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12 THINGS YOU MUST DO IN DONEGAL

Soak up our fascinating Irish heritage and explore our intriguing Islands.

1 Sliabh Liag:

Drink in some of the best views in Europe.

A narrow road twists steeply up from Teelin to the dramatic Sliabh Liag cliffs and mountains. From the viewing point, you look across one of the finest panoramas in Europe that will set your heart racing. An information panel, part of the Donegal Interpretative Project, sets out the details of what you see. This area of Donegal is also part of the famed Appalachian Trail that leads eastwards along the Bluestack Way and joins up with the Ulster Way and the Causeway Coast. The nearby cultural centre, Tí Linn, is a rich source of information on the area and its archaeological heritage.



An Grianán Aileach

2 Grianán of Aileach:

Awaken your mystical spirit.

Perched 800 ft. above sea level on a spectacular hilltop, the Grianán of Aileach fort is a former home of the Irish High Kings. The origins of this circular site are believed to date from around 1700 BC. Although it has important connections with the ancient monasteries of Donegal, its history stretches far beyond the era of Christianity and is steeped in legend. The terraced fort is an enigmatic place in which to immerse yourself in the past and survey the landscape. Sweeping views take in patchwork fields and lakes as well as the wider hilly countryside. In 2013, the fort was chosen as one of the landmarks included on the new Irish passport.

3 Surfing in Bundoran:

Ride the waves!

In the south of the county, Bundoran has become the unrivalled gung-ho centre of surf culture hosting world class competitions. Regarded as the top spot by the black-clad brigade, it is a place where wave-riding runs deep in the veins of some locals' blood. Set against a backdrop of dramatic scenery and beaches, the reefs around Bundoran are world renowned, producing the optimal wave size. Donegal Adventure Centre in Bundoran – the largest of its kind in Ireland – provides expert tuition from qualified instructors in the tricky art of staying up on your board. If you are new to surfing, a good place for beginners is Rossnowlagh, a few miles north.



Surfing in Bundoran

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Sliabh Liag



Malin Head

4 Malin Head:

Ireland's most Northerly Point

Catch a cloudless evening and you may be enchanted by a night sky display of the Aurora Borealis, the Northern Lights. The celestial light show, with its ghostly wispy rays of dancing colours has been seen hanging like a fluorescent curtain over Malin Head – what better reason to go than to witness this astonishing sight. As you make your way around the 100-mile circuit of the scenic Inishowen peninsula, you will find many attractions and distractions on the journey to Ireland's most northerly point, Malin Head. Those with an interest in military history will want to see Fort Dunree Military Museum near Bunrana. Further along, Doagh Famine Village, an outdoor museum, provides a thought-provoking look at the area from the tragedy of the Famine in the 1840s up to the present.

5 Fanad Head:

Hire a pedalo at Portsalon beach.

Golden sandy beaches and rolling farmland threaded by narrow roads set the scene in the secluded Fanad peninsula squeezed in between Lough Swilly and Mulroy Bay and leading to remote Fanad Head. Families can enjoy a day of watersports at picture-postcard resorts such as Rathmullan or Portsalon. Take your pick from spinning for mackerel off a pier, learning to fly-fish for rainbow trout, hire a pedalo or paddle a kayak. If you are feeling energetic, why not saddle up and gallop along the shores of Lough Swilly on the pristine Rathmullan Strand. As you drive around this thrilling peninsula be prepared for delays on single track roads; your path may be blocked by a herd of heifers and you will be reduced to cow-speed. Don't forget you are in north Donegal where the motto *festina lente* 'hurry slowly' applies and where life moves at an easy pace.



Fanad Head Lighthouse

6 Donegal Bay Waterbus:

Cruise around Donegal Bay

The most enjoyable way to explore the highlights of Donegal Bay is on a 1¼-hour boat tour taking in everything from historic sites to seal-inhabited coves, admiring an island manor and a ruined castle along the way. Crew members give an informative and entertaining commentary on the local history and the sights of special interest in the bay on the outward journey with a sing-a-long music on the return voyage. Sailing times are usually morning, afternoon or evening and are dependent upon weather and the tides. Tickets can be bought from the ticket office which is a renovated cottage near the Tourist Office. The Donegal Bay Waterbus has all modern amenities, seated upper deck viewing area, modern safety equipment and even a small dance floor.



Donegal Bay Waterbus



Angling

7 Angling:

Bag a salmon, hook a trout or wrestle a shark.

Sparkling rivers, well-stocked lakes and the fruits of the sea, attract anglers from many countries. Donegal is noted for game and coarse fishing and its coastline is washed by some of the cleanest and clearest seas in Europe, offering shore and deep sea angling. Many species, including pollock, mackerel, wrasse, gurnard, tope, ray and shark have been caught in the sea. Shore angling enthusiasts enjoy the sheltered waters of Lough Swilly and many other locations along the coast right round to Donegal Bay. Trout and spring salmon are found in abundance at fisheries such as those at Gweebarra, Dunfanaghy and on the Eske, combining the River Eske, Lough Eske and its tributaries.



Glenveagh National Park

10 Glenveagh National Park:

Look out for golden eagles.

The largest tract of land in the wildest part of Donegal, Glenveagh National Park incorporates moorland, mountain, lakes and woods within its 40,000 acres of wilderness. The park – the second largest in Ireland – was once owned by the American millionaire Henry P. McIlhenny and is now in the hands of the Irish government. Tours of the castle, as well as guided tours of the Italianate formal gardens are available, or you can join a ranger-led walk along footpaths through the grounds. You may be lucky enough to catch sight of soaring golden eagles which have been reintroduced into the area or chance upon a shy red deer.

8 Golfing:

Outdoor tonic on world renowned golf courses.

As a golf tourism destination, Donegal with premium seaside courses, takes some beating. Many championship 18-hole courses are set in areas of natural beauty and Bundoran Golf Club, founded in 1894, co-hosts the West Coast Challenge each year. During the 1950s it was the home of the 'Master Golfer' Christy O'Connor Senior. At Murvagh, on the shores of Donegal Bay, Donegal Golf Club was named by Golf World as one of Ireland's top 10 clubs and is consistently rated high by local golfers. With one of the longest courses in Europe, it suits the big hitters. In the north of the county, Ballyliffin Golf Club has two fine championship links and comprises 365 acres of dune land. In 2006 Sir Nick Faldo re-designed the Old Links course.



Golfing

11 Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre:

Celebrating a glittering life in music.

He has appeared 18 times in the US Billboard World Album Charts and now Donegal's famed singing star, Daniel O'Donnell has his very own visitor centre charting a glittering musical career. The Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre in Dungloe opened in 2012 and since then thousands have come through the doors to celebrate the story of his life. A 12-minute film explains his humble beginnings in Kincasslagh and rise to international stardom. Memorabilia includes gold discs, stage outfits, his wedding suit and his wife's wedding dress, as well as his first schoolbag. O'Donnell's repertoire of songs covering Irish, country and pop has struck a chord with many emigrants. In a musical career of more than 30 years he has sold 10 million albums.



Daniel O'Donnell

9 Hike Errigal:

Stand at the top of Donegal.

The distinctive white conical peak of Errigal, (from the Irish translation, Aireagál meaning 'oratory') the highest point in the county, is a potent symbol and has a grip on the imagination. Pull on your walking boots for a pleasant hike across heather and grass before joining a stony path to the summit at 2,466 ft., where two cairns are connected by a narrow path. Anyone with a reasonable level of fitness, and the right gear, will be able to complete the walk to the top in less than two hours. It's well worth the effort. You will be rewarded with an uninterrupted panorama of Bloody Foreland, a countryside speckled with sheep and white cottages, and lying out to sea, the islands of Inishbofin, Inishdooney and Inishbeg.



Errigal Mountain



Glencolmcille Folk Village

12 Glencolmcille Folk Village Museum:

Commune with the rural past.

There are few better places to delve into the past than at Glencolmcille Folk Village. This *clachan*, or village, comprises eight thatched, whitewashed cottages showcasing three specific years of Irish culture: 1720, 1820 and 1920. New exhibitions house a fisherman's cottage and a traditional pub-grocery and shoemaker's shop. Potter around this reflective place and you will find a sweat house (an early Irish sauna) replica lime kilns and mass rocks. A few miles north of Glencolmcille, at Port, you can follow in the footsteps of the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas who holidayed in the area in 1935. Organised walks lead through the serenely beautiful peat bogland of the valley of Glenlough, past glacial waterfalls, and over the Glengesh Pass to Ardara.



FAMILY FUN

Something for everyone in the family - not just the kids!

A visit to Grianan Aileach Stone Fort, Inishowen

You will experience all kinds of weather on your holiday in Donegal. With its excellent leisure centres, cinemas and indoor play areas, the county is well equipped to keep the kids and the parents entertained – even on a day when the sun doesn't shine. Donegal's great parks, open top farms, and adventure playgrounds mean you will never be stuck for a fun-filled time!

A Great Day Out

Arena 7

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Ten Pin Bowling, Laser World, Wayne's World Children activity centre & restaurant.
Tel: +353 74 912 8852
Email: info@arena7.ie
www.arena7.ie

An Clúb Beag

Dungloe, Co. Donegal
Indoor activity centre for toddlers & children.
Tel: +353 74 952 2649
www.anclubbeag.ie

Bumble Bees

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Children's indoor play centre.
Tel: +353 74 972 5454
Email: bumblebeesdonegal@hotmail.com
www.bumblebees.ie

Bundoran Adventure Park

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Fun for all the family, with theme rides.
Tel: +353 86 172 2958
Email: info@bundoranadventurepark.com
www.bundoranadventurepark.com

Century Ice Skating

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 5050

Craic@Jacks

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
Indoor activity play centre for children.
Tel: +353 74 917 5222
www.craicajacks.net

Dizzy Rascals

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Children's indoor activity centre. up to the age of 12.
Tel: +353 74 917 7731
www.dizzyrascals.town.ie

Dizzy's Den

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Children's indoor play area.
Tel: +353 71 983 3668
Email: info@dizzysden.ie
www.dizzysden.ie

Donegal Railway Heritage Centre

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Garden railway & working models.
Tel: +353 74 972 2655
www.donegalrailway.com

Glow Bowling

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Indoor bowling alley.
Tel: +353 71 984 2111
www.bundoranglowbowl.ie

Inch Wildlife Reserve

Inishowen
Tel: +353 (0)74 937 4218
www.inchandfoyle.com

Ionad Cois Locha

Dunlewey, Co. Donegal
Adventure & indoor play area with a boat trip around the lake.
Tel: +353 74 953 1699
dunleweycentre@eircom.net
www.dunleweycentre.com

Kidz Kingdom

Downings, Co. Donegal
Indoor play centre.
Tel: +353 74 915 4522

Kil'n Time

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 2010
www.kilntime.ie

Leisureland

Redcastle, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
One of Ireland's leading indoor fun parks, catering for children of all ages.
Tel: +353 74 938 2306
www.leisurelandredcastle.com

Lurgybrack Animal Farm

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Family-run animal farm.
Tel: +353 74 912 2683
Email: lurgybrackopenfarm@town.ie
www.lurgybrackopenfarm.town.ie

Marina Kids Club

An Chuir Hotel, Gweedore, Co. Donegal
Indoor soft play area.
Tel: +353 74 953 2900
www.gweedorecourthotel.com

Tropical World at Alcorns

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tropical Butterfly House and Mini Zoo.
Tel: +353 74 912 1655
www.tropicalworld.ie

Wains World

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Children's indoor activity centre.
Tel: +353 74 932 2450
Email: wainsworld@yahoo.com
www.wainsworldbuncrana.com

Waterworld Bundoran

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 984 1172
www.waterworldbundoran.com

Perfect for a Picnic

Ards Forest Park

Creeslough, Co. Donegal
Opening Times:
Apr to Sept 10.00am to 7.30pm,
Oct to Mar: 10.00am to 4.30pm.
Tel: +353 74 912 1139

Ballymacool Park

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Open: All year round

Coillte - Forest Parks

Parks and recreational areas include Ards Forest Park, Bonny Glen Wood, Drumboe, Glengesh, Kilrean, Lough Derg, Lough Eske, Woodquarter.
Tel: +353 74 912 1139

Glenveagh National Park

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Family fun throughout the year.
Tel: +353 74 913 7090
www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

Letterkenny Town Park

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Open: All year round

Swan Park

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Open: All year round.

