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The Shannon Estuary Way
Blue Flag Beaches
Car Ferry Crossing

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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 2019 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

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

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

Enjoy!

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

Guides for other regions in Ireland are widely available.

We would welcome your feedback on the guide to info@glancepromotions.ie

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

The Shannon Estuary is a large tidal estuary on the west coast of Ireland where Ireland's longest river—the Shannon joins the Atlantic Ocean. This area of remarkable natural beauty is where Ireland's longest river—the mighty Shannon flows into the azure water of the Atlantic Ocean. The Shannon Estuary Way covers the counties of Clare & Limerick which offer a wide variety of accommodation, visitor attractions and services along the route. Further information is available from the regions tourist offices.

Shannon Ferry

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Rates quoted are for 2019. All coordinates in Decimal Degrees.

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**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 Slieven Bloom Mountains are a land of forests and blanket bog rich in archaeology, history, tradition and culture. Enjoy one of the many day treks, eco walks and looped walks. Stop off points along the marked walks include waterfalls, ring forts, eskers and much more. Maps are available from local tourist information offices/points. Some are available by download from the website.

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**Co. Offaly**

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Bury Quay, Tullamore

Co. Offaly, R35 YSV0

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**Location**

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

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

53.2777, -7.4932

**Opening Times**

Tours run Mon to Sat from 10:00h

Sundays and Bank Holidays from 11:30h

Last admission 17:00h

**Admission Rates**

2019:

- Curious Taster’s Journey €16

- Whiskey Wise Masterclass €29

- Ultimate Distillery Experience €90 (by appointment only)

**Information**

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

**Parking**

- Public parking available

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**Lough Boora Parklands**

Contact

www.loughboora.com

**Slieve Bloom Mountains**

Contact

www.slievebloom.ie

**Location**

Lough Boora Parklands

Eircode R35 DAS0: 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

**Parking**

Lough Boora parklands: parking available on-site

Slieve Bloom Mountains: parking available at trailheads
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Location
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Opening Times
Jan to Mar, 09:00–16:30h
Mid March to Oct, 09:00–18:00h
Nov to Dec, 09:00–16:30h

Admission Rates
Adult €9.50, Senior €8, Student €7.50, Child (5-16yrs) €5
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Castle Tours: €18 (over 12 only) seasonal, pre booking is required

Information
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Gift Shop
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Birr Heritage Town

Birr, Co. Offaly

Turning back the clock to the elegance of the Georgian era, Birr has stayed true to its 18th and 19th Century character, with tree-lined malls and avenues and wonderful Georgian Architecture. The narrow main streets retain their beautiful shop fronts. There are also two churches and a Wesley Chapel built in the gothic style. Birr Castle Gardens and Science Centre is a must see.

Roscrea Heritage Centre
—Roscrea Castle & Damer House

Roscrea, Co. Tipperary

Roscrea Castle consists of a gate tower, curtain walls and two corner towers dating from the 1280s. The rooms are furnished and some house exhibitions. Built in the early 18th century in the Queen Anne style, Damer House is an example of pre-Palladian architecture. Within the complex, there is a restored mill displaying original St. Cronan’s high cross and pillar stone.

Holycross Abbey

Thurles, Co. Tipperary

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

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Nenagh
Nenagh, Lough Derg, Co. Tipperary

Historic Market Town

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.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
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Killaloe River Cruises

Ballina Killaloe, Co. Clare

Tours of the River Shannon and Lough Derg

Enjoy a cruise along the River Shannon and Lough Derg from the picturesque Heritage town of Killaloe. Escape to a carefree world where you can relax and unwind with an Irish Coffee or one of 14 premium gins as you cruise along the calm sheltered waters of Ireland’s pleasure lake nestled in Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands. A commentary is provided on interesting sites as you cruise by. There is an open deck with seating for all passengers where you can truly appreciate the magnificent scenery. The lower deck is fully enclosed to ensure a comfortable cruise.

Killaloe is a charming heritage town with a wide variety of shops, cafes, bars, restaurants and boutiques. 20 minutes from Limerick or Nenagh and just 40 minutes from Ennis.

