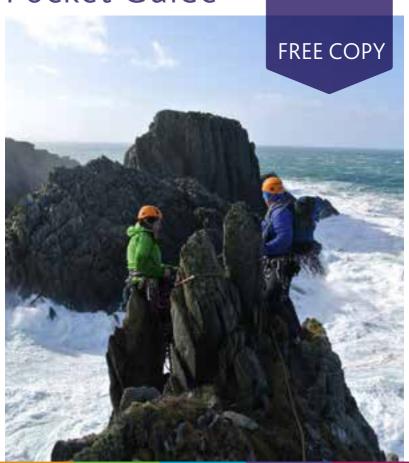
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SLIGO

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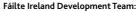
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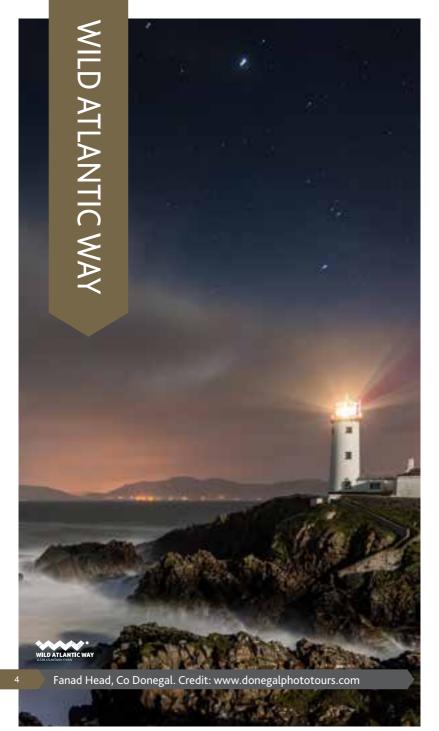
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Wild Atlantic Way



Out at the very edge of Europe, the Wild Atlantic Way stretches for 2,500 km (1,500 miles) along Ireland's western seaboard. From Malin Head in County Donegal down to Kinsale in County Cork and passing along by famous landmarks and film locations, this is the longest defined coastal drive in the world.

Here, the Atlantic Ocean's force has carved a coastline of wild, raw Irish beauty. Jagged cliffs, wave-capped inlets, surfing-friendly strands and deserted beaches line a coast guarded by islands and lighthouses dotted along the way.

Highlights along the North West include Malin Head which is the most northerly point on the island of Ireland, Fanad Head with its iconic and picturesque lighthouse, Sliabh Liag where you can marvel at some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe and Mullaghmore Head in Sligo where some of the world's biggest and best surfing swells can be found. Travel the entire Way or pick your part of the Atlantic coastline to explore using this Pocket Guide. Suggested experiences include meeting some unforgettable local characters or even venturing along part of the Way by kayak, bike or Connemara pony. Sit by a turf fire in a traditional pub for a seafood feast or to hear the Irish language, songs and stories. Wherever you travel along the Wild Atlantic Way you will encounter moments of magic along one of the world's most unforgettable coastal routes.

For more information on the Wild Atlantic Way, visit www.wildatlanticway.com





Signature Discovery Point: Malin Head

Circle Ireland's Far North At Malin Head

The dramatic outpost of Malin Head – Cionn Mhálanna – at the tip of the Inishowen Peninsula is mainland Ireland's farthest northerly point. The wild Atlantic has carved deep crevices into the rugged headland, like Hell's Hole – a narrow chasm where the swells roar and churn.

Birds flock here, blown in on the Atlantic wind from Iceland, Greenland and North America, are regular visitors and even exotic feathered creatures from further afield. The mythical figure of Queen Banba has given her name to the peninsula's tip – Banba's Crown. It's here that guides from Cycle Inishowen will meet you for a 45-minute cycle on an Irish-made bike as you learn about the area's wildlife, geology and history.

Or visit...

An Grianán Ailigh - A Wonder To Behold

An Grianán Ailigh, is a stone Ringfort which was mapped by Ptolemy in his second-century AD map of the world. This ancient site – said to date back nearly 4,000 years – was the base of northern Irish chieftains and known as the Palace of the Northern Princes.

It stands 245 metres high (800 ft.) with spectacular views across heather covered hills to the vast estuaries of the ruggedly beautiful Inishowen peninsula and across to the walled city of Derry.

The fort is used once a year for the Féile Grianán Ailigh Chieftains Feast which is an ancient-style banquette within the walls of An Grianán Ailigh. Well worth a visit. Or you may prefer to visit at a quieter time, to walk inside the tranquil and deserted hill fort's walls, with only the Atlantic winds for company.

Signature Discovery Point: Fanad Head

Take In One Of The Most Beautiful Beaches In The World

Another memorable Wild Atlantic Way route is the Knockalla Coast Road with its panoramic views across the estuary looking towards the Inishowen Peninsula and the Atlantic Ocean.

As the road ascends you are greeted at the top by one of the most splendid views in Ireland. Looking down on Portsalon and Ballymastocker Bay, it is no surprise that this beach has been voted second most beautiful beach in the world!

From Portsalon continue along the coastal road up as far as Fanad Head and Fanad lighthouse.

And for some relaxation...

Meet An Artist King

Traditional Irish culture is a way of life on the Donegal Gaeltacht outpost of Tory Island, a remote and rugged crag 12km (7.5 miles) offshore. These independent people have elected their own King since the sixth century. The current King of Tory is painter Patsaí Dan Mac Ruaidhrí, whose royal duties include meeting the ferries on the quayside to welcome visitors to the island. Tory Island is known for its strong folklore and musical traditions, and for its own school of native art which was established in the 1950s. Still home to many artists today, their work is shown at the island's Gallery, where you could even meet some of them too. Who knows, you may even be inspired to take up a paintbrush!





Signature Discovery Point: Sliabh Liag

Sliabh League - Amongst The Highest Sea Cliffs In Europe

Sliabh League are amongst the highest sea cliffs in Europe and present ever-changing vistas and shades. Bright azure skies, blue-grey shafts of rain, scudding grey clouds and sunbeams light the Atlantic into pools of liquid gold.

Majestic Donegal Bay lies at the foot of these cliffs and for the experienced walker, One Man's Pass will take you to the summit of Sliabh League. For the leisure visitor the viewing platform offers memorable views too. Continue on to Glencolumbkille and visit the Folk Village where traditional folk life is freeze-framed. Silver Strand (Trabane) is a spectacular hidden gem of a beach at Malin Beg, 7km south of Glencolmcille.

And why not...

Watch Them Weave Magic Into Donegal Tweed

Donegal folk have been masters of weaving tweed and yarn for centuries. Nature provides the raw materials: wool from the sheep that thrive on the hillsides and natural dyes from the hedgerows and fields...blackberries, fuchsia, gorse and moss.

Visit Studio Donegal at Kilcar, a business committed to preserving and promoting the original skills passed down from generation to generation. Here you'll see the Handweavers and Spinners at work and perhaps take a timeless piece of Ireland away with you, inspired by the rugged landscape of Donegal.

Signature Discovery Point: Mullaghmore Head

See Giant Swells Off Mullaghmore Head

Huge Atlantic rollers crash onto surfing-perfect beaches along Ireland's wild western seaboard. And off the coast of Sligo they've discovered 'Prowlers' – a wave like no other with swells said to be up to 100ft which attracts surfers from around the world – and led to Sligo's Mullaghmore Head hosting Ireland's first Big Wave contest in 2011.

Tow-in surfing – involving jet skis as well as surfers – is a highly skilled sport and an exciting spectator sport too. Wrap up in the winter months then hurry back to that seat by a turf fire in a cosy Sligo pub. And if you ever fancied learning to 'hang ten', there are several surf schools in the nearby seaside town of Bundoran, which also hosts Ireland's International Surfing Festival in June.

Take A Traditional Seaweed Bath

How about a deep soak, floating in a bath of hot Atlantic seawater and hand-harvested seaweed, followed by a bracing walk on a beautiful beach at the Atlantic's edge? This time-honoured organic cure for stress and strains is having a resurgence along the Sligo coast as people rediscover natural remedies.

The therapeutic properties of wild seaweed – reputedly due to the high concentrations of iodine in the seaweed fronds – have long been recognised in Ireland. And there's a remarkable variety of seaweed growing in the gloriously unspoilt Atlantic waters off the west coast.

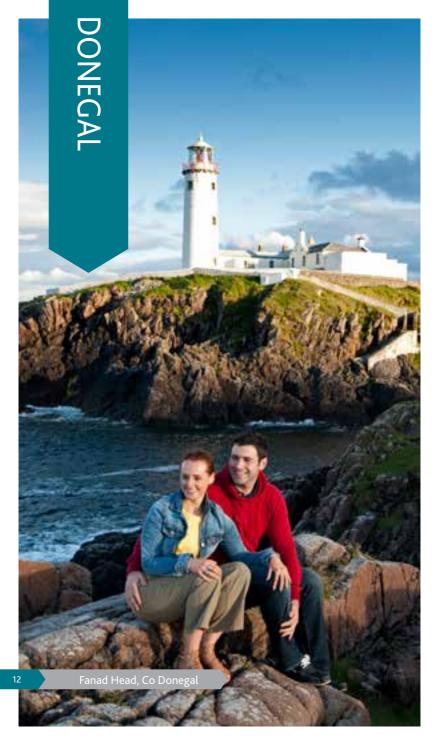
Over 300 seaweed bathhouses once flourished in Ireland with nine in Strandhill, where traditional seaweed baths are still available at the award-winning Voya Seaweed Baths at Strandhill, and Edwardian Kilcullens Seaweed Baths at nearby Enniscrone.

Celebrate a literary legend

Yeats2015, is a year-long event taking place across the country and across the world to mark the 150 years since the birth of WB Yeats on 13th June 1865. The celebrations will be rooted in Sligo – Yeats' 'spiritual home'. Yeats2015 will offer a diverse and rewarding series of events to acknowledge and celebrate the range and depth of his work. It will also include events to celebrate the work of his father John, together with his talented siblings Jack, Susan and Elizabeth.







Donegal

With its rugged Atlantic coastline, Donegal is Ireland's most northerly county, where locals proudly proclaim that "up here, it's different!"

An untamed and exciting county, visitors can experience Donegal for themselves by walking the towering cliffs of Sliabh Liag (Slieve League) or by exploring the spectacular Glenveagh National Park (a 16,000 hectare park consisting of mountains, raised bog lands, lakes and woodland). The remote outlet of the Inishowen Peninsula affords visitors the opportunity to be at the most northerly tip of Ireland – Malin Head, where the 'Northern Lights' can sometimes be seen in the uninterrupted night's sky.

Tradition and culture are still very strong in Donegal, with many Gaeltacht (Irish speaking) areas throughout, along with traditional music and dance sessions in many towns and villages. The vast coastline offers up plenty of golden sandy beaches, many of which are Blue Flag status and are a favourite among surfers.

Most of the larger towns in Donegal are on the Eastern side of the County, with Buncrana, Letterkenny and Lifford in the North East, whilst Donegal, Ballyshannon and Bundoran lie to the South East.

Did you Know?

- Population: 161,137
- Area: 4,841km2 (4th largest county in Ireland)
- · County Town: Lifford
- Other Main Towns: Ballyshannon, Buncrana, Bundoran, Donegal, Letterkenny
- Ballyshannon is the oldest town in Ireland.
- Famous musicians Rory Gallagher, Enya, Clannad and Daniel O'Donnell
- 'Tory Island' has its own king



Donegal Towns and Villages

Ardara (D2) is one of Donegal's unique heritage towns. The establishment of cottage industries for the making of fine wool fabrics, tweeds and hand-knits for world distribution was an important element in the town's growth and the history of the town.

Ballyliffin (B5) is a delightful village, with a fine long golden sandy beach at Pollan that stretches to over two miles in length. Ballyliffin is home to the Ballyliffin Golf Club, Ireland's most northerly club, and a gem of a destination for the visiting golfer.

Ballybofey & Stranorlar (D4) a twin town separated by a beautiful stone bridge spanning the River Finn. There are pleasant walks along the river and also at nearby Drumboe Woods. The area is a haven for the visiting angler, as the River Finn is rich in freshwater fish.

***** Ballyshannon (E3) is the oldest town in Ireland. The town's rich heritage is interpreted in its Historic Town Trail. It is the birthplace of Allingham the Poet and Rory Gallagher the rock guitarist.

Buncrana (B5) principle town and resort on the lovely Inishowen Peninsula boasts a 5km sandy beach. Swan Park and the Buncrana coastal walk is a haven of peace for the leisure walker. Buncrana Golf Club, the oldest 9 hole links course in Ireland and the nearby North West Links offer a warm welcome for visiting golfers.

Bundoran (E3) has evolved into Ireland's premier seaside resort with a host of modern facilities for visitors and yet still remains true to its roots with its own special brand of hospitality and warmth.

O'Donnell's up until the 17th Century. The remains of the O'Donnell Clan stronghold "Donegal Castle" has been restored and is now a very popular visitor attraction. The town is also the home of Donegal tweed industry in Ireland and the Magee family.



Dunfanaghy (B4) is situated on the shores of the shallow sandy inlet of Sheephaven Bay. Located on the outskirts of the village is the Workhouse which explores local history and culture with the Wee Hannah & New Lake exhibitions.

Dungloe (C3) known locally as the Capital of the Rosses plays host to the famous international Mary of Dungloe festival in July.

Downings (B4) a traditional seaside resort with a fine curved beach looks out on Sheephaven Bay. A base for all types of water based activity including diving and windsurfing. Downings is renowned as one of the main sea angling centres in Donegal.

Killybegs (D2) Ireland's premier commercial fishing port is a bustling town where local and foreign ships tower over the quayside. Take a stroll along the six heritage walks or drop in to see the simulator at the Killybegs International Carpet Making and Fishing Centre.

Letterkenny (C4) a vibrant town; particularly at night with the North West's largest number of popular pubs and clubs. An Grianan Theatre and the Regional Cultural Centre delight audiences throughout the year with their cultural programmes. Letterkenny is also a great shopping destination, from large shopping centres, to unique and charming boutiques.

Malin Head (A5) is not just Ireland's most northerly point, but an area of great scenic beauty and of historical, scientific and ecological importance.

Lifford (D5) is the administrative capital of the county. The Seat of Power Visitor Centre with its historic mid 16th century Courthouse has been converted into an award-winning heritage centre and restaurant.

Ramelton (C4) a Georgian historic town which sits at the mouth of the Lennon River where it enters Lough Swilly.

Rathmullan (B5) a bustling seaside village with a long sandy beach on the shores of Lough Swilly and popular location for deep sea angling and coastal cruising.

For more information on towns & villages in Donegal, visit www.discoverireland.ie

*Indicates the town or village is located on the Wild Atlantic Way.

*Brackets () indicate the grid references on the regional map at the back of this guide.

Visitor Attractions

Ards Forest Park

Creeslough,

Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9121139 www.coillteoutdoors.ie



Forest and beach walks, parking, picnic tables, children adventure playground, toilets with wheelchair access, wheelchair accessible paths and sand dune boardwalk.

Open: All Year, 09.00 - sunset (or 21.00)

Admission: Car €5, Annual pass €35 available online.



2 Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre

Main St. Dungloe,

Co. Donegal

Tel: 074 9522334

www.danielodonnellvisitorcentre.com

The story of Daniel O'Donnell's life through displays, videos and exclusive memorabilia.

Open: Seven days a week. Ring to book your tour.

Admission: Adults €5 Children u12 free.



Doagh Famine Village

Doagh Island, Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9378078



www.doaghfaminevillage.com

Doagh Famine Village tells the story of a family/community living on the edge of Donegal and surviving from Famine times right up to the present day. It also explains the road to peace in Northern Ireland, Ireland in the 'Celtic Tiger' years and the current economic collapse.

Open: 17th Mar - end of Oct (10.00-17.00)

Admission: €7.50 includes guided tour, tea, coffee, bread and biscuits and entrance into Donegal's haunted house.





4 Donegal Castle

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9722405

www.heritageireland.ie/en/North-West

Built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century, beside the River Eske, the castle has extensive 17th century additions by Sir Basil Brooke. The castle is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and



French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the castle owners from the O'Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family.

Open: Easter - Mid Sep, Daily (10.00-18.00), Mid Sep – Easter, Thu-Mon (09.30-16.30) Last admission 45 minutes before closing.

Admission: Adult €4, Child/Student €2, Seniors/Group €3, Family €10.

5 Fort Dunree

Dunree, Linsfort, Buncrana,

Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9361817 www.dunree.pro.ie





Fort Dunree is a stunning tourist attraction on the Inishowen Peninsula, it houses a Museum, Scenic Walks, Wildlife Discovery

Room, and Waterfront Coffee Shop, a great day out for all the family.

Open: May-Sep, Mon-Sat (10.30-18.00), Sun (13.00-18.00) Oct-Apr, Mon-Fri (10.30-16.30), Sat & Sun (13.00-18.00)

Admission: Adult €7, Children over 7/Seniors €5 Family €15

6 Glebe House

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co Donegal Tel: 074 9137071

E: glebegallery@opw.ie

Regency House, 1828, set in woodland gardens, decorated with William Morris textiles, Islamic and Japanese art. The Derek Hill Collection is in the adjoining

gallery. Access to ground floor of the gallery for people with disabilities.

Open: Jun & Sep, Sat – Thu (11.00 – 18.30) Jul & Aug, Daily (11.00-18.30)

Admission: To House: Adult €4, Sen/Group €3, Child/Student €2, Family €10 To Gallery: Free of charge

Visitor Attractions

Glencolmcille Folk Village Museum

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Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9730017 www.glenfolkvillage.com



Thatched Cottage Museum, with original artefacts dating back to the 1700's. Facilities include 8 cottages, beaches, archaeology hub, tea house, craft demonstrations, historical walk with



Open: Easter Saturday - End of Sep, Mon-Sat (10.00-18.00), Sun (12.00-18.00) Open on request out of season.

Admission: Adults €5, Seniors/Group over 9 people/Student €4, Child 6-12yrs €2.50, Family (2 Adults &2 children) €13.



Offer: 25c off per ticket when you present the North West Pocket Guide.

8 Glenveagh National Park & Castle

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: 076 1002551 www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie



Glenveagh National Park lies in the heart of the Derryveagh Mountains in the North West of Co. Donegal. It is a remote and hauntingly beautiful wilderness of rugged mountains and pristine lakes. The Park,



over 16,000 hectares in the extent consists of three areas. The largest of these is the former Glenveagh Estate, 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.

Open: Mar-Oct (09.00-17.30), Nov-Feb (09.00-17.00)

Admission: Free car park, visitor centre, gardens & park. Charge applies for shuttle bus & castle tour (see website).



Grianán of Aileach Burt, Co. Donegal



Situated near Burt in Donegal, this very fine stone-built hilltop fort or cashel is situated 800 feet above sea level on Greenan Mountain and commands superb views of the Foyle, Lough Swilly and the surrounding countryside.



10 Ionad Cois Locha / **Dunlewey Centre**

Dunlewey, Gweedore,

Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9531699 www.dunleweycentre.com



Visitor centre with restaurant and tea room. guided tours of the Weaver's Cottage and boat trips on Dunlewey Lake. Children's adventure play-area and small petting farm. Traditional music every Sunday lunchtime.



Open: Easter to November

Admission: Family ticket €20, Different rates available.



Offer: 25% discount on presentation of this guide

1 Lough Derg Pilgrimage Island Lough Derg, Pettigo,

Co. Donegal Tel: 071 9861518 www.loughderg.org





Lough Derg, the Sanctuary of St. Patrick, is very much a living part of Irish Christian Heritage. A unique island, rich in prayer and faith, an island which has been calling pilgrims for over a thousand years.



Open: May – End of Sep (visits on request at other times).

Admission: Entry from €12 for return boat trip to Island. 3 day pilgrimage: €70, student discount 15%, concessions for seniors / groups. 1 day retreat: €40, concessions for groups.

Visitor Attractions

Malin Head

Inishowen, Co. Donegal

www.visitinishowen.com

Malin Head, Ireland's most northerly point known locally as Banba's Crown is an area of great scenic beauty and of historical, scientific and ecological importance. The circuit of the Head will take you past the Radio Station, built in 1910, and round the



coast to Banba's Crown, the northern tip of Ireland. Here a tall derelict building known locally as "The Tower" was built in 1908 by the Admiralty, and later used as a Lloyds Signal Station. During the Second World War, the small huts were built and used by our defence forces to keep a lookout and protect our neutrality.

13 Newmills Corn & Flax Mills

Churchill Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal

Tel: 074 9125115 E: newmills@opw.ie **选 行計**

The oldest surviving building here is said to be 400 years old. The visitor to Newmills can experience the pleasure of seeing one of the largest waterwheels in Ireland in action as it drives the machinery of the corn mill.

Open: 21st May – 30th Sep, Daily (10.00-18.00)

Admission: Free of charge



4 Sliabh Liag (Slieve League) Co. Donegal

Discover the many delights of Sliabh Liag, Teelin and Donegal's iconic attraction as you walk through the countryside on the verge of the mighty Atlantic Ocean. Rare flora, fauna and wildlife inhabit this precious and untouched landscape. And the very names of local pathways such as 'One Man's Pass' and 'The Pilgrim Path' evoke



special memories and images. The scenery is stunning. The Sliabh Liag cliffs themselves are the highest marine cliffs in Europe.



15 The Dunfanaghy Workhouse Figart, Dunfanaghy, Co Donegal Tel: 074 9136540

www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie

Famine & Donegal History exhibition with craft & coffee shop and Pirates Playground.

Open: Jun & Sep (Daily, 10.00-17.00); Jul,

Aug & school holidays (10.00-17.30) Rest of year, Mon-Fri (10.00-16.00)

Admission: Adult €4.50, Child / OAP /Student €3.50, Family ticket €12.50 Groups (more than 8) €3 each



16 Tropical World @ Alcorn's Loughnagin, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9121655

www.tropicalworld.ie



Tropical Butterfly House and mini zoo. See stunning butterflies in free flight, our reptile display area and exotic aviaries with over 200 beautiful birds. Meet the meerkats, coatimundi and owls as well as new

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Open: 27th Mar – end of Sep, Mon-Sat (10.00-17.30), Sun (13.00-17.30), Last admission 16.30

Admission: Adults €8.50, Children €7, Under 3's free. Family (2 adults & 2 children) €28

Waterworld

Sea Front, Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: 071 9841172

www.waterworldbundoran.com



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Ship & Toddler Pool. Adults can also enjoy a relaxing Natural Seaweed Bath.