Leisure Centres

Aura Leisure Complex

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 910 6422
www.auraleisure.ie/letterkenny

Ballyshannon Leisure Centre

Ballyshannon
Tel: +353 71 985 2818
www.ballyshannonleisurecentre.ie

Buncrana Leisure Centre

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 1000
www.buncranaleisurecentre.com

Finn Valley Leisure Centre

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 2053
www.finnvalleyleisurecentre.com

Cinemas

Abbey Cinema

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 985 2928
www.abbeycentre.ie

Century Cinemas

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 5050
www.centurycinemas.ie

Eclipse Cinemas

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 982 9999
www.bundorancineplex.com

Eclipse Cinemas

Lifford, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 1963
www.liffordstrabane.com



Fun at Inch Wildlife Reserve

GOLF

'Putt' Donegal at the top of your golfing destination list!



Tee-off at one of the numerous Championship Links and Parkland courses all over the county from Ballyliffin to Bundoran. The challenging terrain makes playing golf in Donegal memorable. Not only is the golf great, but this part of northwest Ireland has the best scenery to go with its greenery.

Golf

18 HOLE COURSES

Ballybofey / Stranorlar Golf Club

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 1093
Email: info@bsgc.ie
www.ballybofeyandstranorlargolfclub.ie

Ballyliffin Golf Club

Glashedy, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 6119
Email: info@ballyliffingolfclub.com
www.ballyliffingolfclub.com

Bundoran Golf Club

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 984 1302
Email: info@bundorangolfclub.com
www.bundorangolfclub.com

Donegal Golf Club

Murvagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 4054
Email: info@donegalgolfclub.ie
www.donegalgolfclub.ie

Dunfanaghy Golf Club

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 6335
Email: dunfanaghygolf@eircom.net
www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com

Greencastle Golf Club

Inishowen, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 938 1013
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www.greencastlegolfclub.com

Letterkenny Golf Club

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 1150
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www.letterkennygolfclub.com

Narin / Portnoo Golf Club

Portnoo, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 5107
Email: narinportnoo@eircom.net
www.narinportnoogolfclub.ie

North West Golf Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 1715
Email: secretary@northwestgolfclub.net
www.northwestgolfclub.com

Portsalon Golf Club

Fanad, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 9459
Email: portsalongolfclub@eircom.net
www.portsalongolfclub.com

Rosapenna Golf Club

Downings, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 5000
Email: golf@rosapenna.ie
www.rosapenna.ie

9 HOLE COURSES

Buncrana Golf Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 2279
Email: info@buncranagolfclub.com
www.buncranagolfclub.com

Cruit Island Golf Club

Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 3296
Email: cruitislandgolfclub@eircom.net
www.cruitislandgolfclub.com

Cloughaneely Golf Club

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 916 5416
Email: info@falcarraghgolfclub.ie
www.falcarraghgolfclub.ie

Gweedore Golf Club

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 953 1140
www.gweedoregolfclub.com

Otway Golf Club

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal
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Email: otway-golf-club@iolfree.ie
www.rathmullan.net/otway-golf-club

Redcastle Golf Club

Inishowen, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 338 5555
Email: ladiesgolf@redcastlehotel.com /
mensgolf@redcastlehotel.com
www.redcastlehotel.com

Pitch & Putt

Atlantic Apartotel Pitch & Putt

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Open to Public July - August
Tel: +353 71 984 1205
Email: info@atlanticapartotel.ie
www.atlanticapartotel.ie

Pin Tavern Pitch & Putt

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 3086

Rosapenna Pitch & Putt

Downings, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 5000
Email: golf@rosapenna.ie
www.rosapenna.ie

Rosguill Holiday Park Pitch & Putt

Downings, Co. Donegal
Open to Public July - August
Tel: +353 74 915 5766
Email: rosguillholidaypark@yahoo.ie
www.rosguillholidaypark.com

Sandfield Pitch & Putt

Ardara, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 1344
Email: sandfieldpitch@eircom.net

Wild Atlantic Camp Pitch & Putt

Creelough, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 8400
Email: hello@wildatlanticcamp.com
www.wildatlanticcamp.ie

ANGLING

One visit to Donegal's waterways and we guarantee you'll be 'hooked'!

Creeslough lake

Clean rivers, famed for their prolific runs of salmon, numerous sea trout and wild game fisheries entice anglers from many parts of the world. The Atlantic coast offers shore angling while deep sea fishing is also available. With wild and plentiful fish stocks, fully equipped sea angling licensed charter boats and a huge choice of stunning locations, Donegal is the ideal place for that catch of a lifetime.

Game Angling

Assaroe Lake

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Brown Trout
www.fishinginireland.info

Crana River & Fullerton Reservoir

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Brown Trout
Tel: +353 86 309 1966
www.fishinginireland.info

Drowes River

South Donegal
Salmon & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 71 984 1055
www.drowessalmonfishery.com

Dunfanaghy Fishery

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Brown Trout
Tel: +353 74 913 6208
www.dunfanaghyangling.com

Glen River

Carrick, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Sea Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

Gweebarra River

Lettermacaward, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Sea Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

Lough Beagh

Glenveagh National Park, Co. Donegal
Sea Trout & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

Lough Melvin

South Donegal
Salmon & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 71 985 1435
www.fishinginireland.ie

Meadow Trout Fishery

Rosnakill, Co. Donegal
Rainbow Trout, Licenses, Rod Hire, etc.
Tel: +353 86 319 2949
www.discoverireland.ie

Owenea River / Owentocker

Glenties, Co. Donegal
Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

Pettigo Lakes

Pettigo, Co. Donegal
Brown Trout
www.fishinginireland.info

River and Lough Eske

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 74 974 0781 /
+353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

River Clady

Gweedore, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Sea Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

River Crolla

Gweedore, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Sea Trout
Tel: +353 74 955 1141
www.fishinginireland.info

River Deelee

Convoy / Raphoe, Co. Donegal
Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout
Tel: +44 28 7134 2100
www.loughs-agency.org

River Duff

South Donegal
Salmon Fishing
Tel: +35386 8135429 /
+353 86 816 2144
www.fishinginireland.info

River Eany

Inver, Co. Donegal
Salmon & Trout Fishing
Tel: +353 71 985 1435
www.fishinginireland.info

River Finn

Central Donegal
Salmon & Sea Trout
Tel: +44 28 7134 2100
www.loughs-agency.org

The Rosses Fishery

Dungloe, Co. Donegal
Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout
Tel: +353 74 952 1163
www.rossesanglers.com

Sliabh Liag Boat Trip

Teelin, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 628 4688
www.sliabhleagueboattrips.com

Coarse Angling

Assaroe Lake

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Bream, Roach & Hybrids
www.fishinginireland.info

Pettigo Lakes

Pettigo, Co. Donegal
Bream, Roach, Perch & Pike
www.fishinginireland.info

Sea Angling

Arranmore Charters

Annagry, Co. Donegal
Reef, Wreck & Shark Fishing
Tel: +353 86 833 2969
neilgall@hotmail.com

Dunai Mara

Killybegs, Co. Donegal
Reef, Shark & general inshore fishing
Tel: +353 86 404 4040
www.duanaimaracharters.com

Bonito Charters

Downings, Co. Donegal
Reefs, Pollock
Tel: +353 74 915 5261 / +353 87 654 7232
www.bonitocharters.com

Donegal Bay Charters

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 609 6035
www.donegalbaycharters.com

Inishfree Charters

Burtonport, Co. Donegal
Reef, Shark & General Fishing
Tel: +353 74 955 1533
www.inish.ie

Inishowen Boating Company

Malin, Co. Donegal
Deep Sea Angling, Shark & Wreck
Tel: +353 86 220 9508
www.irishanglingcharters.ie

Killybegs Angling Charters

Killybegs, Co. Donegal
Sea Angling
Tel: +353 87 220 0982
www.killybegsangling.com

Michael McGettigan - MV Huntress Blue

Bruckless, Co. Donegal
General, Shark & Reef Fishing
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Michael O'Brien - MV Carmel Olivia

Magheroarty, Co. Donegal
Mixed Fishing
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Teelin, Co. Donegal
Sea Angling
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Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Reef, Shark & General inshore fishing
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www.bundoranstar.ie

Rathmullan Charters

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Wreck, Pollock, Tope, etc.
Tel: +353 87 050 7464
www.rathmullancharters.com

Richard Timoney - MV Smoothhound

Mullinasole, Co. Donegal
Wreck, Reef & Shark Fishing
Tel: +353 86 893 7225
www.donegalseafishing.com

Rosguill Boat Charters

Downings, Co. Donegal
Wreck & Shark Fishing
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Sammie Scott

Downings, Co. Donegal
Blue Shark, Blue Fin Tuna
Tel: +353 87 282 8167
www.fishingdonegal.com

Saoire Mara Charters

Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal
Deep Sea Angling
Tel: +353 87 987 0266
www.saoiremara.com

Tor Mor Charter Boat

Portnoo, Co. Donegal
Reefs & Wrecks
Tel: +353 87 245 8514
www.tirconnellcharters.com



SURFING

Once you surf Donegal's world-famous breaks, you will never want to leave!

You can take a surfing holiday in Donegal at any time of the year. Donegal's beaches have excellent waves and breaks from summer to winter. Our accredited surf schools offer quality accommodation, fun surf lessons and competitive board hire packages.

