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2019/20

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Ireland’s West

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

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

Take the Survey and Win

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

You must complete the online survey no later than Friday, October 4, 2019.

Terms and Conditions

• You must be aged 18 or over to participate.
• The survey must be completed online no later than Friday, October 4, 2019.
• The survey may only be completed once. Entering more than once will disqualify from the opportunity to win the prize.
• One lucky winner will be selected from the survey returns and will be notified before Friday, October 11, 2019.
• The ‘3-night Lighthouse Holiday Break’ must be availed of within 12 months of winning the prize (dates subject to availability at the selected lighthouse).
The Prize
A Stay at an Amazing Irish Lighthouse

Great Lighthouses of Ireland features 13 amazing lighthouses perched high in dramatic locations around Ireland’s stunning coastline. They are wonderful to visit, and visitors can also stay at eight of these lighthouses. See www.GreatLighthouses.com.

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

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Welcome to Ireland’s West

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

Admission Rates
The admission rates quoted in this publication are the normal rates for individual adult admissions, children and families. Many of the featured attractions and entertainments do offer special rates for groups, students and seniors. The rates quoted are the 2019 rates as submitted by the individual businesses.

Errors and Omissions
Every care has been taken in the compilation of this guide to ensure its accuracy and compliance with the consumer protection laws of Ireland. Glance Promotions cannot accept responsibility for errors or omissions, but where such are brought to our attention future editions will be amended accordingly.
Ireland’s West is a place to get away from it all. There are places in Ireland’s Western Regions where you can face into the breeze and listen to nothing but the Atlantic Ocean crashing, places where you can hear the actual sound of silence....

Cead Mile Fáilte
a Hundred Thousand Welcomes – to Ireland’s West

With a backdrop of the Atlantic Ocean to its west and the mighty River Shannon to its east, Ireland’s West is renowned for its great beauty, activity, history and for its wealth of great visitor attractions and entertainments.

This free publication aims to enhance your visitor experience.

Plenty of choice

Variety is the essence of a good holiday and Ireland’s West certainly provides a wide range of attractions and visitor experiences from historic houses and museums, castles and monastic sites, adventure parks and island boat trips, through to traditional Irish music and dance.

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 Ireland’s West 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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Fanad Head Lighthouse

Fanad, Co. Donegal

A Great Lighthouse of Ireland

Standing between idyllic Lough Swilly and sandy Mulroy Bay, Fanad Head Lighthouse has been voted one of the most beautiful lighthouses in the world. With its location in the Donegal Gaeltacht (an Irish-speaking area) on the eastern shore of windswept Fanad Peninsula, it’s little wonder that this lighthouse is a Wild Atlantic Way highlight.

Give yourself plenty of time in this coastal corner. Time to take in the sensational scenery and really explore the wild and wonderful natural world around you—this area is regularly visited by whales, porpoises and dolphins. Learn more about Fanad Head Lighthouse and this remote, rugged area in the cozy visitor centre. Or to truly get away from it all, enjoy a relaxing stay at one of the characterful lightkeepers’ houses.

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

Doagh Famine Village

Inishowen, Co. Donegal

Living on the edge

Doagh Famine Village tells the story of Irish life from the Great Famine of the 1840s through until the present day. The tour guides take you on a journey showing how families and communities have lived on the edge, generation after generation, adapting and surviving as the environment and society around the local area changed over the years. A combination of informative story-telling and life size exhibits provide a thought-provoking and at times humorous look at Irish life.

Attractions include original thatched Irish cottages (inhabited as recently as the 1980s), an Eviction Scene, Orange Hall, Republican Safe House and Irish Wake House amongst others.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
Glenveagh National Park
Pairc Náisiúnta Ghleann Bheatha
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

Conserving plants, animals and landscapes
including most of the Derryveagh Mountains. The wild setting around Lough Veagh hosts the largest herd of Red Deer in Europe and since 2001 is home to Ireland’s only Golden Eagles. The Castle is surrounded by extensive, ornate and renowned gardens, with a rich variety of trees, shrubs and flowers from around the world. There is a beautifully located tearoom in the castle courtyard open all year round, where one can enjoy delicious home baking freshly made in the castle kitchen.

Glenveagh National Park lies in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the North-West of County Donegal. It is a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains and pristine lakes. The Park, over 16,000 hectares is the former Glenveagh Estate, which provide a range of services and visitor facilities, and which fulfil other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday. There’s so much to see and do!

Blue Flag Beaches of Donegal

Enjoy a day at the beach
The spectacular beaches of Donegal offer world renowned surf and long sandy shores. With many beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to be never far from a great day out at the beach. The miles of beaches available are great for swimming, walking, exploring rock pools, wind-surfing, kite-surfing and all sorts of beach fun. 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 fulfill other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday. There’s so much to see and do!
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Glencar Waterfall

Glencar, Co. Leitrim

Glencar Waterfall is 50ft high and is situated in the Glencar Valley. It served as an inspiration to William Butler Yeats and he mentioned it in his famous poem “The Stolen Child”. The waterfall is very impressive after rainfall and can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk area. Near the waterfall you will find picnic areas, a children’s playground, café facilities, tourism information and ample parking.

Contact
Glencar Waterfall
Glencar, Co. Leitrim, F91 PY6A
www.leitrimtouism.com/stories/glencar-waterfall/
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.3403, -8.3731
Parking
Free car parking

Parke’s Castle

Fivemilebourne, Co. Leitrim

A restored plantation castle of the early 17th century, once the home of Robert Parke. The Courtyard grounds contain evidence of an earlier 16th century Tower House structure once owned by Sir Brian O’Rourke who was executed at Tyburn, London in 1591. The Castle has been restored using Irish oak and craftsmanship. Ground floor access for visitors with disabilities.

Contact
Parke’s Castle
Kilmore, Fivemilebourne
Co. Leitrim, F91 FP71
Tel: 071-916 4149
parkescastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.2649, -8.3342
Opening Times
Mar 28 to Oct 02
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing
Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13
Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Rose of Innisfree Tourboat

Fivemilebourne, Co. Sligo

The Rose of Innisfree Tourboat operates on the picturesque Lough Gill, in counties Sligo & Leitrim. Experience some of the most spectacular scenery, spoken so fondly of by the poet W.B.Yeats. All from the comfort of this 72 seating all-weather vessel. Commentary on board. Full bar facilities, Tea/Coffee & Home-baking available.