Open: Apr, May & Sep (Weekends). June, Daily (12.00-18.00) Jul & Aug, Daily (10.00-19.00)

Admission: Adults €12.50. Senior Citizens/Disabled €7.50. Under 8's €9.50, Under 3's €4.50, Groups €9

Offer: 10% discount on presentation of this guide (not to be used in conjunction with other discounts/offers)

More to Experience

Arts Crafts & Culture

Slieve League Cultural Centre (D2) Carrick. Tel: 074 9739077

www.sliabhleague.com

Facilities include a workshop, conference room, seminar room and tourist information centre, car and coach parking available.

An Crannóg (B3) Derrybeg. Tel: 074 9532208

An Irish Language Centre with classes for adults who wish to learn Irish.

An Grianan Theatre (C4) Letterkenny. Tel: 074 9120777 www.angrianan.com Donegal's premier performance arts facility.

Regional Cultural Centre (C4) Letterkenny. Tel: 074 9129186

www.regionalculturalcentre.com

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The Balor Arts Theatre (D4) Ballybofey. Tel: 074 9131840

www.balortheatre.com

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Abbey Arts Centre (E3) Ballyshannon Tel 071 9851375 www.abbeycentre.ie Providing a rich programme of theatre, music, comedy, dance, visual arts, education and film.

Triona Design (D2) Ardara. Tel: 074 9541422 www.trionadesign.com A family run shop specialising in Donegal Tweed.

Celtic Weave China (E3) Ballyshannon. Tel: 071 9851844

www.celticweavechina.com

Renowned for their china baskets and flowered ware.

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Eddie Doherty (D2) Ardara. Tel: 074 9541304 www.handwoventweed.com Specialises in hand-woven tweed.

Donegal Craft Village (D3) Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9722225 or 074 9723222 www.donegalcraftvillage.com

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Magees of Donegal (D3) Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9722660 www.magee1866.com World famous for their hand-woven heritage, they stock a range of beautiful tailored garments. Visitors to their store can watch a traditional hand-weaver at work

McAuliffe's Craft Shop (B4) Dunfanaghy. Tel: 074 9136135

Holds a vast range of Irish fashions, knitwear, handcrafts, jewellery, books and music.

Oideas Gael (D2) Gleann Cholm Cille, Tel: 074 9730248 www.oideas-gael.com Adult Irish language and Cultural Courses.

Edel McBride (C4) Convoy. Tel: 085 7032764 www.edelmacbride.com

Visit the workshop & outlet of award-winning fashion knitwear designer Edel McBride

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Fine selection of Irish made products, promoting local artists and makers.

Moville Pottery (B6) Moville. Tel: 074 9382059 www.movillepottery.com Large selection of pottery and other gifts.

John Molloy (D2) Ardara. Tel: 074 9541133 www.johnmolloy.com The Home of Aran Fisherman Sweaters and Donegal Tweed.

Galleries

Ross Fine Art (C4) Ramelton Tel: 074 9150926 www.rossfineart.ie

The Gallery (B4) Dunfanaghy. Tel: 074 9136224 www.thegallerydunfanaghy.com

Straid Gallery (D2) Glencolmcille. Tel: 074 9730126 www.king-studio.com

Stephen Bennett Studio Gallery (D2) Ardara. Tel: 074 9541652/087 7923205 www.stephenbennett.net

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Stephen Diggin (B5) Aghilly, Buncrana. Tel: 086 2144965 www.stephendigginart.com

An Clachan (C2) An Chuirt Hotel, Gweedore. Tel: 074 9560091 www.anclachan.com

Throatlake Fine Art (B4) The Old Barracks, Creeslough. Tel: 074 9138791 www.throatlake.com

Cavanacor Gallery (D5) Ballindrait, Lifford. Tel: 074 9141143 www.cavanacorgallery.ie

Heritage Centres & Museums

Seat of Power Visitor Centre (D5) Lifford. Tel: 074 9141733

Email: in fo@liffordoldcourt house.com, www.liffordoldcourt house.com

This historic mid 16th Century courthouse has been converted into an award winning heritage centre. Open All Year.

Inishowen Maritime Museum & Planetarium (B6) Greencastle.

Tel: 074 9381363 Email:greencastlemaritime@eircom.net

www.inishowenmaritime.com

Other attractions include nautical exhibits, memorabilia, modern and ancient maritime equipment and Irish boats.

Donegal Railway Heritage Centre (D3) Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9722655

Email: donegalrailway@gmail.com www.countydonegalrailway.com

Find out just what it was like to travel on the narrow gauge railways of County Donegal.

St. Colmcille Heritage Centre (C4) Churchill. Tel: 074 9137306

Email: martinjegan@eircom.net www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

Devoted to the life and times of St. Colmcille and has displays of illuminated manuscripts. Open: May to September.

Ardara Heritage Centre (D2) Tel: 087 2424590 www.ardara.ie

Ardara Heritage Centre is based in the quoined, cut-stone former Market House with central segmental arch, front gable and clock. Opened in 1992, it outlines the history of tweed production in the Ardara area.

Cairn Visitor Centre (B6) Greencastle. Tel: 074 9381104

www.thecairncentre.com

Tours of the days gone by, photographic exhibitions, stories, craft shop, and theatre.

Killybegs International Carpet Making and Fishing Centre (D2)

Killybegs. Tel: 074 9741944 www.visitkillybegs.com

Offers a fascinating audio visual insight into the history of the fishing and the famous hand-knotted carpets, also home to the longest loom in the world.

An tSean Bheairic (B3) Falcarragh. Tel: 074 9180655

www.falcarraghvisitorcentre.com

Language, culture, heritage, history and memories of our ancestor's lifestyle are depicted amidst artefacts and exhibits.

Fintown Railway (D3) Fintown. Tel: 074 9546280 www.antraen.com

Donegal's only operational narrow gauge railway. The unique journey is a three mile return trip along the shores of Lough Finn.

Doe Castle (B4) Creeslough. Tel: 074 9138445

A four-storey tower, standing in a square turreted bawn built early in the 16th century on Sheep Haven Bay. Limited Access.

Donegal County Museum (C4) Letterkenny. Tel: 074 9124613

Email: museum@donegalcoco.ie

The museum houses both temporary and permanent exhibitions which chart the history of Donegal from the Stone Age to the twentieth century.

County Donegal Historical Society Museum (E3) Ballyshannon.

Tel: 071 9851726 www.donegalhistory.com

The objective of the society is to preserve and record the history of the county.

Ulster Scots Heritage Centre (C5), Carrigans Tel: 074 9140708

www.monreaghulsterscotscentre.com
This centre explores the Ulster Scots on Co. Donegal.

St. Connell's Museum (D3) Glenties. Tel: 074 9551766 or 087 6303496 Email: glentiescommunitycarefas@gmail.com

The museum includes the prison cells of the late 19th century courthouse and has many artefacts pertaining to the famine in South West Donegal.

Ballyshannon & District Museum (E3) Slevins Dept. Store, Ballyshannon. Tel: 087 1937166

The museum has artefacts and memorabilia stretching back from the recent past to 10,000 BC.

Donegal Tours

Donegal Photo Tours, Buncrana. Tel: 086 2457405

Email: donegalphototours@gmail.com www.donegalphototours.com Photography workshop tours with regular outings to some of Ireland's finest locations.

Donegal Bay Waterbus, Donegal Harbour, Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9723666 Email: info@donegalbaywaterbus.com www.donegalbaywaterbus.com Enjoy the beauty of Donegal Bay on this 165 seater tour boat.

Sliabh Liag Boat Trips on the Nuala Star, Teelin. Tel: 074 9739365 or 087 6284688. Email: 66pbyrne@gmail.com www.sliabhleagueboattrips.com Sightseeing trips to Europe's highest sea cliffs. Also available Whale/Dolphin/Bird Watching, Sea Angling and Dive Charter.

Mangan Tours. Tel: 074 9135460 Email: info@mangantours.ie www.mangantours.ie

Mangan Tours offer a range of day tours around Donegal

Boyce Coach Tours.Tel: 074 9151043 Email: info@boycetravel.com www.boycetravel.com

Day tours around Donegal County. Check website for details.

Gallagher Cabs, Donegal Town. Tel: 087 4176600 www.mmweddingcars.com

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Bus Éireann Day Tours Open road pass along the WAW, 3 days unlimited travel. Tickets available from Letterkenny Bus Station Tel: 074 9121309. www.buseireann.ie

Andy Quinn Taxi & Tour - Donegal Town. Tel: 087 2620670, www.quinntaxi.com

Tour Donegal - Derek Vial, Killybegs Tel: 086 0500026, www.tourdonegal.com

Slieve League Bus Tours - Teelin, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 2860471/ 087 6711944 www.slieveliagtours.ie

Islands and the Gaeltacht (Irish Speaking) areas of Donegal

Looking out over the Atlantic Ocean, tasting the salt on your tongue and the sea breeze brushing your face, there is nothing similar to a visit to the Islands of Donegal to reinvigorate you. This is predominately where the Irish language and culture is still vibrant.

Wild and beautiful the islands have captured the imagination for thousands of years and provided stimulus for artists and writers. The perception that the islands of Donegal were remote has altered dramatically in recent years. Now they are easily accessible by boat. Plan your visit to the islands, some are very busy in high season (July and August especially). Very few of the islands have ATM banking facilities.

Please leave the islands as you find them. Respect the environment and dispose of litter in bins or take it away with you. When visiting the islands take care; a visit to the islands is a unique occurrence but remain vigilant as they are exposed to the elements. The island terrain is mainly rugged and the Atlantic Ocean can sometimes be wild.



Árainn Mhór - Arranmore Island (C2)

Probably the most accessible of all the Gaeltacht islands, Árainn Mhór has a resident population of approximately 600 people. From the island's rolling hills, observe views of the Rosses region (Na Rosa), the islands and the Donegal Mountains as a backdrop or visit two of the islands lovely beaches, at Aphort or Leabh Gharbh. A place to get away from it all and yet mainland Donegal is just a 15 minute boat journey.

Festivals: Family Fun Day (August).

Getting there: Daily Sailings from Burtonport (Ailt an Chorrain) Co. Donegal. Arranmore Car & Passenger Ferry: Tel: 074 9542233. www.arranmoreferry.com Arranmore Island Fast Ferry: Tel: 087 3171810. www.arranmorefastferry.com

Gabhla - Gola Island (B3)

The island is approximately one mile from the mainland at Gaoth Dobhair (Gweedore). Evidence of past life remains in the form of stone houses, the homes of families, who have long since moved to the mainland. A number of houses have been restored by former residents and their families. The launching of a regular ferry service and the growing interest in ecology and cliff climbing is bringing back new life. Gabhla can be explored in a few hours over easy walking terrain. It is difficult to comprehend that you are just two miles removed from mainland Donegal.

Festivals: Feile Gola (June).

Getting there: From Magheragallan (Machaire Gathlan) Co. Donegal. Gola Island Ferry Service (Seod Gabhla): Tel: 087 6607003. www.donegalislands.com

Inis Bó Finne - Inishbofin Island (B3)

Located two miles from Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty) on the North West coast this island has been relatively untouched and unspoilt. A rocky coast with cliffs, sea arches, caves and sandy beaches can be explored. Inland fields are home to the globally endangered Corncrake and many other bird species. Barnacle Geese fly in to winter here. It is renowned for its water sports with surfing, kayaking and rock fishing growing in reputation annually.

Getting there: Ferries sail seasonally from Magheroarty.

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Toraigh - Tory Island (B3)

Standing staunchly against the storms of the Atlantic Ocean, Tory has been inhabited for 4,000 years. The resilient and independent residents of this Gaeltacht Island have their own music, songs, stories and dances and are expressions of a distinctive Irish Culture and tradition, preserved by remoteness. Historical sites include a round tower, a ruined church, the Tau Cross (one of only two found in Ireland). Tory has a unique wildlife and is internationally important for its birdlife particularly the globally threatened Corncrake and has nationally important colonies of cliff-nesting seabirds. Visitors can enjoy diving, fishing, rock climbing, whale or dolphin watching or walk a portion of the Donegal Way with beautiful scenery as a backdrop. A signposted 4km looped walk, starting at the Pier, will take you along sandy tracks and minor roadways. This easy walk with exceptional scenery will take your breath away. When in Tory, why not partake or enjoy in the local scene, whether it be a céilí (Irish dance) or an impromptu traditional Irish music session. Tory is also famous for its school of artists, who were encouraged by the late English painter Derek Hill, whose work has been exhibited all over the world.

Festivals: Feile Soilse Thorai (July) celebrating Tory's musical and cultural traditions.

Getting there: Turasmara Teo sails from Bunbeg and Magheroarty all year round. Tel: 074 9531340

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Inis Fraoich (C2)

Inishfree Island, approximately one square mile of sandy beaches and beautiful scenery, the island was home to thirty-six families in a tightly-knit, caring community. Subsequently deserted, the island has been re-inhabited recently and Inis Fraoich's new residents are eager to help visitors benefit from the spiritual atmosphere that seems to pervade this unique place. Cultural courses are organised on the island at specific times and cover topics such as music, dancing, arts, crafts, poetry, nature and heritage.

The Gaeltacht

The Gaeltacht is the area in Donegal where the Irish Language is spoken and where the traditions of Irish song, dance and folklore prevail. Cill Chartha (Kilcar), Gleann Colm Cille (Glencolmcille) and Ard na Ratha (Ardara) are home to craft workshops producing hand-woven Donegal Tweed. Moving north along the craggy coastline, and somewhat inland, one comes to Donegal's Gaeltacht Lar (central Gaeltacht), located between Gweebara Bay, Gleann Fhinne, and Glendowen. Head north and you enter the Rosses, Gaoth Dobhair and Cloich Cheann Fhaola, areas of haunting natural beauty. The most northerly point of the Donegal Gaeltacht is located via the Rossuill Peninsula with journey's end at Fanad Head. The heart of the Donegal Gaeltacht can be found near the mystic mountains of the Derryveagh range and the scenic Poisoned Glen.

For further information contact Letterkenny Tourist Office on 074 9121160, or visit www.discoverireland.ie/islands

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1	Ards Forest Park	5	Fort Dunree
2	Daniel O'Donnell Visitors Centre	6	Glebe House
3	Doagh Famine Village	7	Glencolmcille Folk Village Museum
4	Donegal Castle	8	Glenveagh National Park & Castle



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9	Grianan of Aileach	13	Newmills Corn & Flax Mills
10	Ionad Cois Locha / Dunlewey	14	Sliabh Liag (Slieve League)
10	Centre	15	The Dunfanaghy Workhouse
11	Lough Derg Pilgrimage Island		Tropical World @ Alcorn's
12	Malin Head		Waterworld



Leitrim

Leitrim is a county bursting with stunning scenery – lakes, rivers and rugged mountains in abundance. The best way to see many of these stunning landscapes is to hop on board a cruiser and let the scenery drift by.

Carrick-on-Shannon, the county town and cruising capital of the River Shannon provides plenty of choices with its modern marina and lively nightlife. There are also many picturesque riverside villages throughout Leitrim, where anglers will find a little bit of paradise!

Launched in 2014, the Shannon Blueway is an innovative, safe and easy to use series of water and land based trails. The first of its kind in Ireland, the Blueway allows guided and unguided paddling and walking along the Lough Allen Canal and Shannon River from Carrick—on Shannon via Leitrim Village and Battlebridge to Drumshanbo.

There are also a number of waterfalls in Leitrim; the most well-known is Glencar Waterfall, at 50ft high. A number of excellent new walks have been developed around Glencar and are waiting to be explored.

Leitrim is also rich in heritage, with castles, churches and megalithic tombs just waiting to be discovered. Leitrim's Arts scene, like the county itself, energetically punches above its weight. There is ample opportunity to enjoy dance, visual arts, drama, traditional music and storytelling.

Did you know?

- Population: 31,798
- Area: 1,588km2 (26th county in Ireland)
- Leitrim has Ireland's shortest coastline and the smallest population.
- Carrick-on-Shannon Rowing Club is the oldest in Ireland and second oldest in Europe.
- Costello Memorial Chapel, in Carrick-on-Shannon -2nd smallest chapel in the world. Built by Edward Costello as a burial vault for his wife.
- The Glencar Waterfall is mentioned in W.B Yeats poem 'The Stolen Child'



Leitrim Towns and Villages

Ballinamore (G4) is situated on the Shannon-Erne waterway and is internationally renowned for its abundance of coarse angling waters with a total of 40 lakes in a 10 mile radius. The Old Courthouse is a prominent cut-stone building which was built in the 1830s.

Carrick-on-Shannon (H3) is both the county town of Leitrim and the cruising capital of the River Shannon, boasting a beautiful modern marina. The town itself is steeped in history, in particular the Costello chapel which is believed to be the smallest chapel in Europe.

Dowra (G4) is just six miles from the source of the River Shannon (the Shannon Pot) in the Cuilcagh Mountains, making it the first village on the Shannon. It is on the borders of Cavan and Leitrim where the provinces of Ulster and Connaught meet.

Dromahair (F3) is located on the banks of the River Bonet at its entry point to Lough Gill and is also the starting/finishing point of the linear Sligo Way walk. Remnants of its historic past can be seen at the 1508 Creevylea Abbey or the 17th century Parkes Castle.

Dromod (H4) is a former Tidy Towns winner with its lovely harbour area which is very popular with cruiser traffic. "The Weeping Tree", a water feature in the centre of the village was created by a local craftsman from a piece of bog oak which was found nearby.

Drumsna (H4) overlooks the Shannon from its hill top position. The Doon of Drumsna, an Iron Age earthwork was erected to control access from the Leitrim side of the Shannon between 338BC and 44BC.

Drumshanbo (G3) is a pretty village situated in the shadow of Sliabh-anlarainn towering to the north and the Arigna Mountains in the west. It is a renowned angling resort. The town is famous for its musical tradition. A feature of the town is it's unique High Street fronted by a stone wall, with stone steps leading up to Ireland's shortest Main Street.



Glenfarne (F4) famous for its Ballroom of Romance, which featured in William Trevor's film, was a must visit for all romantics in its day and today! The beautiful Glenfarne Forest has beautiful views of Upper Lough MacNean.

Jamestown (H3) named after King James I of England was originally built as a walled plantation town for 17th century English settlers. One of the gates of the former fortified town is still standing. Today, Jamestown is a pleasant mooring spot and is also popular with anglers due to the good fishing and excellent hospitality.

Kiltyclogher (E3) is a picturesque village situated in North Leitrim on the Fermanagh border. In the centre of the village is a memorial to Sean Mac Diarmada, one of the leaders of the 1916 Rising who was born here in 1884 and his cottage is now open to visitors. There is a great musical tradition in the area.

Leitrim Village (G3) is a picturesque village uniquely located on both the River Shannon and the Shannon-Erne Waterway. It boasts a beautiful marina with excellent facilities for the cruising traffic. The village gave its name to the County as it was a place of strategic importance in medieval times.

Manorhamilton (F3) village is the friendly, peaceful and picturesque capital of North Leitrim, situated in the centre of the North Leitrim Glens region which is famous for its hill-walking.

Mohill (H4) has a reputation as a coarse angling centre due to the excellent fishing waters within a five mile radius. A statue commemorating the famous harper and composer O'Carolan stands in the centre of the town and every year an O'Carolan festival is held. Lough Rynn Castle & Gardens are located a few miles down the road

Rossinver (F3) is on the southern shore of Lough Melvin, an excellent centre for game fishing, with boats and ghillies available locally. There are some spectacular walks in the area especially around Fowleys Falls. The Organic Centre is a must for all green fingered people.

For more information towns and villages in Leitrim, visit www.discoverireland.ie
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Visitor Attractions

Ard Nahoo Mullagh, Dromahair,

Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9134939 www.ardnahoo.com



An award-winning eco retreat centre offering residential detox and yoga retreats in Eco cabins, natural healthcare treatments, day packages and yoga teacher training. Come for the day or stay for a while in our peaceful haven.



Open: All Year, Tue - Sat (10.00-17.00) Admission: Treatments start at €30



Offer: 10% discount mid-week on presentation of this guide.

Cavan & Leitrim Railway

Station Road, Dromod,

Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 9638599 www.cavanandleitrim.com



Narrow Gauge Railway with Museum of trains, buses, aeroplanes, fire engines, artillery, original station from 1887 with Engine Shed and Water tower

Open: Sat & Mon (10.00 - 17.00) Sun (13.00 -17.00)

Admission: Adult €8, Child/Student €5, Family €18 Senior Citizen €5.



Festivals & Events



Glencar Waterfall

Glencar, Co. Leitrim



Glencar Waterfall is 50ft high and is situated in Glencar Lough, 11km west of Manorhamilton and served as an inspiration to William Butler Yeats. It is very impressive after rain and can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk. There are more waterfalls visible from the road although none is quite as romantic as this one. Picnic facilities and information kiosk are onsite.



4 Leitrim Design House The Dock, Carrick-on-Shannon,

Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 9650550 www.leitrimdesignhouse.ie



The Leitrim Design House, Ireland's premier Craft Gallery is housed in The Dock, a beautiful 19th century Courthouse building, located in the heart of Carrickon-Shannon overlooking the majestic River Shannon. Representing over 250 makers



and artists working in a wide range of disciplines the Leitrim Design House highlights the wealth of innovation and design talent in Ireland today and offers it's visitors the very best in contemporary craft. A unique shopping experience catering for those who appreciate the best, who want something different and authentic while at the same time seeking value and quality. A real gem!

Open: All Year, Mon – Fri (10.00 - 18.00) Sat (10.00 - 17.00)

Admission: Free to view art galleries.



Offer: 10% discount on purchases on presentation of this Pocket Guide.

Visitor Attractions

5 Leitrim Genealogy Centre Main Street, Ballinamore,

Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9644012 www.leitrimroots.com



Leitrim Genealogy Centre is the official genealogy service provider for Co. Leitrim. It provides a genealogical research service for those people wishing to trace their



Co. Leitrim ancestry. Online research site now available on www.leitrimroots.com

Open: Mon - Fri (09.00 - 13.00 & 14.00 - 17.00) Closed on public holidays

6 Lough Rynn Castle Estate & Gardens

Mohill, Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9632700 www.loughrynn.ie



Lough Rynn Castle, former home to the Earls of Leitrim, situated on a 300 acre estate, hosts the North West's largest original Victorian walled garden. The



gardens are open all year round. Lough Rynn Castle offers splendid walkways through our Victorian Walled Gardens and meandering corridors.

Open: All Year, Daily Admission: Free.

Manorhamilton Castle & **Visitor Centre**

Cluain, Manorhamilton Tel: 086 2502593



www manorhamiltoncastle ie

Take a personal tour with the owner of the 17th century plantation castle formerly an O'Rourke stronghold, situated in the town of Manorhamilton. The recently restored



castle & grounds include children's play area and visitor centre.

