



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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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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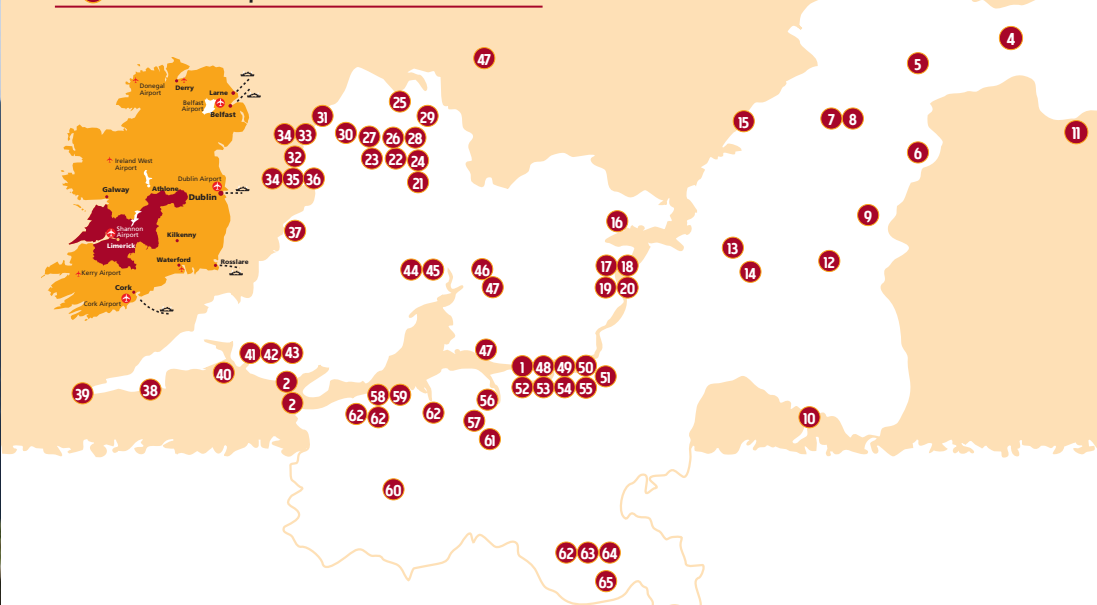
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Opening Dates and Times are subject to change and may vary throughout the seasons and by day of week. Establishments indicating "open year-round" may still close, for instance, on Christmas Day. We recommend you verify dates and times directly with 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 2017 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

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Ennis, Co. Clare & Limerick City

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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



**Contact**  
Barratt Tours  
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



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.6651, -8.6266



**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



# Kilbeggan Distillery Experience

Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath

## Ireland's oldest licensed distillery



The Kilbeggan Distillery is the oldest distillery in Ireland. Dating back to 1757, a visit today lets you discover real artisan Irish whiskey distilling at its finest. See for yourself the traditional method of mashing in oak mash tuns, fermenting in Oregon pine vats, and the new Kilbeggan

malt spirit flowing from the 180 year old pot still.

A tour of Kilbeggan Distillery will take you back in time to discover how Irish whiskey was made during John Locke's ownership, during the 19th century before bringing you into the present where you can hear, smell

and taste the Kilbeggan Irish whiskey as it is distilled today. The perfect marriage of the past and present makes Kilbeggan distillery an authentic Irish experience not to be missed. Guided Tours operate all year round, advisable to pre-book all tours.

## Visiting



**Contact**  
Kilbeggan Distillery  
Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath  
Tel: 057-933 2134  
info@kilbeggandistillery.com  
www.kilbeggandistillery.com



**Location**  
Located in the town of Kilbeggan take exit 5 off the M6 Dublin/Galway



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
53.3693, -7.5028



**Opening Times**  
Apr to Oct 09:00-18:00h  
Nov to March 10:00-16:00h



**Admission Rates**  
**Apprentice Tours:** Daily Adult €14  
Senior/Student €13  
**Distillers Tour:**  
Mon-Fri €26 per person  
**Connoisseur Tour:**  
Call for times and prices



**Information**  
The Pantry Restaurant is located on site, serving a vast range of products from full Irish breakfast to a full dinner menu. Due to the historic nature of the building, not all areas are wheelchair accessible



**Parking**  
Extensive Coach and Car Parking



# 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.



## Visiting



**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 €19, return €29 (including passengers). Discounts available online @ shannonferries.com



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



**Parking**  
Coach and car parking available



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# 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@tullamoredeuw.com  
www.tullamoredeuwvisitorcentre.com



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



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
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 24 to Jan 01



**Admission Rates**  
Curious Taster's Journey:  
Adult €12, Senior/Student €9  
Families (2+3)€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

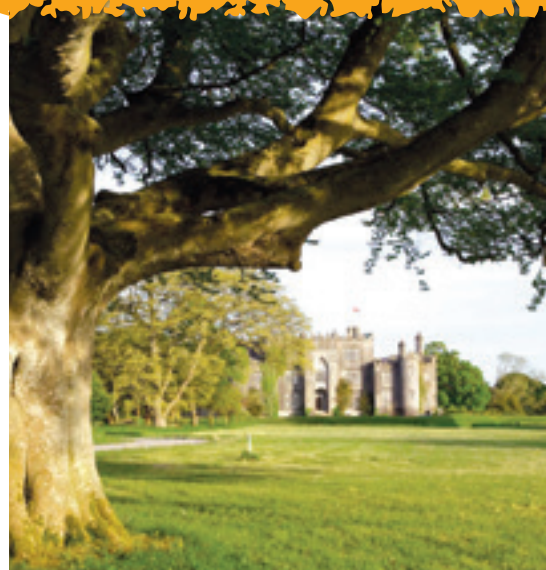


**Parking**  
Public parking available



# 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



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.