Ballina Killaloe

Birthplace of Brian Boru

Ballina Killaloe, Lough Derg, Co. Clare

On Limerick’s Doorstep

Just under 20 minutes from Limerick, Killaloe was once Ireland’s capital as the 11th century seat of Brian Boru (940-1014), High King of Ireland. Killaloe connects Clare and Tipperary with a 13 arch bridge to the village of Ballina. 13th century St. Flannan’s Cathedral, unique for its stone carving inscriptions is in Killaloe, while both villages host restaurants, galleries and shops as well as a Sunday Farmers Market.

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

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

The Lough Derg Blueway

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

The White Tailed Eagle

In 2013 the first white tailed eagles born in Ireland in over a century hatched near Mountshannon on Lough Derg. These amazing birds and chicks can be easily viewed using binoculars and scopes from the shore at Mountshannon Harbour or the bird hide in Mountshannon. There is also a bird hide in Portumna to view the eagles that have nested there.

Towns & Villages

Towns and villages like Killaloe, Ballina, Portumna, Mountshannon and beyond offer a wealth of lively pubs, bistro and fine dining options as well as, antiquities, fine architecture, traditional Irish music,
Lough Derg

Heritage

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

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.

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

Contact
www.DiscoverLoughDerg.ie

Location
Counties Clare, Tipperary, Galway
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

HISTORIC SITES
Portumna Castle 53.0927, -8.2185
Nenagh Castle 52.8650, -8.1981
Holy Island 52.9151, -8.4317

LAKESIDE TOWNS & VILLAGES
Dromineer 52.9248, -8.2756
Kilaloe/Ballina 52.8088, -8.4475
Terryglass Village and Harbour 53.0564, -8.1987
Mountshannon 52.9317, -8.4298
Nenagh 52.8650, -8.1981
Ogonnelloe 52.8869, -8.4589
Portore/Garrykennedy 52.8725, -8.5376
Portumna 53.0927, -8.2185
Puckane 52.9318, -8.2385
Scarriff 52.9088, -8.2185
Tuamgraney 52.8985, -8.3729
Woodford 53.0521, -8.4002

VIEWING POINTS
Ballycuggeran Woods 52.8346, -8.4625
Lookout 52.8755, -8.3948
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.

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.

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.

More Information

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

Portumna, Lough Derg, Co. Galway

On Lough Derg, Ireland’s pleasure lake

A Medieval Town set on the idyllic banks of Lough Derg, Portumna is a main centre for hire cruisers and watersports. Activities include walking, cycling, golf, go-karting and equestrian sports. Portumna's public Forest Park offers a first-class wheelchair and buggy-friendly walkway and viewing platform along with other forest walks. Portumna Castle and Gardens is a semi-fortified house built in 1618 with grounds. The ground floor of the castle is open to the public. Portumna is also a great base for a wide range of local activities & attractions, including The Irish Workhouse Centre, Dominican Priory, Pallas Karting & Paintball, Shannon Cruising, Portumna Golf Club, Portumna Heritage Trail, the Friday Country Market and much more. There is free parking available all over Portumna.

Clare Heritage & Genealogy Centre

Burren National Park Information Point

Corofin, Co. Clare

Trace your roots & discover your past

Founded in 1982, this flagship Genealogical Centre has the largest collection of genealogical material housed in any one place, to enable persons with Co. Clare roots to trace their forebears. The parish registers from all of Co. Clare’s 47 parishes form the core of a unique database that includes a range of Civil Records comprising rentals, valuations, tithe assessments, estate maps and papers, census returns, obituaries and gravestone inscriptions. Located within the campus is the Clare Heritage Museum, an award-winning presentation of the material aspects of 19th century social, educational and folk life. The Burren Information Point provides information on the Burren National Park and includes free guided walks of the National Park in addition to a free Bus service to the Park from May to August.
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.
WELCOME TO AILLWEE

Enjoy a Guided Tour of the Cave Underground, Visit the Birds of Prey Centre, Stroll through the Woodland Craft Village and Taste the Award Winning Burren Gold Cheese.

