10 posters to be won
Every entry will be entered in a draw to win one of 10 fabulous posters by award-winning author and illustrator, Roger O’Reilly. The collection of almost 90 lighthouses of Ireland is available on www.IrelandPosters.ie As shown here the posters capture the uniqueness of each lighthouse setting. They are great for framing and bring wild and natural Ireland into any room where they hang.

Winners of the posters will also be selected on Friday, October 16, and they can select which lighthouse poster they wish to receive as their prize from IrelandPosters.ie.

Terms and Conditions
• You must be aged 18 or over to participate.
• The survey must be completed online no later than Friday, October 9, 2020.
• The survey may only be completed once. Entering more than once will disqualify from the opportunity to win the prize.
• One lucky winner will be selected from the survey returns and will be selected on Friday, October 16, 2020.
• The ‘3-night Lighthouse Holiday Break’ must be availed of within 12 months of winning the prize (dates subject to availability at the selected lighthouse).
Welcome to Ireland’s Shannon Region

A gateway between the west and south west. No reservations required.

**June to August**
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Sun. 09:00 09:30
Departures every hour
Last Departure 21:00 21:30

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Sun. 09:00 09:30
Departures every hour
Last Departure 19:00 19:30

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July to August
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Departures every hour
Last Departure 17:30 18:00

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Ballylongford

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Labasheeda

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Opening Dates and Times
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 2020 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

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

Cead Mile Fáilte
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 Ireland’s Shannon Region certainly provides a wide range of attractions and visitor experiences from show caves to visitor farms, dolphin watching and boat trips, historic houses and museums, castles and monastic sites, through to a wealth of water based and outdoor activities.

Detailed information is included on each attraction and visitor experience including eircodes and sat nav co-ordinates, opening times and admission rates.

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.

Guides for other regions in Ireland are widely available.

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Tourist Information Offices
The Shannon Estuary is a spectacular and unspoilt estuary located just off the Wild Atlantic Way. This area of remarkable natural beauty is where Ireland’s longest river—the mighty Shannon flows into the azure water of the Atlantic Ocean. Along the Shannon Estuary drive, you will find delightful towns, pretty villages and world famous shore fishing sites. The Shannon Estuary drive is a looped route of approximately 207km and incorporates the following locations: Bunratty, Ennis, Clarecastle, Ballynacally, Killaladyser, Labasheeda, Killimer, Tarbert, Foynes, Askeaton, Kilcornan and Limerick City. Shannon Ferry connects the region with a short crossing from Killimer to Tarbert. While crossing, keep an eye out for the bottlenose dolphins that live in the waters of the estuary.

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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 Wild Atlantic Sea, 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.

Shannon Ferry Group
Killimer, Kilrush, Co. Clare, V15 FK09
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 €20, return €30 (including passengers). Discounts available online @ shannonferries.com

Information
Visitor centre open 09:00–19:00h
Parking
Coach and car parking available

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
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The Great Outdoors

Co. Offaly

Parklands and Mountains

Lough Boora Discovery Park
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.

Sliéve Bloom Mountains
The rolling hills of the Sliéve 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.
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The Treehouse Adventure Area features Ireland’s tallest treehouse, sand pit, covered picnic area, play zones from toddlers up. New upgrades in 2019.

Celebrating 400 years… 1620–2020

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

Ireland’s Historic Science Centre
A welcome video and hologram introduces you to the earlier Earls and Countesses of Rosse. Explore the seven galleries of astronomy, engineering and photography.

‘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
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.

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.

Holycross Abbey
Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Holycross 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.
Nenagh

Welcome to Nenagh 800

2020 sees Nenagh celebrating 800 years of the development and history of the town of Nenagh. Follow social media @Nenagh800 for events and gatherings.

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.

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Lorrha Monastic Village, founded in 550AD by Saint Ruadhán, boasts an ancient Holy Well, a 10th century church, Dominican Priory and an Augustinian Priory. Within driving distance is Lackeen Castle and Redwood Castle. This village is on the Beara Breifne route. Local volunteers run the shop, tea-rooms and heritage centre—the focal point of the village.

Beara Breifne Way. Journey across six mountain ranges and along the banks of the River Shannon, and discover the historic links to Dónal Cam O’Sullivan Beare’s fourteen-day march as you walk in his footsteps. www.bearabreifneway.ie
County Clare is amazing. Take it ALL in!

Take the time to EXPLORE County Clare, and be rewarded with wonderful experiences and fond memories.