### 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



## Visiting



**Contact**  
Birr Castle Gardens & Science Centre  
Birr, Co. Offaly  
R42 V027  
Tel: 057-912 0336  
reception@birrcastle.com  
www.birrcastle.com



**Location**  
Located in the heritage town of Birr and within a short drive of many places of interest such as the monastery at Clonmacnoise, Tullamore Dew Visitor Centre and The Shannon River in Athlone



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53.0967, -7.9143



**Opening Times**  
Jan to Mar, 10:00–16:00h  
Mid March to Oct, 09:00–18:00h  
Nov to Dec, 10:00–16:00h



**Admission Rates**  
Adult €9. Child (5–16 years) €5  
U4 Free. Family (2+2) €25  
Student/Senior €7.50  
General admission tickets are available to purchase on line  
**Castle Tours:** €18 (over 12 only), seasonal, pre booking is required



**Information**  
Courtyard café, Mar to Nov  
Discovery Gift Shop



**Parking**  
Car parking close by. Free coach parking



# 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



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
Lough Boora 53.2336, -7.7201  
Slieve Bloom 53.0744, -7.6123



**Opening Times**  
Lough Boora parklands: parking available on-site  
Slieve Bloom Mountains: parking available at trailheads



## 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.



## Visiting



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



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
53.0960, -7.9105



**Information**  
Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafés and shopping available



**Parking**  
Public on street 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**  
2.5km from Emo (Accessed from Kildare—Portlaoise Road—N7). 7km from the Portarlington train station



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
53.1073, -7.1968



**Opening Times**  
Apr 13 to Sept 27 Daily 10:00–18:00h. Gardens open all year every day during daylight hours. Last admission, one hour before closing



**Admission Rates**  
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4  
Child/Student €3, Family €13



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



**Parking**  
Car & coach Parking available



## 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**  
Apr 13 to Sept 27  
Daily 10:00–18:00h  
Last admission 45mins before closing



**Admission Rates**  
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4,  
Child/Student €3, Family €13  
Guided tours on request



**Parking**  
Public car & coach park close to site

## Barack Obama Plaza

### Moneygall, Co. Offaly

### The story of an Irish emigrant



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.

“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

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



## 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  
Nenagh Arts Centre  
Banba Square, Nenagh  
Co. Tipperary  
Tel: 067-34400  
director@nenagharts.com  
www.nenagh.ie



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52.6391, -7.8685



**Information**  
Great range of accommodation, restaurants, cafés and shopping available



**Parking**  
Ample parking available

# 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.

10% discount applicable on presentation of this guide at the factory shop.



## Visiting



**Contact**  
John Hanly & Co. Ltd  
Ballyartella Woollen Mills  
Nenagh, Co. Tipperary  
Tel: 067-24278  
office@johnhanly.com  
www.johnhanly.com



**Location**  
Situating 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



# 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



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



# 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  
Nenagh Arts Centre  
Banba Square, Nenagh  
Co. Tipperary  
Tel: 067-34400  
director@nenagharts.com  
www.nenagh.ie



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



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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, cafes, accommodation, and shopping available.



**Parking**  
Ample parking available



# 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



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52.9319, -8.4279



**Information**  
Restaurants, Pubs and Cafés



**Parking**  
There is on street parking available





# Discover Lough Derg

Counties Clare, Tipperary, Galway



## 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

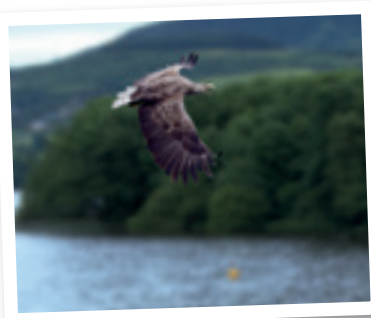
Towns and villages like Killaloe, Ballina, Portumna, Mountshannon and beyond offer a wealth of lively pubs, bistros and fine dining options as well as, antiques, fine architecture, traditional Irish music, local art and craft pieces and great shopping.



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.



## The Lough Derg Lakelands

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 looped walks, which can be enjoyed in a couple of hours. Many of these are situated on the lake's surrounding mountains where stunning scenery is guaranteed.



## 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](http://www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie)

## Visiting



**Contact**  
[www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie](http://www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie)

**Location**  
Counties Clare, Tipperary, Galway

**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
**HISTORIC SITES**  
Portumna Castle 52.9248, -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  
Scariff 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  
Castlough 52.8870, -8.3942  
Dromineer 52.9248, -8.2756  
Ballina 52.8102, -8.4415  
Mountshannon 52.9317, -8.4298



# 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 7km from J27 off the M7



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
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



# 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

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 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.