1. Information, Cave Tours & Cave Entrance
2. Gift Shops
3. Tea Rooms
4. Toilets
5. Mountain Walk
6. Woodland Trail
7. Birds of Prey Centre
8. Farm Shop
9. Toilets
P = Parking

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 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!
Cave Educational Centre

Birds of Prey Educational Centre

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

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

Burren Gold Cheese
The Farm Shop at Aillwee has been the production site for the award winning Burren Gold Cheese since 1985. Milk for the farmhouse cheese is sourced from a neighbouring farm, where their Friesian Dairy Herd graze the unique rich grasses and herbs of the spectacular Burren region of North County Clare. Burren Gold is a firm textured Gouda style cheese with a rich creamy taste. It comes in a variety of flavours — Plain, Smoked, Cumin, Garlic & Nettle and for something a little more exotic—Piri Piri. Why not pop in to the Farmshop and taste some delicious Burren Gold Cheese! You may even be lucky enough to see the cheese maker at work.

Visiting

Contact
Aillwee Cave
Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, H91 AX26
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 €22
Children €12
Family Tickets €52/€58

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

Parking
Extensive parking for cars and coaches

Gift Shop and Tea Room
Visit the gift shop and choose from a treasure trove of crafts and gifts and then sit back in the tearoom and enjoy a homemade scone and a hot cup of coffee...

Lunches are available throughout the day.

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

**Poulnabrone Dolmen**

**Portal Tomb that dates back to 3200 BC**

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

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

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

Carron, Co. Clare

**Caherconnell Fort & Sheepdog Demonstrations**

**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.
Burren Smokehouse

Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare

Taste Smoked Irish Organic Salmon from the Burren!

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

Enjoy the unique series of mosaics about the ancient legend of “The Salmon of Knowledge”.

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

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

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

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

Doolin Cave

Doolin, Co. Clare

Journey to the Great Stalactite

Follow the footsteps of the men who discovered the Great Stalactite in 1952. Guides will lead you on a 45–50 min tour through the Burren underground where you will see the many wonders of this karst landscape preserved in the natural cave. A seabed, fossils, and the largest stalactite in Europe and third largest in the world await you in the chambers and passageways.

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

The award-winning Doolin Cave is conveniently located along the Wild Atlantic Way in the heart of the Burren. Only 12km from the Cliffs of Moher!
**Doolin Ferry Co—Bill O’Brien’s**

**The Original Doolin Ferry**

Doolin, Co. Clare

**Visit all 3 Aran Islands & the Cliffs of Moher**

Adventure awaits! **Doolin Express** is THE ONLY fast ferry from Doolin pier. In just 15 minutes sail to the Aran Islands or book one of the 1 hour Cliffs of Moher cruises, which depart every hour.

**Aran Islands**

Escape to the Aran Islands; Inis Mór, Inis Meáin, Inis Oírr.

**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

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**Doolin2Aran Ferries**

Doolin, Co. Clare

**Garrihy’s, the Original Cruise Company**

Boat trips from Doolin to the Aran Islands, daily departures at various times throughout the day. Visit the spectacular Dún Aengus Fort on Inis Mor, get away from it all on Inis Meain or take a quick trip to the smallest one—the beautiful island of Inis Oírr. You can visit an island and the Cliffs of Moher in the same day.

**Take a cruise to the Cliffs of Moher**

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

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**Contact**

Doolin Ferry Co—Bill O’Brien’s

No.1 Doolin Pier Doolin
Co. Clare, V95 DR74
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**

Aran Islands: Depart No.1 Doolin Pier, hourly from 10:00–13:00, 14:30 and one way only at 17:30h.

Cliffs of Moher Cruise: Depart No.1 Doolin Pier, hourly 12:00–16:00 and at 17:15h.