- The amazing beaches, cliffscapes, and seascapes along Clare’s Wild Atlantic Way.
- The spectacular Loop Head Peninsula, and the Shannon Estuary Way.
- The famous Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands - the River Shannon, the East Clare Lakelands, and Lough Derg Blueway for great activities.
- Welcoming towns and villages offering a wealth of dining options, historical attractions, traditional entertainment, and craft shopping.
- Wonderful activity, sporting, leisure, and heritage attractions.

For great ideas, check out VisitClare.ie
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 know 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.

O’Briensbridge Village
O’Briensbridge, Co. Clare

A haven for walkers and anglers

The picturesque village of O’Briensbridge is linked to its sister village, Montpelier in County Limerick on the other side of the river Shannon, by a stone bridge built by Turlough Ó’Brien in 1506.

The section of the river just down from O’Briensbridge is a very popular angling and water sports spot. Just upstream at Parteen the flow of the Shannon is diverted into a man-made canal—built to allow navigation of boats and barges to the city of Limerick. Today, the canal is being developed as an attractive area for recreation and water activities.

The village has a public playground, picnic area and is also the starting point for the O’Briensbridge — Old Barge Loop Walk. Along this trail you can experience a little piece of history, as it includes the old canal towpath used, in years passed, for horses to pull barges up the waterway.
Lough Derg Blueway
Clare, Tipperary and Galway

It’s time for you to visit!

Blueway trails link towns and villages across Ireland’s waterways. Enjoy looped walks dotted around the Lakelands Lough Derg, where you can enjoy magnificent scenery and sample delicious local food.

You can experience these trails solo, or with family or friends, by canoe, paddleboard, bicycle, or on foot. And, there is even more to enjoy on a break, including historical attractions, entertainment, events, great eateries, craft shopping, and cozy places to stay.

Imagine the scene: 13,000 hectares of clear water surrounded by beautiful and dramatic countryside in three Irish counties (Clare, Tipperary and Galway), and traversed by a series of on-water and water-side trails that provide the opportunity for exhilarating activities and adventures.

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. Ballina Killaloe is a popular spot for fishing and many watersports activities.
Visit East Clare

East Clare, Co. Clare

An abundance of choice with quality local produce and a warm welcome will entice you to stay. A choice of accommodation from high standard B&Bs to Self-Catering properties to luxurious hotel rooms is waiting for you! East Clare... she is the perfect creature... natural in every feature...

Nestled in between the Wild Atlantic Way and Ireland’s Ancient East is Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands—a magical place to uncover.

Your ultimate holiday experience!

East Clare encompasses the spirit of Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands. Get active in Nature and explore the region’s natural hidden treasures by exploring great walking trails, greenways and woodlands.

Enjoy pristine waterways with boating, fishing, kayaking & paddling and experience the beauty of the River Shannon as it settles into the picturesque Lough Derg.

Every season delights the visitor with traditional music played all year round by world class musicians in every Community. The history of storytelling in Ireland is celebrated not only in song, but is integral to the multitude of festivals embracing Irish Culture and Heritage; the Artists and Artisans are rivaled only by the spectacular nature and scenery.


East Clare is the perfect destination for those who wish to delve into Clare’s rich heritage. From monastic and ancient sites, such as Holy Island, to churches, cathedrals and abbeys, spanning over 8 centuries, you will be spoiled for choice!

The best way to enjoy the local culture, the music, the stories and the people is to immerse yourself. Check out the numerous festivals and events celebrating traditions within local communities. For further information go to www.visiteastclare.ie or check out Facebook.

And there’s more!

East Clare

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
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.

The Lough Derg Blueway

13,000 hectares of clear water surrounded by beautiful and dramatic countryside provides the opportunity to experience on-water and water-side trails, exhilarating activities, and adventures. Experience the Lough Derg Blueway by canoe, paddleboard, bicycle, on foot, cruising or angling. The Blueway is a 160km paddle trail that can also be enjoyed through a whole series of walking loops, routes and trails each bringing the magnificent lake into view.

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 bird hide in Mountshannon. There is also a bird hide in Portumna to view the eagles that have nested there.