Contact
Rose of Innisfree, Lough Gill, Kilmore Fivemilebourne, Co. Sligo, F91 FP71
Tel: 087-259 8869
info@roseofinnisfree.com
www.roseofinnisfree.com
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
Parke’s Castle 54.2649, -8.3342
Doorly Park 54.2547, -8.4466
Sailing Times
Parke’s Castle (Easter to Oct)
Doorly Park (Jun to Aug)
See website for sailing times
Admission Rates
Parke’s Castle: 1hr/2hr trip
Adult €15/€20
Doorly Park, Sligo: 3hr trip, Adult €20
Child (U16) Half fare (U4) Free
Family/Student/Senior rates available
Parking
Parking available. Pick-ups can be arranged from Sligo Town

Rates quoted are for 2019
All co-ordinates in Decimal Degrees
Sligo Abbey

Abbay Street, Sligo

Known locally as the Abbey, this Dominican Friary was founded in the 13th century. The site contains a wealth of carvings including Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculptures, well preserved cloister and the only sculptured 15th century high altar to survive in any Irish monastic church. It will inspire and enlighten it's visitors. Access is by stone stairway.

Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery

Carrowmore, Sligo

The largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland, with monuments ranging from 5000 to 5800 years old. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs of which 30 are visible. A restored cottage houses an exhibition relating to the site. Access to the tombs may be difficult for people with disabilities. Visitors are advised to wear shoes suitable for uneven terrain.

Fenagh Visitor Centre

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Fenagh is steeped in history, with two abbeys and significant archaeological sites in the surrounding fields. Explanations, descriptions, maps and photographs can be viewed in the Heritage Centre, which capture and depict these local treasures beautifully. Dolmen Café and kids play area on-site.
Get up close to the masters of the sky

The multi award-winning attraction for all the family—excitement, fun, photo opportunities and much more at affordable prices. Ireland’s largest Bird of Prey Centre offers the incomparable experience of being up close to eagles, falcons, owls and vultures. A vast variety of Birds of Prey, some of them with a wingspan of 3 metres, and many other animals are waiting for you. The interactive and highly entertaining Bird Shows start at 11:00h and 15:00h, every day. Some members of the audience have the chance to have a bird landing on their own hand.

Before and after the show enjoy guided tours through the centre, watch birds in aviaries, cuddle animals in the Petting-Zoo or walk the park lands. In case of rain the show is available in the purpose built Indoor Arena.

Arigna Mining Experience

One of Ireland’s unique attractions

The Arigna Mining Experience will certainly appeal to those looking for a day out with a difference. Now a popular tourist destination, the visitor centre preserves the energy heritage of this area, and provides visitors with an insight into coal mining life as it was in the Arigna Valley for centuries. With an ex-Miner as your tour-guide, the visit to the museum includes a DVD presentation, a photographic exhibition, an exhibit area and an underground tour to the mine’s coal face where lighting and sound effects add to the reality of the experience. The centre is fully accessible and is an all-weather facility.

The Arigna Mining Experience and its world class tour is close to the borders of Sligo, Leitrim and Fermanagh.
Boyle Abbey
Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Impressive Cistercian Monastery
A well preserved Cistercian Monastery founded in the 12th century. Though mutilated in the 17th & 18th centuries when it was used to accommodate a military garrison, Boyle Abbey retains its ability to impress visitors as one of the most formidable of the early Cistercian foundations in Ireland. Some of the abbey’s structures are still intact. It was built in a period of transition between two architectural movements and one of the arches is clearly in Romanesque style, and the other in Gothic. Parts of the abbey have been restored including the 16th-century gatehouse. Restricted access for people with disabilities.

Boyle Abbey
Boyle, Co. Roscommon, F52 YX26
Tel: 071-966 2604
boyleabbey@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie
Location
In Boyle town, off the N4 (Dublin–Sligo Road)
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.9737,-8.2969
Opening Times
Mar 28 to Sept 25
Daily 10:00–18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing
Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3
Family €13
Information
Check in advance for seasonal events
Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

Lough Key Forest & Activity Park
Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Enter a world of Adventure—Fun activities for all
Younger children will enjoy hours of fun on the stimulating play equipment in the Adventure Play Kingdom. Go back in time as you are guided through the 19th century servant tunnels on the Lough Key Experience and get lost among the foliage as the Tree Canopy Walk gently rises 9m above the woodland floor.
New for 2019: New Boda Borg Quests with 7 challenges, a unique weather independent activity with innovative challenges, requiring countless skills, teamwork, trial and error to survive the quests. Boda Borg is suitable for adults and children alike from age 7 to the young at heart! Take in the spectacular vistas of Castle Island from the Lakeside Café, while indulging in homemade delights, confectionery, tea and coffee. Reacquaint yourself with nature on the many trails along the water’s edge and throughout the 350 hectares of parkland. Caravan and Camping Park on-site. Also on site is a 50 Berth Marina, Bike Hire, Segway Glides, Mini Jeep Safari and High Wire Course.

Lough Key Forest & Activity Park
Boyle, Co. Roscommon, F52 PY66
Tel: 071-967 3122
info@loughkey.ie
www.loughkey.ie
Location
Just off the N4 (Dublin-Sligo Road) 5 mins from Boyle town and 10 mins from Carrick-on-Shannon
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.9814,-8.2196
Opening Times
March: Wed to Sun 10:00–18:00h
April, May & June:
Open 7 Days 10:00–18:00h
July & August:
Open 7 Days 10:00–19:00h
Sept & Oct:
Open 7 Days 10:00–19:00h
Nov to Feb:
Open 7 Days 10:00–17:00h
Admission Rates
Call for details
Information
Check in advance for seasonal events
Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site
Zipit Forest Adventures  
Lough Key Forest Park  
Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Unique, exciting fun adventure challenge

Zipit is located in the stunning Lough Key Forest Park. With an indoor activity centre, lakeside café, and a 50 berth Marina, you can enjoy a full day’s activity in the park.

Zipit Forest Adventures is an exciting day out for all the family or anyone looking for an exhilarating and challenging outdoor activity in a natural setting. Ireland’s first Treetop High Ropes Course with over 1.6km of activities and over 900 metres of Ziplines. Climb high into the treetops, swing into cargo nets, surf with a difference or try cycling a bike over a narrow treetop bridge before zipping down one of the many ziplines.

Qualified instructors will give you a safety briefing to explain the features of the course and equipment. You have a maximum of four hours, enough time to complete at least three circuits. The five circuits are suitable for different heights, ages and abilities and if you need any help or encouragement the instructors are never far away.

Other courses:  
Tibradden Wood—Dublin 16  
Farran Forest Park—Cork  
Telephone 051-858 008

Good to Know

Zipit Lough Key covers 1.6km of treetops activities. There are over 92 activities between platforms in the trees. Over 900m of ziplines in total. The longest zipline is 150m. Five Circuits ranging from 1–15 metres. Each circuit is customised and designed with graded difficulty levels. As you progress from tree to tree the challenge increases as you continue at your own pace. Zipit Forest Adventures is a member of the European Ropes Course Association.
The 18th century Strokestown Park House was where the first landlord was assassinated during the Famine period after his tenants emigrated on some of the worst coffin ships. Through original documents and personal accounts the National Famine Museum Strokestown Park helps visitors to reflect on Ireland’s darkest time. A tour of the house gives an intimate insight into life in The Big House, upstairs and downstairs. The walled garden takes you back to the glorious surroundings of a planned Georgian estate and gives a unique insight into horticultural practices and garden architecture from the 1740s to the present day. The National Famine Museum Strokestown Park is an Irish Heritage Trust property.