## Visiting



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



**Location**  
Ballina/Killaloe 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)



# 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: 067-34400



**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



# 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**  
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





# 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](http://www.tedtours.com)

# 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**  
Ted Tours  
The Burren Hub  
Kilfenora, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-708 8846  
[www.tedtours.com](http://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 10:00-17:30h 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



# 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](mailto:info@theburrencentre.ie)  
[www.theburrencentre.ie](http://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 01 to Aug 31, 09:30-17:30h  
Sept 01 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 Cave and Birds of Prey Educational Centre



Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare



## 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.

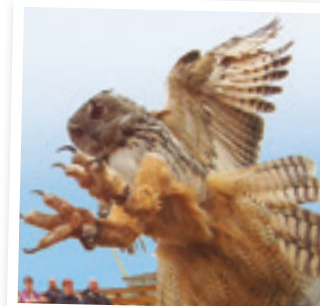
To make a booking and for further details – Tel 065-7077036.



### 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

## 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



## 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

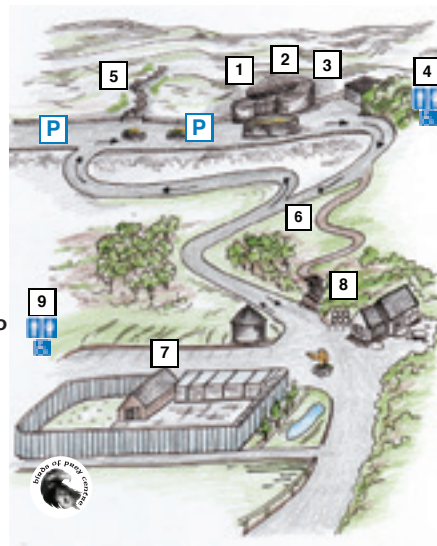
The Burren is a place full of wonder, beauty and discovery. Aillwee welcomes you to its underground surprises – CAVE of beauty. Expert guides will accompany you during your leisurely tour. Take a 35 minute stroll through the beautiful caverns, over bridged chasms, under weird formations and alongside 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
6. Woodland Craft Village with daily demonstrations, the Archery Range, Woodland Craft Courses
7. Birds of Prey Centre
8. Farm Shop
9. Toilets



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

# Poulnabrone 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 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.

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



# 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



# 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



# Burren National Park

Corofin, Co. Clare

## A place of tranquillity and quiet



The Burren National Park is run by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for nature conservation and public access. It is approximately 1500 hectares in size. It contains many examples of all the major habitats within the Burren: limestone pavement, calcareous grassland, hazel scrub, ash/

hazel woodland, turloughs, lakes, petrifying springs, cliffs and fen.

The highest point is Knockanes (207 metres), which continues as a curving terraced ridge to Mullaghmór in the South. To the east lies an area of low lying limestone pavement, which contains a number of semi-permanent lakes.

There are seven way-marked walking trails which vary from a 30-minute loop walk to a 3-hour walk over limestone mountains. Walking trail maps are available and each of the trails are signposted with colour-coded arrows.

## Visiting



**Contact**  
The Burren National Park  
Information Point, Church Street  
Corofin, Co. Clare  
065-682 7693  
burrennationalpark@ahg.gov.ie  
www.burrennationalpark.ie



**Location**  
The Burren National Park is located in the southeastern corner of the Burren in Co. Clare

**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.9450, -9.0629

**Opening Times**  
The Burren National Park is open year round. The Information Point is open from April to September

**Admission Rates**  
Free

**Information**  
Guided Walks are available. Talks and activities are also organised on a regular basis

**Parking**  
Parking is limited to lay-bys and roadside



# Burren Smokehouse

Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare



## Taste Smoked Irish Organic Salmon from the Burren!



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](http://www.burrensmokehouse.com)

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

## Visiting



**Contact**  
Burren Smokehouse Ltd  
Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-707 4432  
[info@burrensmokehouse.com](mailto:info@burrensmokehouse.com)  
[www.burrensmokehouse.com](http://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 10:00–16:00h  
Mar & Apr 10:00–17:00h  
May to Aug 09:00–18:00h  
Sept & 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



# Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience

Liscannor, Co. Clare



Visit after 4pm to be sure of entry and for the best experience

## 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

### Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point

- Visitor information leaflet and site map available in 14 languages
- Audio guide FREE to download from iTunes / Google Play



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 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.

## Visiting



**Contact**  
Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience  
Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-708 6141  
[info@cliffsofmoher.ie](mailto:info@cliffsofmoher.ie)  
[www.cliffsofmoher.ie](http://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 24, 25 & 26



**Admission Rates**  
Cliffs, Visitor Centre & Onsite Parking  
Adult €6, Child under 16 Free  
Senior €4.50, Student €4.50



**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



# Doolin Cave

Doolin, Co. Clare



## Journey to the Great Stalactite

Visit the award winning Doolin Cave and visitor centre located 4 kilometres outside the village of Doolin in the



heart of the Burren in County Clare. Follow in the footsteps of the great explorers Brian Varley and JM Dickenson and re-live their 1952 adventure to discover the Great Stalactite in the cave's main chamber. Estimated to weigh over ten tonnes and measure 23 feet in length, the Great Stalactite is a true wonder of nature. Don't miss your chance to view this spectacular heritage attraction.