Towns & Villages

Towns and villages like Killaloe, Ballina, Portumna, Mountshannon, Nenagh and beyond offer a wealth of lively pubs, bistros and fine dining options as well as, antiquities, fine architecture,
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.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5

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
Portumna

Portumna, Lough Derg, Co. Galway

On Lough Derg, Ireland’s pleasure lake

A Medieval 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 activities & attractions, including The Irish Workhouse Centre, Dominican Priory, Pallas Karting & Paintball, Shannon Cruising, Portumna Golf Club, Portumna Heritage Trail, the Friday Country Market and much more. There is free parking available all over Portumna.

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.

Contact
Clare Heritage & Genealogy Centre
Church Street
Corofin, Co. Clare, V95 X270
Tel: 065-683 7955
clareheritage@gmail.com
www.clareroots.com

Location
13km 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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Ireland’s Premier Show Cave

Aillwee continues to welcome visitors to The Burren for over 40 years. Awarded Family Venue of The Year from Irish Hospitality Awards and Best Tourism Experience from FBD Clare Business Excellence Awards, time spent at Aillwee Cave and Birds of Prey Centre promises memorable and educational experiences, scenic photo opportunities and a great day out!

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 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.
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
This is a once in a life time opportunity to interact with some of nature's top predators. Guided and instructed by experienced Falconers, this hour long ‘Walk with a Hawk’ through hazel woodland and across Burren Limestone pavement is tailor made for anybody seeking a totally unique experience. To make a booking and for further details —Tel 065-7077036.

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 Cheese! You may even be lucky enough to see the cheese maker at work.

Visiting

Contact
Aillwee Cave
Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, H91 AX25
Tel: 065-7077036
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 €22
Children €12
Family Tickets €52/€58

Information
Gift Shop and Tea Room. Farm Shop with Cheese and Fudge Making
Parking
Extensive parking for cars and coaches

Gift Shop and Tea Room
Visit the gift shop and choose from a treasure trove of crafts and gifts and then sit back in the tearoom and enjoy a homemade scone and a hot cup of coffee...
Lunches are available throughout the day.
Poul nabrone Dolmen

Carron, Co. Clare

Portal Tomb that dates back to 3200 BC

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.

Caherconnell Fort

& Sheepdog Demonstrations

Carron, Co. Clare

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 national television, in local and national press and is a proud Trip Advisor & CIE Tours International Award of Excellence winner. Demonstrations daily March to October. Please see www.Caherconnell.com/times/ for demonstration times.
**Burren Smokehouse**

**Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare**

**Taste Smoked Irish Organic Salmon from the Burren!**

In the second, self-guided & interactive visitor centre, “Taste the Atlantic—The Salmon Experience”, you will immerse yourself in the story of Irish Salmon. Follow it through time and watch the legend of the Salmon of Knowledge unfold before your eyes. Learn about modern aquaculture, solve jigsaw puzzles and quizzes! Suitable for school kids and adults. This family-owned business is passionate about local foods that you can buy in their Gourmet Shop, and even send to friends and family.

Taste, Learn, Shop at the Burren Smokehouse with its two different visitor experiences. In one, you will learn all about their history on pictorial storyboards and the way they smoke their Irish Organic Salmon. Watch a video about the smoking process (in different languages), explore the kiln and taste the smoked salmon.

**Doolin Cave**

**Doolin, Co. Clare**

**Journey to the Great Stalactite**

Follow the footsteps of the men who discovered the Great Stalactite in 1952. Guides will lead you on a 45–50 min tour through the Burren underground where you will see the many wonders of this karst landscape preserved in the natural cave. A seabed, fossils, and one of the longest Stalactites in the World accessible to the public, await you in the chambers and passageways.

After your tour—take a stroll on the farmland nature trail, relax in the visitor centre, enjoy tea or coffee and home baked goods at the café and/or browse in the gift shop, which houses Doolin Cave Pottery.

The award-winning Doolin Cave is conveniently located along the Wild Atlantic Way in the heart of the Burren. Only 7miles/12km from the Cliffs of Moher!
Doolin2Aran Ferries

Garrihy’s, the Original Cruise Company

Boat Trips from Doolin to the Aran Islands, daily departures at various times throughout the day. 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 an island and the Cliffs of Moher in the same day.

Take a cruise to the Cliffs of Moher

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

The Fleet

Garrihy’s Doolin2Aran Ferries have the largest, fastest and most comfortable fleet of ships sailing from Doolin.

Come sail on the two newest ships on Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way—the “Star of Doolin” and the “Spirit of Doolin”. Inis Mór is now only 35 minutes from Doolin by boat!