Surf Schools

1. Adventure One Surf School
Fanad, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 628 5565
iain@adventureone.net
www.adventureone.net

2. Bundoran Surf Company
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 984 1968
info@bundoransurfco.com
www.bundoransurfco.com

3. Donegal Adventure Centre
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 984 2418
info@donegaladventurecentre.net
www.donegaladventurecentre.net

4. Fin McCool Surf School
Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 985 9020
finmccools@gmail.com
www.finmccoolsurfschool.com

5. Inishowen Surf School
Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 777 3323
danielgallanagh@eircom.net
www.inishowensurfschool.com

6. I Surf Ireland
Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 83 410 4002
pascal@isurfireland.com
www.isurfireland.com

7. Jaws Watersports
Downings, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 237 1152
surfdownings@gmail.com
www.jawswatersports.ie

8. Jaws Watersports
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 173 5109
jawswatersports@gmail.com
www.jawswatersports.ie

9. Narosa Surf School
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
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info@narosalife.com
www.narosalife.com

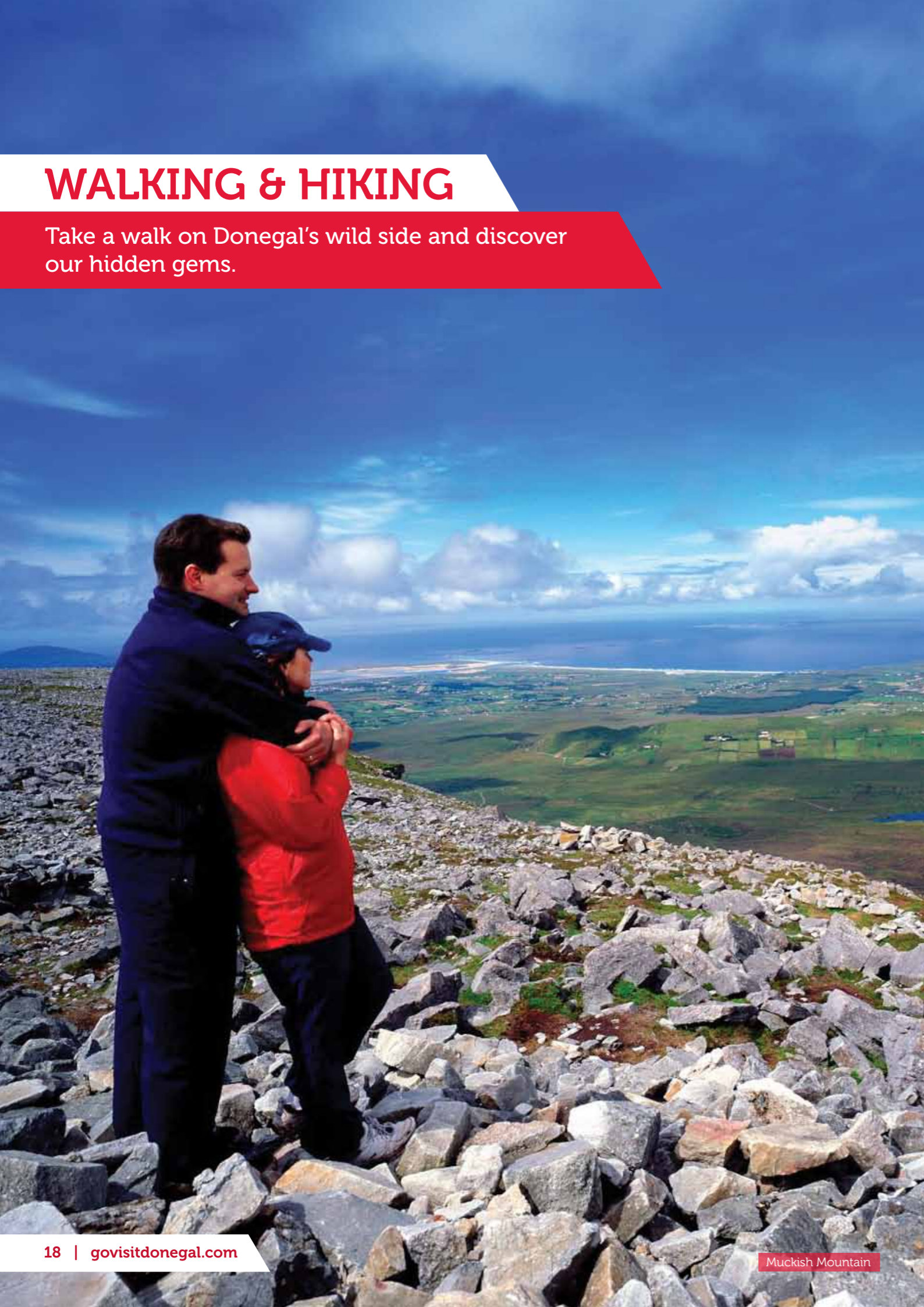
10. Surfworld
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
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info@surfworld.ie
www.surfworld.ie

11. Turf 'N' Surf
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 71 984 1091
info@turfnsurf.ie
www.turfnsurf.ie



WALKING & HIKING

Take a walk on Donegal's wild side and discover our hidden gems.



Whether you come for serious mountain hiking or a gentle traffic-free stroll along the shore, you will not be disappointed. Get some fresh air and discover the incredible landscape of the towering peaks, the natural beauty of the coast, with stunning peninsulas, rugged coastlines and a host of golden beaches.

Looped Trails

- 1. Ard na Mona Wood**
Start: Ard na Mona Woods car park
2km of Looped Trail / Grade: Easy
- 2. Bluestack Way**
Start: Donegal Town / End: Ardara
65km Linear Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 3. Inch Lough Loop**
Start: Inch Level
8km Looped Walk / Grade: Easy
- 4. Loch na Caillí Loop**
Start: Gweedore
10km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 5. Lough Derg Pilgrim Path**
Start: Basilica Visitor Centre car park
9.2km Loop Walk / Grade: Easy
- 6. Slí Arann Mhor**
Start: Arranmore Island
14km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 7. Slí An Earagail**
Start: Dunlewey
77km Looped Trail / Grade: Easy
- 8. Slí Cholmcille**
Start: Ardara
65km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 9. Slí Na Finne**
Start: Fintown
51km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 10. Slí Ghala**
Start: Gola Island
4km Looped Trail / Grade: Easy
- 11. Slí Na Rosann**
Start: Dungloe
65km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate
- 12. Slí Thoraí**
Start: Tory Island
12km Looped Trail / Grade: Easy
- 13. Glencolmcille Drum Loop**
Start: Drum
13km Looped Trail / Grade: Strenuous

14. Glencolmcille Tower Loop
Start: Glencolmcille
10km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate

15. Inishowen Head Loop
Start: Stroove
8km Looped Trail / Grade: Moderate

16. Urris Lakes Loop
Start: Lenankeel near Lenan Beach
7km Looped Trail / Grade: Hard

General Trails

17. Ards Forest Park
Start: Creeslough
Multiple Forest / Nature / Marine Trails
34.5km of Trails / Grade: Strenuous

18. Drumboe - Loop Trail
Start: Stranorlar
6km Looped / Nature / Forest / Grade: Easy

19. Muckish
Start: At crossroads between minor road and tracks at Carrownamaddy
15km of Trails / Grade: Easy

20. Sliabh Liag Pilgrim Path
Start: Teelin End: Sliabh Liag
3km Linear Mountain Trail / Grade: Moderate

Coastal Walks

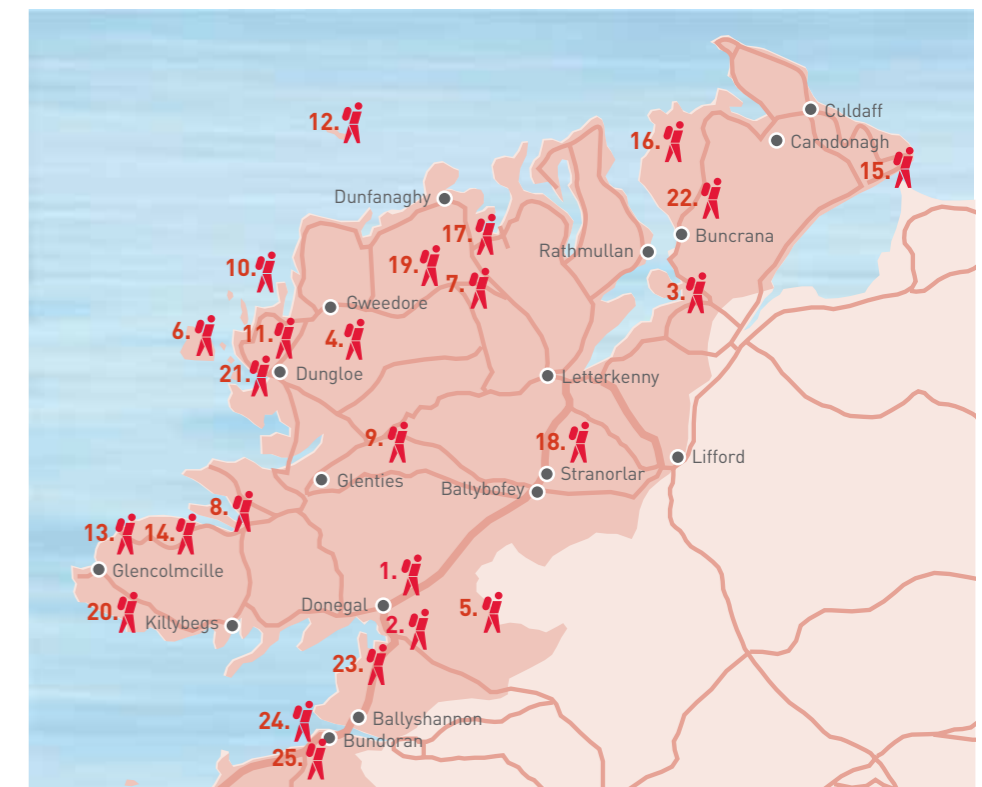
21. Bloody Foreland Walk
Start: The Rosses
13 km / Grade: Moderate

22. Buncrana Coastal Walk
Start: Buncrana
2.3 km (one way) / Grade: Easy

23. Creevy Shore Walk
Start: Rossnowlagh
10 km / Grade: Moderate

24. The Rougey Walk
Start: Bundoran
Distance: 4.5km / Grade: Moderate

25. The West End Cliff Walk
Start: Bundoran Tourist Office
Distance: 4.5kms / Grade: Easy / Moderate



CYCLING

You'll never 'tyre' of Donegal's captivating coastlines and stunning sights!

Bike hire is available locally and you can cycle one of the short routes that lace their way through the tranquil green-drenched countryside. You can also opt for the longer ones such as the Donegal Cycle Route starting in Donegal Town or The North West Cycling Trail. Further north, the Inis Eoghain Cycleway, a 55km circular cycle route, connects Lough Swilly with the River Foyle.