Afterwards, enjoy a stroll on the farmyard nature trail or try some delicious home baked cake in the on-site cafe. Browse the pottery gifts in-store made from glacial clay at Doolin Cave.

## Visiting



**Contact**  
Doolin Cave  
Doolin, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-707 5761  
[tours@doolincave.ie](mailto:tours@doolincave.ie)  
[www.doolincave.ie](http://www.doolincave.ie)



**Location**  
On the western edge of The Burren, an extensive karst area of North West Clare. Located 15 minutes from the Cliffs of Moher



**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 (2+3) €50  
10% Discount on Prices Above when you show this guide



**Information**  
Café and craft shop



**Parking**  
Ample parking available



# Doolin Ferry Co.

with Bill O'Brien Est 1970

Doolin, Co. Clare



## Aran Islands & Cliffs of Moher Cruises

Join Bill & Liam O'Brien on the fastest most comfortable only 5\* ferry the Doolin Express, to Ireland's traditional past the Aran Islands for a great day out. Be awe struck by the majestic Cliffs of Moher on the iconic cliffs ferry.

### 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 **Bill O'Brien's Doolin Ferry Co.** #doolinferry

# Visiting



**Contact**  
Bill O'Brien, Doolin Ferry Co.,  
No.1 Doolin Pier, Doolin, Co. Clare  
Liam: 065-707 5555 / 087-958 1465  
bill@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 to Nov. Visit [www.doolinferry.com/sailing-times](http://www.doolinferry.com/sailing-times) for timetable. Reservations recommended, 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 ADV17 and save up to 30% online!



**Information**  
Island Maps at ferry ticket office



**Parking**  
Pay and display parking on quayside



# The Rock Shop

Gift Shop & Tearoom

Liscannon, 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

Liscannon 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 Liscannon Bay. Shop online at [www.therockshop.ie](http://www.therockshop.ie)



# Visiting



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



**Location**  
On the Wild Atlantic Way just 2 km outside Liscannon 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



# Doolin2Aran Ferries



Doolin and Liscannon, 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**  
Doolin2Aran Ferries  
Doolin Pier, Doolin, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-707 5949  
info@doolin2aranferries.com  
www.doolin2aranferries.com  
www.doolin2aranferries.com



**Location**  
Liscannon & 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. Liscannon is north of Lahinch



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
Doolin Pier 53.0156, -9.4051  
Liscannon Pier 52.9370, -9.3843



**Sailing Times**  
Sailings operate 7 days per week, Mar to Nov 01  
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



# Moher Hill Open Farm

Liscannon, Co. Clare



## With lots to see and do



Beautifully situated overlooking Liscannon Bay, this **Award Winning** (Environmental Award) farm is close to Ennistymon, Lahinch, Liscannon 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  
Liscannon, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-708 1071 / 708 6867  
moherfarm@eircom.net  
www.moherfarm.com



**Location**  
4 km from Liscannon 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](http://www.clare.ie)

# 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



**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



## 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**  
32km 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, Co. Clare



## Dolphin Watching & Wildlife Eco-Adventure

Dolphinwatch runs boat trips at the Mouth of the Shannon, home to the largest population of bottlenose dolphins in Europe. This is one of the most exciting activities and wildlife attractions on the Wild Atlantic Way.

The passenger ship, Draiocht ("Magic") departs from the Castle Pier to bring you on an extraordinary adventure, with a live commentary and a crew of marine scientists to answer questions and ensure your comfort, safety and enjoyment. Dolphinwatch has been a committed partner in the research and protection of these wild dolphins since pioneering dolphin watching in Ireland in 1992. Watching and learning about the dolphins in their natural habitat is central to the experience, yet every trip

is different in this dynamic marine environment. On a trip with Dolphinwatch you have the opportunity to meet a variety of wildlife, learn about the many species of seabirds, and be awed by the stunning cliffs and caves at the Mouth of the Shannon.

Celebrating 25 years, this family business has a genuine and responsible approach to sharing this unique marine habitat:

- **Gold Certificate**—Ecotourism Ireland
- **Gold Certificate**—Irish Responsible Tourism Awards
- **Excellence Award**—Trip Advisor
- **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; European Destination of Excellence Award; "Best Place to Holiday"—Irish Times. This narrow peninsula is famous for whale, dolphin and bird watching. Enjoy Carrigaholt's award-winning Long Dock Pub & Restaurant. Visit Kilbaha Gallery & Crafts and the Loop Head Lighthouse, a Signature Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way. [www.loophead.ie](http://www.loophead.ie)



## Visiting



**Contact**  
Susanne and Geoff Magee  
Dolphinwatch  
Carrigaholt, Co. Clare  
Tel: 065-905 8156  
info@dolphinwatch.ie  
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

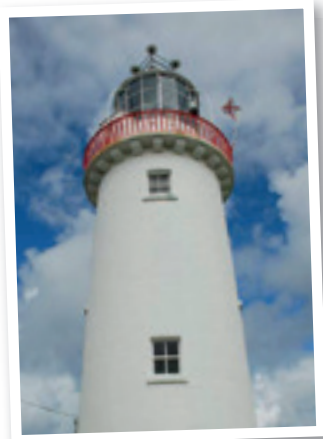
Kilbaha, Kilrush, Co. Clare

## 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**  
Mar 16 to Nov 05  
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