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Operating since 1970 and celebrating 50 years in business in 2020.
To celebrate this milestone a second express ferry has been launched into the fleet, the Aran Islands Express to complement the existing Doolin Express. There can be no confusion, when you travel upon an express ferry with Doolin Ferry Co, you’re travelling on the fastest and most comfortable ferries from Doolin.

Set sail to a place lost in time and visit the Aran Islands or book one of the Cliffs of Moher Cruises which depart every hour.

Enjoy the Crew’s expert knowledge with on board commentary.

Fáilte ar bord—Welcome aboard with the Doolin Ferry Co.

#doolinferryco
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 are 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 Cliff’s Buskers playing traditional music along the Cliff pathways. Talking telescopes are dotted along the paths.

**A world class visitor experience**

**Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark**

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.

**What is included in Admission?**

The admission ticket covers all on site attractions including the following: access to the visitor centre with its array of cafes and gift shop, family friendly safe pathways and viewing areas with full wheelchair and buggy accessibility, O’Brien’s Tower with its panoramic views and free tours, access to the interactive Cliffs exhibition, free wi-fi, craftworkers street with its variety of bespoke shops, mobility vehicle, water refill stations and free parking.

**Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point**

Visitor information leaflet and sitemap available in 14 languages.

Save time and money by booking online at www.cliffsofmoher.ie

TOP TIP: Stay the night in County Clare and visit in early morning to avail of reduced rates (available online only), and enjoy a much quieter, peaceful experience.
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

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 belly 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, ball pool and indoor sandpit. Outdoor facilities include 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.
Dolphinwatch

Carrigaholt, Co. Clare

Meet Ireland’s Resident Dolphins!

Dolphinwatch will take you on an unforgettable wildlife adventure at the Mouth of the River Shannon, home to Europe’s largest group of bottlenose dolphins. The dolphins in this Special Area of Conservation are usually seen in family groups. Young dolphins are especially playful, often swimming or bow riding with the boat.

On a trip with Dolphinwatch you will encounter a variety of wildlife, learn about nesting seabirds, fascinating coastal geology and maritime history at the mouth of Ireland’s longest river.

This family business has a genuine, responsible approach to sharing this unique marine habitat with a live commentary and marine scientists as crew. Dolphinwatch has Gold Awards in Eco and Sustainable Tourism.

Loop Head Lighthouse

Kilbaha, Co. Clare

A Great Lighthouse of Ireland

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.

Visit LoopHeadLighthouse.ie to plan your visit
**Clare Playgrounds**

**County Clare**

**It’s playtime!**

- **North Clare:** Corofin, Crusheen, Doolin, Kilmailey, 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 Liscycasey.

**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](http://www.clare.ie)

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**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.

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.

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**Visiting**

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- Bellonacally 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, -8.3345
- Doonil 52.1894, -9.2277
- Feakle 52.5530, -8.3859
- Kilbaha 52.3411, -9.1456
- Kildysart 52.4023, -9.6207
- Kilkee 52.4041, -9.3846
- Kilkenen 52.4817, -9.4431
- Killoke 52.4829, -8.2559
- Kilmakey 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, -9.2934
- Mountshannon 52.5552, -8.2551
- Newmarket on Fergus 52.4538, -8.5332
- O’Briensbridge 52.4582, -8.3141
- Scariff 52.5438, -8.3215
- Silembridge 52.4425, -8.4647
- Tim Smythe Park, Ennis 52.4582, -8.3141
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**Contact**

- Miltown Malbay
- Co. Clare
- www.clare.ie

**Location**

- Eircode V95 DKW5: 32km west of Ennis. An ideal base for touring, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher, and Loop Head

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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.

Where the mighty Shannon meets the Wild Atlantic

The Vandeleur Walled Garden, Kilrush—a place of history, beauty, tranquility and energy... and a place that is excited to share its special secret with you. Once the private garden of Kilrush House, this sheltered paradise of 2.158 acres is set among 420 acres of native woodland. Many unusual and tender plants thrive in the area’s uniquely western latitude microclimate and the result is a horticultural medley of trees, flowers, plants and water features. The garden has been beautifully and imaginatively restored around the old path system. Whether you’re a keen gardener, a visitor to these shores, a lover of natural beauty or simply looking for an outing with a difference—Vandeleur gives you a fascinating glimpse into the past, blended with a beautiful re-designed look for a new generation of garden lovers. If you visit with your family there is something for everyone. Children can enjoy the living willow structure and life-size Maze or follow the butterfly trail. Visit the Woodland Bistro for homemade food and the Gift Shop for that special gift.