Corlea Trackway Visitor Centre
Kenagh, Co. Longford

See an Iron Age bog road

The centre interprets an Iron Age bog road that was built in the year 148 B.C. The oak road is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe. Similar trackways have been found in Germany, the Netherlands and Britain none compare to the trackway at Corlea. It is heavier than any other prehistoric road in Europe. According to the experts who excavated Corlea Trackway it would have been built to allow the passage of wheeled vehicles. Inside the interpretive centre, an 18m stretch of the preserved trackway is on permanent display in a hall specially designed to preserve the ancient wooden structure.
Drumlane Abbey & Round Tower
Milltown, Co. Cavan

An ancient monastic site

Overlooking Garfinny Lough, the Abbey, Church and Round Tower believed to have been founded by St. Colmcille, date back to 555 AD. Originally wooden buildings, these were replaced by stone in the 12th Century, and later added to in the 15th Century. Different types of stone were used in each century, which can clearly be seen when viewing the Round Tower. Towers were erected between the 5th and 13th centuries and are of Christian and ecclesiastical origin. They served as belfries and security for secret utensils, books, relics and other valuables in case of sudden attack. The entrance to the tower is about 9 feet from the ground. Breath-taking views over the lake, along with the peaceful countryside, make this site a wonderful natural retreat.

Drumlane Abbey & Round Tower
Milltown
Tel: 049-437 8543
info@drumlane.ie
www.drumlane.ie

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Drumlane Abbey & Round Tower
Milltown
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www.drumlane.ie

Location
Located just outside the village of Milltown
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.0583, -7.4790

Parking
Parking available on-site

The Cathedral of Saint Patrick and Saint Felim
Farnham Street, Cavan

An historic and spectacular Cathedral

Also known as Cavan Cathedral, this Roman Catholic cathedral is located in Cavan town. With its 68m spire and flanking domes, this is one of the most impressive and eye-catching buildings in the town. Completed in 1942 the vast interior is shaped like a basilica and extensive use is made of different colours of marble. The cathedral houses many fine examples of ecclesiastical art and is neo-classical in style with a single spire. The portico consists of a tympanum supported by four massive columns of Portland stone with Corinthian caps. The tympanum figures of Christ, St Patrick and St Felim were created by the Dublin sculptor, Edward Smith. The twenty eight columns in the Cathedral, the pulpit on the south side and all the statues are of Pavinazetto marble and came from the firm of Dinelli Figli of Pietrasanta in Italy.
Enjoy a day at the beach

With such an extensive coastline around Mayo & Sligo, you would expect to find quality beaches... and you won’t be disappointed. The naturally stunning formations of the coastline provide long stretches of golden sand and impressive sand dunes. With several beaches meeting the Blue Flag standard you are certain to never be far away from a great day out at the beach. The miles of beaches are 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, rowing, canoeing, land yachting and surfing. Go dolphin or whale watching or relax with the many boat experiences and cruises available. If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday or a day out. There’s so much to see and do!

The Blue Flag Programme

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

Blue Flag Beaches of Mayo & Sligo

Visiting

Contact
For up-to-date listings of current Blue Flag Beaches visit www.blueflagireland.org

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude

Mayo

Elly Bay: 54.1612, -10.0838
Mullaghroe: 54.1431, -10.0701
Golden Strand: 54.0151, -9.9911
Silverstrand Dugort: 54.0123, -10.0178
Keem: 53.9566, -10.1936
Keel: 53.97186, -10.0736
Dooge: 53.9213, -10.0252
Mulranny: 53.8999, -9.7759
Birrua: 53.7492, -9.6546
Carrowmore: 53.7697, -9.8211
Ross Killala: 54.2326, -9.1980

Sligo

Rosses Point: 54.3093, -8.5720

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.
The Father Peyton Memorial Centre is dedicated to the life of Venerable Patrick Peyton, a local man who became known worldwide as 'The Rosary Priest'.

Discover how this humble priest harnessed the power of Hollywood to motivate and inspire the movie stars, who put their considerable influence behind his simple message 'The Family that Prays Together Stays Together'.

He recognised the potential of future greats giving George Lucas of Star Wars fame and James Dean their first film credits in his Hollywood studio 'The Family Theatre'.

The centre is nestled at the foot of the scenic Ox Mountains and surrounded by lakes and the River Moy, which is beautifully maintained by the local angling association. Self-guided Loop Walks available.

The Jackie Clarke Collection

The award winning Jackie Clarke Collection—one man, 100,000 items—spanning 400 years of Irish history. Located in a restored 19th century bank in the centre of Ballina with a newly designed walled garden. Special features of the attraction include a memory booth where you can record your own memories and interactive touch-screens throughout. Suitable for all ages.

Commemorating 'The Rosary Priest'

The Father Peyton Centre
Attymass, Ballina, Co. Mayo

Contact
The Father Peyton Centre
Attymass, Ballina
Co. Mayo, F26 X884
Tel: 096-45374
info@fatherpeytoncentre.ie
www.fatherpeytoncentre.ie

Location
10km south of Ballina, at the foot of the Ox Mountains
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
54.0499, -9.0841

Opening Times
All Year: Mon to Fri 09:15–17:30h
Apr to Sept: Sat & Sun 12:00–17:30h

Admission Rates
Free Entry
Guided Tour & Video €4

Information
Souvenir & Book Shop
Dining Room, Free WiFi
Wheelchair accessible
Parking
Free car parking

Visit TopAttractionsIreland.com to buy your Tickets OnLine to Ireland's top Attractions
TopAttractionsIreland.com

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Céide Fields

Ballycastle, Co. Mayo

A Stone Age Monument

Beneath the wild boglands of North Mayo lies the Céide Fields, covered by a natural blanket bog with its own unique vegetation and wildlife. Consisting of field systems, dwelling areas and megalithic tombs, the Céide Fields is the most extensive Stone Age monument in the world. The stone walled fields, extending over thousands of acres are almost 6,000 years old, the oldest known in the world. The Visitor Centre has won several awards, including the Gold Medal for architecture. It is located beside some of the most spectacular cliffs and rock formations in Ireland and a viewing platform is positioned on the edge of the 110m-high cliff.

Visitors are advised to wear weather protective clothing and footwear suitable for walking on uneven terrain.

Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park Visitor Centre

Ballycroy, Westport, Co. Mayo

Wild Nephin Ballycroy National Park offers a variety of activities such as Interactive Exhibition, Nature Trail, Guided Walks and Kids Club. Visit the café on-site for bird’s-eye view of Achill Island, the Nephin Beg Mountains and the Wild Atlantic Way serving homemade lunches and snacks using locally sourced produce and quality ingredients. Check website for regular special events.