National Cycle Routes

- 1. Donegal Cycle Route**
The Donegal Cycle Route starts in Donegal Town connecting to the North West Trail. www.govisitdonegal.com/do/
- 2. Inis Eoghain Cycleway**
The Inis Eoghain Cycleway is a 55km loop connecting The River Foyle in County Londonderry to Lough Swilly in Donegal. www.govisitdonegal.com/do/
- 3. The North West Cycling Trail**
The North West Trail is a 326km circular cycle route through counties Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim, and Sligo in the North West of Ireland. www.govisitdonegal.com/do/

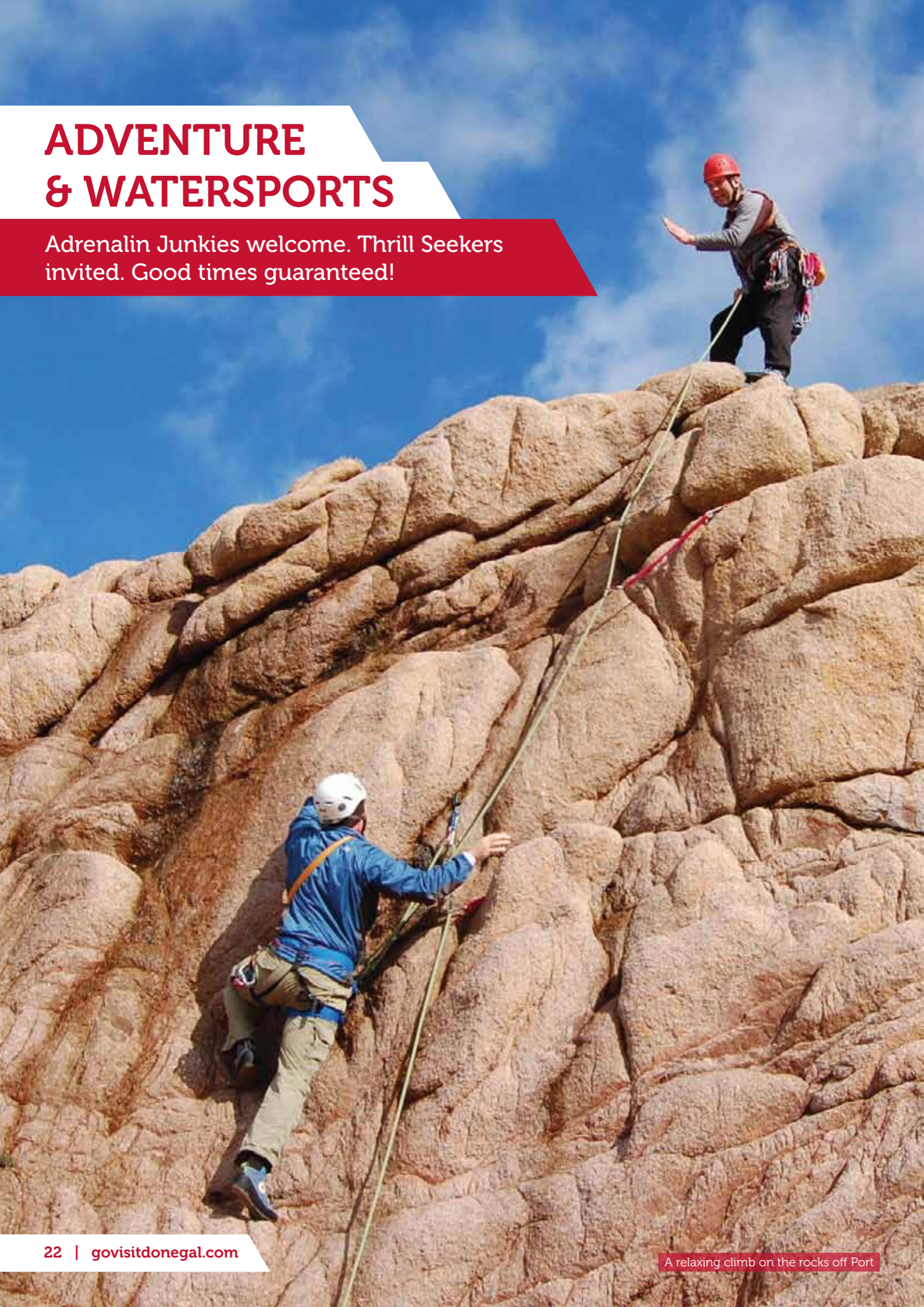
Cycle Hire and Tours

- 4. Bikes and Toys**
Bridgend, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 938 64977
www.bikesandtoys.town.ie
- 5. Bike Shop Donegal**
Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 972 2515
- 6. Cycle Inishowen**
Carndonagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 4856
www.cycleinishowen.com
- 7. Donal Byrne Bike Hire**
Ardara, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 1658
Email: donbyrne@gmail.com
- 8. Grassroutes**
Termon, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 911 9988
www.grassroutes.ie
- 9. Ireland by Bike Ltd.**
Carrick, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 211 8638
www.irelandbybike.com
- 10. Ted's Bike Shop**
Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 974 0774
Rental and bike mechanic service available.
www.tedsbikeshop.ie
- 11. The Bike Stop**
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 85 248 8317
Email: thebikestopbundoran@gmail.com
www.thebikestop.ie



ADVENTURE & WATERSPORTS

Adrenalin Junkies welcome. Thrill Seekers invited. Good times guaranteed!



Donegal boasts the highest number of Blue Flag Beaches in the country where the whole family can safely enjoy the water. Whether it's Windsurfing or Kayaking, Kitesurfing or Deep-Sea-Diving, there are plenty of packages and accredited providers offering great rates for everyone from beginner to expert.

Adventure

Castlefin X-Treme Karting
Castlefin, Co. Donegal
Go-Karting & Tank Driving.
Tel: +353 86 888 8041
www.castlefinkarting.com

Donegal Adventure Centre
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Surfing, Kayaking, Archery,
Skateboarding, Abseiling
& Body Training.
Tel: +353 71 984 2418
www.donegaladventurecentre.net

Donegal Airsoft
Newtowncunningham, Co. Donegal
Airsoft, Archery, Crazy Golf
Tel: +353 74 910 8971
www.donegalairsoft.com

Donegal Kitesurf School
Co. Donegal
Kitesurf, Kite Buggy
Tel: +353 86 061 8475
www.donegalkitesurfschool.ie

Extreme North
Moville, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 938 2917
www.extremenorthevents.com

Gartan Outdoor Pursuits Centre
Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Surfing, Kayaking, Archery, Canoeing,
Power Boating, Rock Climbing,
Wave Skiing & Windsurfing.
Tel: +353 74 913 7032
www.gartan.com

Glen Valley Adventure Centre
Carrigart, Co. Donegal
Off-Roading
Tel: +353 87 220 3331

Inish Adventures
Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Kayaking, Gorge Walking, Archery, Mountain
Biking, Hill Walks, Pier Jumping etc.
Tel: +353 87 220 2577
www.inishadventures.com

Inishowen Quad Safari
Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Quad Biking Treks.
www.inishowenquadsafari.ie

Letterkenny Activity Centre
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Karting, Archery, Body Zorb, Airsoft
Tel: +353 74 912 9077
www.lkactivitycentre.com

Mulroy Clay Pigeon Shooting
Milford, Co. Donegal
Clay Pigeon Shooting.
Tel: +353 74 915 3230
www.discoverireland.ie

Rockhill Activity Centre
Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal
Water Sports, Pirates Island, Archery
www.rockhill.ie

The Lakeside Centre
Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Surfing, Sailing, Kayaking,
Archery, Canoeing,
Windsurfing, Orienteering.
Tel: +353 87 792 0302
www.discoverireland.ie

The Old Foundry Paintball Games Ltd.
Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Paintball.
Tel: +353 74 912 8086
www.letterkennypaintball.ie

Climbing

Unique Ascent
Dungloe, Co. Donegal
Rock-Climbing, Sea Stacking,
Abseiling and Mountaineering.
Tel: +353 87 758 4810
www.uniqueascent.ie

Diving

Dive Arranmore
Arranmore Island
Tel: +353 86 330 0516
www.divearranmore.com

Mevagh Dive Centre
Carrigart, Co. Donegal
Diving.
Tel: +353 74 915 4708
www.mevaghdiving.com

Rosquill Charters
Downings, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 5080
www.rosquill.com

Sliabh Liag Boat Trip
Teelin, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 628 4688
www.sliabhleagueboattrips.com

Kayaking

Donegal Sea Kayaking
Fanad Peninsula, Co. Donegal
Tours & Hire
Tel: +353 86 313 0523
www.donegalseakayaking.com

Inish Adventures
Moville, Co. Donegal
Kayaking & Canoeing.
Tel: +353 74 938 5903
www.inishadventures.com

Jaws Water Sports
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Surfing, Sea Kayaking & Kite Surfing.
Tel: +353 86 173 5109
www.jawswatersports.ie

Rapid Kayaking
Annagry, Co. Donegal
Kayaking & Open Canoeing.
Tel: +353 86 151 0979
www.rapidkayaking.com

Sailing

Selkie Sailing
Derrybeg, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 222 3328
www.selkiesailing.com

Lough Swilly Marina
Fahan, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 0008
www.loughswillymarina.com



Donegal Bay Drive



Donegal Bay is touched by many different features and routes. The wild scenery and the central highlands are a feature of this spectacular drive. Every turn provides a stunning view. This fascinating drive includes Sliabh Liag, which are the highest marine cliffs in Europe rising over 600m above the ocean, bustling market towns, wild, primitive and historic glens. Also included is a detour to the ancient pilgrimage centre on Lough Derg. It is journey, which can easily occupy a full day.

Bundoran → Ballyshannon → Creevy Pier → Rossnowlough → Murvagh → Lough Derg & Pettigo → Donegal Town → Mountcharles → Inver → Dunkineely → Bruckless → Killybegs → Kilcar → Carrick → Teelin → Malin Beg → Malinmore → Glencolmcille → Glengesh Pass → Ardara and return.

Touring Highlights

BUNDORAN

An ideal seaside resort with something for everyone whatever their age or interest.

- EU Blue Flag Beach.
- Game Angling Centre.
- Surfing.

BALLYSHANNON

Heritage Town of Ballyshannon is the oldest town in Ireland and is the birthplace of William Allingham the poet and rock guitarist Rory Gallagher.

- Game Angling Centre.
- Ballyshannon Cinema.
- Leisure Centre.
- Donegal Brewing Company.
- Ballyshannon District Museum.

CREEVY

Creevy is situated on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, looking into Donegal Bay and surrounded by the Hills of Donegal.

- Deep Sea Angling - An Dúanaí Mara.
- Angling.
- Kilbarron Castle.

ROSSNOWLAGH

Set in a 4km crescent of golden sand, it is popular for all kinds of watersports, board sailing, surfing and water skiing.