Open: Admission by appointment only

(Tel: 086 2502593 or Email: manorhamiltoncastle@gmail.com)

Admission: Adult €5 Children €2



8 Moon River Pleasure Cruiser Carrick on Shannon,

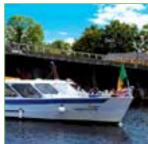
Co. Leitrim
Tel: 071 9621777
www.moonriver.ie



Come for a relaxing trip with us on the Moon River pleasure cruiser. All trips depart quay side, Carrick on Shannon. With its luxury Saloon, full bar service, entertainment and dedicated crew, Moon River is the ideal choice for Shannon River sightseeing and entertainment.

Open: Feb-Dec, schedule varies.

Admission: Adult €15 Children 2-12 years €5 Senior Citizen €12 Family 2 adults & 4 children €40



Parkes Castle Lough Gill, Dromahair,

Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9164149 www.heritageireland.ie



The splendour of Parkes Castle is immediately evident as you drive around the lake. Once an important stronghold of the local O'Rourke family, rulers of Breffni, Parkes Castle has been recently restored to



its original seventeenth century style. A guided tour of the castle is given every hour. There is also an individual slide show entitled "Stone by stone" in four languages. In the castle there is a traditional blacksmith forge of 17th century style.

Open: 2nd Apr - 30th Sep (10.00 - 18.00)

Admission: Adult €4, Child/Student €2, Seniors/Group €3, Family €10

Visitor Attractions

10 Rose of Innisfree Tour Boat Lough Gill, Kilmore, Five Mile Bourne,

Co. Leitrim
Tel: 071 9164266 /

087 2598869 www.roseofinnisfree.com





This pleasure cruiser operates on the picturesque Lough Gill which straddles counties Sligo and Leitrim. The area is best known as the inspiration for much of W.B. Yeats' poetry 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree'. An



interesting and insightful commentary is provided by the Captain George on this one hour trip. Full bar services, tea/coffee and home baking available.

Open: Mar – Oct, Daily (12.30 & 15.30). Weather and numbers permitting.

Admission: Adults €15, Children €7.50, Seniors/Groups €13, Students €10 Or why not take the Bus & Boat Tour- Yeats Spectacular tour €30 per person.

Sliabh an Iarainn Visitor Centre

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim



This centre informs the visitor about life, transport and industry between the Arigna and Sliabh an Iarainn mountain - the railway, canal, lakes, iron and coal mining. The Centre has a display depicting miners at work and also has a reconstruction of a



sweat house which was used in olden times as a cure for aches and pains. There is also a re-creation of a Cavan & Leitrim Railway ticket and waiting room as well as many fine pictures of the railway. An audio-visual show lasting 12 minutes takes visitors through the sights and scenes of the area.

Open: Apr - Oct, Mon - Sat (10.00-18.00) & Sun (14.00-18.00)



St. Georges Heritage & Visitor Centre

St. Mary's Close, Carrick on Shannon,

Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 9621757

www.carrickheritage.com

St. Georges Heritage and Visitors Centre shows a film on the History of Co Leitrim "enduring & enchanting". The tour also includes

St. Georges Church, Costello Chapel, The Attic

Workshop, Famine Workhouse Garden of Remembrance and Sensory Garden.

Open: Apr- Oct, Mon – Sat (10.00-17.00). Nov –Mar, Mon-Fri (10.00-17.00)

Admission: Prices available on request.



The Dock

St. George's Terrace, Carrick on Shannon,

Co. Leitrim

Tel: 071 9650828 www.thedock.ie



The Dock is Leitrim's foremost centre for the arts with a year round programme of contemporary art exhibitions, performances, workshops for all ages and a café bar.

Open: Tue - Fri (10.00 - 17.30), Sat (10.00-17.00)

Admission: Free admission to galleries



14 The Organic Centre

Rossinver, Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9854338 www.theorganiccentre.ie





Get educated where your food comes from, visit our gardens, polytunnels and orchard. Book onto a course and learn how to grow your own, come on a "Food Adventure" tour, visit our shop and café.

Open: 21st Feb - 8th Nov, Tue - Sun (10.00-17.00)



Admission: Entrance to the gardens €4, Concessions €2, Children and members free.



Offer: Get your free local visitors pass, if you live within a 50km radius.



More to Experience

Arts, Crafts and Theatre

Solas Art Gallery (G4) Main Street, Ballinmore. Tel: 071 9644210.

www.solasart.ie

It is an artist led exhibition space. The main aim of the Gallery is to promote the arts in the wider local community by bringing an awareness of art to the public and making exhibition space accessible to artists, both full time and part time. Open: 10.00 – 18.00 Monday-Saturday Apr-Oct and Tues-Sat Nov - March

The Corn Mill Theatre (G4) Carrigallen. Tel: 049 4339612.

www.cornmilltheatre.com

The tradition of drama in Carrigallen goes back to the second last century. The present group was founded in 1963 as 'The Community Players' and there has been no break in activity since that time. In 1998 the company won the Esso All-Ireland Drama Finals in Athlone with Billy Roche's plays 'Belfry', directed by Killian McGuinness.

The Glens Centre (F3) New Line, Manorhamilton. Tel: 071 9855833. www.theglenscentre.com

The Glens Centre is an intimate venue housed in a converted Methodist church. The Centre hosts a wide ranging programme including the best of contemporary, world, trad, folk and jazz concerts as well as a feast of theatre, readings, children's events and world cinema.

The Leitrim Sculpture Centre (F3) New Line, Manorhamilton.

Tel: 071 9855098. www.leitrimsculpturecentre.ie

The Leitrim Sculpture Centre is a national resource organisation supporting professional artists, their work, and the development of innovation and understanding in contemporary arts.

Leitrim Crystal (H3) Bridge Street, Carrick-on-Shannon. Tel: 071 9622255. www.leitrimcrystal.ie

The proprietor of Leitrim Crystal is a master glass cutter and welcomes visitors to view crystal being designed, cut and engraved. A family run business with 28 years experience which prides itself on giving an old style personal and friendly service.



Castles and Churches

Creevylea Friary (F3) Dromahair, Co. Leitrim.

Creevylea Friary is located on the edge of the town of Dromahair, the most convenient access route is a footbridge across the River Bonet from the car park of the Abbey Manor Hotel. This was one of the last abbeys founded in Ireland before King Henry VIII dissolved all the monasteries throughout Ireland and England. In the ruins is a carving of Saint Francis preaching to the birds. The friary consists of the church, the cloister and domestic buildings.

Costello Chapel (H3) Bridge Street, Carrick-on-Shannon.

The Costello Memorial Chapel is the smallest chapel in Europe and the 2nd smallest chapel in the world. It was built in the 19th century by Edward Costello, a rich merchant, as a memorial and burial vault for his wife, Josephine who died two years previously. It is sixteen feet long, 12 feet wide and 30 feet high. Each side of the aisle holds a coffin lined with lead and covered with slabs of thick reinforced glass.

Old Town Gate & Medieval Friary, Jamestown, Co. Leitrim

This gate is all that is left of the fortified town walls which were erected when the town was founded by Sir Charles Coote in 1625. It was significant enough to receive a Royal Charter from James I. A stone cross over a small gate, on the right of the gate leads to the ruin of a Franciscan friary of the convent of the Friars' Minor. A synod held here in 1650 repudiated the Marquis of Dromod, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and excommunicated his followers.

Fenagh Abbey

About 3km from Ballinamore lies a ruined medieval church built on the site of an early Christian monastery. Fenagh Abbey is one of the oldest monastic sites in Ireland. The founder St. Caillin is thought to have arrived in Fenagh in the 5th century. The Abbey also had a monastic school which was mentioned in the Annals of the Four Masters.

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			Visitor Centre



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Sligo

From clear lakes and rivers to iconic mountains, Sligo is a place that will stimulate all of your senses, where culture and history roam its dramatic landscape.

Get into the rhythm of **Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann** (9th-16th August 2015), as Sligo hosts this wonderful celebration of Irish music and culture. The Coleman Music Centre in Gurteen is a permanent traditional Irish music and event centre.

Celebrate **Yeats2015** with a year-long programme of cultural and artistic events to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Nobel prize-winning poet William Butler Yeats, who was born on the 13th June 1865. Also keep an eye out for the Yeats Mural and Poetry Trail around Sligo City. Visit www.Yeats2015.com for more details.

Discover Carrowmore, the largest megalithic cemetery in Ireland, with tombs older than the pyramids of Egypt.

Be amazed by Benbulben, the plateaued mountain that dominates Sligo's landscape.

Walk the 74km Sligo Way which traverses the County.

Explore the many discovery points along the Wild Atlantic Way.

Feel the raw power of the Atlantic breakers as they surge towards Sligo's edge.

Calm your pulse, while sitting on one of Sligo's beautiful beaches.

Smell the fragrances in one of Sligo's Secret Gardens and then

Reward yourself with a trip to one of Sligo's splendid seaweed baths!

Did you know?

- Population: 65,393
- Area: 1,837km² (22nd largest county in Ireland)
- Shane, Kian and Mark from the famous band 'Westlife' all come from Sligo.
- The Prowler-one of the world's best waves flows off Mullaghmore Head
- Queen Maebh, Queen of Connaught is buried on top of Knocknarea Mountain.
- The legendary traditional musician Michael Coleman was born in Knockgrainia, Co. Sligo.



Sligo Towns and Villages

Ballymote (G2) is a traditional market town in south Sligo. Explore Ballymote Castle dating 1300, and nearby The Caves of Keash. Ballymote is the birthplace of Brother Wilfrid who founded Glasgow Celtic Football Club. A bust of Brother Wilfrid is located in Ballymote town park.

Cliffony(E2) in North Sligo overlooks Donegal Bay and Mullaghmore Harbour. Surrounded by sea and mountains, the area includes a series of pleasant discoveries such as the Gleniff Horseshoe and Creevykeel Court Tomb.

Collooney (F2) located on a small hill 12km south of Sligo town. The rising of 1798, a milestone in Irish history is commemorated by the Teeling monument in the village.

Drumcliffe (F2) nestled under the foot of Benbulben once a monastery founded in 575 by St. Colmcille with visible remains of The High Cross and Round Tower. It's now famous as the final resting place of W B Yeats whose simple headstone reads: "Cast a cold Eye On Life, on Death.Horseman, pass by."

Easkey (F1) lies on the river 'Lough Easkey' west of Sligo Town which is well known for its salmon and trout fishing and its great surf. A mile south of Easkey is the unusual Split Rock – it is said that if someone dares to go through the split three times, the rock will close in on them!

Enniscrone (F1) a charming resort on the shores of Killala Bay. The deep bay hosts a wonderful 5km stretch of sandy beach. Relax in Kilcullens seaweed bathsestablished in 1912. The Moy estuary which forms part of the bay is a popular haunt for game anglers.

Grange (F2) Nestled in the shadow of Truskmore and Kings Mountain. Close by is Streedagh beach where on the 25th September 1588 three Spanish Armada ships were foundered resulting in a horrendous loss of life. A replicate of the bow of a ship commemorates this event. Today this two mile stretch of sandy beach is wonderful for surfing and walking.



Gurteen (G2) (Gorteen) located in South Sligo. Based on its unique history of traditional Irish music, Gurteen is host to the Coleman Irish Music Centre. Not too far away is Moygara Castle, a 16th Century Castle overlooking Lough Gara that was once the principal home of the O'Gara clan.

Mullaghmore (E2) is a small fishing village located between Cliffoney and Grange. A superb sandy beach stretching as far as the eye can see (3km), which is safe for swimming, windsurfing, sailing and water sports. It is renowned for being a base for licensed angling/passenger boats for charter, sea angling and trips to Inishmurray Island with sheltered anchorage for small and medium craft at the harbour.

Riverstown (G2) is a lovely village with Sligo Folk Park in the centre of it – a great haven for tourists. Once a year the Folk Park hosts The Annual Vintage Day which is becoming more successful each year!

Rosses Point (F2) is an old seafaring village situated 8km from Sligo town. A seaside resort with unique features, including an 18-hole championship golf course, two magnificent sandy beaches, a yacht club and fully equipped sea angling boats for hire.

Sligo Town (F2) the largest town in the North-West, the town is built on several gravel ridges giving it an interesting and cosy appearance and centres around its five bridges.

**Strandhill (F2) with its wild Atlantic waves is a very popular spot for surfers making it one of the best places in Europe to surf. However, swimming is forbidden at Strandhill beach due to the very strong currents. No visit would be complete without relaxing in the seaweed baths at Voya situated on the sea front.

Tubbercurry (G2) is a market town and an important centre for traditional Irish music and dance playing host to the annual South Sligo Summer School. People all over the world come to play and learn. It is also an excellent angling centre for both coarse fishing and game angling.

For more information on towns & villages in Sligo, visit www.discoverireland.ie

**Indicates the town or village is located on the Wild Atlantic Way.

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Visitor Attractions

Carrowmore Megalithic Cemetery

Carrowmore, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9161534 www.heritageireland.ie



This is the largest cemetery of megalithic tombs in Ireland, with monuments ranging from 5500 to 6500 years old. Archaeologists have recorded over 60 tombs of which 30 are visible. A restored cottage houses an exhibition relating to the



site. Visitors are advised to wear shoes suitable for walking on uneven terrain.

Open: 2nd Apr – 14th Oct, Daily (10.00-18.00, last admission at 17.00)

Admission: Adult €4, Child/Student €2, Seniors/Group €3, Family €10

Coleman Music Centre

Gurteen, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9182599 www.colemanirishmusic.com





The Coleman Music Centre is a visitor centre with a difference. It contains a comprehensive exhibition area on the history of traditional music via audio visual presentation and touch screen. The retail outlet is most attractive and the centre has a lovely intimate 120 seat theatre in which



a varied programme is presented. There is a musical archive and tea/coffee available.

Open: All year, Mon-Sat (10.00-18.00)

Admission: Adult €5, Family €10, Students/Seniors €4



Offer: 10% discount mid-week on presentation of this guide



3 Eagles Flying Ballymote, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9189310 www.eaglesflying.com



Get up-close and personal with the masters of the sky! Visit Ireland's Largest Bird-of-Prey Sanctuary. Home to 350 birds and animals. Our shows are highly interactive, informative and entertaining. You have never been that close to Eagles, Hawks, Owls and Vultures. Get touched by their

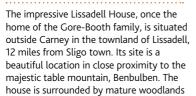


wings, have them landing on your bare arm. Watch the bird whisperers at work. There is also a large Petting Zoo, where you can interact with some of our furry friends. Shows can be presented indoors or outdoors. Eagles Flying – great fun for all the family. Sat Nav Latitude/Longitude 54.1040 -8.5680

Open: 1st Apr-7th Nov, Daily (10.30-12.30 & 14.30- 16.30) Show starts at 11.00 and 15.00 (Lasting 1hr approx.)

Admission: Adult €9.90, Child €5.90, Family and group rates available.

Lissadell House & Gardens Lissadell, Ballinfull, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9163150 www.lissadellhouse.com





with its immediate surroundings sloping gently away towards Sligo Bay.

Open: Easter (2nd-12th Apr) &2nd May – 18th Oct (10.30 – 18.00). Pre booked tours by arrangement.

Admission: Adults €12, Child €6.

Visitor Attractions

5 Sligo Abbey Abbey Street, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9146406

www.heritageireland.ie

Founded in the mid 13th century by Maurice Fitzgerald, this Dominican Friary contains a great wealth of carvings including Gothic and Renaissance tomb sculpture, well preserved cloister and the only sculptured 15th century high altar in any Irish monastic



church. This enigmatic friary will inspire and enlighten its visitors.

Open: 2nd Apr – 14th Oct, Daily (10.00-18.00, last admission 17.15)

Admission: Adult €4, Child/Student €2, Seniors/Group €3, Family €10

6 Sligo County Museum

Stephen Street, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9111679

Tel: 071 9111679 www.sligolibrary.ie

Sligo County Museum displays a variety of memorabilia which depicts the life and works of William Butler Yeats and Countess Markievicz. The archaeological and social history of Sligo is documented through the exhibition of artefacts from the Neolithic period to the present day.



Open: May-Sep, Tue-Sat (09.30-12.30 & 14.00-16.50)

Oct-Apr, Tue- Sat(09.30-12.30)

Admission: Free

Sligo Folk Park

Millview House, Riverstown, Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9165001

www.sligofolkpark.com



Experience rural Irish Heritage and culture from times gone by deep in the heart of County Sligo.

Open: Jun-Aug, Mon-Sat (10.00-17.30)&Sun (12.30-17.00) Oct-May, Mon-Fri (10.00-17.00)



Admission: Adults €6, Children €4, Students/Seniors €3.50, Group Rates available.

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8 The Model (Home of the Niland Collection) The Mall, Sligo,

Co. Sligo Tel: 071 9141405 www.themodel.ie





The Model, home of The Niland Collection,

is one of Ireland's leading contemporary arts centres. This award-winning building is home to the impressive Niland Collection of art, one of the most notable collections in Ireland

Open: Tue – Sat (10.00-17.30), Thu (10.00-20.00), Sun (12.00 - 17.00)

Admission: Free with a €4 donation welcomed. Charges apply to Cinema, Music and Comedy events.

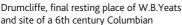
W.B. Yeats Grave & **Drumcliffe Church**

Drumcliffe. Co. Sligo





Tel: 071 9144956 or 071 9140273 www.drumcliffe.ie



monastery. This beautiful site which nestles under Benbulben Mountain has an exciting range of activities for the visitor. Tea Rooms and Craft Centre.





www.yeats-sligo.com

The Yeats Memorial Building houses a

permanent exhibition on the life and works of W.B. Yeats, an exhibition of Jack Yeats prints and shows DVDs and videos, as well as offering talks and guided tours. Tours on request. Selection of Yeats themed books for sale. Lily and Lolly's cafe, offers tea/coffee, snacks and light meals, while on the first floor; the Yeats Art Gallery presents changing exhibitions of art, sculpture, crafts etc.

Open: Mon - Sat (10.00-17.00), Closed for Bank Holidays

Admission: Adults €2, Children free.





More to Experience

Islands

Inishmurray (E2)

A small uninhabited island, Inishmurray is a nationally important bird sanctuary. The well preserved remains of monastic buildings and the islands village can be seen, including mysterious cursing stones, altars and beehive cells. Boat trips can be taken from Mullaghmore or from Rosses Point.

Coney Island (F2)

Accessible by land at low tide or by Coney Island water taxi 086 8913618. It is believed locally that it's more famous namesake in New York was named after the Irish island by a Sligo sea captain. The mud flats provide water feeding grounds for the Brent goose, as well as wild duck and waders.

Oyster Island (F2)

With its freestanding two-stage lighthouse built in 1932, it is home to the Irish hare and the very rare corncrake. This island is uninhabited.

Heritage Attractions

Dolly's Cottage (F2) Strandhill. Tel: 071 9168079.

Dolly is Cottage is a 200-year-old traditional thatched cottage, the only one of its kind in the area, which is open to the public in the summer months.

Maeve's Cairn (F2) Strandhill.

Overlooking Carrowmore megalithic cemetery on the summit of Knocknarea Mountain is the huge flat-topped cairn called 'Miosgan Meadhbha' (Maeve's Cairn). Folklore suggests it was built for the mythical Maeve, the Iron Age Queen of Connaught. Walkers can access from both sides via a track from base to summit.

Ballymote Castle (G2) Ballymote.

Richard de Burgo, the "Red Earl" of Ulster, built this Anglo-Norman castle in AD1300, and it was the strongest fortress in Connaught.

Drumcliffe Round Tower And High Cross (F2) Drumcliffe.

Monastic settlement dates from 574AD. The principle visible remains are of a round tower, a high cross and a fragment of a plain high cross.



Boat & Bus Trips

Rose of Innisfree Tel: 087 2598869. www.roseofinnisfree.com

Departs from Parkes Castle, visits the area of outstanding natural beauty on Lough Gill.

Lough Gill Tours: Tel: 086 7777375, www.loughgilltours.com

Explore the wonderful landscape of Lough Gill on-board a traditional open boat. Departing from the centre of Sligo town.

Coney Island Water Taxis Tel: 086 8913618

www.sligoboatcharters.com Visit Coney Island from Rosses Point pier.

Zero Cabs Tours Tel: 071 9154555

Explore the Yeats county with tours tailor made to suit your desires.

Keith Clarke – "MV Fiona Tee", Mullaghmore. Tel: 071 9142738.

www.fishinginireland.info/charterboats/sligo.htm

Tours to Inishmurray Island from Mullaghmore Harbour.

Daryl Ewing – "Sea Star", Rosses Point. Tel: 086 8913618. www.sligoboatcharters.com

Boat trips to Inishmurray Island from Rosses Point.

Spectacular Yeats Tour Tel: 087 2598869 www.roseofinnisfree.com

Taking in Yeats Grave, Glencar Waterfall and Parkes Castle. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from May - September.



Theatre & Arts

The Factory (F2) Lr. Quay Street, Sligo Town. Tel: 071 9170431, www.blueraincoat.com.

It is a multi purpose performance space and home to the Blue Raincoat Theatre Company.

Hawk's Well Theatre (F2) Temple Street, Sligo Town. Tel: 071 9161518, www.hawkswell.com.

One of the oldest regional theatres in the country. It provides all the latest in theatre and musical entertainment with Irish and International talent alike.

The Model (F2) The Mall, Sligo Town. Tel: 071 9141405. www.themodel.ie A contemporary arts centre with an extensive and vibrant programme of visual and performing arts.

Teach Bán Contemporary Artists Gallery (F2) Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo. Tel: 087 7549760, www.teachban-artgallery.com

An art gallery promoting visual artists of all ages. Open: 10.00 – 16.30 Season: March – October. Admission: Free

Hamilton Gallery (F2) 4 Castle Street, Tel: 071 9143377 www.hamiltongallery.ie

Contemporary Irish Art Gallery Open: Mon-Sat (10.00-17.00). Admission: Free.

Gallery No.6 (F2) Market St., Sligo Town. Tel: 071 9148844 Wonderful exhibition space for artists and crafters alike.

Hyde Bridge Gallery (F2), Douglas Hyde Bridge, Sligo Town.Tel: 071 9142693 Run by the Yeats Society to encourage all artistic endeavours within the local, national and international community.

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Made in Sligo

Come meet the makers and experience at first hand the inspiration and skill involved in creating these wonderful crafts. Craft trail maps are available in the tourist office or to download on www.madeinsligo.ie. The craft trail is signposted throughout the county by fingerpost signs directing you to the craft producers.