The Vandeleur Walled Garden & Woodland Bistro
Kilrush, Co. Clare

Explore, walk, discover and feel inspired
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 passenger vessel 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!

**Discover the Shannon Dolphins—from Kilrush**

**West Coast Aqua Park**

Ireland’s newest and most exciting aqua park. An epic adventure for all the family to enjoy. Slide, climb and bounce your way around an inflatable obstacle course on the water! All equipment including wetsuits and buoyancy aids are included but please bring your own swimwear and towels. Onsite facilities include showers, change rooms and café.

**Contact**
West Coast Aqua Park
Creek Lodge, The Marina, Kilrush
Co. Clare, V15 PN27
Tel: 087-954 3000
info@westcoastaquapark.ie
www.westcoastaquapark.ie

**SatNav:** Latitude/Longitude
52.6357, -9.4895

**Opening Times**
See website for other opening times

**Admission Rates**
Adult €22, Child (6–17 years) €18
Minimum age 6 years old
Family (2+2) €69, (2+3) €79

**Parking**
Limited parking near reception. Plenty of free parking nearby

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**Kilrush**

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**Kilrush Marina, Co. Clare**

**Visiting**

**Contact**
Dolphin Discovery
Kilrush Marina, Kilrush
Co. Clare, V15 AD62
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
Trip duration 2–2½ hours
Daily Timetable posted on www.discoverdolphins.ie
Phone for reservations

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

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Extensive parking at Kilrush Marina for coaches and cars

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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.

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 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. A 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.
From the white-water rush of the Shannon to riding bikes and ponies through the emerald peace of Limerick countryside, from dazzling fireworks over King John’s Castle to the delicious buzz of the Milk Market, Limerick really does cater for every mood.

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Saint Mary’s Cathedral

Saint Mary’s Cathedral—the oldest building in Limerick was founded in 1168 A.D. on the site of a palace donated by Donal Mor O’Brien, King of Munster. The cathedral is open daily and is still used today for its original purpose, as a place of worship and prayer. The cathedral offers a rich experience of treasures and Light of Life signs will guide you round and offer information about what you see.

The most prominent feature is the West Door, which tradition has it was the main entrance to the palace—the centre of government in the early medieval Viking city. See the Misericords—carved oak seats depicting monsters and other creatures (symbols of good and evil). See the original altar—a large limestone slab 4m/13feet long dating from before the Reformation. Cromwellian soldiers used horses to remove the altar during their siege of the city in 1651. Although Cromwell’s troops removed it, it was reinstated in the 1960s.

The Cathedral has an impressive 6 chapels—the Chapel of Saint James & Mary Magdalen; the Lady Chapel; the Chapel of the Holy Spirit; the Jebb Chapel; the O’Brien Chapel; and the Glentworth Chapel. No trip to the city is complete without visiting this historic building on the King’s Island, overlooking the River Shannon.

Visit the oldest and most historic building in Limerick

Saint Mary’s Cathedral has been ever-present during invasions, sieges, wars, famines and times of peace and has hosted some amazing events from Concerts and Recitals to Son et lumière sound-and-light events. This wonderful venue is available for hire.

Check the website for further details. Many events are free, while others can be booked online: www.SaintMarysCathedral.ie

Concerts and Recitals

Saint Mary’s Cathedral has been ever-present during invasions, sieges, wars, famines and times of peace and has hosted some amazing events from Concerts and Recitals to Son et lumière sound-and-light events. This wonderful venue is available for hire.

Check the website for further details. Many events are free, while others can be booked online: www.SaintMarysCathedral.ie

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
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; and some of the remains of the Walls of Limerick.

The 13th century King John's Castle sits proudly on the bank of the Shannon and across the river is the famous Treaty Stone upon which folklore says the 1691 Treaty was signed. Limerick is often referred to as the Treaty City.

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 Saint Mary's Cathedral.

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

The King's Island Medieval Quarter of Limerick City

The Custom House, Limerick City

A cabinet of curiosities

Housed in the 18th century Georgian Palladian Custom House in Limerick City. The permanent collection, has artefacts from all over the world. It is the legacy of the Hunt family, and features Irish archaeology, medieval artefacts, Greek and Roman antiques, fine art, fashion, ceramics, and Viking jewellery on three floors of the museum. Free tours and activities for kids and adults.