**Office Opening Times:**

08:00–18:00h daily, Mar–Nov

Use DISCOUNT CODE ADV19 for online savings! www.doolinferry.com

**Information**

Download Aran Island maps to your phone from link: www.doolinferry.com/aranislandmaps

**Parking**

Pay and display parking on quayside

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**Contact**

Doolin2Aran Ferries

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www.doolinferries.com

**Location**

Doolin Pier
From Galway: N18 to Kilcolgan, turn right onto N67 follow to Ballyvaughan-Lisdoonvarna-Doolin From Limerick, Ennis or Killimer Car Ferry: follow signs to Lahinch/Cliffs of Moher

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

**Sailing Times**

Sailings operate 7 days per week, Mar to Nov

**Typical Sailing Times:**

Aran Islands: 10:00h Cruises: 12:00 and 15:00h

Sailings are weather permitting and subject to change. Please phone for up to date times

**Information**

Tea/Coffee/Snacks available at the pier

**Parking**

Paid Parking available at pier

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24  Rates quoted are for 2019  All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
The Cliffs of Moher are a Signature Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way. Looming over Clare’s west coast, the magnificent Cliffs of Moher stretch for 8 kilometres and rise to 214 metres over the Atlantic Ocean. The Cliffs of Moher are home to Ireland’s largest mainland seabird colony with up to 30,000 breeding pairs. There are over 600 metres of pathways and viewing platforms along the cliff edge, which allow the visitor to enjoy a spectacular and healthy cliff walk. The amazing views of the Cliffs, the famous Aran Islands, Kerry Mountains, Galway Bay, O’Brien’s Tower and the thousands of seabirds make the Cliffs a magical place. If you are lucky, you will hear and see the Cliffs Buskers playing traditional music along the Cliff pathways. Talking telescopes are dotted along the paths.

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

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

A world class visitor experience
The Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark

Visitor information leaflet and sitemap available in 14 languages. Save up to 50% by booking online at least one day in advance.
The Rock Shop
Gift Shop & Tearoom
Liscannor, Co. Clare

Fossils, Gems, Minerals and Jewellery

At The Rock Shop view an exciting range of gemstones and gifts sourced from Ireland and around the world. Jewels and jewellery to suit all tastes and budgets, and of course Rocks, Fossils and Mineral Specimens for collectors young and old. With displays of precious and semi-precious stones, onyx, Connemara Marble and a huge selection of healing crystals, you are sure to find something beautiful and unique.

There is a presentation room with a FREE audio visual presentation outlining the history of quarrying the famous Liscannor flagstones from the nearby Cliffs of Moher.

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

Moher Hill Open Farm
Liscannor, Co. Clare

With lots to see and do

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

Visitors to the farm can interact with a variety of endearing animals, those typical to Irish farms, and some from more exotic locations including emu, ostrich, llama and a family of Vietnamese pot 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, ball pool and indoor sandpit. Outdoor facilities include animal paddocks, go-karts, mini golf, a fully equipped children’s play area and picnic area where you can bring your own or purchase from the tuck shop and newly built coffee shop. Antique farmyard machinery also on display. Visit the new outdoor play area.

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

For more information, visit www.clare.ie

It’s playtime!
Clare Playgrounds
County Clare

Miltown Malbay
Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare
Home of Traditional Music

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 forty 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.

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.
Celebrating over 25 years—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, Draíocht (“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.

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.

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
Loop Head Lighthouse
Kilrush, Co. Clare

A Great Lighthouse of Ireland

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

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

An exhibition focusing on the history of Irish Lighthouses and the people who have operated them since the 17th century is located in one of the Light Keeper's Cottages. Other highlights in the locality include the Bridges of Ross, an important habitat for cliff nesting birds.

To plan more visits to Great Lighthouses of Ireland see www.greatlighthouses.com

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.

To plan more visits to Scattery Island see www.heritageireland.ie

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
The Shannon estuary is one of the few places in Europe that is home to a resident group of bottlenose dolphins. With over 140 dolphins here in the estuary, the record of sighting dolphins is very high. Trips depart daily from Kilrush marina onboard passenger vessel Dolphin Discovery where you’ll encounter these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat while enjoying the breathtaking views of the Shannon estuary. Experience the excitement of seeing dolphins leap clear out of the water or swim along with the boat, where you are sure to get some amazing shots of them. Friendly and helpful crew are onboard to make sure you have an enjoyable trip. An excursion not to be missed on your visit to Clare!