# Dolphin Discovery

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



## Visiting



**Contact**  
Dolphin Discovery  
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 April to Sept (subject to demand and weather)  
Phone for prices, times and bookings. Trip duration 2hrs. 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



# 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. 2.5km boat trip from Kilrush Marina

**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.6350, -9.4948

**Opening Times**  
May 25 to Aug 30  
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**  
Ferry Service to Island  
Tel: 085-250 5514  
info@scatteryislandtours.com  
Ferry Schedule visit—  
www.scatteryislandtours.com

**Parking**  
Ample parking available at Kilrush Marina



# Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre

Kilrush, Co. Clare

## Beautiful walled garden



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 and children can enjoy the living willow structure and play area or follow the butterfly trail. And don't go hungry! The Woodland Bistro serves lovely homemade food and treats.



## 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—Torbart)

**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.6314, -9.4765

**Opening Times**  
Apr to Aug 09:30–19:00h  
Sept 09:30–17:30h  
Oct to Mar 09:30–17:00h  
Open Daily

**Admission Rates**  
Free entry

**Information**  
Bistro, gift shop, plant sales, exhibition

**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



# 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.

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.

## 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**  
Apr 06 to Sept 30  
Daily 10:00–18:00h  
Oct 01 to Nov 01  
Daily 10:00–17:00h  
Last admission 45 mins before closing

**Admission Rates**  
Adult €5  
Senior/Group €4  
Child/Student €3  
Family €13

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

**Parking**  
Public car & coach park close to site



# 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



# 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 Apr to Oct  
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

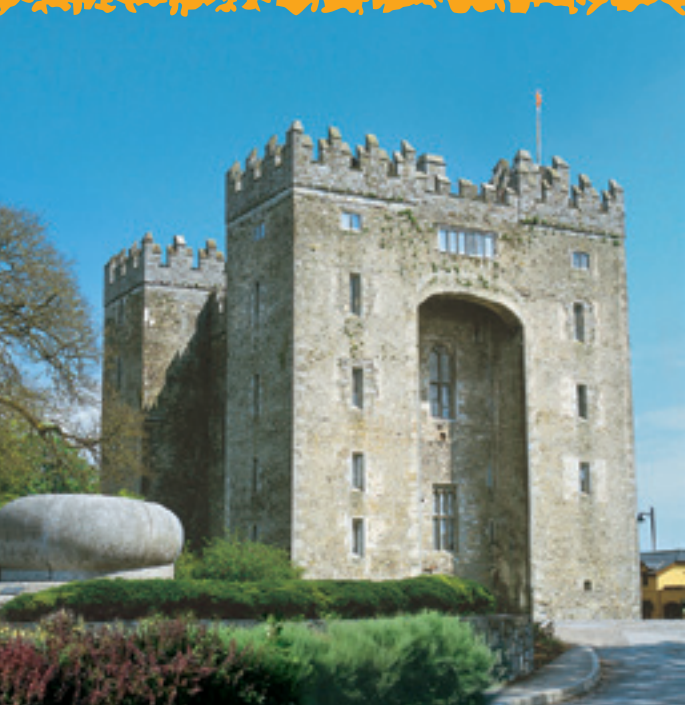
**Parking**  
Free for coaches and cars  
A Shannon Heritage Attraction





# Bunratty Castle & Folk Park

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.

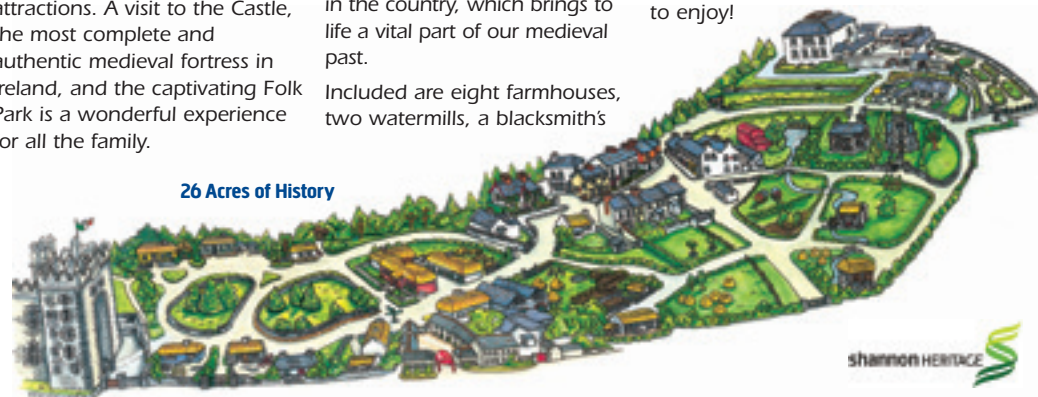
Built in 1425, the majestic Castle was restored in 1954 to its former medieval splendour. It now contains mainly 15th and 16th Century furnishings, tapestries and works of art, which capture the mood of

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!



## 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](http://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 Ti' 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](http://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 24, 25, 26. 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 23—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!