The fine Captains' room houses some famous paintings with works from Picasso, Gauguin, Renoir, Henry Moore, Roderic O'Connor, Jack B. Yeats and Paul Henry. Throughout the year the Gallery exhibits a diverse range of temporary exhibitions from fashion designers, ceramicists, printmakers and artists. This year the two blockbusters are: Best costume goes to..., Feb to Apr 2020 AND Belonging—European contemporary art including works by Sean Scully, Anish Kapoor and Marlene Dumas, Apr to Aug 2020.

Check social media @HuntMuseum or see website huntmuseum.com
The People’s Museum of Limerick
Pery Square, Limerick City

Get up close and personal with Limerick’s past

The People’s Museum of Limerick is a new museum at No.2 Pery Square, which aims to reflect the diverse lives of the people, buildings, and streets of the city. It showcases an eclectic and fascinating collection of items in the care of Limerick Civic Trust, as well as artefacts that are on loan from elsewhere. A rotating series of exhibitions means that there is always something new to see. The museum is housed in a fully-restored splendid late Georgian townhouse, which formed part of a tontine scheme in the early nineteenth century. The walls here can talk!

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 B. Yeats, Paul Henry, Grace Henry, Sir William Orpen, John Shinnors, George Barrett, 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.
Milk Market Limerick
Cornmarket Row, Limerick City

Famous All-Weather Food and Variety Markets

The Milk Market is one of Ireland's oldest and most famous markets. Located on this exact courtyard in the heart of Limerick City since the 1830s, it was officially established in 1852. On Saturday the famous Food Market is filled with over 80 traders. Here you'll discover farm fresh fruit & veg, great cheeses & chutneys, just-caught fish, artisan meats, organics, delicious healthy breads, raw milk, fresh pressed juices and Honey.

On Sunday the venue is open as a family-orientated courtyard with a fantastic brunch offering in addition to boutique and vintage clothes shops, flowers and regular free Art/Record Fairs and Family Fun events. On Friday the venue is open with a number of cafes, artisan shops and independent units offering fresh and natural food produce, street food, rustic coffee shops and flowers with live music lunch sessions and more.

Most events are free apart from occasional ticketed night time concerts or Charity/Speciality events.

Stonehall Wildlife Park
Kilconman, 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.

Coillte Forest Park

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.

www.coillte.ie
Lough Gur Heritage Centre & Lakeshore Parklands
Bruff, Co. Limerick

One of Ireland’s archaeological and historical gems

The scenic lakeshore Heritage Centre and Parklands of Lough Gur is a short drive from Limerick city. The on-site visitor centre overlooks the tranquil water and hosts a modern interactive exhibition that captures the story of the unique environmental and archaeological treasures that can be found within the sprawling grounds. Home to Ireland’s oldest and largest stone circle and only expansive lake in Limerick, Lough Gur offers an ideal location for a brisk nature walk throughout the year and a picnic during the summer time. Children will enjoy exploring the homeplace of Lough Gur fairies. They can also hunt for all native Irish tree species that are cleverly mapped out on a Tricky Tree Trail.

Lough Gur Heritage Centre offers a wide range of guided or self guided tours. €1 off admission price on presentation of this guide.

Desmond Castle
Newcastle West
Newcastle West, Co. Limerick

Step back in time

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.

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 Newcastle West was built by the FitzGeralds (Earl of Desmond) in the 1200’s.
Adare Heritage Centre

Adare Heritage Centre open all year round, houses a number of outlets including:
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.
Adare Woollens Ltd Traditional Irish woollens & knitwear.
Black Abbey Crafts Extensive range of Irish crafts & gifts.
Currrans Heraldry The family crest experts with a database of 120,000 Irish, British, & European names.
Desmond Castle Tours Visit a 13th century Norman Castle. Guided Tours from June to Sept. A shuttle bus takes you from the Heritage Centre to the historical site. Enquires to Adare Heritage Centre. Walking Tours also available on request.
The Dovecote Restaurant Authentic home cooked food open all day.
Tourist Information Point A selection of gifts & souvenirs, information & assistance.

Adare Heritage Centre
Main Street, Adare
Co. Limerick, V94 DWV7
Tel: 061-396 666
info@adareheritagecentre.ie
www.adareheritagecentre.ie

Ireland’s prettiest village

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 1943 that Chef Joe Sheridan invented the world’s most famous drink “Irish Coffee”. There is a kids playground in the centre of the village and wooded & coastal walks in the area.