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.
Clare Museum
The Riches of Clare
Ennis, Co. Clare

8,000 years of history excitingly captured

Clare is a remarkable county and the story of its people stretches back over 8,000 years. Its incredible history is excitingly captured at the Riches of Clare exhibition at the Clare Museum. Located in the beautifully restored former Convent of Mercy building, the exhibits are uniquely displayed, using the themes of earth, power, faith and water. Over 400 artefacts of Clare origin on loan from the National Museum of Ireland, can be seen. These beautifully displayed artefacts, together with other collections gathered locally, original works of art, enthralling audio-visual and interactive experiences, and dramatic images, all combine to provide an exciting glimpse into the rich history and heritage of the county.

Ennis Friary
Ennis, Co. Clare

Visit the town’s oldest building

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

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.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5

Contact
Clare Museum
Arthur’s Row, Ennis
Co. Clare, V95 EC92
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 parking nearby, access from Clonroad and in Friary off Francis Street. Free coach parking at adjacent Ennis Coach Park.

Visit the town’s oldest building

Contact
Ennis Friary
Abbey Street, Ennis
Co. Clare, V95 AN28
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 03 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
From city breaks to country escapes...

...Historic sights to culinary delights

Sporting adventures to night time ventures...

...Cultural sensations to festival celebrations

...Discover all Limerick has to offer!
Saint Mary’s Cathedral

Bridge Street, Limerick City

Visit the oldest and most historic building in Limerick

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

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

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

Concerts and Recitals

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

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

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
King’s Island

King’s Island Medieval Quarter, Limerick City

Experience Medieval Limerick

The King’s Island Medieval Quarter of Limerick City contains a wealth of built heritage. Nicholas Street, the city’s old main street links most of the sights—Bishop’s Palace, now home to Limerick Civic Trust and open to the public; and some of the remains of the Walls of Limerick.

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

Also on Nicholas Street are the old Alms Houses and the remains of the City Exchange, which used to be the central hub of commercial activity in Limerick, and now forms one of the boundary walls of Saint Mary’s Cathedral.

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

Bishops’ Palace

King’s Island, Limerick City

Step back in time

The Bishops’ Palace located in the heart of Limerick City is a restored home that once housed the Protestant Bishops of Limerick. It is the only example of Palladian domestic architecture in Limerick City. From being occupied by the Bishops in the period 1661–1784 it had degenerated to condemned tenement status by the 1960s before being purchased and restored by the Limerick Civic Trust. The house plays host to The Carrol Collection, an exhibition of memorabilia and family heirlooms collected by five generations of the Carrol Family, starting with Major General Sir William Parker Carrol born in Limerick in 1776. The paintings, photographs, trophies, maps and military decorations offer insight to the social & political history between 1700s and 1920s.
The Hunt Museum

The Custom House, Limerick City

A cabinet of curiosities

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

The fine Captains' room houses some famous paintings with works from Picasso, Gauguin, Renoir, Henry Moore, Roderic O'Connor, Jack B. Yeats and Paul Henry.

Throughout the year the Gallery exhibits a diverse range of temporary exhibitions from fashion designers, ceramicists, printmakers and artists. This June to September 2019 two very well-known Irish artists, Lavery and Osborne, are curated in a lavish exhibition that features many works from private collectors across the world.

Check social media @HuntMuseum or see website huntmuseum.com

Milk Market Limerick

Cornmarket Row, Limerick City

Famous All-Weather Food and Variety Markets

The Milk Market is one of Ireland's oldest and most famous markets. Located on this exact courtyard in the heart of Limerick City since the 1830s, it was officially established in 1852.

On Saturday the famous Food Market is filled with over 80 traders. Here you'll discover farm fresh fruit & veg, great cheeses & chutneys, just-caught fish, artisan meats, organics, delicious healthy breads, raw milk, fresh pressed juices and Honey.

On Sunday the venue is open as a family-orientated courtyard with a fantastic brunch offering in addition to boutique and vintage clothes shops, flowers and regular free Art/Record Fairs and Family Fun events.

On Friday the venue is open with a number of cafes, artisan shops and independent units offering fresh and natural food produce, street food, rustic coffee shops and flowers with live music lunch sessions and more.

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

The Georgian House & Garden
Pery Square, Limerick City

No. 2 Pery Square is one of a terrace of six Georgian Style houses built by the Pery Square Tontine Company in 1838 to the design of the famous Limerick based architect James Pain. For buildings of similar size, this terrace is by far the best example of Georgian architecture in Limerick and possibly in Ireland.