Ana Faye, Handbags & Fashion designer Enterprise Centre, Strandhill Tel: 087 6853095, www.anafaye.com

Breeogue Pottery, Knocknahur, Ransboro Tel: 086 378 2580, www.breeoguepottery.ie

Ciaran McHugh, Photographer, Cooldrumman Upper, Carney Tel: 086 851 0410. www.ciaranmchugh.com

Colm Brennan, Woodturner, Branleys Yard, Rathcormac Tel: 087 6997116

Gilbert Henry, Goldsmith, 1 High St, Sligo Town Tel: 071 9143013, www.gilberthenry.com

lan Carty, Ceramics, The Benbulben Centre, Rathcormac Tel: 087 266 1781, www.iancartyceramics.com

Joseph Martin, Bespoke Tailor, 1 Teeling St., Sligo Town Tel: 071 9162257, www.josephmartin.ie

Judy Brannelly, Hat Designer, 61 Lr Heatherview, Tonaphubble, Sligo Town Tel: 087 6336866 www.judybrannelly.com

Lynda Gault, Ceramics, Area 4 Studio, Lower Quay St., Sligo Town Tel: 086 809 4257, www.lyndagaultceramics.ie

Martina Hamilton, Goldsmith, 4 Castle Street, Sligo Town Tel: 071 9143686, www.martinahamilton.ie

Matt Jones, Woodturner, Riverstown

Tel: 085 7217063, www.mattjoneswoodturner.com

O'Riain Pottery, Lisnanny, Ballymote Tel: 086 348 4285 www.oriainpottery.com

Rachael Quinn, Ceramics, Cloonacurra, Ballinacarrow

Tel: 087 210 9020, www.rachaelquinnceramics.ie

Subadesigns, Curry

Tel: 086 8540318, www.subadesigns.com

Tom Callery, Ceramics, Cloonamanagh, Ballymote Tel: 087 767 4992, www.tomcalleryceramics.ie

www.madeinsligo.ie



Yeats2015

William Butler Yeats, (1865 – 1939) Nobel Prize winner, poet, dramatist, critic and senator was born in Dublin. Yeats is regarded as one of the greatest English language poets of the 20th Century and co-founder with Lady Gregory and Edward Martyn of the Abbey Theatre. Yeats is buried in Drumcliffe Graveyard in Sligo.

Yeats 2015 is a year-long programme of cultural and artistic events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Irish Nobel prize-winning poet William Butler Yeats. Keep an eye out in Sligo town for the Yeats Mural and Poetry Trail which is being extended around Sligo town.

The Yeats Trail in Sligo:

Yeats Grave, Drumcliffe Church, Sligo.

The final resting place of W.B. Yeats and site of a 6th century Columbian monastery. This beautiful site which nestles under Benbulben Mountain has an exciting range of activities for the visitor. Just 7km North of Sligo on the N15. Tel: 071 91 44956. Email: drumcliffeteahouse@eircom.net

Yeats Memorial Building, Hyde Bridge, Sligo.

The Yeats Society occupies a delightful heritage building in the centre of Sligo Town. It presents a fascinating photographic exhibition of the life and times of W.B. Yeats and his family. Tel: 071 9142603. Email: info@yeats-sligo.com www.yeats-sligo.com, Entry fee: €2.

The Model, The Mall, Sligo.

This beautiful building is home to the impressive Niland Art Collection, featuring John and Jack B. Yeats, Estella Solomons, Paul Henry and Louis Le Broquy, among others. The centre also has a vibrant performing arts programme, which includes an eclectic mix of jazz and contemporary music, classical and traditional. Tel: 071 9141405. Email: info@themodel.ie, www.themodel.ie

Sligo County Museum, Stephen St., Sligo.

Sligo County museum houses a variey of memorabilia which depicts the life and works of W.B.Yeats.



Olwen Fouéré Reading Yeats, National Library, Dublin. Credit: www.Yeats2015.com

The Yeats Trail (Other Locations)

Galway

Lady Gregory Yeats Trail incorporates historical sites between Gort and Loughrea which are associated with Lady Gregory and W.B. Yeats. These sites include Kilmacduagh, Killinane Graveyard, Roxborough Gates, Woodville Walled Gardens and St. Brendan's Cathedral

Thoor Ballylee, Gort, Co. Galway.

W.B. Yeats bought this ancient Norman tower and adjoining cottages in 1916. This site is temporarily closed due to flood damage.

Coole Park, Gort, Co. Galway. Tel: 091 631804. Fax: 091 631653. Email: info@coolepark.ie www.coolepark.ie

Coole Park & Visitor Centre, now a nature reserve, was the home of Lady Augusta Gregory, dramatist and co-founder with Edward Martyn and W.B. Yeats of the Abbey Theatre Dublin.

Kiltartan Gregory Museum, Galway. Tel: 091 632346/631069.

Award-winning museum housing the works of Lady Gregory, local history, artefacts, photos, manuscripts and an early 20th Century classroom.

Visit www.ladygregoryyeatstrail.com for more information.

Dublin

The Dublin Writers Museum, 18 Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

Yeats, Swift and Sheridan, Shaw and Wilde, Joyce and Beckett are among those presented through their books, letters, portraits and personal items. Situated in a magnificent 18th century mansion in the north city centre, the collection features the lives and works of Dublin's literary celebrities over the past three hundred years. Tel: 01 8722077. Fax: 01 8722231.

For further information on the Yeats Trail please contact:

Sligo Tourist Office. Tel: 071 9161201



Lissadell House & Gardens

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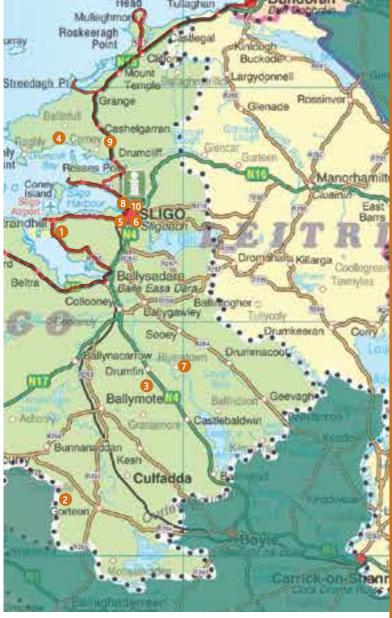
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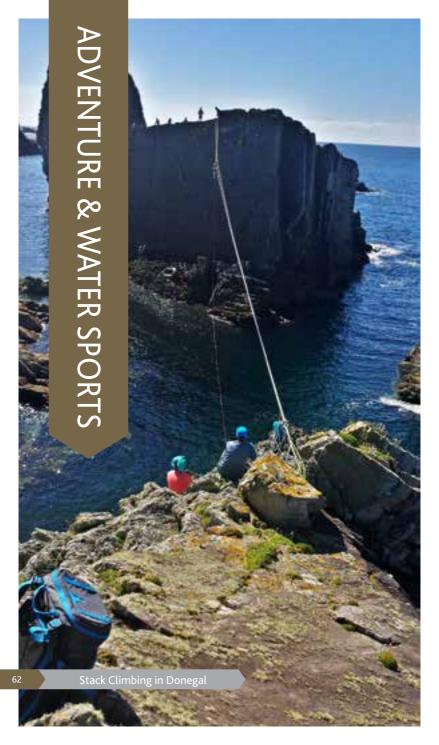
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Adventure & Water Sports

From breath-taking abseils to tranquil walks spanning the length of Sligo and Donegal's mountains, lakes and coastline, there are a range of adventure activities to suit outdoor junkies of all levels. So why not abandon your comfort zone and take a walk on the wild side! Check out some of the very best locations in Ireland.

The North West is the perfect spot for a fun and spine-tingling adventure holiday, with lots of water activities to enjoy, ranging from surfing to windsurfing and gravity-defying kiteboarding! Wild Atlantic Way beaches like Enniscrone, Easkey, Strandhill and Bundoran have become internationally renowned and there are several surf schools dotted around the area. All levels of experience are catered for, so it's the perfect place for the whole family or a group of friends to experience a fun and challenging adventure break.

Or try your hand at Stand-Up Paddling or Kayaking on our lakes and rivers or sit back and enjoy a boat trip. For those who enjoy staying on dry land there are lots of activities from Go-Karting to Blo-Karting to Paintballing or Quad Biking to name but a few.

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/adventure





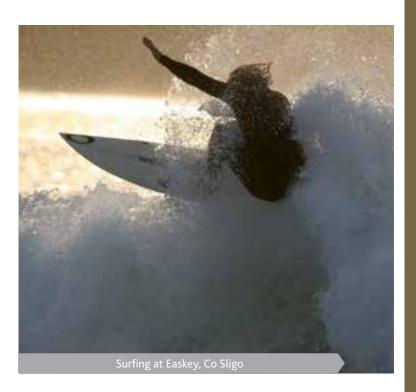
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal		
Adventure One Surf School, Fanad	087 6285565 www.adventureone.net	Surfing/Surf School
Archery Arcade, Fanad	086 1069660 www.archeryarcade.com	Rovins, The Games, Archery Cross.
Aura Leisure Complex, Letterkenny	074 9106422 www.auraleisure.ie/letterkenny	Swimming Pool, Gym, Aerobics & running track
Ballyshannon Leisure Centre, Ballyshannon	071 9852818 www.ballyshannonleisurecentre.ie	Swimming Pool, Gym
Buncrana Leisure Centre, Buncrana	074 9361000 www.visitinishowen.com	Swimming Pool, Gym
Bundoran Surf Company, Bundoran	071 9841968 www.bundoransurfco.com	Surfing/Surf School
Castlefin X-Treme Karting, Castlefin	086 8888041 www.castlefinkarting.com	Go-Karting and Archery
Dive Arranmore Charter, Arranmore Island	086 3300516 www.divearranmore.com	Scuba Diving, Whale & Dolphin watching, Sea Angling.
Dive Tory, Tory Island	074 9135920 www.discoverireland.ie	Diving
Donegal Adventure Centre, Bundoran	071 9842418 www.donegaladventurecentre.net	Surfing, Kayaking, Archery etc.
Donegal Sea Kayaking, Fanad Peninsula, Fanad	086 3130523 www.donegalseakayaking.com	Sea Kayaking
Fin McCool Surf School, Rossnowlagh	071 9859020 / 086 804 9909 www.finmccoolsurfschool.com	Surfing/Surf School
Gartan Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Churchill, Letterkenny	074 9137032 www.gartan.com	Surfing, Kayaking, Archery, Power Boating etc.
Glen Valley Adventure Centre, Carrigart	087 2203331	Off road jeep driving, Clay Pigeon shooting, Blind fold driving
Inishowen Quad Safari, Buncrana	087 6646346 www.inishowenquadsafari.ie	Quad Biking Treks and Laser Wars
Inishowen Surf School, Buncrana	087 7773323 www.inishowensurfschool.com	Surfing/Surf School
Jaws Water Sports, Dunfanaghy	086 1735109 / 087 2371152 www.jawswatersports.ie	Surfing, Sea Kayaking, Sailing, Windsurfing, Paddle Boarding and Kids Beach Club.
Just Kayak, Moville	074 9385903 www.justkayak.ie	Kayaking, Canoeing, Sailing, Hillwalking and Extreme Sports.
Letterkenny Activity Centre, Letterkenny	074 9129077 www.lkactivitycentre.com	Go-Karting Track, Body Sorb, Archery & Airsoft.
Mevagh Dive Centre, Carrigart	074 9154708 www.mevaghdiving.com	Diving
Mulroy Clay Pigeon Club, Milford	074 9153230 mulroycpc@eircom.net	Clay Pigeon Shooting
Narosa Life, Dunfanaghy	086 8831090 www.narosalife.com	Surfing/Surf School
Nature North West, Ramelton	086 8123019 www.naturenorthwest.ie	Nature education provider for the North West
Rapid Kayaking, Carrickfinn	086 1510979 www.rapidkayaking.com	Kayaking / Open canoeing

Rathmullan Sailing & Water Sports School, Rathmullan		Sailing, Kayaking, Wind Surfing and Diving
Surf Ireland, Rossnowlagh	083 4104002 www.isurfireland.com	Surfing/Surf School
Surf World, Bundoran	071 9841223 www.surfworld.ie	Surfing/Surf School
The Lakeside Centre, Ballyshannon		Surfing, Sailing, Kayaking, Archery, Canoeing
The Old Foundry Paintball Games Ltd, Letterkenny	086 3831188 www.letterkennypaintball.ie	Paintball
Turf n Surf, Bundoran	·	Surfing / Blo-karting / Yoga
Wild Atlantic Way Climbing, Drumskellan, Ture, Muff	087 6657790 www.wildatlanticwayclimbing.com	Rock & Mountain Climbing

Leitrim		
Adventure Gently, Dromahair	085 182154 www.adventuregently.com	Guided Canadian canoe trips.
Aura Leitrim Leisure Centre, Carrick- on-Shannon	071 9671771 www.auraleisure.ie/leitrim	Swimming, Gym
Battlebridge Paintball, Carrick-on- Shannon	086 1664959 www.battlebridgepaintball.ie	4 Purpose Built Gaming Areas
Big Days Out in Leitrim	087 7386493 www.bigdaysoutinleitrim.com	Nature Walks, Canoe Trips and Electric Bike Tours.
Carrick Indoor Shooting & Archery, Leitrim Village	086 828 8747 www.carrickindoorsshooting.com	Airsoft Shooting & Archery
Carrick Quads	086 7908777 www.facebook.com/carrickquads	Quad biking
Carrick-on-Shannon Rowing Club, Carrick-on-Shannon	www.carrickrc.com	Rowing
Lough Allen Adventure Centre, Ballinaglera	071 9643292 www.loughallenadventure.com	Windsurfing, Kayaking, Hill Walking, Survival Skills
Paddle Monkey, Dromahair	071 9134977 www.paddlemonkey.info	Kayaking
River Mania ,Carrick-on-Shannon	086 3088900/089 4908786 www.rivermania.ie	River Expeditions, Canoeing & Raft Building
SUP for All, Dromahair	087 9026000 www.facebook.com/supforall	SUP lessons & Safari

Sligo		
Free diving, Sligo	www.freediveireland.com	Hold your breath, dive down and swim around underwater
	071 9165141 / 086 826 2654 www.loughbo.ie	Clay Pigeon Shooting
	•	Kite Surfing & Power Kite Lessons
Mullaghmore Sailing Club, Mullaghmore		Dinghy Sailing & Mooring Available
	087 9595556 www.atlanticsurfschool.com	Surfing/Surf School
Offshore Water Sports, Mullaghmore		Scuba Diving & Power Boating
		Surfing/Surf School & Stand Up Paddle

Seventh Wave Surf School, Enniscrone	087 9716389 www.seventhwayesurfschool.com	Surfing/Surf School
Sligo Aero Club, Strandhill Airport	087 2932884 www.SligoAeroClub.com	Flying Lesson
Sligo Extreme Paintball, Hazelwood Sligo	087 2405714 www.sligoextremepaintball.com	Paintball, Archery shooting range
Sligo Karting, Skreen	071 9176300 www.sligokarting.ie	Indoor Karting track
Sligo Kayak Tours, Sligo	086 1999015 www.sligokayaktours.com	Guided tours with small groups.
Sligo Rowing Club, Sligo	087 6189156 www.sligorowingclub.net	Rowing
Sligo Sea Shore Fishing School, Sligo	087 2480299 www.sligoseashorefishingschool.com	Fishing classes for children and adults
Sligo Yacht Club, Rosses Point	071 9177168 www.sligoyachtclub.ie	Sailing
Strandhill Surf School, Strandhill	071 9168483 / 087 2870817 www.strandhillsurfschool.com	Surfing/Surf School
SUP Dude, Mullaghmore	085 7051188 www.supdude.ie	Stand Up Paddle lessons & courses.
Waterpoint, Enniscrone	096 36999 www.waterpoint.ie	Swimming, Gym, Astro, Turf Pitch
West Coast Kayaking, Mullaghmore	083 4370893 www.westcoastkayaking.ie	Sea, River & Lakes trips.
Wild Wet Adventures, Tubbercurry	086 7222750 www.wildwetadventures.ie	Kayaking, SUP & Guided Walks



ANGLING



Angling

The North West is home to major salmon and sea trout fisheries with countless smaller wild game fisheries. Fully equipped modern charter boats dotted around our vast coastline guarantee an exhilarating sea angling experience. Different coarse angling waters for each day of the year makes the North West an ideal destination.

The many lakes and rivers in County Leitrim support a huge population of wild fish. Coarse anglers will find good stocks of bream, roach, rudd, hybrids, tench, pike, eels and perch.

If your idea of game angling heaven is solitude, wild fish, scenery and unspoilt fishing then look no further. The region possesses a number of high quality salmon and trout fisheries including The Drowes, The Owenea and The Bonet. The Region consistently produces the first Irish salmon of the season.

Charter boats offer deep sea angling or even some coastal cruising. Blue fin tuna have been caught in Donegal Bay.

Do I need a licence to fish in Ireland? In Ireland you do not need a license to fish for trout, coarse species or in the sea. However, if you intend to fish for salmon or sea trout you must have a State Salmon & Sea Trout Fishing License (both available as a National License or a District License). Full details of fishing regulations can be found on www.fishinginireland.info

For more general information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/angling

Regulations

Ireland has developed effective conservation measures on all types of fishing, which ultimately contributes to more sustained and healthy fish stocks. Below are just some examples, please check with Inland Fisheries Ireland (www.fishinginireland. info) for more detailed information.

Licences & Permits

Licences - In the Republic of Ireland, you do not need a license to fish for pike, trout or coarse species, but a rod licence is required in Northern Ireland. If you intend to fish for salmon or sea trout, you must have a State Fishing Licence (available as a National Licence or a District Licence), which can be bought from most fishing tackle shops, the regional fisheries offices or on the website of Inland Fisheries Ireland (www.fishinginireland.info).

Permits - whether a licence is required or not, a permit is often required to fish most waters. They can be bought directly from the fishery owner and can usually cost from $\leq 20 - \leq 50$ per day.

Fines

On the spot fines of €150 can sometimes be issued for a range of offences prohibited under Irish Angling regulations, such as fishing in a closed season, taking more fish than a bag limit allows etc.

General Freshwater Regulations

- · The only legal method to catch freshwater fish is by rod and line
- · A person may fish with not more than two rods at any time
- · It is illegal to have or to use live fish as bait
- It is illegal to transfer live roach from one water to any other waters
- · Killing and possession of foul hooked fish is prohibited

Foul Hooking

 The killing and possession of foul hooked fish (i.e. fish not hooked in the mouth) in any fishery district in any year is prohibited.

Coarse Fishing

- No more than 4 coarse fish can be taken and killed on any one day
- · Any coarse fish greater than 25 cm in length cannot be taken and killed

Pike Fishing

- It is prohibited to kill more than 1 pike in any one day
- It is prohibited to kill any pike greater than 50 cm in length

Game Angling				
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION		
Donegal				
Assaroe Lakes, Ballyshannon	www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Brown Trout		
Crana River & Fullerton Reservoir, Buncrana	086 3091966 www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Drowes River, South Donegal	071 9841055 www.drowessalmonfishery.com	Salmon & Brown Trout		
Glen River, Carrick	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout		
Gweebarra River, Lettermacaward	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout.		
Lough Beagh, Glenveagh National Park	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Sea Trout & Brown Trout		
Lough Melvin, South Donegal	071 9851435 www.fishingireland.ie	Salmon & Brown Trout		
Meadow Trout Fishery, Rossnakill	086 3192949 www.discoverireland.ie	Rainbow Trout. Licences, Rod Hire, etc.		
Owenea River/Owentocker, Glenties	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout		
River & Lough Eske, Donegal Town	074 9740781 / 074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout		
River Clady, Gweedore	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout		
River Crolly, Gweedore	074 9551141 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout		
River Duff, South Donegal	086 8135429 / 086 8162144 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon Fishing		
River Eany, Inver	071 9851435 Salmon & Tro www.fishinginireland.info			
River Finn, Central Donegal	.0044 28 71342100 www.loughs-agency.org	Salmon & Sea Trout		
The Dunfanaghy Fishery, Dunfanaghy	Arnolds Hotel 074 9136208 www.dunfanaghyangling.com	Brown Trout		
The Pettigo Lakes, Pettigo	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
The River Deele, Convoy/Raphoe	0044 28 71342100 www.loughs-agency.org	Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout		
The Rosses Fishery, Dungloe	074 9521163 www.rossesanglers.com	Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout		
Leitrim				
Arigna River, Arigna	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Bonet River, Manorhamilton	www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout		
Corbally Lough, Carrick-on-Shannon	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Drumharlow Lake, Carrick-on-Shannon	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Lough Allen, Drumshanbo	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Lough Canbo, Carrick-on-Shannon	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout		
Lough Melvin, Rossinver	071 9841451	Salmon & Brown Trout		

www.fishinginireland.info

www.fishinginireland.info

www.fishinginireland.info

www.drowessalmonfishery.com

071 9841055

River Shannon, Jamestown Weir

The Duff River, Glenade Valley to

Tullaghan

The Drowes River, Kinlough/Tullaghan

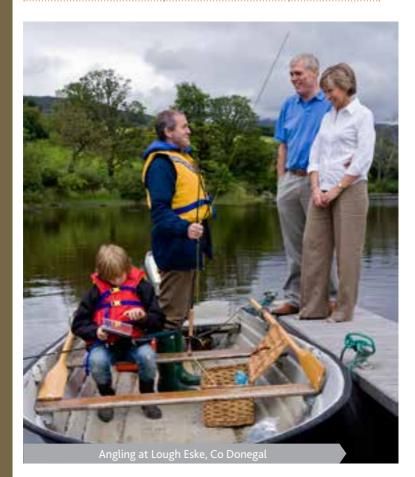
Brown Trout

Salmon

Salmon & Brown Trout

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Sugo		
Ballisodare River, Ballisodare	www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout
Easkey River, Easkey	086 8032350 www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon & Sea Trout
Feenagh Lake, Ballymote	ballymoteangling@gmail.com www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout
Glencar Lake and Drumcliffe River, Drumcliffe	087 9077795 sligoanglers@hotmail.com	Salmon & Sea Trout
Lough Arrow, Ballymote	ballymoteangling@gmail.com www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout
Lough Bo, Near Castlebaldwin	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout
Lough Gill	www.fishinginireland.info	Salmon, Sea Trout, Brown Trout
Lough na Leibe, Ballymote	ballymoteangling@gmail.com www.fishinginireland.info	Rainbow Trout Fishery
Lough Talt, Tubbercurry	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout
The Unshin River, Collooney/ Castlebaldwin	www.fishinginireland.info	Brown Trout