Achill Island

Achill Island lies off the west coast of Ireland. Marked by rugged mountains and peat bogs, the island is known for its tall sea cliffs and clean beaches. It’s a popular location for watersports. www.achilltourism.com
Westport Cruises welcomes you to the unspoilt beauty of Clew Bay with its unrivalled beauty and secluded beaches.

No visit to Westport, or Mayo would be complete without a cruise on Clew Bay. The bay is home to a thriving seal colony, beautiful secluded beaches, breathtaking views of Croagh Patrick, Murrisk Abbey and Bertra Beach (with its untouched sand dunes).

You'll enjoy sailing past the many sheltered islands, Inishgort Lighthouse and finish the cruise a few metres from the shore of Dorinish Island; which John Lennon owned and stayed on. The remains of the huts and dwellings used by the hippies that called the island home can be clearly seen. Onboard commentary will guide you through the history of Clew Bay, from battles to tragedies, from the Ice Age to modern day.

John Lennon's Clew Bay Island Paradise

Bought in 1967 for the sum of £1,700, John Lennon planned to turn the remote island of Dorinish in Clew Bay into a hideaway retreat, shortly before he was shot dead. Described by Yoko Ono as “a place where we thought we could escape the pressures and spend some undisturbed time together”.

Join the cruise and sail right by the shores of the island, and you can see for yourself the beauty and serenity.
Set in the spectacular grounds of Turlough Park House, the award-winning National Museum of Ireland – Country Life is a leading visitor attraction in the western region. The museum houses the National Folklife Collection and provides a fascinating insight into the daily lives of people in rural Ireland, from 1850 to 1950.

A wide range of exhibits and interactive displays appeal to young and old alike. Explore our agricultural and maritime past, traditional trades and crafts, fashion and textiles, religion, festivals, beliefs, and more.

The museum galleries, with no admission fee, are spread over four floors in a modern and architecturally unique building. Next door, visitors can also see Turlough Park House – the 19th century, Gothic style ancestral home of the Fitzgerald Family.

Enjoy coffee or lunch at Brambles Café or browse Irish crafts in the Museum Shop.

Cycling to the Museum
Cycle along the Great Western Greenway cycle route from Castlebar to the Museum. Bicycle parking facilities available in the Museum grounds.

Our past made present with the National Folklife Collection

Ideal for family visits

The National Museum of Ireland – Country Life is an ideal place for all of the family to enjoy. The museum and house is set in beautiful parkland, gardens and woodland walks, including an ornamental lake. The site is also overlooked by an ancient round tower.
Kiltimagh Pet Farm & Wildlife Park
Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo

A fun day out for all the family

Kiltimagh Pet Farm & Wildlife Park is located in the heart of the West of Ireland with excellent views and surroundings. The Pet Farm has a large range of pets and animals including exotic and farm animals. These include Coati, Raccoons, Parrots, Raccoon Dog, Llamas and Barn Owls as well as lots of furry friends waiting to be cuddled.

There is a Reptile House for those that want to get up close and personal with a snake or lizard making it a truly hands on experience.

Relax in peaceful landscapes, enjoy a picnic or get a snack from the coffee shop, while the young ones can explore the adventure play area or enjoy a pony ride.

Rates quoted are for 2019

Kiltimagh Pet Farm & Wildlife Park
Develeash, Kiltimagh
Co. Mayo, F12 E526
Tel: 087-761 8630
info@kiltimaghpetfarm.com
www.kiltimaghpetfarm.com

Location
Located on the R322 between the N17 and Kiltimagh
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.8594, -8.9357

Opening Times
Easter to Halloween open daily 10:00–18:00h
Halloween to Easter on weekends and school holidays 12:00–16:00h

Admission Rates
Adult €8, Child €8

Information
Tea shop selling snacks and refreshments

Parking
Large free carpark on-site

Westport House
Westport, Co. Mayo

8 New Attractions in 2019

Create memories to treasure at Ireland’s most beautiful historic home. It is the perfect destination for your holiday —whether you’re interested in heritage and history, family fun or adventure. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the stunning grounds for FREE.

8 NEW attractions for 2019 include a Mini Ferris Wheel, Jump Around Ride, Playground, Vortex Tunnel, Disc Golf, Play Village, Hook a Duck and Pan for Gem Stones. The old favourites include the Log Flume, Swinging Ship, Giant Swan Boats, Slides, Trains, Inflatable Obstacle Course, Fairy Trail, Sand Pits and Indoor Soft Play.

Plan your sleep over—stay in the 4 star hotel—Hotel Westport—or bring your own tent or van to the 3 star Caravan & Camping Park. Or why not hire a Bell Tent for glamping?

Create magical memories to treasure at Westport House.

Westport House
Westport, Co. Mayo

Contact
Westport House
Westport, Co. Mayo, F28 TY45
Tel: 098–27766
info@westporthouse.ie
www.WestportHouse.ie

Location
When driving, follow signs to Westport Quay. If walking from town centre, via the NEW pedestrian gate on Church Lane (opposite the new Sentinel statue near the Octagon)
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.8055, -9.5398

Opening Times
Westport House open daily from March 01. Pirate Adventure Park open when the primary schools are closed. Please check www.WestportHouse.ie before you travel

Admission Rates
Westport House:
Adult €13.50, Child €6.50
Pirate Adventure Park: Adult €25, Child €20, Family of four €70
5% discount on www.WestportHouse.ie 25% off & NEXT DAY FREE when you stay in Hotel Westport OR the Caravan & Camping Park

Parking
Free parking available

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Parking
Free parking available
Step back in time when you visit Jeremiah Higgins; Ireland's Oldest Shop®. What started in 1820 as a producer and purveyor of leather goods, soon became a tailor's, draper's and even a general goods store. This living history is continued today by the sixth generation of the Higgins family who make it their mission to preserve their family legacy. Historic documents are on display alongside original antiques. Family photos are hung over aged glass-clad countertops. The “Gentleman’s Dressing Mirror”, reflecting tales of past and present stands upon centuries-old floorboards; whose creaks tell stories of their own. Now the shop stands as it was in the past and sells an eclectic mix of Irish goods, quirky gifts and unusual items.