## Visiting



**Contact**  
For up-to-date listings of current Blue Flag Beaches please drop into any visitor information centre or visit [www.blueflagireland.org](http://www.blueflagireland.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



## 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.

# 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](http://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



## Get West

Kayak Tours & Cycling Tours

Limerick City

### Experience Limerick City by water or by land

Whether you're a water baby or someone who'd prefer to keep their feet firmly rooted on dry land, Get West has a guided tour to suit your needs.

Hop on a bike and enjoy a fun and easy paced cycling tour, or grab a paddle and explore the city's stunning waterfront by kayak. Either way, you will get to soak up the famous sites of the Treaty City while friendly guides enlighten and entertain you with stories of its fascinating history.

Feast your eyes on the many iconic attractions,

including St. Mary's Cathedral and the mighty King John's Castle, as you pedal or paddle your way through the heart of the city.

Both tours take approximately 2 hours and no prior experience is needed. Advance booking is recommended and up-to-date tour times can be viewed at [www.getwest.ie/limerick-city-tours](http://www.getwest.ie/limerick-city-tours)



## Visiting



**Contact**  
Get West  
31 Nicholas Street, Medieval Quarter  
Limerick City, V94 W276  
Tel: 061-278 747  
info@getwest.ie  
www.getwest.ie/limerick-city-tours



**Location**  
Kayak Tours: Limerick Boat Club,  
Sarsfield Bridge  
Cycling Tours: 31 Nicholas St.,  
Medieval Quarter



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
Limerick Boat Club:  
52.6646, -8.6302  
31 Nicholas St:  
52.6691, -8.6237



**Opening Times**  
Mar to Oct. See [www.getwest.ie/limerick-city-tours](http://www.getwest.ie/limerick-city-tours) for tour times



**Admission Rates**  
Kayak Tours: Adult €35  
Child U12yrs €20  
Cycling Tours: Adult €20  
Child U16yrs €10



**Information**  
Advance booking recommended  
Book online



**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

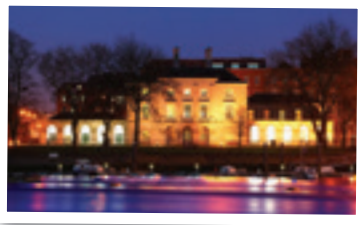




# The Hunt Museum

Custom House, Limerick City

Where there's something for everyone



Queen of Scots Cross and a coin revered since the Middle Ages as being one of 'the thirty pieces of silver'.

Permanent displays include works by O'Connor, Leech, Orpen and Jack B. Yeats. Facilities include guided

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. Objects from the Stone Age to the 20th Century are displayed. Among the important pieces are the personal seal of Charles I of England, the 9th Century Antrim Cross, the Mary

tours, museum gift shop and a café overlooking the River Shannon. Families can enjoy treasure trails and colouring sheets. On-going education and outreach programmes with curriculum linked and informal workshop opportunities for both primary and secondary schools are available. Regular family friendly events, activities and tours are also on offer.

## Visiting



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



**Location**  
Custom House Quay, Limerick City Centre, overlooking the Custom House park and river Shannon



**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 and 2 for 1 every Monday



**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



# 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  
stmaryscathedralco@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



# 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



# 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.

## 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, Sat  
10:00-17:30h  
Thurs 10:00-20:00h  
Sun 12:00-17:30h  
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

**Kilcorman, 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, Kilcorman, 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

**Kilcorman, 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 (1.5km) and Arboretum Walk (1.1km) 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 and 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  
Kilcorman, Co. Limerick  
Tel: 061-337 322  
www.coillte.ie  
www.coillteoutdoors.ie

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

**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.6075, -8.8720

**Opening Times**  
Apr to Sept 07:00–21:00h  
Oct to Mar 08:00–18:30h

**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



# Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum

**Foynes, Co. Limerick**

**WILD ATLANTIC WAY**  
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## 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 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**.



## 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-Mar to Mid-Nov 09:30–17:00h  
June, July & Aug 09:30–18:00h  
Open Daily on above dates  
Last entry 1 hour before closing  
**Foynes Air Show** July 22 2017

**Admission Rates**  
Adult €11, Child €6 (Under 5 free)  
Family(2+4) €28, Senior/Student €9  
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



## 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.



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# 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

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.

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,



## 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, 37km from Limerick City



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.6115, -9.1097



**Information**  
A range of restaurants and shops available



**Parking**  
Ample parking available



# Adare Heritage Centre

Adare, Co. Limerick

Ireland's prettiest village



**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.

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

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

**The Dovecote Restaurant**  
Authentic home cooked food open all day.

**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**  
Main Street, Adare



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.5647, -8.7900



**Opening Times**  
Open daily 09:00-18:00h



**Admission Rates**  
Free admission to historical exhibition

**Castle Tour:** Adult €9  
Senior/Student €7  
Family Ticket €20  
June to Sept. Other times by special arrangement



**Information**  
Craft & Gift Shopping, Heraldry, Restaurant, Tourist Information & Toilet Facilities



**Parking**  
Convenient Free Car & Coach parking at the rear of the Adare Heritage Centre



# 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 1200s.

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**  
Apr 27 to Sept 06  
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



# 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.boycegardens.com



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

**Terra Nova Gardens**  
Kilmallock, Co. Limerick  
Tel: 063-90744  
www.terranovagarden.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



# JJ's Craft Brewing

**Kilmallock, Co. Limerick**

## Meet the brewers of award-winning beers



Take a tour of JJ's Craft Brewery and learn about its history, how the beers are brewed and what makes them different. On this tour you will be shown the steps needed to brew each of the batches starting with the grain and ending up with the finished beers. Meet the

the tasting bar where you will be able to sample tasty Craft beers accompanied by home baked beer flavoured Breads. (Yes bread made with JJ's Craft Brewery Beers.)