- Franciscan Friary & Museum.
- EU Blue Flag Beach.
- Surfing / Board Sailing.

MURVAGH

This townland boasts the magnificent Donegal Golf Club which lies along the Atlantic between Ballintra and Donegal Town.

- National Blue Flag Beach.
- Donegal Golf Course.

LOUGH DERG & PETTIGO

Situated between Lough Erne and Lough Derg, Pettigo is a picturesque

LOUGH DERG & PETTIGO cont.

village on the edge of Counties Donegal and Fermanagh ideal for walking and angling. The Island of Lough Derg attracts over 30,000 annually and is a popular catholic pilgrimage site.

Tel: +353 71 986 1518

DONEGAL TOWN

Situated at the point where the River Eske flows into Donegal Bay this bustling small town is still very popular and an ideal base from which to explore the south and west of the County.

- Donegal Castle.
- Donegal Craft Village.
- Waterbus Donegal Town.
- Tourist Office.

MOUNTCHARLES

Overlooking the broad expanse of Donegal Bay and associated with the folklorist and writer Seamus McManus Mountcharles is a picturesque seaside village.

- Sea Angling Centre.
- Salthill Gardens.

INVER

A noted game angling centre with a fine beach.

- Beach.
- Game Angling.

DUNKINEELY

Set on the northern shore of Donegal Bay, this village is close to the very scenic peninsula, rich in wildlife, which leads to St. John's Point.

- Beach.
- Lighthouse, St. John's Point.

BRUCKLESS

A small village with excellent reputation for it's traditional music and food.

- Deanes Equestrian Centre.

KILLYBEGS

A lively fishing town with Ireland's largest fleet of trawlers, it is a bustling town where local and foreign ships tower over the quayside.

- St. Catherine's Church.
- 16th Century Tomb Slab.
- National Blue Flag Beach.
- Fintragh Bay.
- Killybegs International Carpet Making & Fishing Centre.

KILCAR & CARRICK

The Kilcar and Carrick area maybe described as a painters paradise with its mountains valleys, beaches and bays.

- Studio Donegal, Kilcar is Home to Donegal Tweeds and Hand knits.

TEELIN

Scenic views, Sliabh Liag Marine Cliffs Bunglas - situated on the West coast of Donegal, are said to be the highest and one of the finest marine cliffs in Europe with a near vertical drop straight down into the wild Atlantic waves below. This creates a breathtaking but extremely scary view.

- Sea angling.
- Nuala Star Teelin Boat Trips.
- Slieve League Cultural Centre.



Slieve League Cliffs

MALINBEG / MALINMORE

These villages near Glencolmcille have wild scenery and dramatic cliffs with fine sandy beaches.

- Trabane (Silver Strand).
- Glenmalin Court Cairn.
- Tweeds and Hand Knits.

GLENCOLMCILLE

Named after St. Colm Cille Glencolmcille is located in the scenically splendid Sliabh Liag peninsula. This area is renowned for its wealth of traditional culture, music and prehistoric settlements.

- Oideas Gael - Irish language and cultural courses.
- Glencolmcille Folk Village.

MAGHERA

The Maghera Caves are located here accessible by walking along dazzling silver beach.

PORT

A wild remote hamlet near which is Ireland's highest Tromore Sea Stack.



Ardara to the Bluestacks

A small, but exquisitely beautiful coastal peninsula with twin resorts is included on this drive which otherwise features the Bluestack Mountains and the glens and passes which cross the county east and west.



Ardara → Rosbeg → Portnoo / Narin → Kilclooney → Glenties → Fintown → Ballybofey / Stranorlar → Barnesmore Gap → Lough Eske → Frosses → Ardara.

Touring Highlights

ARDARA

Heritage Town and a major centre for the manufacture of hand-woven tweed.

- Donegal Designer Makers.
- Sandfield Pitch N' Putt.
- Stephen Bennett Artist - A professional fine art painter based in Ardara.
- Triona Design - Family run shop specialising in Donegal Tweed.

ROSBEG

A lovely resort village and an angling centre boasting a couple of fine sandy beaches.

- Kiltorris Lough.
- Dawros Bay Beach.

NARIN / PORTNOO

An ideal spot for golfing and fishing with an 18-hole golf course and numerous lakes and rivers on the doorstep. The area also boasts a dolmen centre and a blue flag beach. Twin resort towns with magnificent beach.

KILCLOONEY

There are a number of megalithic sites notably the Kilclooney Dolmen located here including two portal tombs and the remains of a court tomb. On the east of the lane behind the Kilclooney church lies this magnificent site, composed by two dolmens within the remains of a 25m (82ft) long cairn.

- Dolmen Eco Tourism Centre - Is the first green energy centre in the Republic of Ireland and feature wind turbine, heat pump, solar panels etc.

GLENTIES

Glenties is the most prolific winner of the National Tidy Towns competition. This is a town which is set against a backdrop of beautiful mountains scenery.

- St. Conal's Museum - fascinating local history record.

FINTOWN

A small village overlooking a lovely lake in the valley of the River Finn.

- Fintown Railway - The only operational gauge railway in Donegal and you can enjoy a four mile return trip that will take you along side Lough Finn.

BALLYBOFEY / STRANORLAR

Situated on the banks of the River Finn these twin villages are linked by an arched bridge are popular with anglers, golfers and shoppers alike.

- Game Angling Centre.
- Balor Theatre.
- McElhinneys Department Store.
- Drumboe Woods.

BARNESMORE GAP

The mountains of Barnesmore and Croaghconnellagh stand like lofty sentinels each side of this impressive gateway between northern and southern Donegal.

- Scenic Drive.

LOUGH ESKE

Lough Eske is a few miles to the north of Donegal Town and is surrounded by the majestic Blue Stack Mountains.

- Ardamona Wood.
- Scenic Route.



Rory Gallagher Statue, Ballyshannon



Glengesh Pass



The Rosses & Gweedore

The Gaeltacht is a generic term for areas in Ireland where the Irish language is the first language of the people and the social and the cultural traditions associated with this linguistic tradition are safeguarded.

The heart of Gaelic speaking Donegal, the county's two highest peaks and the glorious Glenveagh National Park in the Derryveagh Mountains are the major features on this drive.



Dungloe → Burtonport → Cruit Island → Kincasslagh → Carrickfinn → Annagry / Crolly → Bunbeg / Derrybeg / Gweedore → Bloody Foreland → Meenlaragh → Gortahork → Dunlewey → Glenveagh → Churchill → Return to Dungloe.

Touring Highlights

DUNGLOE

Capital of the Rosses and a lively town, Dungloe is known all over Ireland and further afield as the one time home of the Mary From Dungloe and the festival called after her.

- Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre. Tel: +353 74 952 2334
- Tourist Office. Tel: +353 74 952 1297
- Game Angling Centre.
- Ionad Teampall Croine.
- Library. Tel: +353 74 952 2124

BURTONPORT

A fishing port in the western Gaeltacht where you can embark for the island of Arranmore.

- Ferry Service to Arranmore Island on daily basis all year round. Tel: +353 74 952 0532
- Fast Ferry to Arranmore Island. Tel: +353 87 317 1810

CRUIT ISLAND

A bridge joins this scenic island to the mainland and is noted for its wildfowl sanctuary. Whether or not you play golf a trip to the Island is highly recommended.

KINCASSLAGH

Home to the popular famous Irish Singer Daniel O'Donnell.

CARRICKFINN

Small village with a wildlife sanctuary and home to Donegal Airport with services to Dublin and Glasgow.

- Wildlife Sanctuary.
- Donegal Airport.

ANNAGRY / CROLLY

Annagry is a beautiful village situated in the heart of the Irish speaking Rosses. Crolly is home to the famous singing groups Clannad, Altan and the singer Enya. Call into the family pub Leo's Tavern & enjoy the displays of gold and platinum records celebrating their achievements.

- Leo's. Tel: +353 74 954 8143

GWEEDORE / BUNBEG / DERRYBEG

These three towns are so close they could be mistaken as one.

- An Clachán Art & Craft Gallery.
- Game Angling Centre - Bunbeg.
- Donegal Coastal Cruises - Ferry service to Tory Island from Bunbeg pier. Tel: +353 74 953 1320 / +353 74 953 1340

GWEEDORE / BUNBEG / DERRYBEG cont.

- Beach - Bunbeg
- Craft Shops - Derrybeg
- Gola Island Ferry - Ferry trips to Gola Island. Tel: +353 87 660 7003
- Toraigh na dTonn fast ferry to Arranmore Island. Tel: +353 74 913 5920

BLOODY FORELAND

Bloody foreland derived its name from the colour of the rock on this scenic headland. Breath taking scenic drive.

- Teah Mhuris - A restored thatched 1860's house with traditional house & farming implements on display. Guided tour available, open Easter - September. Tel: +353 74 953 2208 Email: cfdg@eircom.net

MEENLARAGH

Gaeltacht village with ferry service to Tory Island. Tel: +353 74 953 1320 / +353 74 953 1340

GORTAHORK

An attractive resort village on the shores of Ballyness Bay.

DUNLEWEY

Dominated by Errigal Mountain, Donegal's highest mountain reaching over 752 meters this tiny village overlooks two lovely lakes which run the length of the village.

- Ionad Cois Locha. Tel: +353 74 953 1699

GLENVEAGH

Glenveagh National Park- 16,000 hectares of mountains, lakes, woods and wild bog. The park has a visitor centre, you can take a tour of Glenveagh Castle, which was built in 1870, and the castle gardens are among the finest in Ireland. Restaurant & Tea room available. Tel: +353 74 913 7090

CHURCHILL

Located on the shores of Lough Gartan this lively village has homely pubs and is ideal for activity enthusiasts.

- Colmcille Heritage Centre - An exhibition featuring the life and times of St. Colmcille. Tel: +353 74 913 7306
- Gartan Outdoor Education Centre. Tel: +353 74 913 7032
- Glebe Gallery. Tel: +353 74 913 7071



Raphoe, Grianán Ailigh & Inch Island

A tour, starting in Letterkenny and passing through the fertile eastern foothills of the county. This short tour incorporates a diocesan cathedral, an ancient ring fort and a wildfowl sanctuary.



Letterkenny → Convooy → Killygordon → Castlefinn → Lifford → Raphoe → Newtowncunningham → Grianán Ailigh → Burt → Bridgend → Burnfoot → Inch Island and return.

Touring Highlights

CONVOY

A small village east of Letterkenny.

- Edel Mac Bride, Award Winning Designer. www.edelmacbride.com
- Mallaghagarry Forest Park.

KILLYGORDON

Excellent stretch of the River Finn above and below Killygordon Bridge.

- Amenity Area.

CASTLEFINN

Lying south-west of Lifford, this village is set among the gentle hills and fertile land of east Donegal.

- Amenity Area.