Clare Island Ferry—O’Grady’s
Louisburgh, Co. Mayo

Clare Island’s only all year round daily ferry service

The O’Grady Family have been operating a service to Clare Island since 1880. The “Pirate Queen” is named after the infamous 16th century Grace O’Malley (Granuaile), who lived on Clare Island during the course of her life as a “chief commander and director of thieves and murderers at sea”. The “Sea Sprinter” is licensed to carry 35 passengers and takes 10 minutes to make the crossing. The journey gives enough time to view and photograph a most spectacular coastline which includes Achill Island, the Nephin Mountains, Clew Bay, Croagh Patrick, Killary Harbour, Renvyle and Inishbofin. Special trips to and from Inishturk and Achill Island can be arranged for groups. For group activities on the island please visit the website www.clareislandadventures.ie

Visiting
Contact
Clare Island Ferry
Roonagh Point, Louisburgh
Co. Mayo
Tel: 098–23737, 086-851 5003
bookings@clareislandferry.com
www.clareislandferry.com
Location
Roonagh Quay is located on the
R335, 8 km west of Louisburgh
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7617, -9.9038
Opening Times
Regular daily services year round
from Roonagh Quay to Clare
Island. Times vary and are subject
to weather conditions. Please
telephone or see website for details
Admission Rates
Purchase your tickets online to
avail of online discount or book
your tickets at
bookings@clareislandferry.com
Parking
There is a large car park at
Roonagh Point

Visiting
Contact
Jeremiah Higgins
Main Street, Claremorris
Co. Mayo, F12 V3A8
Tel: 094–937 1000
jeremiah@jeremiahhiggins.com
www.jeremiahhiggins.com
Location
In the heart of Claremorris on the
main street
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.7194, -9.0010
Opening Times
Mon to Wed 11:00–18:00h
Fri & Sat 11:00–18:00h
Closed Thurs & Sun
Information
The shop sells an eclectic mix of
Irish goods, quirky gifts and unusual
items
Parking
Pay and display on-street parking

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
Clare Island Fast Ferries is a family-run business operating to Clare Island and Inishturk Island for generations.

Clare Island:
The trip takes 10 minutes on a fast ferry, the True Light. The island has much to offer with its natural beauty, majestic cliffs, scenic walks and its beautiful golden beach. The island boasts many historical buildings including the castle of Grace O’Malley (Granuaile) and the Cistercian Abbey.

Inishturk:
The trip to Inishturk takes 45mins on a 97 passenger ferry, Naomh Ciaran II, allowing sufficient time to capture the panoramic views of the coastline. Inishturk is a haven of peace and beauty steeped in history. The varied terrain, endangered flora and traditional ways make it the perfect getaway from everyday stress and hustle.
The Sheep & Wool Centre
Leenane, Co. Galway

Learn about the sheep and woollen industry

The Sheep & Wool Centre is a visitor attraction situated in the heart of Connemara on the breathtaking Killary Harbour. The Centre's mission is to foster awareness of the traditional sheep and wool-craft industry in the west of Ireland.

The museum's focus is on the history of sheep and wool handcrafts with daily demonstrations in carding, spinning and weaving. Watch how sheep's fleece is made into yarn and then woven into cloth. A visit to the museum is by guided tour only and will answer all your woolly and sheepish questions!

The Sheep and Wool Gift Shop stocks everything from handcrafted scarves from the Museum and knitting yarn, to woollens and souvenirs, with prices to suit most pockets. The café on-site, Bia Blas specializes in home cooked food and baking.

Visit the Sheep and Wool Centre located in village centre

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.5971, -9.6937
Opening Times Mid Mar to Sept 09:30–18:00h Oct 09:30–17:00h Nov to Mid Mar Closed
Tour Times Mon to Fri, Mar to Oct 10:00/12:00/14:00/16:00h Sat & Sun (March closed) Apr/May & Oct/Nov 12:00/13:00/14:00h June/July/Aug 10:00/12:00/14:00/16:00h
Admission Rates Adult €7, Student/Senior €5 Child €3, Family €17
Information Gift shop, Café on-site Parking Free parking

Visit Killary Adventure Company located on the shores of the Killary Fjord. Offering a huge range of Land and Water adventure activities suitable for all aged 8 and over, this is a fantastic way to experience Connemara.

Kayak and explore the waters of Killary Fjord, scale to the top of the Climbing Tower or High Ropes Course with fabulous panoramic views of the surrounding mountains as your reward. For something truly unique take on the Turf Challenge!

Activities are really popular with adults, families, kids (why not join a summer camp), individual travellers and groups. A water taxi operates from Killary from June to August with drop off/collection allowing you to walk the Famine Trail.

2019 sees the opening of the Killary Coastal Park, a 2km looped walking trail with on-site food truck.

Visit Killary Adventure Centre located in village centre

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.5942, -9.7675
Opening Times Activities start at 10:00 and 14:00h
Admission Rates 1/2 Day: Child €32 Adult €49 Full Day: Child €49 Adult €89 Group and family rates available Call for details
Information Located onsite: Killary Adventure Centre | Hostel Accommodation The Killary Lodge | Nature Lodge The Misunderstood Heron | Food Truck Parking Coach and car parking available

Visit The Sheep and Wool Centre located in village centre

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 53.5971, -9.6937
Opening Times Mid Mar to Sept 09:30–18:00h Oct 09:30–17:30h Nov to Mid Mar Closed
Tour Times Mon to Fri, Mar to Oct 10:00/12:00/14:00/16:00h Sat & Sun (March closed) Apr/May & Oct/Nov 12:00/13:00/14:00h June/July/Aug 10:00/12:00/14:00/16:00h
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Clifden, Co. Galway

The perfect base to explore Connemara

Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean, 12 Ben Mountains and preserved boglands, lies the town of Clifden on the Coast of Connemara. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery and beautiful rugged coastline. Lots to do with championship golfing, horse-riding, adventure centres, walking, cycling, hill walking, beaches, fishing, scuba diving, painting, national parks, abbeys, castle ruins and over 5,000 years of living history. Regarded as the capital of Connemara, it is the ideal base for touring the region or engaging in an outdoor holiday.

The Sky Road Tour
Justifiably famous for the views it affords, the Sky Road route takes you up among the hills overlooking Clifden Bay and its offshore islands, Inishturk and Turbot Island.

Blue Flag Beaches of Galway

Enjoy a day at the beach

Galway has an extensive coastline offering quality beaches and amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean. The miles of beaches available are great for swimming, walking, exploring rock pools, windsurfing, kite-surfing and all sorts of beach fun. 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 fulfil other specified criteria including environmental management, litter control and education.

If you enjoy the great outdoors, there’s no better place for a holiday. There’s so much to see and do!
Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden
Connemara, Co. Galway

Ideal destination for a day out

Originally built as a castle in 1867 and now home to the Benedictine order of nuns, this Abbey and 1,000 acre Estate is steeped in history with tales of tragedy and romance, engineering initiatives, royal visits, spirituality and education. Experience the Victorian atmosphere of the Abbey, Gothic Church and Head Gardener's House. Enjoy beautiful tree lined avenues, nature trails and lakeshore walks. Explore the magical 6 acre Victorian Walled Garden where only Victorian varieties of flowers and vegetables are grown. Vegetables and herbs from the garden are used in the café where traditional home cooked food is made to the recipes of the Benedictine nuns. The Tea House by the Walled Garden is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the breathtaking views over the Connemara National Park. A great day out for all the family.