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People’s Museum of Limerick

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Rates quoted are for 2019
All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Stonehall Wildlife Park
Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

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

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

Mixed woodlands, parkland and lakes

Coillte Forest Park
Curragh Chase
Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

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.
Birthplace of Irish Coffee

Featuring Maureen O’Hara Exhibition

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

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

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

Visiting

Contact
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Tel: 069-65416
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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

Admission Rates
Adult €12, Child €6 (Under 5 free)
Family(2+4) €30, Senior/Student €10
Group Rates Available

Information
Tourist Information Point
Visit the New Irish Coffee Lounge
1940s style Restaurant (O’Regan’s)
Gift shop carrying an exciting range of unique giftware
Parking
Ample car and coach parking

Rates quoted are for 2019

All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Foynes Heritage Town

Foynes, Co. Limerick

Located on the scenic N69 driving route.

Foynes is a Discovery Point on the Wild Atlantic Way and is part of the N69 Coastal Driving route (Limerick to Kerry). This busy seaport was Ireland’s first transatlantic airport from 1939-1947. Foynes was where the first transatlantic passenger flights from the United States arrived in 1939, and it was in Foynes in 1943 that Chef Joe Sheridan invented the world’s most famous drink “Irish Coffee”. 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.

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. Guided Tours from June to Sept. A shuttle bus takes you from the Heritage Centre to the historical site. Enquires to Adare Heritage Centre. Walking Tours also available on request.
- The Dovecote Restaurant Authentic home cooked food open all day.

Tourist Information Point A selection of gifts & souvenirs, information & assistance.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
This is a unique heritage attraction located in the centre of Newcastle-West—a Co.Limerick town located on the N21 between Limerick City and Killarney, Co.Kerry. Desmond Hall Newcastle West was built by the Fitzgeralds (Earl of Desmond) in the 1200’s.

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.

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

The scenic lakeshore Heritage Centre and Parklands of Lough Gur is a short drive from Limerick city. The on-site visitor centre overlooks the tranquil water and hosts a modern interactive exhibition that captures the story of the unique environmental and archaeological treasures that can be found within the sprawling grounds. Home to Ireland’s oldest and largest stone circle and only expansive lake in Limerick, Lough Gur offers an ideal location for a brisk nature walk throughout the year and a picnic during the summer time.

Children will enjoy exploring the homeland of Lough Gur fairies. They can also hunt for all native Irish tree species that are cleverly mapped out on a Tricky Tree Trail.

Lough Gur Heritage Centre offers a wide range of guided or self guided tours.
Limerick Gardens

Various locations in Co. Limerick

A Gardener’s Paradise

Visit some of the County’s gardens, some of which have won national awards and featured in gardening magazines. The gardens range in size from small to very large and from new to old. There is something to stimulate both the novice and the experienced gardener.

Boyce’s Gardens
Open May to Oct

Knockpatrick Gardens
Open April to Oct

Terra Nova Gardens
Open Apr to Sept

Coolwater Gardens
Open all year by appointment

Ballynacourty Gardens
Open by appointment only

Please call ahead to check opening times.

Broadford Ashford Walking Trails
Broadford & Ashford, Co.Limerick

The Broadford Ashford award-winning Walking Trails are nestled into the Mullaghareirk mountain range. The majestic landscape of rolling hills, open farmland and forest paths is ideal walking terrain. Each of the 7 routes varying in distance from 1.3km to 20km has been carefully selected to provide spectacular views over County Limerick. All walks are fully waymarked and include illustrated storyboards.