LIFFORD

For centuries, Lifford has been the gateway to Donegal, set in a rich Archeological hinterland.

- Lifford Courthouse- Witness re-enactments of the famous cases such as the Napper Tandy Trial and the Lord Leitrim Murder. Tel: +353 74 914 1733

LIFFORD cont.

- Lifford Strabane Cineplex - 4 screen cinema. Tel: +353 74 914 1963
- Cavanacor House, Pottery and Art Gallery. Tel: +353 74 914 1143
- Greyhound Track. Tel: +353 74 914 2766

RAPHOE

Heritage Town of Raphoe is set in rich farming country, with lush hedges and low hills capped with Heather and Gorse, with its triangular 'Diamond' is a typical 17th century Plantation town.

- Beltany Stone Circle - Sixty-four of the original eighty stones remain.
- St. Eunan's Cathedral - St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe is an ancient building, which stands on an even more ancient site.
- Mongorry Forest.
- Oakfield Park. Tel: +353 74 917 3068
- Rós Ban Wildlife Garden. Tel: +353 74 914 5336

BURT

Grianán Aileach-Stone Fort- This fort or temple dates back to 1,7000 BC as a temple to the pre-Celt God, Dagda. This place is also closely associated with Niall of the Nine Hostages, two of whose three sons, Conall and Eoghan give their name to the areas of County Donegal we know as Tirconnall and Inishowen.

- Burt Castle: This castle which was one of the clan O'Dochertagh's strongholds in Inishowen and is one of the best known of all our castles lying as it does near the main Derry to Letterkenny road.
- Old Church Visitor Centre. www.oldchurchvisitorcentre.com

BRIDGEND

Start of the Inishowen 100 Scenic Drive.

BURNFOOT

Burnfoot is a small village on the Inis Eoghain 100 drive. From Burnfoot you can access the nature reserve in Inch Island.

INCH ISLAND

Situated on the southwest corner of Inishowen lies Inch Island, while the name of the place is Inch Island, it is in fact attached to the mainland by a wide causeway. It is an excellent place for bird watching.

- Inch Wildfowl Reserve. www.inchandfoyle.com



Deep bays and spectacular peninsular scenery, an ancient Celtic castle, a rock where the O' Donnell Chieftains were inaugurated, and a most varied and interesting forest park, are some of the fascinating attractions of this drive, presided over by massive Muckish Mountain.



Letterkenny → Ramelton → Rathmullan → Portsalon → Fanad Head → Kindron → Kerrykeel → Milford → Cranford → Carrigart → Rosapenna → Downings → Atlantic Drive → Rosquill Peninsula → Doe Castle → Creeslough → Ards Forest Park → Marble Hill → Portnablugh → Dunfanaghy → Horn Head → Falcarragh → Glenveagh → Kilmacrennan → Return to Letterkenny.

Touring Highlights

LETTERKENNY

- Letterkenny is the largest town in Donegal and takes its name from the Gaelic Irish "Leitir Ceannain" meaning hillside of the O'Connors'.
 - St. Eunan's Cathedral.
 - County Museum. Tel: +353 74 912 4613
 - Admission free.
 - Tourist Office - Open all year. Tel: +353 74 912 1160
 - Cinema - The ultimate 6-screen cinema experience. Tel: +353 74 912 5050
 - Arena 7 - Ten Pin Bowling, Wayne's World. Tel: +353 74 912 8853
 - Dizzie Rascals - State of the art indoor activity centre newly opened for children up to the age of 12. Tel: +353 74 917 7731
 - Old Foundry Paintball Games - Extremely popular sport, offering 3 varied and exciting playing areas. Tel: +353 74 912 8086
 - Town Parks.
 - Aura Leisure Centre. Tel: +353 74 910 6422
 - An Grianán Theatre - North West's premier entertainment venue. Tel: +353 74 912 0777
 - Pitch n Putt. Tel: +353 74 912 5688
 - Newmills Flax and Corn Mills - features a restored mill, parts of which are 300-400 years old. Tel: +353 74 912 5115

LETTERKENNY cont.

- Kil'n Time, Pottery Centre. Tel: +353 74 912 2010
- Alcorns Tropical World Mini Zoo. Tel: +353 74 912 1541
- Lurgybrack Open Farm. Tel: +353 74 912 2683
- Century Ice Skating. Tel: +353 74 912 1976

RAMELTON

- Is a scenic village set along the banks of the river Lennon.
- Heritage Town.
- Game Angling Centre.
- Killydonnell Friary.
- 'Donegal Heritage Trails' walking tours of Ramelton and Rathmullan. www.donegalheritagetrails.com

RATHMULLAN

- A popular seaside resort which is well remembered for the historical Flight of the Earls.
- Blue Flag Beach.
- Sea Angling - Rathmullan Charters. Tel: +353 74 915 5080
- Pitch and Putt.
- Kinnegar Brewery. Tours available, booking is essential. www.kinnegarbrewing.ie
- Rathmullan Sailing Club. www.rathmullansailingclub.com

PORTSALON

Portsalon is home to Ballymastrocker Bay, which is alongside a EU blue

PORTSALON cont.

- flag beach recently voted 'the most beautiful beach in the world'.
- Scenic Views.

FANAD HEAD

- Located at the top of the Fanad Scenic Drive is the scenic Fanad Head. From the grounds of the attractive lighthouse you can see the rugged horn of Dunaff Head across the Bay.
- Lighthouse.
- Scenic Views.

CRANFORD

- Blacksmith's Forge which was built in 1918 and still retains authentic tools and memorabilia, open to the public during the summer season.

MILFORD

- Milford lies at the foot of Mulroy Bay and is popular fishing centre for the river Lennon and Lough Fern.
- Blue Flag Beach.
- Sea Angling - Rathmullan Charters. Tel: +353 74 915 5080
- Bunlin Glen Waterfalls & Forest Walks.

TERMON

- Grassroutes - Electric and Hybrid bike hire and cycle tours available. www.grassroutes.ie
- Doon Well - This is a place of pilgrimage where people come to pray for people who are ill.

CARRIGART / DOWNINGS / ROSAPENNA & ROSQUILL

- The Rosquill Peninsula, which projects out into the Atlantic between Sheephaven and Mulroy Bay, offers some of the most spectacular views in all of Ireland. Seeing is believing... travel along the scenic Atlantic Drive and see for yourself. Carrigart is a picturesque village and Downings is the main fishing Village.
- National Blue Flag Beach.
- Tweed Shop.
- Mevagh Dive Centre - Mevagh Dive Centre is Donegal's first purpose built Dive Centre. Tel: +353 74 9154708
- Sea Angling - Michael McVeigh. Tel: +353 74 915 5080

CREESLOUGH

- Attractively situated at the head of Sheephaven Bay.
- Doe Castle - This MacSuibhne castle is protected on three sides by the sea.
- Ards Forest Park- Ards Forest Park is probably the most beautiful and certainly the most varied of Ireland's forest parks. Tel: +353 74 912 1139

MARBLE HILL / PORTNABLUGH & DUNFANAGHY

- This scenic resort area with Killyhoey beach fringing the Atlantic is a major centre for brown trout anglers and special interest holidays. Follow the Horn Head drive where you will get a real sense of the power of the sea and the resilience of the land.
- Blue Flag Beach.
- The Workhouse. Tel: +353 74 913 6540
- The Gallery. Tel: +353 74 913 6224
- Horn Head Scenic Drive.

FALCARRAGH

- A lively town on the edge of the Gaelic speaking area of west Donegal. A good base from which to tackle the climb up Muckish Mountain.
- Church and High Cross.
- An tSeán Bheairic. Tel: +353 74 918 0888

MUCKISH GAP

- The slate-grey mass of Muckish Mountain dominates the view as you drive along the windy roads of Muckish Mountain.

KILMACRENNAN

- Located on the banks of the River Lennon with game angling, Kilmacrennan and nearby Doon Well where the water has curative properties and Doon Rock where chieftains were inaugurated in the 13th to 17th centuries has many associations with the O'Donnell clan.
- Lurgyvale Thatched Cottages.



Doe Castle

It may sound like a Formula 1 race, but it gets its name from the approximate distance in miles of the signposted drive, which officially starts in Bridgend on the Inishowen Peninsula. You will certainly not wish to break any speed records as you linger and savour the many scenic and historical gems which Inishowen, the biggest of the Donegal peninsulas, has to offer.



Buncrana → Ned's Point / Dunree → Dunaff → Clonmany → Ballyliffin → Carndonagh → Malin → Malin Head → Culdaff → Ballymagaraghy → Kinnagoe Bay → Stroove → Greencastle → Moville → Redcastle → Muff → Burnfoot → Fahan → Return to Buncrana.

Touring Highlights

BUNCRANA

- The principal town and resort on the lovely Inishowen Peninsula, Buncrana boasts a 5km sandy beach.
- Tourist Office. Tel: +353 74 936 2600
- Leisure Centre. Tel: +353 74 936 1000
- Game Angling.
- Swan Park.
- Blue Flag Beach, Fahan.
- Ned's Point & Dunree.
- Fort Dunree Military Museum. Tel: +353 74 936 1817
- Ned's Point Fort.
- Viewpoint, Mamore Gap.

CLONMANY

- This lovely village lies beside a river overlooked and sheltered by mountains.
- Glendown Exclusive Design - Hand crafted Donegal tweed. Tel: +353 74 937 6265
- Beach.
- Tullagh Bay.
- Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre. Tel: +353 86 720 4150

BALLYLIFFIN

- A golfer's paradise.
- Pollan Strand.
- Doagh Visitors Centre: This outdoor museum tells the story of life in this area in the 1970's going back to the famine in the 1940's. During the months of November and December the village becomes Lapland with Santa arriving down the chimney. Tel: +353 74 937 8078

CARNDONAGH

- This Inishowen Peninsula contains a large cattle market and agriculture co-operative, which serves the many farmers for miles around.
- 8th Century Cross & Carved Stone.

MALIN

- The first item of interest to look out for as you near this village is its unique 10 arched stone bridge believed to be the only one of its kind in the country. Over a period of forty years this town has been in the winning top ten of Ireland's tidest towns and has won out right on two occasions.
- Five Finger Strand.

MALIN HEAD

- This spectacular headland is Ireland's most northerly point.
- Banba's Crown.
- For the adventurous walker there is the 'wee house of Malin and the rock formation 'Hell's Hole'.

CULDAFF

- The Culdaff area is rich in historical sites from the monastic churches of Cloncha and Carrowmore to the enigmatic stone circle at Bocan and the Megalithic Tombs at Deen and Care.
- Birthplace of Charles Macklin, the celebrated 18th century actor, who was born in 1690.
- Blue Flag Beach.
- Sea Angling Centre.
- Carrowmore High Crosses.

KINNAGOE BAY

- A plaque at Kinnagoe Bay tells the tale of the sinking of the La Trinidad Valencera, which broke her back in the bay. Superb views of valleys and moor lands with intermittent glimpses of sea.