Connemara National Park
Letterfrack, Co. Galway

Scenic mountainous terrain, expanses of bog & heathland

Connemara National Park is situated in the West of Ireland in County Galway and covers almost 2,000 hectares of scenic mountains, expanses of bogs, heaths, grasslands and woodlands. The Park was established and opened to the public in 1980. It is one of six National Parks in Ireland managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The Park facilities include a 3-D exhibition, Walks, AV Theatre, Playground, Picnic Areas, Toilets and Tea Room. Summer programmes for adults and children include, Guided Nature Walks, Fun with Nature for Kids, Connemara Pony Information and Evening Talks. The Park entrance is on the Clifden side of Letterfrack Village on the N59. The Park grounds are open all year and the Visitor Centre is open from March to end of November.

Map of attractions / entertainments, see pages 4 and 5
Let the team at Glengowla Mines lead you on a journey of discovery of how lead and silver were mined from the roots of the Connemara Mountains in the 1800s. The constant dripping of water, the ‘miners breath’ and if you are brave enough—a moment of darkness will set the scene! Learn of the miners working conditions before the mines closed in 1865. Pan for gold at the gold panning station and keep any gems you find! Glengowla Museum has artifacts collected during the mines excavation & history on the area.

On the surface, the Powder Magazine, Blacksmith’s Workshop and the Agent’s Cottage have been restored and contain items rescued from the mine. A hand windlass and a horse-gin have been constructed.

The mine is noted for its rare and beautiful octahedral crystals of fluorite and quartz. Pitch pine timbers believed to be brought back to the west of Ireland by the emigrant coffin ships are still intact in the mine today.

Discount on presentation of this booklet. 10% off Adult Ticket to mines only in 2019. T&C apply.

Discover the Hidden History of Connemara

Glengowla is also a working farm where you can see Connemara ponies, meet Bob the sheep dog, pet the lambs and for advanced group bookings sheep dog herding demonstrations and turf cutting demonstrations are available.

Advanced bookings are required. Contact Keith 087-252 9850.
Aughnanure Castle
Oughterard, Co. Galway

Aughnanure Castle lies in picturesque surroundings close to the shores of Lough Corrib. The castle is a particularly well-preserved example of an Irish tower house. Visitors will find the remains of a banqueting hall, a watch tower, an unusual double bawn, bastions and a dry harbour. Restricted access to castle grounds for visitors with disabilities.

Contact
Aughnanure Castle
Oughterard, Co. Galway, H91 PX20
Tel: 091-552 214
aughnanurecastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.4188, -9.2754

Opening Times
Feb 28 to Oct 23 Daily 09:30–18:00h
Oct 24 to Nov 24 (Sat, Sun & Mon only) 09:30–17:00h
Last Admission 16:15h

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

Parking
Car & coach parking

Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Conamara
Ros Muc, Co. Galway

This state-of-the-art visitor centre celebrates the culture, and landscape of the Connemara Gaeltacht. The area's unique heritage attracted Patrick Pearse, leader of the 1916 Rising, to spend his summers here in the early 20th century. Visitors can explore the interactive exhibition, and then take a short stroll through the landscape, up to Pearse's original cottage, which he had built in 1909.

Contact
Ionad Cultúrtha an Phiarsaigh, Conamara,
Ros Muc, Co. Galway, H91 DW9A
Tel: 091-574 292
tanphiarsaigh@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.3863, -9.6200

Opening Times
Summer, Daily 09:30–18:00h
Winter, Daily 09:30–16:00h

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

Parking
Car & Coach parking available

Wild Atlantic Way Day Tours

Mercants Road, Galway

Wild Atlantic Way Day Tours offer luxury coach, guided sightseeing tours daily from Galway city to:
- The Aran Islands
- The Cliffs of Moher
- Connemara

Local driver / guides will show you to some of the highlights of the Wild Atlantic Way. On board commentary will guide you through the history of the landscape, the people and the Ireland of today.

Contact
Wild Atlantic Way Day Tours
Claregalway, Co. Galway, H91 HYK8
Tel: 091-778 778
info@wildatlanticwaydaytours.com
www.wildatlanticwaydaytours.com

SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
53.2732, -9.0487

Opening Times
8:00–20:00h

Admission Rates
Adult €30, Senior/Student €25

Information
Tours depart Merchants Road, Galway outside Kinlay Hostel (Eircode H91 F2K1)
Visiting

Contact
Great Escape Rooms
27 Upper Abbeygate Street
Galway City, H91 TNG6
Tel: 091-536 979
info@greatescaperooms.ie
www.greatescaperooms.ie

Location
Follow signs to city centre
Park close to Shop Street
30 second walk from Shop Street

SetNov: Latitude/Longitude
53.2739, -9.0534

Opening Times
Open 7 days a week. Times vary between 10:00h and 23:30h
Pre-booking is recommended

Admission Rates
Adult from €17, Child/Student from €15. Large group discounts. Use Promo Code: ESCAPES for a £5 group discount (not applicable with other discounts)

Information
Suitable for all ages from 5 years (with adult guidance) and upwards
Min. group size: 2

Parking
On-street and ample public parking available nearby

Great Escape Rooms
Galway City

Can you beat the clock?

TripAdvisor Rated #1 FUN THING to do in Galway.
Are you looking for an engaging and exciting activity in Galway? Situated in the heart of the City Centre, Great Escape Rooms is the perfect activity for a rainy day that will appeal much more than the usual bus tour or museum. Create memories you will treasure with your family and friends in an hour of excitement, challenge, fun, laughter and team work. Do you and your group have what it takes to beat the clock by solving the puzzles, finding the clues and uncovering the mysteries that lie within the Escape Room? Offering a selection of rooms to suit all levels, and if you’re really looking for something different, why not try the new Virtual Reality Escape Games? Book Now!