**Tours are by appointment only.**

Brewers and experience their passion for the Craft. You will have the opportunity to taste the special malts and smell the hops that combine to produce award-winning beers. The tour finishes up with a visit to

## Visiting



**Contact**  
JJ's Craft Brewing Co. Ltd.  
Kilmallock Business Park  
Bruree Road, Kilmallock  
Co. Limerick  
Tel: 0663-20577  
Mob: 087-928 2694  
jjscraftbrewing@outlook.com  
www.jjscraftbrewing.ie



**Location**  
5 minutes from N20, through Bruree to Kilmallock Business Park



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.4058, -8.5828



**Opening Times**  
By Appointment. Group Bookings on request. Tour is approx. 1 hour minimum depending on group size



**Admission Rates**  
€10 per person, with a gift bottle of your beer choice when leaving



**Information**  
While in Kilmallock go and see King John's Castle and the Old Abbey. Note. Please adhere to JJ's Craft Brewery Health and Safety regulations while on the tour. Limited WiFi available



**Parking**  
Ample parking 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: 0663-91300  
reception@ballyhoura.org  
www.visitballyhoura.com



**Location**  
Located off the N20, 35km from Limerick City



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52.3995, -8.5750



**Information**  
A range of restaurants and shops available

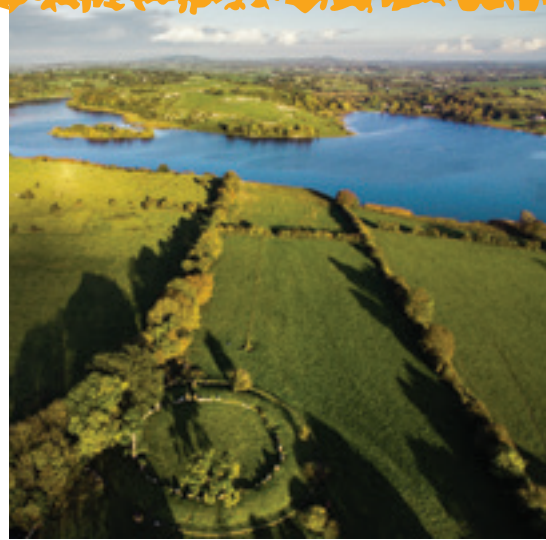


**Parking**  
Ample parking available



# Ballyhoura Country

**Kilfinane, Co. Limerick**



## Adventure, Heritage & Hospitality

Ballyhoura Country lies within the borders of Cork, Limerick and Tipperary in Ireland's Ancient East. It contains a lush green countryside of mountains, valleys, rivers and streams accented by fantastic activities, heritage sites, great local produce and a wonderful and friendly people. If you haven't heard of Ballyhoura before, you soon will, as it quickly becomes one of the foremost activity destinations in Ireland!

The world class Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails are situated here attracting newcomers to the sport. The region also sports a myriad of outdoor activities including horse trekking, clay pigeon shooting, kayaking, motor sports and 1500km of looped walks!

There are many fantastic attractions in Ballyhoura Country. The area contains the world famous Doneraile Park,

Neolithic Lough Gur where the mighty Grange Stone Circle is a must-see, the de Valera Museum, the walled town of Kilmallock and the Thomas Fitzgerald Centre showcasing the Limerick ancestry of America's most loved president John F Kennedy. The Ballyhoura Garden Experience is a must for nature & garden lovers with 5 must-see gardens within a 10km radius.

There are wonderful accommodation options available from Hotels, Farmhouse B&Bs, townhouse Guest Houses, Self Catering and a luxury hostel to boot!

Whether it's a historical and heritage based trip or a more active trip around any of the numerous Loop Walks and Bike Trails, Ballyhoura Country has everything you need for an enjoyable and relaxing break at any time of the year...

## Biking, hiking, and so much more

Get your blood pumping at the Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails described on Trip advisor as "Exhilarating", "Awesome", and "Great Day Out"! 96km of purpose built mountain bike trails run through the Ballyhoura Mountains. Parking, showers, toilets and a bike wash are all located at the trailhead along with Trailriders bike shop & bike hire—the experts at everything biking! Wonderful walks and a kiddies nature trail also start from here ensuring a great day out for all, in the fresh air at the heart of Ballyhoura Country!