STROOVE

- Port-a-Doris Strand leads to a cave through a lovely natural arch.
- Lighthouse.
- Picnic Site.
- Cliff Walks.

GREENCASLE

- A commercial fishing port and a most attractive resort.
- Inishowen Maritime Museum and Planetarium. Tel: +353 74 938 1363
- Lough Foyle Ferry - Ferry crossing from Greencastle to Magilligan. Tel: +353 74 938 1901
- Cairn Centre. Tel: +353 74 938 1104

MOVILLE

- A busy scenic Heritage Town situated in a wonderful location along Lough Foyle.
- Promenade.
- Mobile Green.
- Cooley Cross.

REDCASLE

- Redcastle is a small village overlooking Lough Foyle with nice coastal walks.
- Leisureland Redcastle - One of Ireland's leading indoor heated fun parks, catering for children of all ages. Tel: +353 74 938 2306
- Yacht Club.

MUFF

- A rural village amid the hills of the Inishowen Peninsula.

FAHAN

- St. Mura's Abbey stands at the entrance to the village of Fahan and in the graveyard is the ancient St. Mura's cross (8th cent.) a celtic cross etched on a village steeped in history with its newly completed Lough Swilly Marina - Tel: +353 74 936 0008



Tullagh Bay Strand, Clonmany



Fort Dunree, Buncrana



EQUESTRIAN

Saddle up and take in our breathtaking beaches and more!

What better way to start your day than a canter along a gorgeous beach or a trek on horseback around quiet country roads. From the seat of your horse enjoy a different perspective on the landscape: listen to the sounds of nature, delight in the colours of the wild flowers and enjoy the fun of an exhilarating equestrian holiday.

Equestrian Centres

Ashtree Stables

Cranford, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: 1st September, every Sunday 10am till 4pm.
Tel: +353 74 915 3312
Email: ashtreestables@gmail.com

Carrigart Horse Riding Centre

Carrigart, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: All year daily.
Tel: +353 87 227 6926

Cooley Equestrian Centre

Moville, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: 1st September, open daily Tuesday - Saturday.
Please phone beforehand to book.
Tel: +353 74 938 5685
Email: gilliandohertyr@gmail.com

Deane's Equestrian Centre

Bruckless, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 7160
Open 4 days a week, Wed - Sat, 10am - 4pm.
Email: deanesequestrian@eircom.net
www.deanesequestrian.ie

Donegal Equestrian Centre

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: By appointment.
Please phone beforehand to book.
Tel: +353 71 984 1977
info@donegalequestriancentre.com
www.donegalequestriancentre.com

Dunfanaghy Stables Ltd.

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: Daily by appointment.
Please phone beforehand to book.
Tel: +353 74 910 0980
dunfanaghystables@hotmail.com
www.dunfanaghystables.com

Dunlewey Trekking Centre

Dunlewey, Co. Donegal
Opening Times: Open 7 days a week, April - October.
Tel: +353 86 162 6940
E-mail: laura.fortune@live.ie
www.dunleweytrekkingcentre.com

Glenleary Stables

Ramelton, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 2662
Opening Times: All year, booking by appointment.
Email: glenlearystables@gmail.com
www.glenlearystables.com

Greenacres Equestrian Centre

Convoy, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 7541
Email: greenacresequestrian@live.ie

Lenamore Stables

Muff, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 938 4022
Opening Times: All year daily from 9am.
Email: lenamorestable@eircom.net
www.lenamorestables.com

Malin Stables

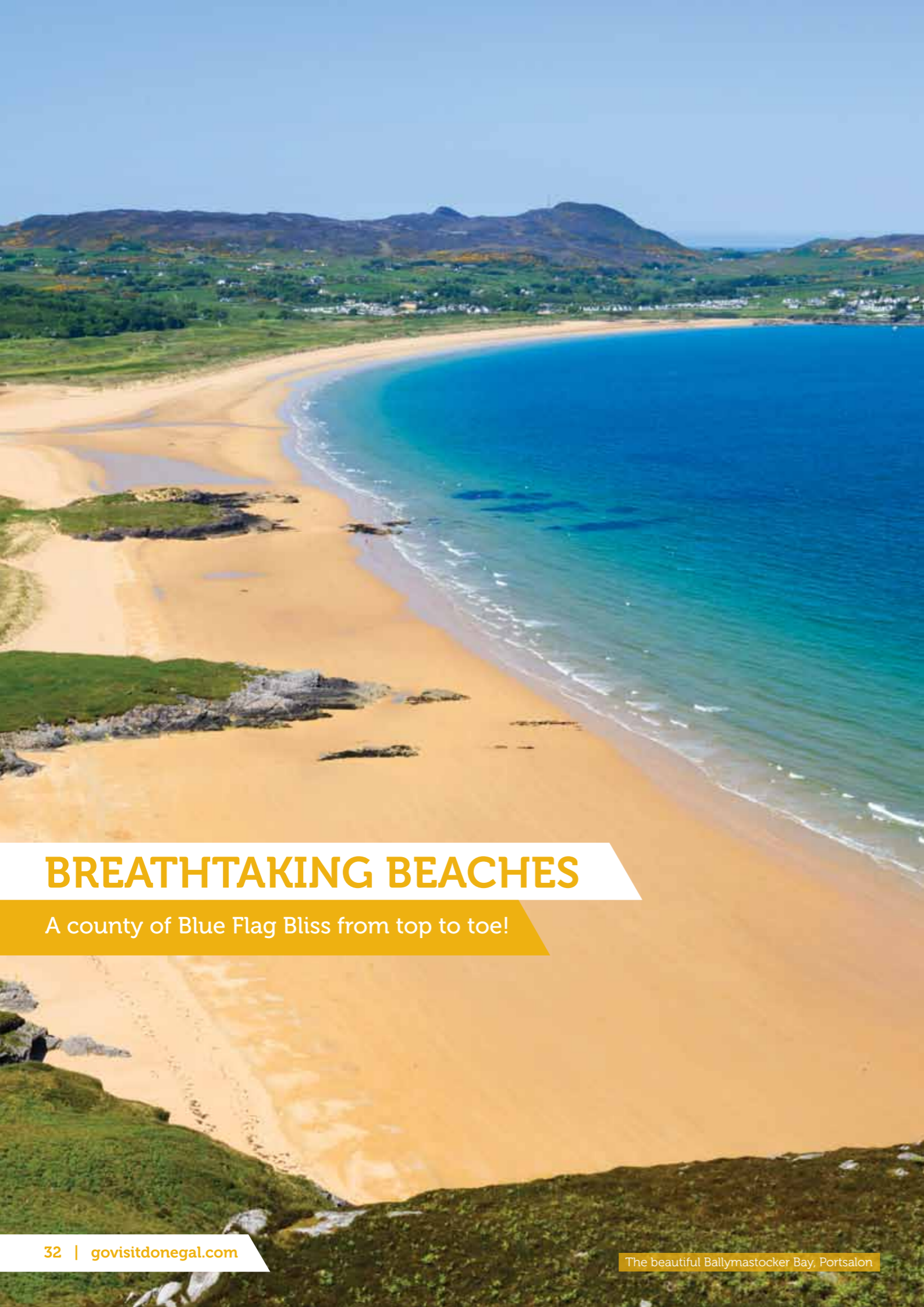
Malin, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 383 9644
Opening Times: All year, daily open hours.
Email: lauragurney97@yahoo.co.uk
www.malinequestriancentre.com

Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre

Clonmany, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 358 5588
Email: info@tullaghbayequestrian.ie



Tullan Strand, Bundoran



BREATHTAKING BEACHES

A county of Blue Flag Bliss from top to toe!

In the county that boasts the highest number of Blue Flag beaches, and the longest coastline, in the country; you're never too far from a beach. Whether your preference is the panoramic type or the small inlet cove, there are literally hundreds to explore.

Blue Flag

- 1. Bundoran Beach**
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
- 2. Carrickfin Beach**
Annagry, Co. Donegal
- 3. Culdaff Beach**
Malin, Co. Donegal
- 4. Downings Beach**
Downings, Co. Donegal
- 5. Fintragh Beach**
Killybegs, Co. Donegal
- 6. Killhoey Beach**
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
- 7. Lisfannon Beach**
Buncrana, Co. Donegal

- 8. Marble Hill Strand**
Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
- 9. Murvagh Beach**
Laghey, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
- 10. Narin Beach**
Dunmore Head, Portnoo, Co. Donegal
- 11. Portsalon Beach**
Portsalon, Co. Donegal
- 12. Rossnowlagh Beach**
Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal
- 13. Stroove Beach**
Greencastle, Co. Donegal

Green Coast

- 14. Ballyhernan**
Approx 4km south of Fanad Head
- 15. Dooley**
Approx 13km south of Dungloe
- 16. Drumatinney**
Approx 3km north of Falcarragh
- 17. Ladies Bay**
Adjacent to Buncrana town
- 18. Magheroarty**
Approx 5km west of Gortahork
- 19. Port Arthur**
Approx 5km north of Derrybeg
- 20. Rathmullan**
Northern Shore of Lough Swilly



ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE

A treasure trove of expression, thought and history!

Beautiful sunset over Inch Castle, Inishowen

Culture and Heritage are simply bywords for everyday living when it comes to the people of Donegal. The Arts, on the other hand, is as important as the air they breathe. In Donegal, art is just the expression of the people.