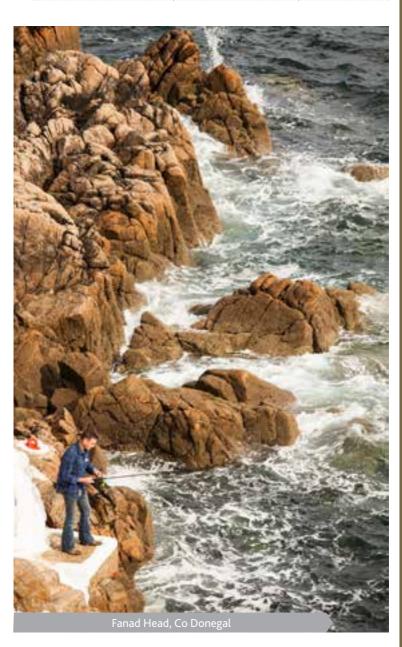


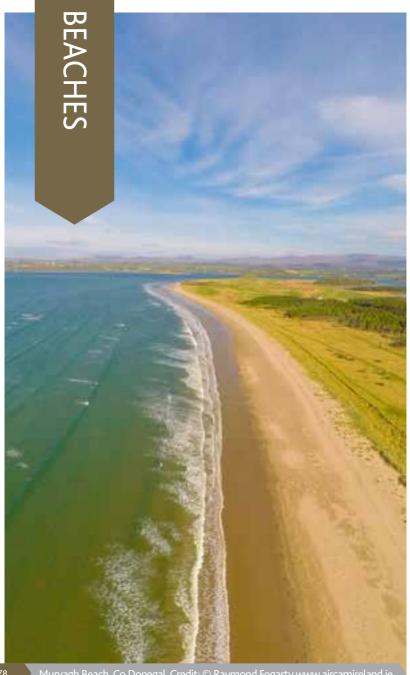
Coarse Angling		
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal		
Assaroe Lake, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Hybrids.
Pettigo Lakes, Pettigo, Co. Donegal	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Perch, Pike.
Leitrim		
Ballinamore Coarse Angling Centre, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Hybrids, Rudd, Perch, Pike
Carrick-on-Shannon Coarse Angling Centre, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim	www.leitrimtourism.com/angling	Bream, Roach, Rudd, Hybrids, Tench, Perch, Pike, Eels
Carrigallen Coarse Angling Centre, Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Rudd, Tench, Perch, Pike, Eels
Keshcarrigan Coarse Angling Centre, Keshcarrigan, Co. Leitrim	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Hybrids, Perch, Pike, Eels
Mohill & Dromod Coarse Angling Centre, Mohill, Co. Leitrim	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Rudd, Hybrids, Tench, Perch, Pike, Eels
Upper Lough MacNean, Glenfarne, Co. Leitrim	www.fishinginireland.info	Bream, Roach, Hybrids, Perch, Pike, Eels
Sligo		
Ardrea Lake, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	www.ballymoteangling.com ballymoteangling@gmail.com	Bream, Rudd, Hybrids, Tench, Perch, Pike
Ballinascarrow Lake, Ballymote, Co. Sligo	www.ballymoteangling.com ballymoteangling@gmail.com	Bream, Rudd, Hybrids, Carp



NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal	•	•
Bonito Charters, Downings	074 9155261 / 087 6547232 www.bonitocharters.com	Reefs, Pollock
Colin Campbell - MV Dunai Mara, Killybegs	086 4044040 www.duanaimaracharters.com	Reef, shark and general inshore fishing.
Donal Cullen- Laura Dean Carrigart	087 6590264 www.mevaghdiving.com	Sea Angling, Diving & General Fishing
Donegal Bay Charters, Donegal Town	086 6096035 www.donegalbaycharters.com	Mackerel Fishing & Deep Sea Angling
Inishowen Boating Company, Culdaff	086 2522685 www.irishanglingcharters.ie	Deep Sea Angling, Shark & Wreck
Jim Muldowney - Elsie Jayne Arranmore Island	086 3300516 www.divearranmore.com	Sea Angling
Killybegs Angling Charters, Killybegs	087 2200982 www.killybegsangling.com	Sea Angling
Michael McGettigan - MV Huntress Blue, Bruckless	087 2871423 www.fishinginireland.info	General, Shark & Reef Fishing
Michael O'Brien - MV Carmel Olivia, Magheroarty	087 6279789 www.discoverireland.ie	Mixed Fishing
Niall Doherty - Enterprise 1 & Swilly Explorer, Rathmullan	087 2480132 ww.rathmullancharters.com	Reef, Wreck, General Fishing.
Paddy Byrne - MV Nuala Star, Teelin	087 6284688 www.sliabhleagueboattrips.com	Sea Angling
Patrick O'Doherty - MV Bundoran Star, Bundoran	087 4198323 www.bundoranstar.ie	Reef, Shark & General inshore fishing
Rathmullan Charters, Rathmullan	087 0507464 www.rathmullancharters.com	Wreck, Pollock, Tope, etc.
Richard Timoney - MV Smoothhound, Laghey	086 8937225 www.donegalseafishing.com	Wreck, Reef & Shark Fishing
Rosguill Boat Charters, Downings	074 9155080 www.rosguill.com/charterboat	Wreck & Shark Fishing
Saoire Mara Charters, Kincasslagh	087 9870266 www.saoiremara.com	Deep Sea Angling
Smithy's Mini Charters - Golden Fleece	087 2759731	Sea Angling
Surose - Oscar Duffy, Doochary	087 9253534 www.inish.ie	Reef, Shark & General Fishing
Tor Mór Charter Boat, Portnoo	087 2458514 www.tirconnellcharters.com	Reefs & Wrecks
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Sligo		
Declan Kilgannon - Kiwi Girl, Mullaghmore	087 6100111 www.offshore.ie	Sea Angling
Donal Kennedy - Leah, Enniscrone	086 8174509 www.dkennedyangling.net	Reef, Shark Wreck & General Sea Fishing
Ewings Sea Angling & Boat Charters, Rosses Point	086 8913618 www.sligoboatcharters.com	Deep Sea & Reef Angling & Shark Fishing
Gerard Cunniffe - MV Roustabout, Mullaghmore	087 7701596 www.fishinginireland.info	General Sea Angling
Gerry Sheerin - MV Ellen Louise, Grange	086 8282782	Reef & General Inshore

	087 2540190 www.fishinginireland.info	General Sea Fishing
	087 2576268 www.bayangling.freeservers.com	General Inshore Angling
Tommy McCallion - Stringreay, Rosses Point		Reef, shark and Inshore angling





Beaches

There are many clean and sandy beaches dotted along the North West's coastline for all to enjoy, including many with the prestigious Blue Flag Beach Award and many others with the Green Coast Award.

Blue Flag Beaches



The Blue Flag is an international, voluntary eco-label for beaches and marinas. The Blue Flag is awarded to beaches and marinas that meet a specific set of criteria:

- · Environmental information & education
- · Water quality
- Safety & services
- · Environmental Management

Green Coast Award Beaches



Green Coast Awards are awarded to beaches for their natural beauty, clean environment and water quality. These beaches may not have the

necessary built infrastructure to meet criteria set for Blue Flag status, however Green Coast Award beaches are exceptional places to visit and to enjoy our rich coastal heritage and diversity.

The International Blue Flag programme and Green Coast Award programme is operated in Ireland by An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland. Please contact:

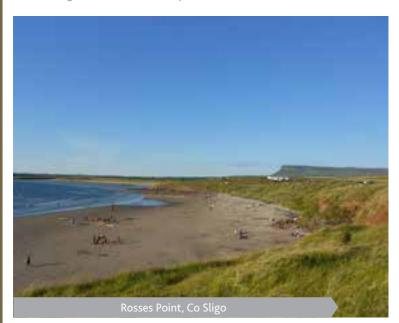
T: 01 400 2210 | E: blueflag@eeu.antaisce.org | W: www.blueflagireland.org

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/beaches

Blue Flag Beaches	
NAME	LOCATION
Donegal	
Bundoran	Bundoran
Carrickfinn	Annagry
Culdaff	Culdaff
Downings	Rosguill Peninsula
Fintra	Killybegs
Killahoey	Dunfanaghy
Lisfannon	Fahan
Marblehill	Dunfanaghy
Murvagh	Laghey
Narin-Portnoo	Narin
Portsalon	Fanad
Rossnowlagh	Rossnowlagh
Stroove	Inishowen Peninsula

Sligo	
Enniscrone	Enniscrone
Rosses Point	Sligo

^{*}Please Note: The above refers to the 2014 listing only. The 2015 listing was not available at time of print.



Green Coast Award Beaches

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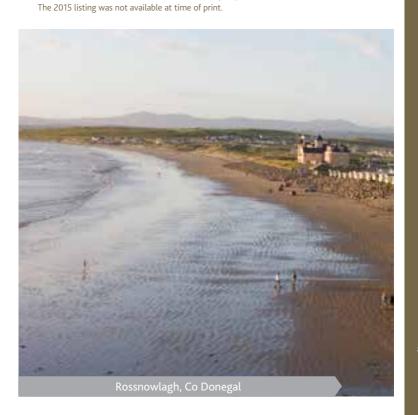
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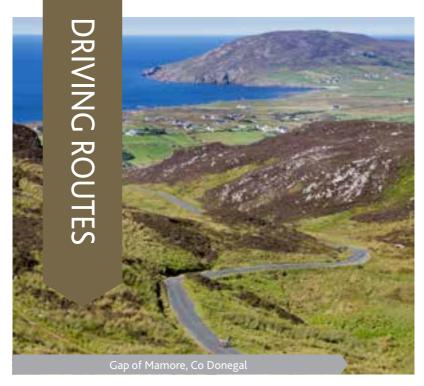
Ballyhernan	Approx. 4km south of Fanad Head
Dooey	Approx. 13km south of Dungloe
Drumatinney	Approx. 3km north of Falcarragh
Magheroarty	Approx. 5km west of Gortahork
Port Arthur	Approx. 5km north of Derrybeg
Rathmullan	Northern shore of Lough Swilly

Sligo

Sugo	
Dunmoran Strand	Approx. 30km west of Sligo Town
Enniscrone	Enniscrone
	Approx. 25km from Sligo Town or 14km from Bundoran
Rosses Point	Approx. 9km west of Sligo Town
Streedagh	Approx. 4km west of Grange

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Coastal Driving Route...

The Wild Atlantic Way stretches for 2,500 km (1,500 miles) along Ireland's western seaboard, from Malin Head in Co. Donegal down to Kinsale in Co. Cork.

Highlights along the North West include Malin Head which is the most northerly point on the island of Ireland, Cionn Fhánada (Fanad Head) with its iconic and picturesque lighthouse, Sliabh Liag where you can marvel at some of the highest sea cliffs in Europe and Mullaghmore Head in Sligo where some of the world's biggest and best surfing swells can be found.



Inishowen Head – Manorcunningham View

Distance: 157km (98 miles)



Some Discovery Points along the Way!

Kinnagoe Bay - known for being the location of the wreck of the Armada ship "La Trinidad Valencera" in 1588, in memory of which a plaque is mounted.

Malin Head - the northernmost tip of Ireland and your first Signature Discovery Point. Named Banba's Crown, it gives its name to the Malin sea area.

Pollan Bay - a two mile long sandy beach at the foot of the hill leading to the village of Ballyliffin.

Gap of Mamore - at the top of the gap there is a holy well named St. Eigne's Well, where for centuries, people have made pilgrimages.

Dunree Head - is most noted for its military museum, Fort Dunree. The museum houses a display of military memorabilia and artefact. There are also lovely scenic walks.

Inch Island - is a birdwatcher's paradise connected to the mainland in Lough Swilly

Manorcunningham View – Narin-Portnoo Strand

Distance: 245km (152 miles))



Some Discovery Points along the Way!

Ballymastocker Strand - was named as one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. It extends for miles from Knockalla Hill all the way to Portsalon.

Cionn Fhánada (Fanad Head) - best known for its iconic Fanad Head Lighthouse, built in 1817 in response to the sinking of the frigate HMS Saldanha. Enjoy the untamed beauty of its stunning scenery and wonderful beaches at the second signature discovery point.

Doe Castle View - the ancient seat of the Mac Sweeney Chiefs of Doe stands on the small peninsula called Cannon Point and is protected on three sides by the sea and a trench hewn from solid rock on the fourth side.

Toraigh (Tory Island) - lies about nine miles from Donegal coast and is an island of great beauty, rich in history and mythology where the pace of life is easy. Another unique feature of the island is it has its own King - Patsy Dan Rodgers.

Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island) - the largest inhabited island in the county and is part of the Donegal Gaeltacht.

Narin-Portnoo Strand – a wonderful seaside resort with a blue flag beach and excellent golf course nearby.



Narin-Portnoo Strand – Tullan Strand

Distance: 162km (101 miles)



Some Discovery Points along the Way!

Malaidh Ghleann Gheis (Glengesh Pass) - a glaciated valley, this wild and picturesque road meanders through Glengesh and Mulmosog mountains.

Sliabh Liag (Slieve League) - at the third Signature Discovery Point you will discover some of the highest sea cliffs in Ireland which you can explore on foot or by boat.

Bá Fhionntrá (Fintragh Bay) - approached by a step road down with stunning views over Donegal Bay, this sandy beach is just a few kilometres from Killybegs.

Mountcharles Pier – with a choice of two sandy beaches to walk along or just relax on some of the locally made seats on the pier.

Murvagh Beach – this calm and sheltered location is ideal for walking or why not explore the forest and dunes nearby.

Tullan Strand – a 2km long beach stretching from the north end of Bundoran to the Erne Estuary at Ballyshannon. It is considered Ireland's most consistent beach break for surfing.

Tullan Strand – Inishcrone Pier

Distance: 133km (83 miles)



Some Discovery Points along the Way!

Mullaghmore Head - Signature Discovery Point No.4 has dramatic views over Donegal Bay towards Sliabh Liag. Take the 5km walk or drive around Mullaghmore Head to discover its real beauty.

Streedagh Beach - this 3km sandy beach has a large abundance of well preserved fossils. Also, 3 Armada Ships were wrecked here in 1588. A replica of a ship's bow commemorates their plight.

Rosses Point Beach - an old seafaring village steeped in maritime history. To compliment its beauty, there is a blue flag beach and an 18 hole championship golf club, home to the West of Ireland competition.

Strandhill Beach - is well renowned for its surfing with its Atlantic mighty rollers or enjoy a seaweed bath on the seafront at Voya.

Aughris Head - take a coastal walk between the beautiful secluded two mile beach at Dunmoran to the small picturesque fishing harbour at Aughris keeping an eye out for the fossilized coral fauna.

Inishcrone Pier - the fabulous golden 5k beach is ideal for swimming or soak up the atmosphere at Kilcullens Seaweed Baths.

Inland Driving Routes...

Shannon Erne Tour.Distance: 92km (58 miles)

Distance: 92km (58 miles)
Carrick-on-Shannon »
Ballinamore » Carrigallen
» Dromod » Jamestown »
Carrick-On-Shannon

Carrick-on-Shannon, a cruising capital and historic town, is home to the smallest chapel in Europe, so what better place to start. Ballinamore is an angler's paradise with 40 lakes in a 10km radius. The Lough Rynn estate in Mohill



features 100 acres of rare woodland and exotic, walled ornamental gardens. Dromod houses the Cavan & Leitrim Railway and museum. Jamestown, named after King James 1 was walled and fortified, one of the gates is still standing in the pretty village.

Lough Allen Tour. Distance: 46km (28 miles)

Drumshanbo » Ballinaglera » Dowra » Drumkeerin » Drumshanbo

Drumshanbo famous for its musical tradition and its unique High Street fronted by a stone wall, with steps leading up to Ireland's shortest Main Street. For those seeking adventure, head to Ballinaglera and the Lough Allen Adventure Centre. Dowra is a walker's paradise as The Miners,



Leitrim and Cavan Way all meander through this area. The Abbey in Tarmon which stands in ruins amidst graves and tombstones was founded by the O'Rourke family.



Equestrian

From craggy islands and rolling hills to stunning coastlines, the landscape of Ireland's North West is breath-taking. How better to experience this natural beauty than on horseback?

Follow the Shamrock



Independently Assessed and Quality Assured by Fáilte Ireland, The National Tourism Development Authority. 'Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this Equestrian Centre is visitor friendly and committed to

delivering high quality services and facilities'.

Visit: www.discoverireland.ie/equestrian for current listings

The Counties of Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo are becoming more and more popular as an outdoor activity hotspot and horse riding in the region is long established as a must-do for the adventure enthusiast and beginner alike.

There are lots of horse riding options available from beach treks and leisurely hacks, to cross-country jumping and post-to-post trails. And with great value accommodation available at many equestrian centres why not make a weekend out of it and get back to nature with your equine friends.

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/equestrian OR www.aire.ie





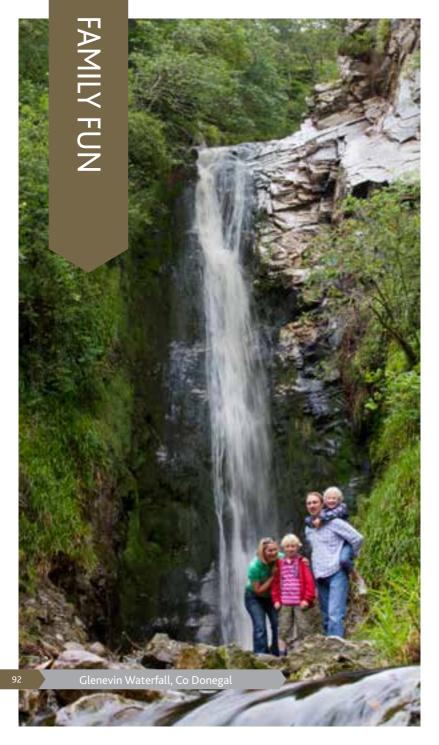
Equestrian	
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Donegal	
Ashtree Stables, Coole, Cranford, Letterkenny	074 9153312 / 086 2202052
Carrigart Horse Riding Centre, Wood Quarter, Cranford, Letterkenny	074 9153583 / 087 2276926
Cooley Equestrian Centre, Moville	086 0633487 gilliandohertyr@gmail.com
Deanes Equestrian Centre, Darney, Bruckless	074 9737160 / 087 2997421 www.deanesequestrian.ie
Donegal Equestrian Centre, Finner Road, Bundoran	071 9841977 www.donegalequestriancentre.com
Dunfanaghy Stables, c/o Arnolds Hotel, Dunfanaghy	074 9100980 / 086 8280552 www.dunfanaghystables.com
Dunlewey Trekking Centre, Dunlewey	087 0909665 / 087 1626940 info@dunleweytrekkingcentre.com
Greenacres Equestrian Centre, Greenacres Lodge, Convoy	.074 9147541 / 086 8947929 greenacresequestrian@live.ie
Lenamore Stables, Muff	074 9384022 / 086 3433461 www.lenamorestables.com
Malin Stables, Malin, Inishowen	086 3839644 lauragurney97@yahoo.co.uk
Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre, Tullagh Clonmany	.086 7204150 www.tullaghbayequestrian.ie
Leitrim	
Drumcoura Equestrian Centre, Ballinamore	071 9645781 www.drumcoura.ie
Moorlands Equestrian Centre, Curraghill, Drumshanbo	071 9641500 www.moorlands.ie
Sligo	
Horse Holiday Farm, Mount Temple, Grange	071 9166152 www.horse-holiday-farm.net
Ireland on Horseback, Carrowmore	071 9161353 / 087 2304828 www.sligoridingcentre.com
Island View Riding Stables, Moneygold, Grange	071 9166156 / 086 1956615 www.islandviewridingstables.com
Lough Gara Riding Stables, Derrybeg, Lisserlough, Boyle	086 8938972 / 086 3942220 www.loughgarastables.com
Markree Riding Stables, Markree Castle, Collooney	071 9130727 / 087 2234138 www.markreestables.com

087 2723401/ 087 6793696

www.woodlandsequestrian.ie

Woodlands Equestrian Centre, Loughill, Lavagh,

Tubbercurry



Family Fun

No matter what type of activity break you're looking for, you will be sure to find something for the whole family in the fun filled North West!

You could picnic in the whispering grasses of the sand dunes, take dips in the lively sea or walk cliffs overlooking the stunning Atlantic. Or plan your trip to coincide with something from the North West's impressive and eclectic calendar of free events. Choose from sand sculpting competitions, street carnivals where jugglers and stilt-walkers strut their stuff, or music sessions where big brass bands perform by the sea. Or what about the whole family getting together and taking a surf lesson, playing pitch and putt, going horse riding or checking out the range of activities at local adventure centres?

Visit some of the wonderful animal based attractions including pet farms, Ireland's largest Bird of Prey centre or a donkey sanctuary. On rainy days, you'll also be well catered for with indoor water activities, children's play centres, ten pin bowling and cinemas.

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/familyfun





Family Fun		
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal		
An Clúb Beag, Dungloe	074 9522649 www.anclubbeag.ie	Indoor activity centre for toddlers & children
Arena 7, Letterkenny	074 9128853 www.arena7.ie	Bowling, Soft Play, Laser Quest, Arcades, Go Karts, Poll, Astro, Restaurant & Bar.
Aura Leisure Centre,	:074 9106422 :www.auraleisurecentres.ie/letterkenny	Family Leisure Centre
Letterkenny Ballyshannon Leisure Centre, Ballyshannon	071 9852818 www.ballyshannonleisurecentre.ie	Public Leisure Centre
Bumble Bees, Donegal Town	.074 9725454 E: bumblebeesdonegal@hotmail.com	Children's indoor play centre
Buncrana Leisure Centre, Buncrana	074 9361000	Public Leisure Centre
Bundoran Adventure Park, Bundoran	www.bundoranadventurepark.com	Fun for all the family, with theme rides
Bundoran Cineplex, Bundoran	071 9829999 www.bundorancineplex.com	6 screen cinema
Castle Adventure Open Farm, Ballyshannon	071 9852688 www.openfarm.ie	Open farm with indoor activities.
Century Cinema, Letterkenny	074 9125050 www.centurycinemas.ie	8 screen cinema
Century Ice, Letterkenny	074 9121976 www.centurycinema.ie	Ice skating rink
Dizzy Rascals, Letterkenny	074 9177731 www.dizzyrascals.town.ie	Indoor activity centre open for children up to the age of 12
Dizzy's Den, Bundoran	071 9833668 	Children's Indoor Play Area
Glenveagh National Park, Letterkenny Glow Bowling, Bundoran	:www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie	Family fun throughout the year.
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	www.bundoranglowbowl.ie	Indoor bowling alley
Ionad Cois Locha, Dunlewey	074 9531699	Adventure play area with a boat trip around the lake. Craft shop, weaving & tearoom.
Kidz Kingdom, Downings	074 9154522	Indoor play centre
Kil n Time, Ballybofey	074 9122010 :www.kilntime.ie	Paint Your Own Pottery
Leisureland, Redcastle, Inishowen	074 9382306 www.leisurelandredcastle.ie	One of Ireland's leading indoor heated fun parks, catering for children of all ages.
Lifford Strabane Cinema, Lifford	.074 9141963 .www.liffordstrabane.com	7 screen cinema
Lurgybrack Open Farm, Letterkenny	074 9122683 www.lurgybrackopenfarm.town.ie	A special place where all the family can spend the day seeing the animals and having fun.
Marinas, An Chuirt Hotel, Gweedore	074 9532900 www.gweedorecourthotel.com	Indoor Soft Play Area
Pin Tavern Pitch & Putt, Letterkenny	086 8042855	18 hole pitch & putt
Sandfield Pitch & Putt, Ardara	074 9541344	18 hole pitch & putt
Tropical World at Alcorns, Letterkenny	:074 9121655 :www.tropicalworld.town.ie	Tropical Butterfly House and Mini Zoo.
Wains World, Buncrana	074 9322450 www.wainsworldbuncrana.com	Indoor activity centre for children
Waterworld, Bundoran	.071 9841172 www.waterworldbundoran.com	Aqua adventure playground ideal for children of all ages including 2 leisure pools, a wave pool, and a slide pool that kids will love.