Visiting

Contact
Galway Atlantaquaria
The Promenade, Salthill
Galway City, H91 T2FD
Tel: 091-585 100
info@nationalaquarium.ie
www.nationalaquarium.ie

Location
Located along the Salthill promenade overlooking Galway Bay

SetNov: Latitude/Longitude
53.2599, -9.0737

Opening Times
Open 7 days a week. Times vary between 10:00h and 18:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing

Admission Rates
Adult €12, Family (2+2) €33
Senior €8.50, Student €9
Child €7.50, extra child €4.50
Child (U2) Free. Rates are subject to change. Group Rates also available

Information
Suitable for all ages from 5 years (with adult guidance) and upwards
Min. group size: 2

Parking
Free car parking

Galway Atlantaquaria
National Aquarium of Ireland
Salthill, Galway City

Ireland’s native fish at Galway Atlantaquaria

Visit Galway Atlantaquaria, Ireland’s largest native species aquarium at the heart of the Wild Atlantic Way. Located in Salthill beside the beautiful Galway bay and the world famous ‘Salthill Promenade’.
Galway Atlantaquaria is designed to show the diversity of marine species from all over Ireland and hosts 100s of marine species from Ireland’s rivers, shores and ocean.
The Aquarium hosts two floors of exhibits that reflect the maritime history of Galway; highlights include a 60 foot Fin Whale skeleton, Bearna Log boat [dugout canoe] Red Deer Antlers and Ul Breasail [Hy Brasil] boat.
Featured animals include Native Irish sharks, Jellyfish, Conger eels, Clownfish, Bass and much more. The Aquarium has also received full accreditation with the European Association of Zoos and Aquariums (EAZA), so visitors can be assured they are seeing the very best of professional standards in animal welfare, education, conservation and practice.
Performers who have captivated audiences in extraordinary and groundbreaking productions such as 'Riverdance', 'The Chieftains' and 'Lord of the Dance' have gathered together on ONE STAGE to present an unforgettable entertainment experience. It’s a truly remarkable experience suitable for all ages and nationalities.

Music: Trad on the Prom showcases the amazing talents of legendary musician Máirín Fahy, featured soloist with Riverdance. Máirín is joined on stage by Gerard Fahy (musical director and composer of 'Lord of the Dance') on the uilleann pipes, whistles and bouzouki, multi-instrumentalist Yvonne Fahy on accordion and bodhrán, producer and host Chris Kelly on guitar and concertina supremo Padraig Rynne together with the exceptionally gifted keyboard player Colm Henry.

Dance: The show features a stunning line-up of well renowned and World champion Irish dancers including Clare Greaney (Six-time World Champion), Fergal and Cathal Keaney (lead Lord of the Dance), Colm Conneely, Anne Marie Keaney, Aoife NíShé together with Ronan O’Connell and Dara Kelly (winners of An Ríl Deal 2017).

Song: Singers include Eurovision star Marc Roberts, Multi-AIMS winner Sean Costello and The Chieftains vocalist Yvonne McMahon, Don Stiffe and Michelle Lally.

Simply the Best Irish Show of the Year

Celebrating 15 years and ranked by TripAdvisor as the number 1 attraction in Galway for the last eleven years, Trad on the Prom consistently proves to be the highlight for the many thousands of visitors to Ireland each year.

‘The music and dancing was incredible. If you get the chance you have to go!’

‘Excellent show with amazingly talented musicians and dancers’

Book online at www.tradontheprom.com
Immerse yourself in the strong traditional culture of the Aran Islands.

Aran Island Ferries is an award-winning, family run business, established in 1982. Operating a fleet of four state-of-the-art vessels, the ferries offer passengers maximum comfort and excellent amenities, including bar service on board.

Daily sailings to each island depart from Ros a’ Mhíl Port, with an average sailing time of 40 minutes. A shuttle bus service is available every day from Galway City, bringing passengers through idyllic villages in Connemara, described by Oscar Wilde as a ‘savage beauty.’

These ancient Islands have existed off Ireland’s west coast for thousands of years, and host some of the country’s oldest monuments, forts and monastic dwellings.

Get a 10% discount when booking a return journey online.

Located just off Galway Bay. A real Irish experience awaits, where the locals speak Irish as well as English in a stunning setting of Celtic churches, forts and monuments of historical significance including the World Heritage site Dun Aonghasa which is set on a dramatic 300 ft cliff edge. Inis Mór is the largest of the islands and home to Dun Aonghasa. Inis Meán & Inis Oírr Islands also offer an unspoilt experience of traditional Irish culture, each with their own distinct atmosphere and character. The best way to see the islands is on foot or by bicycle. Bike hire is available on the islands. The pace of life is slow and a profound sense of peace accompanies you through the narrow winding roads and grassy lanes to pristine beaches and craggy shores.
Portumna Castle & Gardens

Portumna, Co. Galway

An impressive semi-fortified house

Portumna Castle and Demesne occupy a magnificent location on the shores of Lough Derg on the River Shannon. Although gutted by fire in 1826, the Castle is still an imposing example of Irish architecture in the early 17th Century. The imposing façade of the castle faces north and is approached by a long avenue and formal gardens. The ground floor of the castle is open to the public and houses an exhibition on the history and restoration of the building. A virtual reality DVD presentation adds to the exhibition by bringing the story to life.

Portumna
Contact
Portumna Castle & Gardens
Portumna, Co. Galway, H53 YK27
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portumnacastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie
Location
Portumna town—adjacent to lake, the River Shannon and Portumna Forest Park.
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
S3.0301, -8.7446
Opening Times
Mar 28 to Oct 02
Daily 09:30–18:00h
Oct 03 to Oct 30
Daily 09:30–17:00h
Groups on Wed & Thurs by prior booking. Last admission 45 mins before closing
Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3, Family €13
Parking
Car & coach parking close to site

Athenry Castle

Athenry, Co. Galway

Original 13th Century Battlements

Athenry—the most notable medieval walled town surviving in Ireland, owing its foundation to Meiler de Bermingham who built his castle there c.1250. The castle consists of a three storey tower with parts of the original enclosure wall still surviving today. The only original entrance was at first floor level and would have been reached by an external wooden stairs similar to the present reconstruction. This gave direct access to the hall, the official and ceremonial reception room of the castle, where the Lord received his guests. Today visitors to the castle can visit the audio-visual room and enjoy an exhibition with guided tours available on request.

Access to ground floor of castle for visitors with disabilities. Leaflet/Guide Book available in French & German.

Athenry
Contact
Athenry Castle
Athenry, Co. Galway, H91 PX20
Tel: 091-844 797
athenrycastle@opw.ie
www.heritageireland.ie
Location
In the centre of Athenry town (Heritage Town)
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude
S3.3001, -8.7446
Opening Times
Mar 28 to Oct 02
Daily 09:30–18:00h
Oct 03 to Oct 30
Daily 09:30–17:00h
Last admission 45 mins before closing
Admission Rates
Adult €5, Senior/Group €4
Child/Student €3, Family €13
Parking
Car & coach parking available close to site

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Burren Nature Sanctuary & Café
Kinvara, Co. Galway

Experience the magical Burren landscape

Burren Nature Sanctuary is the perfect introduction to the magical Burren. Stroll through orchid rich wildflower meadows and shattered limestone pavement. Marvel at the geological wonder of the disappearing lake. Visit the Botany Bubble which houses the National Collection of Burren Flora in season. Explore the fairy village in the ancient ash and hazel woodlands. Meet Burren mountain goats, pigs, donkeys and guinea pigs. Daily activities included in ticket price: meet and feed the animals, fairy woodland walks. Indoor soft play area with giant slide, outdoor Burren Adventure playground with Zip Wire. Relax in the Sanctuary Café, healthy children’s menu, no fizz, no fry. Try the Burren Food Trail Savoury Scone served with local cheese and seaweed garnish. Proud members of the award winning Burren Food Trail. Gift shop, crafts, candles, Avoca handwoven rugs.