## Visiting



**Contact**  
Ballyhoura Fáilte  
Main Street, Kilfinane  
Co. Limerick  
Tel: 0663-91300  
reception@ballyhoura.org  
www.visitballyhoura.com



**Location**  
50 minutes drive from Cork City  
€ 45 minutes drive from Limerick City. Visitor information point is in Kilfinane, Co. Limerick. Ballyhoura Mountain Bike Trails are 4km from Ardpatrick, Co. Limerick



**SatNav: Latitude/Longitude**  
52.3591, -8.4681



**Opening Times**  
Ballyhoura Fáilte Reception & Visitor information. Open daily 09:00–17:00h, Monday to Friday



**Admission Rates**  
Rates vary. Some activities free of charge



**Information**  
Ballyhoura Fáilte provides a free full Tour & Itinerary Service for large groups. WiFi is freely available throughout Ballyhoura Country and through Visitor Information Kilfinane



**Parking**  
Ample parking available at all attractions, amenities & activities in Ballyhoura Country



# Your Daily Adventure



## Shannon Ferry Ltd. 2

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

### June to August

Depart	Killimer	Tarbert
Mon. thru Sat.	07:00	07:30
Sun.	09:00	09:30
Departures every hour		
Last Departure	21:00	21:30

### October to March

Depart	Killimer	Tarbert
Mon. thru Sat.	07:00	07:30
Sun.	09:00	09:30
Departures every hour		
Last Departure	19:00	19:30

### Additional Sailings (2<sup>nd</sup> Ferry) July to August

Depart	Killimer	Tarbert
Mon thru Sun.	10:30	11:00
Departures every hour		
Last Departure	17:30	18:00

### April/May/September

Depart	Killimer	Tarbert
Mon thru Sat.	07:00	07:30
Sun.	09:00	09:30
Departures every hour		
Last Departure	20:00	20:30



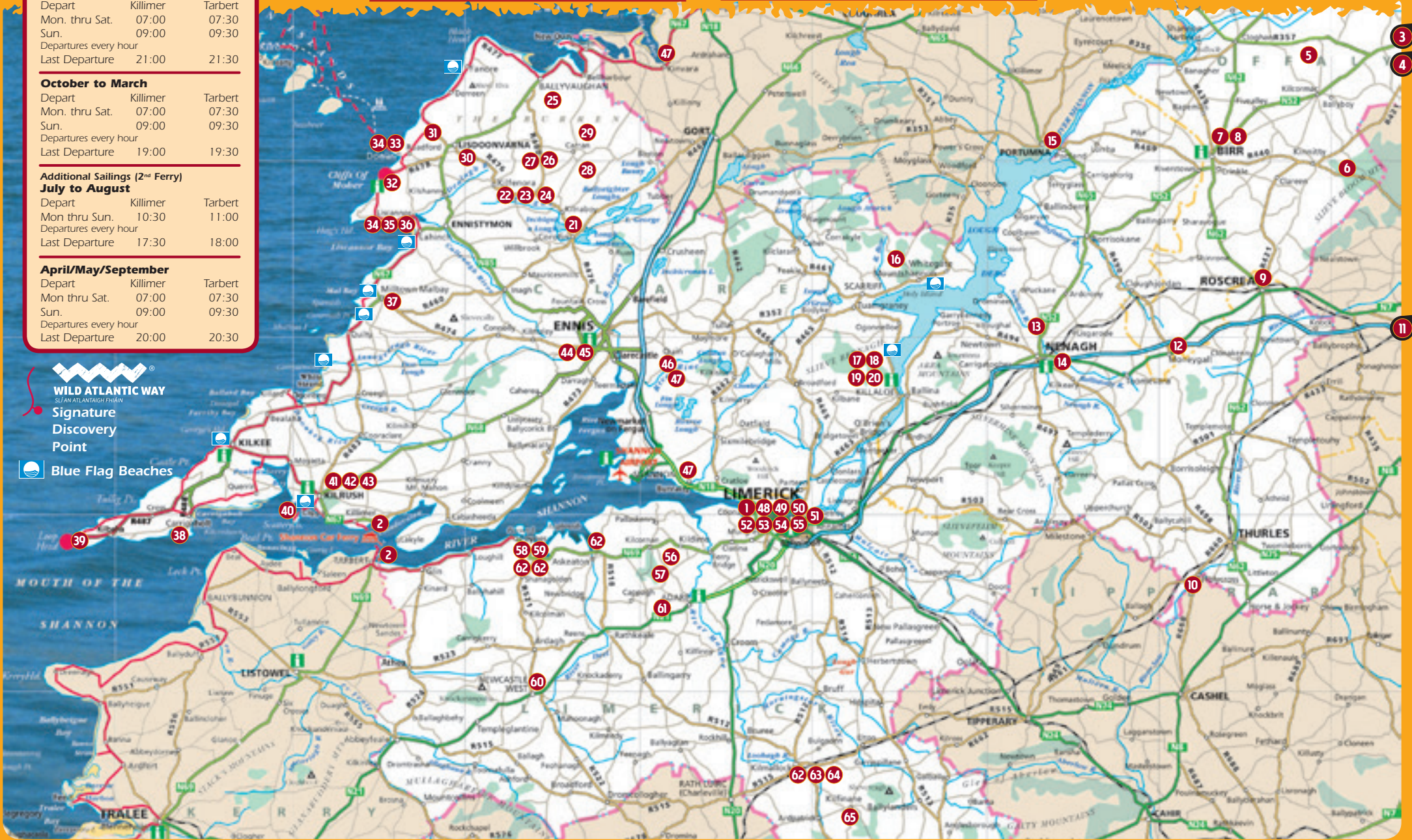
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