The Great Southern Greenway

The Great Southern Greenway is a unique 96km (60 miles) of countryside which follows the route of the former Limerick to Tralee/Fenit railway line. Further information and access points to the trail are available online www.limerick.ie/discover
Festivals

Limerick Riverfest
Limerick City 02nd–06th May 2019
Whether you are a foodie, a fun runner, a watersport thrill seeker or just looking for a laid-back fun filled family day out then Limerick is the place to be on Riverfest Weekend.
www.limerick.ie

Burren Slow Food Festival
The Burren, Co. Clare 10th–12th May 2019
Immerse yourself in the culinary delights of the Burren Region on this weekend where cookery demos, artisan food producers and farmers markets await you.
www.burren.ie

Limerick Garden Festival
Limerick City 16th June 2019
This festival takes place in Limerick Milk Market and features over 50 traders offering plant, garden and food delights as well as all-day garden expert talks.
www.limerick.ie

Limerick Pride Festival
Limerick City 05th–14th July 2019
Limerick Pride Festival offers a range of events such as support meetings, workshops, music and club nights promoting diversity and equality.
www.limerick.ie

Kilrush Traditional Music & Set Dancing Festival
Kilrush, Co. Clare 31st July–05th Aug 2019
Marvel at the open air Ceili Dancing, or take part in a Sean Nos Dancing workshop. International dance displays plus music sessions in the town’s bars.
www.kilrushcce.com
Looking for laughs, music, food, and entertainment? Look no further than Ireland’s Shannon Region with an array of festivals to choose from. Whether you want to dance the night away, taste the delights of the region or simply kick back and listen to music from the most talented musicians, you’ve come to the right place!!

**Tullamore Show**
Tullamore, Co. Offaly 11th Aug 2019
Come along to one of Ireland’s premier agricultural events. Showcasing the finest livestock and offering over 700 trade stands, it is Ireland’s largest one day show attracting approx. 60,000 visitors in recent years.
www.tullamoreshow.com

**Kilmurry Harvest Festival**
Kilmurry, Co. Clare 22nd–25th Aug 2019
Something for all the family from vintage shows & quiz night to live music, food and a kids FIFA competition.
www.kilmurry.com

**Cashel Arts Festival**
Cashel, Co. Tipperary 19th–22nd Sept 2019
A four day festival offering music, dance, visual arts, film, theatre, literature and family fun.
Allow yourself be entertained!
www.cashelartsfest.com

**Lisdoonvarna Matchmaking Festival**
Lisdoonvarna, Co. Clare 30th Aug–29th Sept 2019
This festival is over 160 years old and attracts up to 60,000 people from all over the world. Music and “craic” all day through with third generation matchmaker Willie Daly available to bring hopeful singles together.
www.matchmakerireland.com

The opening days and times of these festivals are subject to change. If you are travelling distances to visit them, it is always advisable to check times online.
Blue Flag Beaches

Lahinch
Lahinch, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.9336,-9.3478

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

Fanore
Fanore, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 53.1173,-9.2893

Fanore Beach is a sandy beach located near the seaside village of Fanore. The beach lies in the heart of the Burren where visitors flock to soak up the beauty this tranquil region has to offer.

Kilkee
Kilkee, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.6785,-9.6534

Enjoy all that this seaside town has to offer. Stroll the sandy beach while taking in the picturesque views. A range of watersports and activities can be enjoyed during high season.

Cappa
Kilrush, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.6277,-9.5014

Cappa beach is a small rocky beach located just off Cappa Pier. Stroll the pier while keeping an eye for the majestic bird life or the more adventurous can enjoy a jump from the pier!

White Strand
Miltown Malbay, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.8111,-9.5428

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

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

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

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

**Mountshannon**  
Mountshannon, Co. Clare. Sat Nav 52.9295,-8.4303  
Enjoy a family day out at Mountshannon bathing area located on one of Ireland’s major freshwater lakes and be captivated by all the ecologically friendly region has to offer.
People's Park
Pery Square, Limerick
Located right in the heart of Limerick City and home to a children’s playground, the People’s Park is the perfect location for a family picnic surrounded in mature trees and colourful flowers.
www.limerick.ie

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

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

Kinnitty Pyramid
Kinnitty, Co. Offaly
Visit an exact replica of the Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt, located in Kinnitty Co. Offaly. Built in 1834 and located at the rear of the Church of Ireland in the village of Kinnitty.
www.visitkinnitty.com

Kilkee Habitat Trail
Kilkee, Co. Clare
Get those walking shoes on and head to the cliffs where you can learn of and admire the many diverse wildlife habitats of Kilkee, a postcard perfect seaside village on the Wild Atlantic Way.
www.kilkee.ie
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