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Saint Mary’s Cathedral

Bridge Street, Limerick City

Standing on King’s Island, overlooking the River Shannon, Saint Mary’s Cathedral is the oldest building in Limerick. 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. No trip to the city is complete without visiting this historic building.

Contact
Saint Mary’s Cathedral
Bridge Street, Limerick City, V94 E068
Tel: 061-310 293
info@saintmaryscathedral.ie
www.SaintMarysCathedral.ie
SatNav: Latitude/Longitude 52.6686, -8.6233
Opening Times
Open Daily Mon to Fri 09:00–17:00h
Sat 09:00–16:00h
Sun 12:30–16:00h
Last admission 30 mins before closing
Admission Rates
Adult €5, Student €3.50
Child (0–10yrs) Free
Parking
On-site & some street parking
Public car parks near by

Stonehall Wildlife Park

Kilcornan, Co. Limerick

Stonehall hosts a wide variety of rare & domestic animals, from Llamas, Alpacas, Ostriches, Emus, Rheas and 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.

Contact
Stonehall Wildlife Park
Curraghchase, Kilcornan
Co. Limerick, V94 D7E8
Tel: 061-393 940
info@stonehallvisitorfarm.ie
www.stonehallwildlifepark.ie
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 €9, Child €9, Family rate available
Separate rate for Santa’s Grotto
Parking
Parking facilities for coaches & cars

Foyynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum

Foynes, Co. Limerick

Discover the era of transatlantic passenger flights, the invention of Irish Coffee, and the maritime history of the River Shannon. Home to the world’s only full-size replica of a B314 flying boat. New Maureen O’Hara Exhibition preserves the memory of this famous movie star. Her husband Charles Blair flew boats into Foyynes from 1942 to 1945. Enjoy lunch or afternoon tea in nostalgic 1940s style in O’Regan’s restaurant.

Contact
Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
Foynes, Co. Limerick, V94 T5C1
Tel: 069-65416
info@flyingboatmuseum.com
www.flyingboatmuseum.com
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
Visit the New Irish Coffee Lounge 1940s style Restaurant (O’Regan’s) Gift shop carrying an exciting range of unique giftware
Great walking trails to explore the West of Ireland

**Ards Forest Park – Heritage Trail**
Creeslough, Co. Donegal.
Sat Nav 55.1457, -7.9286
Moderate 5km walking trail between Creeslough and Dunfanaghy. See four ring forts together with a mass rock and a holy well. One of nine trails in Ards Forest Park.
www.coillte.ie

**Benbulben Looped Walk**
Gortarowey, Co. Sligo.
Sat Nav 54.3587, -8.5070
Easy 5.5km walking trail suitable for all ages. Walk the forest road for panoramic views of Ben Bulben table top mountain and Sligo and Donegal bays. Great for families.
www.sligowalks.ie

**Bothar na Naomh**
Cloone, Co. Leitrim.
Sat Nav 53.9467, -7.7889
Easy 3.75km walking trail starting and finishing in the village of Cloone. Ideal for families. Quiet rural landscape and regenerated cutaway bog.
www.irishtrails.ie

**Ballyconnell – Canal Loop**
Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan.
Sat Nav 54.1169, -7.5806
Easy to moderate 6km walking trail starting and finishing in Ballyconnell Bridge car park. Follow sandy roads, woodland tracks and riverbank paths.
www.irishtrails.ie

**Erris Head Loop**
Belmullet, Co. Mayo.
Sat Nav 54.2892, -9.9884
Easy 5km walking trail, starting at the car park at Erris Head. Offering spectacular views of this unspoilt and untouched part of Ireland.
www.errisbeo.ie   www.irishtrails.ie
Enjoy some of Ireland’s best mountain walking routes and hiking trails. Below are listed just some of the many routes that are available in the West of Ireland, just waiting to be explored.

**Bothy Loop**
Sat Nav 53.9981, -9.5726
Moderate 6km walking trail at the junction of two long-distance trails – the Bangor Trail and the Western Way. The trail follows the riverbank, tracks and forest roads in the lowlands of the Nephin Mountains.

www.irishtrails.ie

**Pigeon Hole Loop**
Cong, Co. Mayo. F31 Y681
Sat Nav 53.5408, -9.2870
Easy 4.7km trail starting opposite the Tourist Office in Cong and crossing the Cong river before passing several caves including Pigeon Hole Cave.

www.irishtrails.ie

**Letterfrack Poetry Trail**
Letterfrack, Co. Galway. H91 K2Y1
Sat Nav 53.5544, -9.9481
Easy/moderate 1.5km walking trail takes you from plaque to plaque around Letterfrack village. Each plaque contains a poem.

www.irishtrails.ie

**New Village Walk**
Oughterard, Co. Galway.
Sat Nav 53.4391, -9.3401
Moderate 5km walking trail following the forest road through forest plantations of spruce and pine to Glann road. Amazing views of Lough Corrib.

www.coillte.ie

**Monivea**
Monivea, Co. Galway.
Sat Nav 53.3772, -8.6894
Moderate 1.5km walking trail through woodland on what was once the Ffrench estate. Pass the Ffrench family Mausoleum constructed in 1900 and a well preserved ice house.

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FESTIVALS

Looking for laughs, music, food, and entertainment? Look no further than Ireland's West with an array of festivals to choose from.

Eyre Square Brass Band Concerts
Each Saturday Afternoon, June & July
Find a sunny spot and soak up the atmosphere as the St. Patrick's Brass Band from Galway & their guests perform open-air concerts for all to enjoy!
www.galwaytourism.ie

Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival
21st–23rd Jun 2019
With Irish & International music acts, surfing, skating, yoga, beach sports and of course a beach party, this festival takes place in Bundoran, Co. Donegal and has something for everyone!
www.seasessions.com

Ballina Salmon Festival
07th–13th July 2019
In its 55th year this is one of the West of Irelands longest running events. The festival celebrates life on the Wild Atlantic Way and has dedicated one third of its programme solely to children.
www.ballinasalmonfestival.ie

Galway International Arts Festival
15th–28th July 2019
An international festival celebrating theatre, dance, opera, visual arts, comedy and much more. Named by The Guardian as being one of the Top 5 Summer Festivals in Europe.
www.giaf.ie

Mayo Dark Sky Festival
01st–03rd Nov 2019
Celebrate the natural nightscapes of Mayo with stargazing and observing, educational talks, science shows, rocket workshops and much more. Three fun-filled days and nights.
www.mayodarkskyfestival.ie
Learn about the origins of Galway’s iconic Claddagh ring which dates back over 300 years. Come and see where the Authentic Claddagh Ring™ is made.

26 Shop Street, Galway.

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