Foynes Heritage Town

Foynes, Co. Limerick

Located on the scenic N69 driving route.

Foynes Heritage Town
Heritage Centre, Foynes, Co. Limerick, V94 T6C1
Tel: 069-65416
info@flyingboatmuseum.com
www.flyingboatmuseum.com

Contact
Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum Heritage Centre, Foynes, Co. Limerick, V94 T6C1 Tel: 069-65416 info@flyingboatmuseum.com www.flyingboatmuseum.com
Location
On the N69, 37km from Limerick City
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6115, -9.1097
Information
A range of restaurants and shops available
Parking
Ample parking available

Visiting

Rates quoted are for 2020
All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
The award winning Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum excitingly captures the unique story of how Foynes was once the centre of the aviation world through a comprehensive range of informative displays & interactive exhibits. Walk in the footsteps of JFK, Bob Hope, Eleanor Roosevelt and many other dignitaries, movie stars & refugees who landed in Foynes during World War II. Visitors have a once in a lifetime opportunity to board the world’s only Boeing 314 Flying Boat and to try their hand at being a pilot on our flight simulators.

**New Maureen O’Hara Exhibition** is dedicated to preserving the memory of Ireland’s most famous movie star. It showcases a treasure trove of her personal and movie memorabilia including the iconic grey tweed jacket from ‘The Quiet Man’ & her Oscar.

Foynes is nestled along the banks of the Shannon Estuary, a recommended Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point.

Step back in time to 1943 & watch a 3D Holographic show recreating the night Chef Joe Sheridan invented Irish Coffee. Enjoy an Irish Coffee in O’Regan’s Restaurant which offers home baked cuisine in a beautiful 1940’s setting. Explore the history of the River Shannon by visiting the Maritime Museum & savour the panoramic views of the Shannon Estuary from the top of the Control Tower.

**Featuring Maureen O’Hara Exhibition**

**Birthplace of Irish Coffee**
Festivals

Limerick Riverfest
Limerick City 01st–04th May 2020
Whether you are a foodie, a fun runner, a watersport thrill seeker or just looking for a laid-back fun filled family day out then Limerick is the place to be on Riverfest Weekend.
www.limerick.ie

Killaloe Chamber Music Festival
Killaloe, Co. Clare 04th–07th Jun 2020
Four days of stunning music-making, performed by the finest of Irish and International musicians in the picturesque town of Killaloe.
www.killaloemusicfestival.com

Burren Slow Food Festival
The Burren, Co. Clare 15th–17th May 2020
Immerse yourself in the culinary delights of the Burren Region on this weekend where cookery demos, artisan food producers and farmers markets await you.
www.burren.ie

Doolin Folk Festival
Doolin, Co. Clare 12th–14th Jun 2020
The Doolin Folk Festival presents powerful music in an intimate setting and ensures that audiences and musicians can feel at one and just enjoy the communal spirit.
www.clare.ie

Limerick Garden Festival
Limerick City 21st Jun 2020
This festival takes place in Limerick Milk Market and features over 50 traders offering plant, garden and food delights as well as all-day garden expert talks.
www.limerick.ie

The opening days and times of these festivals are subject to change. If you are travelling distances to visit them, it is always advisable to check times online.
Looking for laughs, music, food, and entertainment? Look no further than Ireland's Shannon Region with an array of festivals to choose from. Whether you want to dance the night away, taste the delights of the region or simply kick back and listen to music from the most talented musicians, you've come to the right place!!

**Limerick Pride Festival**
Limerick, Co. Offaly 09th Aug 2020
Limerick Pride Festival offers a range of events such as support meetings, workshops, music and club nights promoting diversity and equality.
www.limerick.ie

**Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival**
Birr, Co. Offaly 02nd–10th Aug 2020
Turn back time in the beautiful Georgian heritage town of Birr and enjoy a dynamic range of vintage and modern events for all ages during the Annual Birr Vintage Week & Arts Festival.
www.birrvintageweek.com

**Tullamore Show**
Tullamore, Co. Offaly 09th Aug 2020
Come along to one of Ireland’s premier agricultural events. Showcasing the finest livestock and offering over 700 trade stands, it is Ireland’s largest one day show attracting approx. 60,000 visitors in recent years.
www.tullamoreshow.com

**Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival**
Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare 04th–30th Sep 2020
This festival is over 160 years old and attracts up to 60,000 people from all over the world. Music and “craic” all day through with third generation matchmaker Willie Daly available to bring hopeful singles together.
www.matchmakerireland.com

**OFFline Film Festival**
Birr, Co. Offaly 07th–11th Oct 2020
OFFline Film Festival is an exciting event for film lovers and makers alike. Irish and international films are screened in an array of quirky venues around the town to enthusiastic audiences.
www.offlinefilmfestival.com
Blue Flag Beaches

Lahinch
Lahinch, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.9336,-9.3478
Lahinch beach is located just a short drive from the Cliffs of Moher. It is the ideal beach for surfing, sea kayaking and kite surfing. Lahinch is a popular seaside town with lots of shops, restaurants and activity providers all waiting to welcome you.

Fanore
Fanore, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 53.1173,-9.2893
Fanore Beach is a sandy beach located near the seaside village of Fanore. The beach lies in the heart of the Burren where visitors flock to soak up the beauty this tranquil region has to offer.

Kilkee
Kilkee, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.6785,-9.6534
Enjoy all that this seaside town has to offer. Stroll the sandy beach while taking in the picturesque views. A range of watersports and activities can be enjoyed during high season.

Cappa
Kilrush, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.6277,-9.5014
Cappa beach is a small rocky beach located just off Cappa Pier. Stroll the pier while keeping an eye for the majestic bird life or the more adventurous can enjoy a jump from the pier!

White Strand
Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.8111,-9.5428
A small, rocky beach White Strand offers stunning views of County Clare. The beach itself is located slightly inland with the village of Miltown Malbay offering plenty local amenities.
The Blue Flag is an international award for beach excellence presented to beaches which have excellent water quality and meet other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education. With several beaches in the region meeting this standard, why not take some time out to explore the stunning coastline.

**Spanish Point**
Spanish Point, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.8426,-9.4330
Located between Miltown Malbay and Quilty this beach offers unrestricted views of the Atlantic Ocean. It’s both a surfers paradise and a picnic lovers haven with summer surfing schools and picnic benches scattered along the length of the beach.

**White Strand**
Doombeg, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.7484,-9.5678
A secluded white sand beach that highlights the magnificent coastal scenery of Clare. The beach is sheltered on both sides by rugged cliffs and is highly popular during high season for its safe swimming and water cleanliness.

**Ballycuggeran**
Twomilegate, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.8367,-8.4681
Ballycuggeran is a small lakeside bathing area located on Lough Derg. It is lifeguarded during the summer months and offers a safe, tide free place to enjoy a swim.

**Mountshannon**
Mountshannon, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.9295,-8.4303
Enjoy a family day out at Mountshannon bathing area located on one of Ireland’s major freshwater lakes and be captivated by all the ecologically friendly region has to offer.
Ireland’s Shannon Region has fantastic family fun activities. Here are some for you to choose from.

**Fairy Woods Castleconnell**  
Castleconnell, Limerick  
Let your imagination take you on a journey like no other! As you stroll through these woods keep your eyes peeled for the woodland fairies Dixie and Pixie and their colourful fairy houses!  
www.limerick.ie

**The Clare Glens**  
Limerick/Tipperary  
If you are looking to be at one with nature then this is the place for you! With breathtaking scenery, loop walks, numerous waterfalls and wild dense forestry this region offers tranquility and calm to all who visit.  
www.limerick.ie

**Croghan Hill**  
Bog of Allen, Co. Offaly  
Croghan Hill is the remains of an extinct volcano and rises from the Bog of Allen in County Offaly. Offering extensive views of the surrounding midland counties, it is an ideal location for a short walk or picnic.  
www.mountainviews.ie/summit/1017

**The Fairy Trail**  
Lough Boora, Co. Offaly  
Discover fairy avenue in Lough Boora—home to 14 fairies, each of whom brings something special to the park.  
For more information visit www.loughboora.com

**Kilkee Habitat Trail**  
Kilkee, Co. Clare  
Get those walking shoes on and head to the cliffs where you can learn of and admire the many diverse wildlife habitats of Kilkee, a postcard perfect seaside village on the Wild Atlantic Way.  
www.kilkee.ie
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Ireland’s Shannon Region
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Learn about the origins of Galway’s iconic Claddagh ring which dates back over 300 years. Come and see where the Authentic Claddagh Ring™ is made.

26 Shop Street, Galway.

www.CladdaghLegend.com  fb.com/claddaghlegend