	Family Leisure Centre
	4 screen cinema
	Airsoft Shooting & Archery
071 9645590 www.fenagh.com	Includes soft play area
071 9644157 www.glenview-house.com	A private collection of more than 7,000 antique, historical and novel items ranging from pre-famine to the recent past.
071 9621605 www.mulveystoys.com	Ten pin bowling & children's play area
	Adventure Play Kingdom
	www.fenagh.com 071 9644157 www.glenview-house.com

Sligo		
Ballymote Castle & Playground, Ballymote		Playground
Bertie's Pitch & Putt,	086 2420452	18 hole Pitch & Putt
Bundoran Road Calry Pet Farm, Calry	www.bertiespitchandputt.com 071 9140413 www.playandlearncrecheandpetfarm.ie	Pet farm & crèche
Donkey Sanctuary, Castlebaldwin	071 9666196 www.donkeys.ie	A rest for donkeys and ponies
Doorly Park, Riverside		Playground & Outdoor Gym
Eagles Flying, Ballymote Enniscrone Pitch & Putt.	071 9189310 :www.eaglesflying.com :096 36788	Irish Raptor Centre, Free flying demonstrations and Pet Zoo 18 hole Pitch & Putt
Enniscrone		
Five Star Fun, Grange	087 2566526 www.fivestarfun.ie	Play and Party centre with exciting activities for children
Funny Bones, Collooney	.071 9133281 .www.funnybones.ie	Indoor Adventure Centre and Climbing Walls.
Gillighan's World, Achonry	071 9130286 www.gillighansworld.ie	A real Irish Fairyland
Golf Academy, Ransboro	071 9128337 / 086 7310824 www.sligogolfacademy.ie	State of the art facility with golf school, pitch & putt, 14 indoor and 10 outdoor driving ranges.
Grange Playground		Playground
Happy Days Centre, Cleveragh	071 9135115 www.happydayssligo.ie	Indoor Adventure Centre
Hullabaloo, Pearse Road	.086 4094164 .www.hullabaloo.ie	Paint your own pottery studio
Mitchell Curley Park, Ballydoogan		Playground and track. Outdoor Gym
Skreen Playground, Skreen		Playground
Sligo Karting, Leekfield, Skreen	071 9176300 www.sligokarting.ie	Indoor karting track
Tubbertelly Pitch & Putt, Tubbercurry	071 9185916	18 hole Pitch & Putt
Water Point, Enniscrone	096 36999 www.waterpoint.ie	Indoor Swimming Pool, flume waterslide, health suite and sports centre.







Food and Culinary

Each area of Ireland brings its own unique flavour to the plate and the North West is no exception.

Bathed by the **Wild Atlantic** it's no wonder that seafood plays a major part and with Ireland's largest fishing port in Killybegs, you know you will be in for some fresh seafood delights. Or why not try to Catch 'n' Cook your own with Sligo Boat Charters!

Seaweed is also in abundance and our very own Prannie Rattigan, author of 'Irish Seaweed Kitchen', runs various courses in the North West. Be sure to check out the local menus for this delicacy.

If you feel a tingling in your green fingers then head to The Organic Centre in Rossinver, Co. Leitrim and sign up for one of their many food or cookery courses or simply enjoy their special Potato or Apple Days. From cafes with their homemade scones and cakes to the many Artisan shops, the smell of food is in the air. Be inspired by the local produce at the many Farmers and Country Markets. Come with an appetite and you won't be disappointed.

For a full listing of restaurants & cafes, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/food

Farmers & Country Markets:

Take in the atmosphere of our markets, by browsing around and sampling the local and organic produce such as farmhouse cheeses, salmon, meats and a wide range of organic fruit and vegetables.

County Donegal

Dunfanaghy Ozanam Centre Easter to Halloween Saturday 11am to 12noon **Kilclooney Country Market** Dolmen Centre, Saturday 11am-1pm

Leghowney Country Market Leghowney Hall, every 2nd Saturday 11am-1pm

Letterkenny Country Market every 2nd Friday 10.30am-2.30pm

Local Food Market Harry's Bar & restaurant, Bridgend, Saturday 10.00- 2.30pm

Portnoo Country Market Portnoo Hall Saturdays July & August 11am

Ramelton Country Market Ramelton Town Hall, Saturday 11am-12.30pm All year.

County Leitrim

Carrick-on-Shannon Farmers Market Market Yard Centre on Thursdays, 10am–2pm.

Manorhamilton Farmers Market Bee Park Resource Centre, every Friday from 10am to 2pm.

Mohill Country Market O'Malley's every Friday 9.30am-1.00pm

County Sligo

Sligo Farmers Market Sligo Institute of Technology, every Saturday from 9am – 1pm.

Sligo Town Market Market Yard every Friday from 8am – 3pm.

Beltra Country Market Beltra Hall every Saturday 10am – 12pm.

Rathcormac Food & Craft Market Rathcormac every Saturday from 10am-2pm

Strandhill Peoples Market Strandhill Sunday 11-4pm Summer months only

For more information log on to www.bordbia.ie/aboutfood/farmersmarkets and www.countrymarkets.ie

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visit our Discover Ireland Centres for
free Tourist Information & advice!

Cookery Schools:

If you want to join in, why not consider spending a day making your own cheese or learn how to bake cakes and scones that your granny would be proud!

County Donegal

Hillcrest Cookery School Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9122300, www.thecrestcateringcompany.ie

Donegal Cookery School Clar Road, Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9725222, www.donegalmanor.com

Castle Murray Hotel & Restaurant, St Johns Point, Dunkineely. Tel: 074 9737022, www.castlemurray.com

County Leitrim

The Organic Centre Rossinver, Co. Leitrim. Tel: 071 9854338, www.theorganiccentre.ie

Food Festivals

So Sligo Food Festival & World Stew Championship, Sligo Town (10th-14th June), www.sosligo.com

Potato Day, The Organic Centre, Rossinver (14th March)

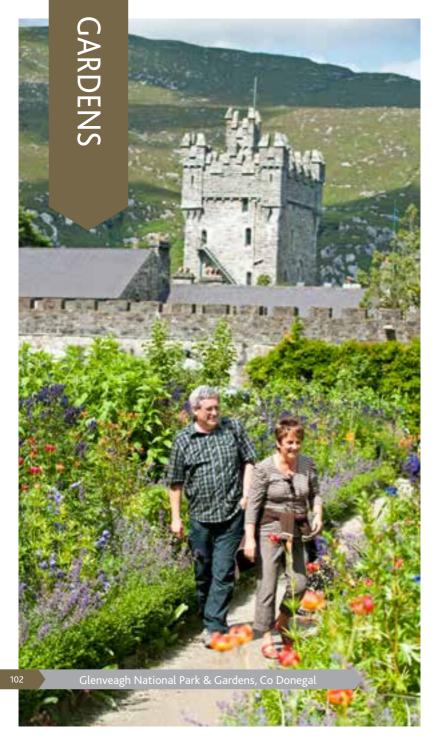
Garden Party, The Organic Centre, Rossinver (12th July)

A Taste of Donegal, Donegal Town, www.atasteofdonegal.com (27th-31st August)

Apple Day & Harvest Festival, The Organic Centre, Rossinver (27th September)

A little Taste of Christmas, Donegal Town, www.donegaltown.ie





Gardens

The mild temperate climate and warming influence of the Gulf Stream combine to create ideal conditions for a very wide variety of plants and gardens in the North West. Recently, many gardens have opened their doors to visitors, some are restored gardens and some newly crafted masterpieces.

There is a broad range of private and public gardens for the garden lover to enjoy. Many of these gardens offer guided tours which help to get a better and more informed insight into the plants and varieties being viewed.

The **Donegal Garden Trail** provides the garden enthusiast with a range of 23 gardens in Donegal representing both traditional and innovatory approaches. World Famous Gardens include Glenveagh National Park. Go to www.donegalgardentrail.com for more information.

The **National Organic Centre** in Rossinver, Leitrim offers gardens with a difference. They include a heritage garden, sunflower maze, herb garden and willow sculpture area. **Lough Rynn Castle**, Mohill has the largest walled gardens in the North West with 150 acres of grounds to walk through and explore.

The **Secret Gardens of Sligo** provide the prospect for a superb day out where one can explore, seek inspiration or enjoy the serenity of life. For opening times of these gardens please visit: www.secretgardensofsligo.com

Lissadell House & Gardens Ballinfull, Sligo is where you can enjoy some lovely woodland walks along with the 2 acre Alpine Garden which was created in 1740, & still delights today. It was the centre of a large Alpine nursery in the early decades of the 20th century. The 2.5 acre Victorian Kitchen Garden (under restoration) is home to the Langford heritage potato collection, with over 200 varieties dating from the 1770s to the present. Visit www.lissadellhouse.com

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/gardens

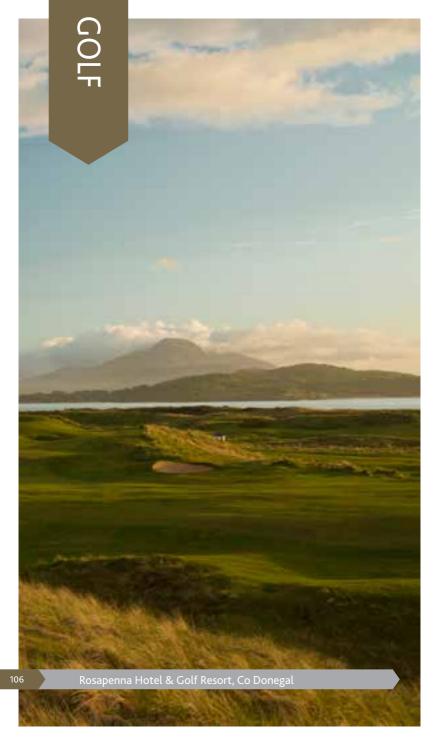




NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS
Donegal	
Backleas, Stranorlar	074 9121107 www donogalgardontrail com
	074 9131107 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Beltany View Garden, Raphoe	074 9144974 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Black Rock Garden, Lifford	074 9141216 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Browns Farm, Portnoo	074 9545391 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Bruckless House, Bruckless	074 9737071 www.bruckless.com
Cannon's, Donegal Town	086 1082029 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Carrablagh House, Portsalon	074 9159113 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Cille Garden, Kilcar	086 6712341 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Cluain na d'Tor Nursery Gardens, Falcarragh	074 9135640 / 087 6267599 www.seasideplants.n
Dunmore Garden, Carrigans	074 9140120 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Glenalla House, Milford	086 6064409 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Glenveagh National Park & Gardens, Letterkenny	074 1002692 www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie
Greenfort, Kerrykeel	087 7574823 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Lower Cranny Garden, Inver	087 9895099 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Nora's Rose Garden, Ballybofey	074 9190067 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Oakfield Park, Raphoe	074 9173068 www.oakfieldpark.com
Rathmullan House, Rathmullan	074 9158188 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Ros Ban Garden, Raphoe	074 9145336 / 086 0805214 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Salthill Gardens, Mountcharles	074 9735387 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Sea View Garden, Mountcharles	074 9735350 / 087 9131393 www.donegalgardentrail.com
St Columb's Garden at Glebe House, Churchill	074 9137071 www.donegalgardentrail.com
Summy Garden, Portnoo	074 9545242 www.donegalgardentrail.com
The Irish Garden for the White House, Castlefinn	www.donegalgardentrail.com
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Leitrim	:
Lough Rynn Castle & Gardens, Mohill	:071 9632700 www.loughrynn.ie
St George's Heritage & Visitor Centre - Garden of Remembrance, Carrick-on-Shannon	071 9621757 www.carrickheritage.com
The Organic Centre Garden, Rossinver	071 9854338 www.theorganiccentre.ie
Sligo	
Ardsoran, Lisserough (near Boyle)	
Breeogue , Sligo	086 1708041 www.secretgardensofsligo.com
Cleveragh, Sligo Town	087 6574792 www.secretgardensofsligo.com
Clogherevagh, nr Lough Colgagh	087 2365055 www.secretgardensofsligo.com
Drumdoney, Riverstown	087 8286462 www.secretgardensofsligo.com
Easter Snow, Castlegal	085 7601333 www.secretgardensofsligo.com
Lissadell House & Gardens, Ballinfull	071 9163150 www.lissadellhouse.com
New Park, Ballymote	086 3375741 www.secretgardensofsligo.com

Ros na Run, Skreen

087 4149716 www.secretgardensofsligo.com



Golf

Great Links and Wonderful Parklands: Nature just needed a nudge to shape the great Atlantic links courses. Centuries old estates, stately trees and loving care produced the parklands.

With one 45 hole, one 36 hole, fourteen 18 hole and eleven 9 hole courses to choose from, no matter where you stay in Counties Donegal, Leitrim and Sligo, you are never more than a short drive from a fine golf course.

Approved Golf Clubs



Whenever you see this symbol you can be assured this golf club is committed to delivering high quality services and facilities. Ireland is the first country to set up a nationwide approval scheme for golf courses. This

scheme was launched by Failte Ireland in 2010 to navigate consumers towards an excellent Irish golfing experience.

Visit: www.discoverireland.ie/golf for current listings

The magnificent links courses along the **Wild Atlantic** seaboard exploit the spectacular coastal scenery and beaches to the full and provide some of the most challenging and exhilarating golf in the world. Some of the parklands play over fairways adorned with ancient mature trees, others encompass natural water features and all enjoy unspoiled views of the great North West.

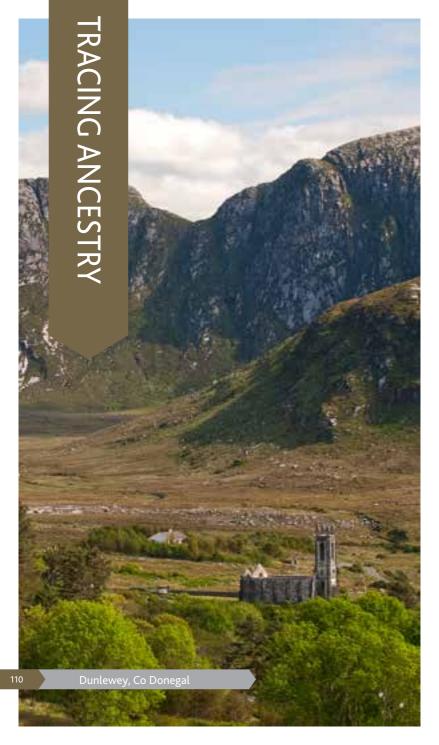
Enjoy the easy atmosphere and the warmth of welcome. No queues, no hassle, an unspoilt environment. Have great fun from the 1st to 19th hole. Play a course or a series of courses. Each club featured here genuinely welcomes visiting golfers. You will receive a warm reception, meet friendly, helpful people and enjoy the fun and banter at the 19th. Most of the courses provide caddy and catering facilities. Come and enjoy great golf and great company.

For more information, call in to your nearest Discover Ireland Centre / Tourist Office or visit www.discoverireland.ie/golf





Golf		
NAME & LOCATION	CONTACT DETAILS	HOLES
Donegal		
Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club, Stranorlar	074 9131093 www.ballybofeyandstranorlargolfclub.ie	18
Ballyliffin Golf Club, Ballyliffin, Inishowen	074 9376119 www.ballyliffingolfclub.com	36
Buncrana Golf Club, Ballycarry, Buncrana	074 9362279 www.buncranagolfclub.com	9
Bundoran Golf Club, Bundoran	071 9841302 www.bundorangolfclub.com	18
Cloughaneely Golf Club, Falcarragh	074 9165416 www.falcarraghgolfclub.ie	9
Cruit Island Golf Club, Cruit Island, Kincasslagh	074 9543296 www.cruitislandgolfclub.com	9
Donegal Golf Club, Murvagh, Laghey	074 9734054 www.donegalgolfclub.ie	18
Dunfanaghy Golf Club, Dunfanaghy	074 9136335 www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com	18
Greencastle Golf Club, Greencastle	074 9381013 www.greencastlegolfclub.com	18
Gweedore Golf Club, Derrybeg	074 9531140 www.gweedoregolfclub.com	9
Letterkenny Golf Club, Barnhill, Letterkenny	074 9121150 www.letterkennygolfclub.com	18
Narin & Portnoo Golf Links, Narin & Portnoo	074 9545107 www.narinportnoogolfclub.ie	18
North West Golf Club, Lisfannon, Buncrana	074 9361027 www.northwestgolfclub.com	18
Otway Golf Club, Saltpans, Rathmullan	074 9158319	9
Portsalon Golf Club, Portsalon, Fanad	074 9159459 www.portsalongolfclub.com	18
Redcastle Hotel & Golf Club, Redcastle	074 9385555 www.redcastlehotel.com	9
Rosapenna Hotel & Golf Resort, Downings	074 9155000 www.rosapenna.ie	45
Leitrim		
Ballinamore Golf Club, Ballinamore	071 9644346 www.ballinamoregolfclub.ie	9
Carrick-on-Shannon Golf Club, Carrick-on- Shannon	071 9667015 www.carrickgolfclub.ie	18
Sligo		
Ballymote Golf Club, Ballymote	071 9189059 www.ballymotegolfclub.ie	9
Castle Dargan Hotel & Golf Resort, Ballygawley	071 9118080 www.castledargan.com	18
Co. Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point	071 9177134 / 071 9177171 www.countysligogolfclub.ie	18 & 9
Enniscrone Golf Club, Enniscrone	096 36297 www.inniscronegolf.com	18 & 9
Strandhill Golf Club, Strandhill	071 9168188 www.strandhillgolfclub.com	18
Tubbercurry Golf Club, Tubbercurry	071 9185849 www.tubbercurrygolfclub.ie	9



Tracing Ancestry

With around 80 million people around the world claiming Irish ancestry, it's no wonder that family history research is such a popular activity in Ireland.

So why not take the opportunity to track down your own Irish heritage.

National Resources

National Archives, Bishop St, Dublin 8. Tel: 01 4072300 www.nationalarchives.ie

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St, Dublin 2. Tel: 01 6030213 www.nli.ie

General Register Office, Government Offices, Convent Road, Roscommon Tel: 090 6632900, www.groireland.ie

Other Useful Websites

www.rootsireland.ie

www.familysearch.org

Local Resources

Donegal

Donegal Central Library, Oliver Plunkett St., Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9124950, central@donegallibrary.ie

Donegal Ancestry, info@donegalancestry.com

Leitrim

Leitrim County Library, Main St., Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim, Tel: 071 9645582, corporateservice@leitrimcoco.ie

Leitrim Genealogy Centre, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim Tel: 071 9644012, info@leitrimroots.com

Sligo

Sligo Reference & Local Studies Library, Westward Town Centre, Bridge St., Sligo. Tel: 071 9111858, sligolib@sligococo.ie

Sligo Heritage & Genealogy Centre, Aras Reddan, Temple St, Sligo Tel: 071 9143728, info@sligoroots.com

TRAVEL OPTIONS



Travel Options

Fly, sail, catch a train or jump on a bus to the North West, it's that easy to reach us. With regular flights to Belfast, Derry, Dublin and Knock (Ireland West) and internal flights to Donegal, it's perfect for short or long breaks. Take the ferry from France or from the UK to Belfast, Dublin, Larne or Rosslare. While in Ireland discover the Wild Atlantic Way with Bus Éireann on their regular services to all major towns in the North West or alternatively travel by train from Dublin to Sligo.

Bus

Bus Eireann (national bus company)
Servicing all main towns and cities.
Tel: 01 836 6111 www.buseireann.ie Sligo Office Tel: 071 9160066.

From Sligo & Leitrim

There are 6 daily services between Sligo & Dublin. All services have a number of stops in Co. Leitrim. All of these services go via Dublin Airport.

From Donegal

There are 9 daily services from Letterkenny and Donegal Town to Dublin (via Dublin Airport). Some services have connections to Dungloe and Glencolumcille.

Hop On / Hop Off Visitor Bus Pass

Bus Eireann offers a 'hop-on/hop-off' open-road Tourist Bus Pass which allows unlimited travel on Bus Eireann services nationwide for a period of 3 days out of 6 consecutive days.

For more information please contact Bus Eireann on 071 9160066 or visit the website above.

Driving

Most car hire companies have desks in the airports and in larger towns. Please contact your nearest Tourist Office (inside front cover) for a full list or visit www.carrentalcouncil.ie.

A valid driving license is required by the visitor from their country of residence. Driving in Ireland is on the left hand side of the road. Safety belts must be worn at all times by front and back seat passengers. Motorcyclists and their passengers must wear safety helmets whilst driving. The speed limit is 120km on motorways, 100km on national roads and 80km on non-national roads. Brown signposts with white lettering provide information on visitor attractions.

Toll Roads: Ten of Ireland's eleven toll roads have conventional barrier toll plazas. Unless your car has an electronic tag, you will need to stop at the cashier's booth and pay your toll in cash. Dublin's M50 is a barrier-free toll road, traffic passes beneath a camera gantry between Junction 6 and 7 which records vehicles' registration numbers. Drivers must pay their M50 toll before 20.00 the following day to avoid incurring a late-payment penalty. Payment methods include: (1) Online at www.eFlow.ie, (2) cash or card at any retail outlet that has the Payzone sign, (3) Lo-Call: 1890 50 10 50.

Rail

Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail Network

Tel: 1850 366222, www.irishrail.ie Sligo Office Tel: 071 9169888. See the rail network map on page 113.

There are 7 daily services between Sligo and Dublin from Monday to Saturday and 6 services on Sundays.

The route services the following stations in Sligo & Leitrim: Sligo Town, Collooney, Ballymote, Boyle, Carrick-on-Shannon and Dromod.



Private Bus Companies:

Thebus.ie Tel: 071 9163092, www.thebus.ie Service between Sligo & Dublin on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays & Sundays.

Busanna Feda Tel: 074 9548114, www.fedaodonnell.com 2 daily services between Crolly, Co. Donegal and Galway City (3 services on Fridays and Sundays).

John McGinley Bus Tel: 074 9135201, www.johnmcginley.com Donegal to Dublin and Donegal to Glasgow (Scotland).

Paddy Gallagher Coaches Tel: 074 9531107, www.gallaghercoaches.com. Donegal to Derry/Belfast.

McGeehan Coaches Tel: 074 9546150, www.mcgeehancoaches.com. Donegal to Dublin.

Mangan Bus Tours Tel: 074 9128410, www.mangantours.ie, www.donegaltours.ie

Car Hire

Most of the main car hire companies have desks in the airport terminals and in the larger towns. All drivers must have a valid license and booking in advance is advisable especially in high season.

Taxis

There are many taxis available in towns and villages in the region. For telephone numbers please contact either the local tourist office or directory enquiries 11811 or 11850.

Wheelchair Accessible

Search providers of wheelchair accessible transport on: www.wheelchairtaxi.ie



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Walking & Cycling

The North West has a variety of walks from enchanting coastal paths, looped walks overlooking cliffs and rugged way marked ways along drumlins, quiet mountains and country lanes.

Cycling in the North West offers an excellent mix of coastal and highland landscapes. The pace of life is wonderfully easy going and the people are amongst the most welcoming in the country.

The North West Cycle Trail; is a 326km circular cycle route through counties Sligo, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim and Donegal with two loops at Ballyshannon for the day cyclist. This trail enjoys dramatic views of the Atlantic Ocean on coastal roads, along with quiet country roads and some traffic free sections in urban areas.

Lough Gill Cycle Loop is a 40km on-road cycle route around Lough Gill, passing through some of the most scenic areas of counties Sligo and Leitrim. Detailed brochures are available in Sligo Discover Ireland Centre.

Visit www.discoverireland.ie/walking for comprehensive information on various walks, which are listed by county, and there is an accompanying orientation map to show the location of the walk and its starting point. There is then a more detailed route map showing the actual route of the looped walk.

Useful Websites:

Donegal Walkers Welcome: www.donegalwalkerswelcome.com

Sligo Walks: www.sligowalks.ie

National Parks & Wildlife Services: www.npws.ie

Irish Forestry Walks: www.coillteoutdoors.ie

Slí na Sláinte (Health Walks) www.irishheart.ie

Way Marked Ways of Ireland: www.walkireland.ie

Irish Trails: www.irishtrails.ie

Walking	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
	CONTINCT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal		:
Donegal Walkers Welcome	: Donegal Town :www.donegalwalkerswelcome.com	: Walking Guide
Fully Guided Walking Tours	Glencolmcille www.real-ireland.com	Walking Guide
Walking Donegal	Falcarragh www.walkingdonegal.net	Walking Guide
Ardnamona Woods	Lough Eske	Forest Walk
Ards Forest Park	Creeslough	Forest Walk
Arranmore Island Loop	Arranmore Island	Looped Walk
Ballyshannon Historic Walk	Ballyshannon	Historic Town Walk
Bealach Na Gaeltachta	Donegal County	Way Marked Way
Bloody Foreland Walk	Bloody Foreland	Coastal Walk
Bluestack Way	Donegal County	Long Distance Way Marked Way
Buncrana Coastal Walk	Buncrana	Coastal Walk
Butlers Glen	Clonmany	Looped Walk
Colmcille Trail	Milford	Footpaths, Quiet Road, Rough Track
Corravaddy Wood	Letterkenny	Forest Walk
Creevy Shore Walk	Creevy	Coastal Walk
Disert Trail	Bluestack Mountains	Looped Walk
Donegal Historic Town Walk	Donegal Town	Historic Town Walk
Doocharry - Fintown Walk	Fintown	Part of Bealach Na Gaeltachta
Drum Loop	Glencolmcille	Looped Walk
Glencolmcille loop walk (Tower loop)	Glencolmcille	Looped Walk
Glenveagh National Park	Churchill	Forest Walk
Gola Island	Gola Island	Looped Walk
Inch Lough & Levels Spa	Buncrana	Linear Walk
Inishowen Head Loop	Greencastle	Looped Walk
Lenan Loop	Inishowen	Looped Walk
Lough Derg	Lough Derg	Pilgrimage Walk
Maghery Walk	Maghery	Linear Walk
Slí an Earagail	Letterkenny	Long Distance Way Marked Way
Slí Cholmcille	Glencolmcille	Long Distance Way Marked Way
Slí Na Finne	Fintown	Long Distance Way Marked Way
Slí na Rosann	Dungloe	Long Distance Way Marked Way
Sliabh Liag	South West Donegal	Mountain/Cliff Walk
The Gap Trail	Glenties	Purpose built trail (old railway line
The International Appalachian Trail (Ardara - Glenties)	:Ardara	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The International Appalachian Trail (Bunglass - Mallinmore)	Teelin	Long Distance Way Marked Way

The International Appalachian Trail (Glenties - Tymeen)	Glenties	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The International Appalachian Trail (Malinmore - Port)	Malinmore	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The International Appalachian Trail (Port - Ardara)	Ardara	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The International Appalachian Trail (Tymeen - N15 Clar Chapel)	Glenties	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The International Appalachian Way (Clar Chapel - Northern Ireland Border)	Donegal Town	Long Distance Way Marked Way
The Rougey Walk	Bundoran	Coastal Walk
The West End Cliff Walk	Bundoran	Coastal Walk
Tory Island	Tory Island	Looped Walk
Trusk Lough	Stranorlar	Shore Walk
Urris Lakes	Mamore Gap Car Park	Looped Walk

Leitrim

Leitrim		
Jim Mc Morrow	Manorhamilton 071 9856229	Walking Guide
Leitrim Landscape Guided Walks	Manorhamilton www.bigdayoutinleitrim.com	Walking Guide
Aghacashel Loop	Aghacashel	Looped Walk
Ballinagleragh Loop	Ballinagleragh	Looped Walk
Battlebridge Loop	Drumhauver Bridge	Looped Walk
Bencroy Loop	Stralongford	Looped Walk
Carrick on Shannon Historic Town Walk	Carrick on Shannon	Historic Town Walk
Crummy Loop	Aghacashel	Looped Walk
Drumleague Lock Loop	Drumhauver Bridge	Looped Walk
Glencar Lake & Waterfall	Glencar	Lakeside Walk
Leitrim Way	Lough Allen	Way Marked Way
Lough Mac Nean Sculpture Trail	Fermanagh, Cavan, Leitrim	Way Marked Way
Miner's Way / Historical Trail	Arigna	Way Marked Way
Sliabh an Iarainn	Ballinamore	Way Marked Way
St. Brigid's Loop	Ballinagleragh	Looped Walk
Tour Guide West	Carrick on Shannon	Walking Guide
Tullylackan Loop	Stralongford	Looped Walk

Sligo

Stigo		
	Ballinafad www.northwestadventure.ie	Walking Guide
Seatrails - Auriel Robinson		Marine Archaeologist Walking Guide
Benbulben (Gortarowey)	North Drumcliffe	Forest Walk
Deerpark - Court Tomb	Calry	Looped Walk
Dooney Rock	Sligo	Forest Walk
Doorly Park	Sligo Town	Looped Walk

Dunmoran/Aughris Head	Dunmoran	Coastal Walk
Easkey	Easkey	Coastal Walk
Enniscrone	Enniscrone	Coastal Walk
Gleniff Horse Shoe	Ballintrillick	Looped Walk
Hazelwood	Half Moon Bay	Forest Walk
Knocknarea	Strandhill	Mountain Walk
Lough Arrow Walks	Boyle, Castlebaldwin, Ballinafad	10 Circular Walks
Lough Easkey	Easkey	Looped Walk
Lough Talt	Tubbercurry	Looped Walk
Mullaghmore Beach & Pier Walk	Mullaghmore	Coastal Walk
Raughly Harbour Walk	Raughly	Coastal Walk
Rosses Point	Rosses Point	Coastal Walk
Sligo Spur Walks	Co. Leitrim & Co. Sligo	Circuit Walks
Sligo Way	Sligo Town	Way Marked Way
Slish Wood	Lough Gill	Forest Walk
Sruth In Aghaidh An Aird The Devils Chimney	Glencar	Mountain Walk
Strandhill - Killaspugbrone	Strandhill	Coastal Walk
Streedagh Strand	Streedagh	Coastal Walk
The Oakwood Trail	Union Wood	Forest Walk
The Warren Way	Castleconnor	Coastal Walk
Union Wood	Union Wood	Forest Walk



Cycling		
NAME	CONTACT DETAILS	DESCRIPTION
Donegal		
Ballyshannon Hub Routes	074 9721148	2 signed circular routes, 32km each
Bike Shop, Donegal Town	074 9722515	Bike Hire
Bikes & Toys, Bridgend	074 9386497 / 087 2758818 www.bikeandtoys.ie	Bike Hire
Cycle Inishowen, Carndonagh	074 9374856 www.cycleinishowen.com	Bike Hire
Donal Byrne Bike Hire, Ardara	: 074 9541658 :donbyrnebikes@gmail.com	Bike Hire
Donegal Cycle Route	Signed route from Donegal Town to Newtowncunningham. www.donegalcycleroute.ie	Linear Cycle Route
Dungloe-Ardara-Dungloe	074 9121160 www.donegalcycleroute.ie	Linear Cycle Route
Dungloe-Crohy Head- Dungloe	074 9121160 www.discoverireland.ie	Linear Cycle Routes
Grassroutes Termon	.087 6655599 www.grassroutes.ie	Electric & traditional bike hire, drop off and collection available.
Inis Eoghain Cycleway, Lough Swilly to River Foyle	•	55km circular route, Lough Swilly (Donegal) to River Foyle (Derry)
reland By Bike, Carrick	087 2118638 www.irelandbybike.com	4 self-guided cycling tours. Bike Hire etc.
Killybegs-Glencolmcille- Killybegs	074 9121160 www.discoverireland.ie	Linear Cycle Route
Ted's Bike Shop, Donegal Town	074 9740774 www.tedsbikeshop.ie	Rental and bike mechanic service available
The Bike Stop, Bundoran	:085 2488317 :www.thebikestop.ie	Bike Hire
The Cope Cycles	: 074 9522641 : www.thecope.ie	Bike rentals & sales service
Leitrim		
Electric Bike Trails, Leitrim Village	087 7386493 www.electricbiketrails.com	Bike hire or guided tours available
Rent-a-Bike, Drumshanbo	071 9641974 www.moransmotorcycles.com	Bike Hire
Tour de Humbert, Sligo & Leitrim	071 9161201	Marked trail in various counties with historical interest sites
Sligo		
Chain Driven Cycles, Sligo Town	071 9129008 www.chaindrivencycles.com	Bike Hire & sales service.
Cranks Bicycle Hire, Calry	087 9564086	Bike Hire
ough Gill Cycle Loop	Sligo Town	40km route around Lough Gill
North West Adventure Fours	087 1253534 www.northwestadventuretours.ie	On/off road guided tours. Day, evening & packages available. Bike Hire.
Sligo Bike Hire, Cliffoney	.086 8094211 www.sligobikehire.com	Bike Hire
Tour de Humbert, Sligo & Leitrim		Marked trail in various counties with historical interest sites
Wild Atlantic Ways, Drumcliffe	071 9163804 / 085 8888181 www.wildatlanticwheels.com	Electric & traditional bikes for hire and bike tours available also.



Festivals and Events

Join in the spectacular array of festivals and events happening throughout 2015.

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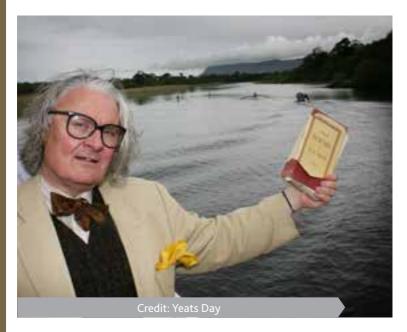
If you like the arts... you'll be spoilt for choice! From music, dance, visual arts, street performance or family events. The Earagail Arts Festival (10 - 26 July) in Letterkenny, the Yeats Summer School (26 July - 7 August) in Sligo Town or Five Glens Arts Festival (21 - 23 August) in Manorhamilton are just a sample of the variety on offer.

If you like family fun... Cup of Tae Festival (1 – 4 May) in Ardara, Carrick Carnival (31 May – 7 June) in Carrick on Shannon, Cairde Summer Festival (7 – 12 July) in Sligo and Tubbercurry Old Fair Day Festival (8 - 12 August) in Tubbercurry.

If you like Music... the Rory Gallagher Festival (28 – 31 May) in Ballyshannon, Sea Shanty Festival (19 - 21 June) in Rosses Point, Carrick Water Music Festival (15 – 19 July) in Carrick-on-Shannon, Sligo Jazz Festival (21 - 26 July) Sligo Town, Joe Mooney Summer School (18 - 25 July) in Drumshanbo and Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann (9 - 16 August) in Sligo Town.

If you like Food... don't miss out on So Sligo Food Festival (10 - 14 June) in Sligo Town, A Taste of Donegal Festival (22 – 24 August) in Donegal Town and Apple Day & Harvest Festival, in the Organic Centre, Rossinver (7 October).

If you like the Outdoors... choose from many of our sporting festivals. South Sligo Walking Festival (2 - 4 May) in the Ox Mountains, Sea Sessions Surf and Music Festival in Bundoran (19 - 21 June) or the Warriors Run (22 August) in Strandhill or just relax and enjoy many of the exciting horse racing meetings or car rally competitions.



'YEATS2015'

Yeats2015 is a year-long programme of cultural and artistic events to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Irish Nobel prize winning poet William Butler Yeats. While events are happening in Sligo, Dublin, and Galway; Sligo is certainly the place to be this summer with back to back festivals kicking off in June with the Lilly and Lolly Craft Festival, celebrating the role Yeats' sisters Susan (Lilly) and Elizabeth (Lolly) played in the poets publishing life, running from the 13th to the 22nd of June.

Celebrations will take place on Yeats Day, 13th of June, all over Ireland and indeed all over the world to mark Yeats' birthday and there will be a special four day festival in Sligo. Blue Raincoat Theatre Company will present a trio of Yeats' plays at various outdoor locations in Sligo throughout the summer. An expanded programme for the 56th Yeats International Summer School will run from the 26th July – 7th Aug as will the Tread Softly Family Festival.

A highlight of this year's festival will be The Second Coming, by aerial dance company Fidget Feet at the Hawk's Well Theatre on the 6th and 9th of August. Will & Jack's tent of tales is a children's show which uses the medium of storytelling to express and illustrate the images, stories and mythologies which run through Yeats' poetry and plays. Also, keep an eye out for the Yeats Mural and Poetry Trail which is being extended around Sligo City.

For more information on events taking place see www.Yeats2015.com

Yeats at One

All year in Haragadons Bar (one of Sligo's oldest pubs on O'Connell Street) at 1pm from Monday to Saturday and 6pm on Sundays, the nobel poet WB Yeats will be celebrated with a reading of one of his many beloved poems. Come and join us and read your favourite poem as part of this year-long event.

SYMBOLS







Arts



Garden











Miscellaneous

MAY 2015

Food

Bealtaine Festival

1 - 31 May

Donegal, Leitrim & Sligo www.bealtaine.com

Festival celebrating creativity in older people. Hundreds take part in a wide range of creative pursuits. Events nationwide



Shannon Blueway Adventure Fest

1 - 3 May Leitrim Village, Co Leitrim A brand new festival to celebrate the newly Designed Shannon Blueway will feature canoeing, kayaking, SUP, cycling, rowing and much more. There will be a carnival type atmosphere at the Marina and along



Music in Drumcliffe - Vogler Quartet

1-4 Mav Drumcliffe, Co. Sligo www.musicindrumcliffe.ie

This Festival will feature an exciting combination of national and international guest artists.



Cup of Tae Festival 1 - 4 May

Agriculture

Ardara, Co. Donegal www.cupoftaefestival.com

Traditional music festival inspired by the music of local musician, John 'The Tae' Gallagher.



South Sligo Walking Festival 2 - 4 Mav

Lough Talt. Co. Sligo www.southsligowalkingfestival.com Spring walking festival takes place over the May Bank Holiday Weekend. There will be 3 guided walks each day: short, medium and long.



An Post Tour of Sligo 2015 Cycle 2 - 3 May

Sligo Town, Co. Sligo www.sligosportandrecreation.ie The An Post Tour of Sligo cycle event includes 10K, 60K, 100K & 160K options.



West of Ireland Tennis Championship

2 - 4 May Sligo Tennis Club, Old Bundoran Road, Sligo www.sligotennisclub.ie Amateur competition



Laghey Blast Festival

2 - 3 May

Laghey, Co. Donegal www.lagheyblastfestival.com

A community based annual festival held in and around Laghey village.



An Tostal Vintage Day 3 May Carrick Road, Drumshanbo,

Co. Leitrim

www.drumshanbo.ie

Vintage & Family Fun Day for all.



Percy's Party 3 - 5 May

The Hunt Memorial Hall, Mohill, Co. Leitrim

www.countyleitrimpercyfrenchsociety.ie
A weekend of Music, song, recitation
and drama celebrating the 160th
anniversary of the birth of the great
Irish Composer and Raconteur Percy
French.



Sligo Races 3 & 20 May

Sligo Racecourse, Sligo Town www.countysligoraces.com Sligo Racecourse is a right handed track situated on 56 acres overlooking Ben Bulben in the heart of Yeats Country. Flat & National Hunt Racing. Day & Evening Race Meetings.



Celtic Feast

3 May Burt, Co Donegal www.angriananhotel.com

Dine with the Gods, & warriors of mythological Ireland, get fun photo opportunities & enjoy free wine & mead, revel in live dancing, singing & battle re-enactments





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North West 10k Charity Road Race & Walk

3 May

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal www.northwest10k.com

A 10k road race or walk that is suitable for elite runners, fun runners and walkers alike.



Harp Festival of Moons (Bright Moon)

4 May

Slishwood, Sligo www.yeats2015.com

Yeats included the moon and landscape in much of his literary and his connection to the harp as both a national emblem and a symbol on our coinage inspired the idea of hosting a harp focused event on the full moon of every month in 2015.



The Laurentic Conference and Commemoration

8 - 9 May

Buncrana, Co. Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

The Laurentic Conference and Commemoration remembers the 354 men who died on the sinking of the SS Laurentic in Lough Swilly, Co Donegal in 1917.



2015 Cos Cos Sean Nós Festival

9 - 11 May

Rathcormac, Co. Sligo

www.coscos.ie

The festival will run over the weekend and will encompass all that is great about Traditional Irish song and dance.



Hell & Back Hercules

16 May

Temple House Estate, Ballinacarrow, Ballymote

www.hellandback.ie

HELL & BACK Ireland's toughest mental & physical Endurance challenge, is once again back in Sligo so grab your mates, get training & GO TO HELL.



Seatrails kayak to Coney Heritage Trail

16 May @ 5pm www.seatrails.com

Discover tranquil Coney Island by kayaking across pretty Sligo Harbour this summer. Explore this little island and its History on foot with your guide and return at sunset.



Seatrails Wild Atlantic Way Scenic Heritage on Horseback

17 May @ 10.30am

Streedagh & Conors Island

www.seatrails.ie

Discover the Wild Atlantic Way on horseback.



The Northwest Garden Show

22 - 24 May

Castlefinn, Co. Donegal

www.northwestgardenshow.ie
A showcase for everything gardening
and outdoor related.



Ballinamore Angling Match Festival 2015

25 - 29 May

www.ballinamore.ie

5 Day open match fishing local Loughs.



Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival

28 - 31 May

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal www.goingtomyhometown.com Festival celebrating Irelands best loved Rock n Blues Guitarist, the late Rory Gallagher, who was born in Ballyshannon.



The Melting Pot Festival

29 May - 1 June Ardara, Co. Donegal www.ardara.ie

A multicultural event of ethnic music, dance and food.



An Tóstal Festival

29 May – 1 June Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim www.antostalfestival.ie

The longest running Tostal festival in Ireland.



Relay for Life Donegal

30 - 31 May

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal www.relayforlifedonegal.com

24-hour relay to honour cancer survivors, remember those who did not survive, raise funds for cancer research and promote cancer related services available in Donegal.



Riverstown Annual Vintage Festival 30 May

Sligo Folk Park, Riverstown www.sligofolkpark.com

Sligo Folk Park has been chosen as the host Venue for the Irish Vintage Society. This year's festival promises to build on the successes of the local festival by having a host of national exhibits



Metalman Swim Series

30 May

Rosses Point Beach, Sligo www.metalmanswimseries.com

The swim series promotes open water swimming in Sligo and brings together the existing talent and encourages newcomers.



Carrick Carnival

31 May - 7 June Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim www.facebook.com/carrickcarnival400 A 10 day family festival.



County Fleadh

31 May – 1 June Tubbercurry, Co Sligo A weekend of traditional music competitions and sessions will be held in various venues.



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John Mc Kenna Traditional Music Festival

5 – 7 June

Drumkeeran

www.johnmckenna.ie

The 20th annual of traditional Music weekend with

competitions, workshops and concert all weekend long.



Sligo Set Dancing Weekend

5 - 7 June

Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo Tel: 086 2542959

A weekend of Set Dancing and workshops by the sea in the seaside village of Mullaghmore.



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Oideas Gael

6 June – 30 August Glencolmcille, Co Donegal www.oideas-gael.com

Enjoy learning Irish with Oideas Gael's Irish language courses and cultural activity holidays for adults in the breath taking Donegal Gaeltacht. Oideas Gael hosts a number of courses throughout the summer months.



Metalman Swim Series

6 & 13 June Rosses Point Beach, Sligo www.metalmanswimseries.com

The swim series promotes open water swimming in Sligo and brings together the existing talent and encourages newcomers.



Só Sligo Food Festival

11 – 14 June Sligo Town, Co. Sligo www.sosligo.com

A fun packed weekend for the whole family, professional competitions, foraging walks, food village, street fun and music and of course, the best of local food.



Yeats Day 2015

11 -14 June Sligo, Co Sligo www.yeats2015.com

This year, Yeats Day will become a four-day festival, Commencing with The Nobel Dinner to celebrate the Nobel prize winning poet. It will be followed by three days of Poetry, music, song, drama, visual arts and craft and will include a very special poet's cake.



Sean MacDiarmada Summer School 12 - 14 June

Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim www.seanmacdiarmada.com

This annual summer school takes place in Kitlyclogher Village, the home place of one of the signatories of the Irish Proclamation 1916.



Lily Lolly Craftfest

13 – 21 June Sligo Town, Co Sligo www.yeats2015.com

WB's creative sisters Susan (Lily) and Elizabeth (Lolly) will be Celebrated in the Lily Lolly Craftfest which will be launched on Yeats Day and will run for eight days including exhibitions and classes in drawing, spinning, pottery, embroidery etc.



Yeats Maritime Historic Trail

13 June Sligo Town, Co. Sligo www.yeats2015.com

A relaxing walk around Rosses Point were Yeats and his siblings spent their summers. There are stories of smuggling, shipwrecks, hauntings and old sea captains from here and you will be shown some quirky sites along the way!



Sligo Races

15 June

Sligo Racecourse, Sligo Town www.countysligoraces.com

Sligo Racecourse is a right handed track situated on 56 acres overlooking Ben Bulben in the heart of Yeats Country. Flat & National Hunt Racing. Evening Race meetings.



Donegal International Car Rally

19 - 21 June

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal www.donegalmotorclub.com

Ireland's premier international car rally.



Rosses Point Shanty and **Seafaring Festival**

19 - 21 June

Rosses Point, Co. Sligo

www.rossespointshanty.com

Sligo's Maritime Village is hosting the 5th International Festival. Lots of fun and a great standard of music, song, poetry and performances.



Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival

19 - 21 June

Bundoran, Co. Donegal

www.seasessions.com

The best surf and music festival in Ireland. Party beside the sea featuring the best rock and dance music.



GloHealth Mullaghmore Triathlon 20 June

Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

www.triathlonireland.com Sporting Event including Swim, Bike and Run.



Rock n Rollin Ultra Challenge

20 - 21 June

Moville, Inishowen, Co. Donegal www.extremenorthevents.com

Three race distance in one event. Indisputably Ireland's toughest on road Ultra Challenge. A perfectly balanced endurance course with a hill climb (600-900ft) featuring in each of the 13 mile race distance.



Gaelforce North

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Glenveagh National Park and Gweedore, Co. Donegal

www.gaelforceevents.com

Race suitable for all - cycle, run & hill run over one of 2 courses.



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Loinnir

1 July

Magheraroarty, Co Donegal www.cosanglas.com

Loinnir are beautiful and breathtaking illuminated night time sculptures created from natural materials, spread over three acres.



Connacht Fleadh

3 - 5 July

Ballymote, Co. Sligo

www.comhaltas.ie

A weekend of competition, music sessions and Much more. Qualifier for the All Ireland Fleadh.



Havin a Laugh Adventure Fest 2015

3 – 5 July

www.havinalaugh.ie

Sligo town & surrounding area Outdoor activities, connecting people and 'havin a laugh' The aim of the festival is to assist with the promotion of Positive mental health through outdoor activities.



46th Annual Lennon Festival

3 - 6 July

Ramelton, Co. Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

Catering for all ages young and old with various events, like crab fishing, team games, fashions show Queen of the Lennon.



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The Lissadell Country & Garden Show

4 - 5 July Lissadell, Ballinfull, Co Sligo www.lissadellhouse.com

A new festival for the county with the magnificent backdrop of Lissadell House. A must for all gardening enthusiasts.



Moville Vintage Car Rally

5 July Moville, Co Donegal www.inishowenvintage.com

The Moville Vintage Car Rally is celebrating its 41st anniversary this year. The show has grown from an initial dozen cars in the early years to one of the largest vintage shows in the county with up to 150 cars on display at current shows.



Cairde Summer Festival

7 - 12 July

Sligo Town, Co. Sligo www.cairdefestival.com

One week of Music, dance, theatre, children's events, visual art, street art and spectacle. Park Fest and much more.



www.eaf.ie

Earagail Arts Festival

10 - 26 July Various locations, Co. Donegal

Bilingual (Irish and English language), multidisciplinary arts festival which takes place every July throughout County Donegal on the North West Atlantic seaboard of Ireland.



Sligo Stages Rally

11 - 12 July Starting point Sligo Park Hotel www.connachtmotorclub.com Sligo Stages Rally is an annual event run by Connacht Motor Club with special stages run In surrounding



Warrior of the Sea

Sligo and Leitrim areas.

11 July

Rosses Point/Strandhill, Co. Sligo www.warriorofthesea.wix.com/wots An open water challenge for the adventurous swimmer. 6km of wild ocean, swirling tides, thunderous waves and spectacular surrounds stand in the way of becoming a Warrior of the Sea.



Sligo Races-Family Day

12 July

Sligo Racecourse is a right handed track situated on 56 acres overlooking Ben Bulben in the heart of the Yeats Country. Day Race Meeting.



South Sligo Summer School

12 -18 July

Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo www.sssschool.org

A weeklong celebration of Irish traditional music, dance and song. Learn to play a traditional Irish musical instrument or advance your skills at the hands of a master.





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Ceol na Coille Irish Music Summer School

13 - 17 July Glenswilly, Co. Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

Week long summer school of Irish traditional music. Pupils can attend master classes on uilleann pipes, piano, button accordion, fiddle, whistle, flute, banjo, mandolin, harp & guitar.



Carrick Water Music Festival

15 - 19 Iulv

Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim www.carrickonshannonwatermusic.com A time tested fine mix of music, drama, street markets and events to suit all ages and tastes.



Cowboys & Heros

17 - 19 July Drumcoura City Lake & Resort,

Ballinamore This unique festival of American & Country music festival Has something for all the family – American Car Show, Line Dancing, children's play area etc.



Bluegrass Festival

17 - 19 July Ardara, Co. Donegal www.ardara.ie

A great event with top acts in Bluegrass to play in Ardara.



Burtonport Summer Festival

17 - 25 July Burtonport, Co. Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

Week long family festival of fun, music sport and dance for all the family.



Inishowen Agricultural Show

18 July

Moville, Co. Donegal www.inishowen.com

Annual agricultural show with music concerts each night.



Sligo County Agricultural Show 18 July

Riverstown, Co. Sligo www.sligocountyagrishow.com Agricultural Show with Dog Trails, Dog Shows, fancy dress and Arts &



Joe Mooney Summer School

18 -25 July

Drumshanbo, Co. Leitrim

www.joemooneysummerschool.com 071 9641213

During this weeklong festival attend classes and workshops with world renowned tutors in traditional instruments, singing and set dancing.



Inishowen Agriculture Show

18 July

Carndonagh, Inishowen, Co. Donegal www.inishowenagriculturalshow.com Enjoy a great day out in this renowned agricultural show. Horses, cattle, sheep, goats, donkeys, eggs, fruit, pot plants, Cake making, home industries exhibition and much much more.





Celtic Feast

19 July

Burt, Co Donegal www.angriananhotel.com

Dine with the Gods, & warriors of mythological Ireland, get fun photo opportunities & enjoy free wine & mead, revel in live dancing, singing & battle re-enactments



Patrick McGill Summer School

19 – 24 July Glenties, Co. Donegal www.macgillsummerschool.com

MacGill wrote in the early 20th century on the social conditions in Donegal, the plight of migrant workers in Britain, horrors of the Great War in which he fought. His books are still being published.



Sligo Jazz Festival

21 -26 July Sligo Town www.sligojazz.ie

Annual International Summer School and Festival of Jazz & World Music.



Coolaney Summer Festival

23 - 26 July Coolaney, Co. Sligo Annual weekend festival held in Coolaney. Lots of fun for all the family.



The Black Pig Festival

24 - 27 July Enniscrone, Co. Sligo www.enniscrone.ie/black_pig_festival A Family fun filled week with

A Family fun filled week with magic shows, fun fair and street entertainment.



Sionnach Relay

25- 26 July Sligo I.T., Ballinode, Sligo www.sionnachrelay.com Irwellind's first fun overnight re

Ireland's first fun overnight relay race covering over 274km in Sligo. Teams of 8, with live music and so much more.



Mary from Dungloe Festival

25 July - 3 August
Dungloe, Co. Donegal
www.maryfromdungloe.com
Fun packed 10 day programme of
events for all the family. Includes
street music throughout the week,
family entertainment, games, and
headline concerts.



Yeats International Summer School

26 July - 7 August Sligo Town www.yeats-sligo.com

It is a highly prestigious academic summer school catering for people of all stages of learning and achievement, and of all ages.



Garland Sunday

26 July

Keash, Ballymote, Co Sligo Annual Garland Sunday Festival which includes Lots of fun filled activities for all the family.



Tread Softly - Season of Yeats

26 July - 8 August Sligo Town

www.seasonofyeats.com

A festival bringing the story of two of Sligo's greatest sons to life with 19 days of Music, Theatre, Exhibitions and the Spoken Word



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Fleadh Cheoil Chill Chartha

27 July - 2 August Kilcar, Co Donegal www.kilcaronline.com

Kilcar Fleadh is a festival of traditional music, song, dance incorporating street events, to celebrate the strong heritage of the traditional music of South West Donegal.





Ballyshannon Folk Festival

30 July - 2 August Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal www.ballyshannonfolkfestival.com

A superb weekend of Irish traditional and folk music and dance with some of the top performers in the country.



Harp Festival of the Moons (Blue Moon)

31 July Drumcliffe, Co Sligo www.yeats2015.com

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James Morrison

31 July - 3 August Riverstown, Co. Sligo www.comhaltas.ie

The traditional music festival commemorates the Musical genius of Sligo's James Morrison and his contemporaries.



Muff Festival

31 July – 3 August Muff, Inishowen, Co. Donegal www.mufffestival.com

A feast of family fun, sports, live music and dance. This four day extravaganza hosts a veritable galaxy of daft competitions, street parties, parade and pageants.





AUGUST 2015

Strandhill Surf Festival & Co Sligo Open

1-3 August Strandhill, Co Sligo www.strandhillsurffestival.com Surfing competitions and lots of entertainment on and off the water.



Clonmany Festival

2 - 9 August

Clonmany, Co. Donegal www.clonmanyfestival.com

This is Ireland's longest running and best known family festival and is situated in the beautiful village of Clonmany. Year after year thousands of holiday makers and locals alike enjoy the many events, live music, natural beauty and facilities which go hand in hand with the festival.





Clonmany Agricultural Show

4 August

Clonmany, Inishowen, Co. Donegal This is a day of family entertainment for everyone, showcasing the very best in local agriculture, home industries and crafts.



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Sligo Races

5, 6 & 18 August Sligo Racecourse, Sligo Town www.countysligoraces.com

Sligo Racecourse is a right handed track situated on 56 acres overlooking Ben Bulben in the heart of Yeats Country. Flat & National Hunt Racing. Evening Race Meetings.



Sligo Summer Festival

7 - 8 August

Sligo Town

www.sligosummerfestival.com

The streets of Sligo will be livened up with buskers and Sligo's pubs and cafes will be hosting a range of music throughout the weekend.



Lough Gill 10km Swim

8 August

Parkes Castle, Co Leitrim www.outdoorfitness.com

A 10km swim from Parkes Castle in Leitrim to Doorly Park in Sligo town.



Wild Words - Children's Book **Festival**

8 - 9 August Carrick on Shannon

Wild Words is a festival of readings, workshops and Fun activities for children and their families to celebrate and enjoy literature, to meet authors and to encourage an interest in creative writing.



Loinneog Lúnasa

7 - 9 August

Gweedore, Co. Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

Festival celebrating the musical and cultural heritage of Gaoth Dobhair.



The Ardara Agricultural Show 8 August

Ardara, Co. Donegal www.ardara.ie

One of the top agricultural shows in Ireland.

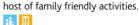


30th Tubbercurry Old Fair Day **Festival**

8 - 12 August

Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo www.oldfairday.ie

One of the longest established old fair days in Ireland focussing on Irish heritage, crafts and culture with a



Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann

9 - 16 August

Sligo Town

www.fleadhcheoil.ie

The Fleadh Cheoil is the world's biggest and best traditional Irish music festival.





Ouadrathon Challenge

13 - 16 August

Moville, Inishowen, Co. Donegal www.extremenorthevents.com

A world class event in the midst of majestic hills, Atlantic carved coastal routes and amazing landscapes providing four very different but equal challenging race days.



Greencastle Regatta

6 - 9 August

Greencastle, Co. Donegal www.inishowenmaritime.com

Weekend of jam-packed entertainment from kayaking sessions, car treasure hunts, live music and much more.



Five Glens Arts Festival

21 - 23 August Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim www.facebook.com/fiveglensartsfestival 3 day festival to celebrate the Visual, Literary and Musical Arts



Michael Stanley Traditional Weekend

21 – 23 August Kiltyclogher, Co Leitrim This traditional festival features sessions, concerts and classes as well as a door dancing competition.



A Taste of Donegal Food Festival 22 - 24 August

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal www.atasteofdonegal.com

Three day celebration of great food and drink with exhibitor stands, celebrity chef demonstrations, tutored wine & beer tastings entertainment and much more. Discover, Dine & Delight in Donegal Town.



The Evil Eye Festival

21 -23 August
Falcarragh, Co. Donegal
www.donegalgathering.com
If you have a love for Celtic
Mythology and archaeology then
we invite you to join us for our Evil
Eye festival. The festival aims to tell
the story of how our parish – Cloch
Chionnfhaolaigh – got its name at the
hands of Balor



Twin Fest Ireland

22 August Keash, Ballymote, Co. Sligo www.twinfest.ie

A festival to bring identical twins, triplets, quads etc and their families from all parts of the world to one location for one day while raising funds for Meningitis Trust Ireland.





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The 30th Annual Warrior Run

22 August

Strandhill, Co. Sligo

www.warriorsfestival.com

A gruelling 15km road & hill race taking runners from the beachfront to the top of Knocknarea Mountain and back. Live music and street entertainment at the beachfront.



National Heritage Week

22 -30 August

Nationwide

www.heritageweek.ie

National Heritage Week aim is to increase awareness of Ireland's National Heritage and to highlight it's importance to public policy and everyday life.



Donegal Half & Full Marathon

23 August

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal

www.lac.ie

Take part in this wonderful marathon around Letterkenny.



Mullaghmore Harvest Show & Donkey Derby

23 August

Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

Come to the shores of the North Atlantic and enjoy Donkey derbies and Donkey shows, Dog shows, traditional music sessions, Sean-nós dancing, face painting, and much more.



Dylanfest

27 - 30 August

Moville, Co. Donegal

www.CraicOn.com/moville

Four days of Bob Dylan music played by acts from all over Europe on the shores of Lough Foyle.



Harp Festival of the Moons (Lightening Moon)

29 August

Lissadell Church, Ballinfull, Co Sligo www.yeats2015.com

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Celtic Feast

30 August

Burt, Co Donegal

www.angriananhotel.com

Dine with the Gods, & warriors of mythological Ireland, get fun photo opportunities & enjoy free wine & mead, revel in live dancing, singing & battle re-enactments



SEPTEMBER 2015

South Sligo Walking Festival 6 September

Ox Mountains Heritage & Outdoor Centre, Lough Talt, Co Sligo A one day walking festival which will include a ramble, medium and long walk to suit all the family.



Yeats Country Cycle Tour

6 September

Innisfree Wheelers Cycling Club www.innisfreewheelers.com

Cycle around the scenic Lough Gill.



World Pairs Angling Championships

7 – 11 September Ballinamore, Co Leitrim This event is designed to showcase the variety of angling on offer and is an ideal introduction to fishing in Ireland as competitors will fish at five different locations over five days.



Sew North

10 – 20 September Buncrana, Co Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

Celebration of the rich textile history of the North-West of Ireland hosted by The Fennel Shed Ltd, Buncrana.



Glenties Harvest Fair

10 - 13 September Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9551920

The Glenties Harvest Fair is one of the oldest festivals in Ireland, running for almost 300 years now.



Jazz & Blues Festival

10 - 13 September www.dunfanaghyjazzandblues.com The festival will feature a series of free live gigs from 24 bands on 10 different music stages in pubs and bars throughout the village

of Dunfanaghy and extending to Creeslough.



World Boat Angling Championships

12 - 20 September Bundoran, Co Donegal www.ncffi.ie

The event is a major on the World Sport fishing calendar.



Celtic Fringe Festival

17 - 20 September Streedagh, Grange, Co. Sligo www.celticfringefest.com

A unique festival which retells the fascinating story of the ill fated Spanish Armada voyage of 1588 through the medium of music, song, dance and much more.



Sligo Festival of Baroque Music

25 - 27 September The Model, Sligo Town www.sligobaroquefestival.com

The Annual Festival takes place in The Model and provides an excellent programme of concerts, talks, workshops and master classes.



Donegal Bay Bluestack Festival

25 September – 4 October
Ballyshannon & Donegal Town,
Co. Donegal
www.donegalgathering.com
Includes a programme of theatre,
visual arts, readings, events for
children and schools, carnival
workshops and performance as well
as the best of traditional, classical,



The Johnny Doherty Weekend

25 - 27 September
Ardara, Co. Donegal
www.johnnydohertyfestival.com
Traditional music festival in memory
of the late John Doherty, a local
fiddle legend. The weekend will
include concerts, sessions, workshops,
dances, teaching and lots of informal
events. all based around the

traditional music of the area.



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Ladies Tour around Lough Gill

26 September

www.innisfreewheelers.com

A leisure cycle around the Lough Gill for ladies only.



Rugged Peaks

26 September Ballylffin& Isle of Doagh www.extremenorthevents.com

A pulsating Adventure Race bustling around the rustic landscape that surrounds the beautiful village of Ballyliffin / Isle of Doagh.



Sligo Coast to Coast 10 Mile Run/ Walk/Roll Challenge

27 September Strandhill to Rosses Point A 10 mile run along the coastline from Strandhill to Rosses Point.



Sligo Races

30 September – Students Day Sligo Racecourse, Sligo Town www.countysligoraces.com

Sligo Racecourse is a right handed track situated on 56 acres overlooking Ben Bulben in the heart of Yeats Country. Flat & National Hunt Racing. Students Day Race meeting.



OCTOBER 2015

Frank Finn Traditional Singing Weekend

2 - 4 October

Yeats County Hotel, Rosses Point, Co Sligo

This festival is designed to encourage the singing tradition in the Sligo area by strengthening the bonds of friendship already established between the Sligo traditional singers and other singers both in Ireland and abroad.



Charles Macklin Autumn School Dates TBC

Culdaff, Inishowen, Co. Donegal www.charlesmacklin.ie

This weekend is dedicated to local playwright and actor Charles Macklin who was born in 1690 and died in 1797, aged 107.



Coney Island Run

17 October

Sligo Rugby Club, Strandhill, Co. Sligo www.coneyislandchallenge.net

Run from Sligo Rugby Club to Coney Island & back. There will be 10k Walk and Run and challenging 15k Run which takes in a full loop of the Island.



Crana Festival

17 - 18 October Buncrana, Co Donegal www.donegalgathering.com

This festival is currently in its 6th year, there will be a two day kayaking and canoeing event located in Buncrana.



Sligo Live 21 -26 October Sligo Town www.sligolive.ie

WWW.Stigolive.ie
Sligo Live celebrates folk, roots,
and indie music. Over the years it
has carved out a niche as a relaxed,
intimate and enjoyable music festival,
attracting visitors from all over
Ireland and abroad.



Celtic Feast

25 October Burt, Co Donegal www.angriananhotel.com

Dine with the Gods, & warriors of mythological

Ireland, get fun photo opportunities & enjoy free wine & mead, revel in live dancing,

singing & battle re-enactments



NOVEMBER 2015

Allingham Festival

5 - 8 November Ballyshannon, Co Donegal www.allinghamfestival.com

This festival honours Ballyshannon's literary and historical traditions through events with prominent Irish writers



Ardara Matchmaking Festival

6 - 8 November Ardara, Co. Donegal www.ardara.ie

Annual match making weekend with top music artists.



Choral Festival

13 – 15 November Sligo Town www.sligochoralfest.com

A weekend of music & singing. worldwide choirs, concerts, competitions, cabaret, street & Pub singing.



Donegal Lapland

21 November – 22 December Doagh Island, Inishowen www.doaghfaminevillage.com A wonderful family experience to visit Santa Land at the closest point in Ireland to the North Pole.



DECEMBER 2015

Santa Town

12 & 13 Dec (TBC) and 19 & 20 Dec. (TBC) Sligo Folk Park, Riverstown, Co. Sligo www.sligofolkpark.com Join us in a Christmas Wonderland and experience Christmas long ago. For bookings please call Josephine on 071 9167013.



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Santa Cycle

13 December

www.innisfreewheelers.com

40km cycle around Lough Gill for charity.



Carrick on Shannon Christmas Markets

(TBC)

Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim www.carrickonshannon400.ie

The Carrick on Shannon Christmas Markets will offer an exciting array of festive crafts, food and entertainment.



Harp Festival of Moons (Cold Moon) 25 December

Drumcliffe Church, Co Sligo www.yeats 2015.com

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Christmas Day & New Years Day Swims

25 Dec & 1 Jan

These take place at various locations around the County Sligo for various Charities.





COMING IN 2016

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'Ireland 2016' is a national government initiative to mark the centenary of the Easter Rising of 1916. This huge initiative will deliver a programme of activity and events to honour and remember those who fought and those who died in the 1916 Rising, and to reflect on the legacy of that period. A number of formal state events will be held over Easter weekend 2016, along with other events nationwide throughout the year.

For full details, including an outline of the programme of events, please visit www.ireland.ie JANUARY Yeats Winter School Sligo Town

Country & Western Weekend Ardara, Co Donegal

FEBRUARY Colmcille Winter School Glencolmcille, Co Donegal

Country Music Weekend Donegal Town

MARCH Ardara International Walking Festival Ardara, Co Donegal

Ballyshannon Drama Festival Ballyshannon, Co Donegal

Western Drama Festival Tubercurry, Co Sligo

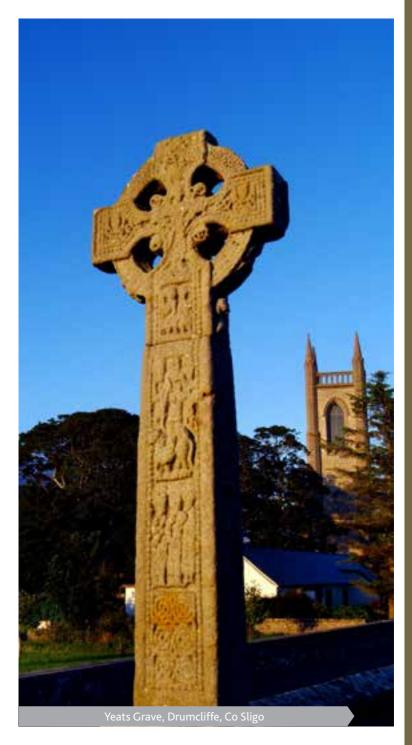
St. Patrick's Day (17th March)
Nationwide

Sligo Feis Cheoil & Feis Shligigh Sligo Town

Sligo Children's Book Festival Sligo Town

West of Ireland Golf Championship Rosses Point, Co Sligo

Cara Bundoran Challenge Bundoran, Co Donegal















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