Arts & Cultural Venues

Abbey Arts Centre

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Providing a rich programme of theatre, music, comedy, dance, visual arts, education and film.
Tel: +353 71 985 1315
www.abbeycentre.ie

An Grianán Theatre

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Donegal's premier performance arts facility.
Tel: +353 74 912 0777
www.angrianan.com

The Balor Arts Theatre

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
Provides all the latest in theatre and musical entertainment with Irish and International talent alike.
Tel: +353 74 913 1840
www.balortheatre.com

Regional Cultural Centre

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
A fabulous multidisciplinary arts facility developed by Donegal County Council.
Tel: +353 74 912 9186
www.regionalculturecentre.com

Heritage

An Crannóg

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal
An Irish language centre with classes for adults who wish to learn Irish.
Tel: +353 74 953 2208
www.crannog.ie

An tSean Bheairic

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal
Language, culture, heritage, history and memories of our ancestors lifestyle are depicted through artefacts and exhibits.
Tel: +353 74 918 0888
www.falcarraghvisitorscentre.com

Ardara Heritage Centre

Ardara, Co. Donegal
The Centre is based in the quoined, cut-stone former Market House with central segmental arch, front gable and clock. Opened in 1995, it outlines the history of tweed production in the Ardara area.
Tel: +353 87 242 4590
www.ardara.ie

Ards Friary

With 200 acres of grounds and many beaches, Ards hosts some spectacular views. Its peace and serenity are not to be missed, allowing you to wander and explore. Ards Forest Park is next to the friary and walks from the friary extend into it, allowing you to venture even further.
Tel: +353 74 913 8909
www.ardsfriary.ie

Cairn Visitor Centre

Greencastle, Co. Donegal
Tours on the days gone by, photographic exhibitions, stories, craft shop, and theatre.
Tel: +353 74 938 1104
www.thecairncentre.com

Celtic Weave China

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
Renowned for their china baskets and flowered ware.
Tel: +353 71 985 1844
www.celticweavechina.com

Colmcille Heritage Centre

Gartan, Co. Donegal
Interpretive exhibition featuring saint Colmcille (Columba), Patriarch of the Irish Monasticism and Scottish Church.
www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

County Donegal Historical Society Museum

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
The objective of the society is to preserve and record the history of the county.
Tel: +353 71 985 2133
www.donegalhistory.com

Doagh Famine Village

Doagh Famine Village offers a large selection of life size attractions portraying life in Ireland from the 1840s until the present day.
Tel: +353 74 937 8078
www.doaghfaminevillage.com

Donegal County Museum

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
The museum houses both temporary and permanent exhibitions, which chart the history of Donegal from the Stone Age to the Twentieth Century.
Tel: +353 74 912 4613
www.donegalcoco.ie

Doe Castle

Creeslough, Co. Donegal
A four-storey tower, standing in a square turreted bawn built early in the 16th Century on Sheep Haven Bay.
Tel: +353 74 913 8445

Donegal Castle

Donegal Castle is to be found in Donegal Town and is one of the most popular attractions in Donegal. The O'Donnells had another castle in the area, Lough Eske Castle. The actual castle ruins lie to the north east of Lough Eske Castle (now a five star hotel, Solis Lough Eske).
Tel: +353 74 972 2405
www.heritageireland.ie

Donegal Railway Heritage Centre

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Find out just what it was like to travel on the narrow gauge railways of County Donegal.
Tel: +353 74 972 2655
www.donegalrailway.com

Fintown Railway

Fintown, Co. Donegal
Donegal's only operational narrow gauge railway. The unique journey is a three-mile return trip along the shores of Lough Finn.
Tel: +353 74 954 6280
www.antraen.com

Fort Dunree Military Museum

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
A military museum which shows the unique history of the fort using the latest DVD and interactive technology.
Tel: +353 74 936 1817
www.dunree.pro.ie

Glencolmille Folk Village

Glencolmille, Co. Donegal
The museum is built in the form of a village where each house is a replica of the dwellings used by people in each of the three centuries, 18th, 19th and 20th.
Tel: +353 74 973 0017
www.glenfolkvillage.com

Inch Castle

Inch Island, Co. Donegal
The hugely historic Inch Castle, dates back to the 15th Century and is connected with the Flight of the Earls. Inch Island makes a great place for a relaxed outing.
Tel: +353 74 936 2600
www.visitinishowen.com

Inishowen Maritime Museum

Greencastle, Co. Donegal
A recent addition to the Museum is a brand new state-of-the-art Planetarium.
Tel: +353 74 938 1363
www.inishowenmaritime.com

Killybegs Maritime and Heritage Centre

Killybegs, Co. Donegal
Offers a fascinating audio visual insight into the history of the fishing and the famous hand-knitted carpets, also home to the longest loom in the world.
Tel: +353 74 974 1944
www.visitkillybegs.com

Monreagh Heritage and Education Centre

Carrigans, Co. Donegal
Focusing on Ulster Scots Heritage in Donegal.
Tel: +353 74 914 0708
www.monreagh.net

Newmills Corn and Flax Mills

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Features a restored mill, part of which is three to four hundred years old.
Tel: +353 74 912 5115
www.heritageireland.ie

Oideas Gael

Gleann Cholm Cille, Co. Dún na nGall
Enjoy Irish and cultural courses in the beautiful surroundings of Glenn Cholm Cille.
Tel: +353 74 9730248
www.oideas-gael.com

Old Church Visitor Centre

Burt, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 8900
www.oldchurchvisitorcentre.com

Seat of Power Visitor Centre

Lifford, Co. Donegal
This historic mid 16th Century courthouse has been converted into an award winning heritage centre. Open all year.
Tel: +353 74 914 1733
www.liffordoldcourthouse.com

Slieve League Cultural Centre

Carrick, Co. Donegal
Facilities include a workshop, conference room, seminar room and tourist information centre, car and coach parking available.
Tel: +353 74 973 9077
www.slieveleaguecliffs.ie

St. Colmcille Heritage Centre

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Devoted to the life and times of St. Colmcille and has displays of illuminated manuscripts. Open: May to September.
Tel: +353 74 913 7306
www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

St. Connell's Museum

Glenties, Co. Donegal
The museum includes the prison cells of the late 19th century courthouse and has many artefacts pertaining to the famine in southwest Donegal.
Tel: +353 74 955 1766 or +353 87 630 3496

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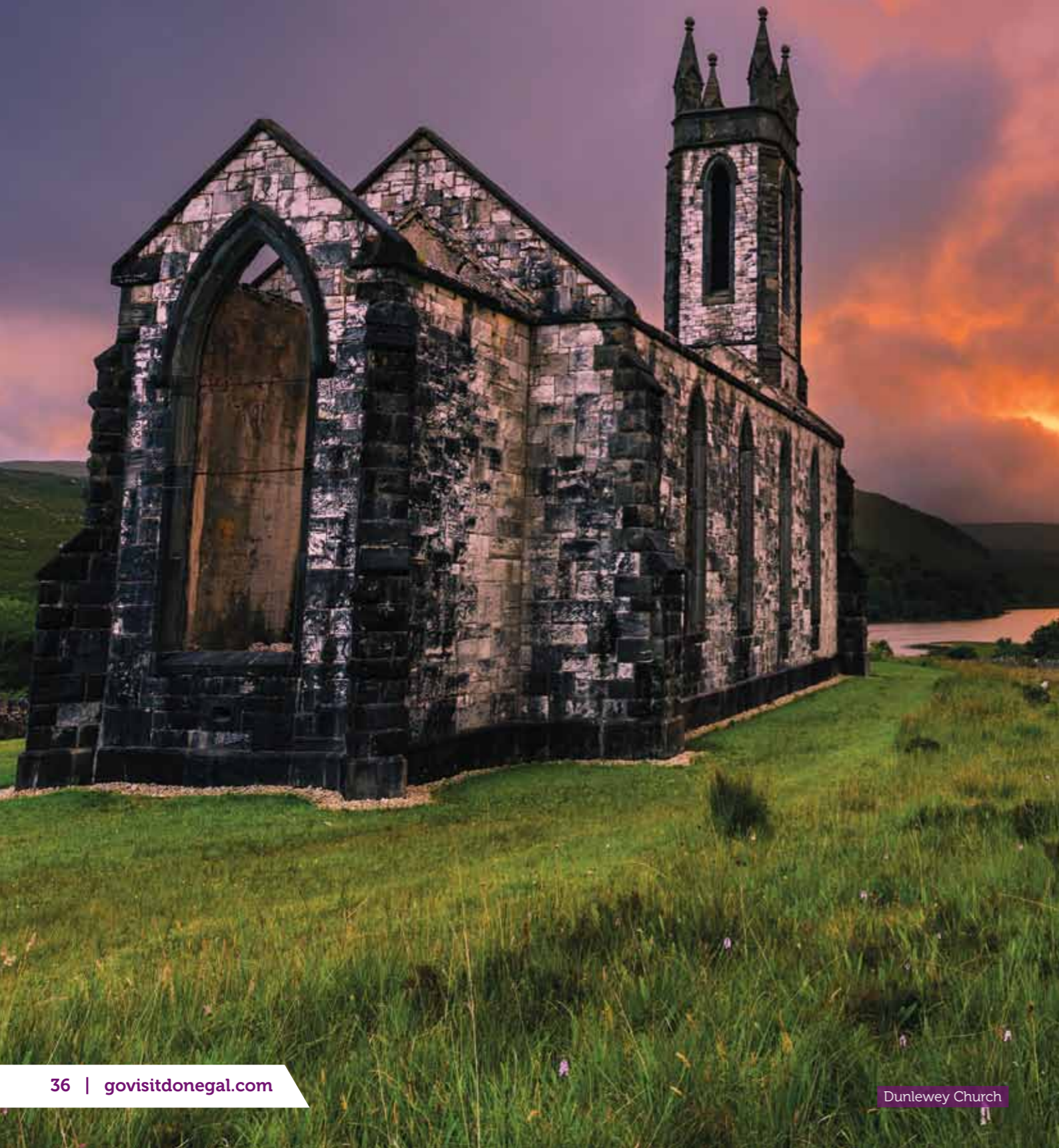
Kilcar, Co. Donegal
Home to Donegal Tweeds and Hand Knits.
Tel: +353 74 973 8194
www.studiodonegal.ie

The Workhouse

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Visit the Workhouse and see and hear 'wee Hannah' tell the true story of her upbringing on a farm in the 1930's, a grave illness and her time in the workhouse.
Tel: +353 74 913 6540
www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie

ISLANDS & THE GAELTACHT

Soak up our fascinating Irish heritage and explore our intriguing islands.



Dunlewey Church

The Gaeltacht

The Gaeltacht is the area in Donegal where, many claim, one of the purest forms of the Irish Language has survived and where the traditions of Irish song, dance and folklore prevail. The largest geographical Gaeltacht in the country, and part of the newly established Wild Atlantic Way, spreads from Glencolumbkille region of the south up along the west coast and through Donegal's Gaeltacht Lár (central) region of the Derryveagh range and the scenic Poisoned Glen; and north through the Rosses on to Fanad Head.

Sitting proudly in the Atlantic Ocean, are the jewels of Donegal's Gaeltacht. On the Islands of Donegal, one can experience a vibrancy to the Irish culture that is both inspiring and engaging. Wild and beautiful; the islands have captured the imagination for thousands of years and provided stimulus for artists and writers alike.

A visit to any of these islands by ferry is an experience that will broaden your horizon and linger in your heart but foresight is forewarned. Accessible by boat, any trip to the islands should be researched to maximise your experience. For example, high season (July & August) can be quite busy on some, but out of season may require appropriate clothing to appreciate the rugged beauty of these jewels on the outer reaches of Northwestern Europe.

Árainn Mór - Arranmore Island

Probably the most accessible of all the Gaeltacht islands, Árainn Mór has a resident population of approximately 600. 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 some of the islands lovely beaches. A place to get away from it all and yet mainland Donegal is just a 15 minute boat journey.

Arranmore Ferry

Tel: +353 87 317 1810
www.arranmorefastferry.com

Arranmore Island Ferries

Tel: +353 74 954 2233
www.arranmoreferry.com

Gabhla - Gola Island

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

The Cricket Ferry

Ferry operates between Port úr Pier Magheragallon and Tráigh na mBlathán Pier
Tel: +353 87 2245881

Inis Bó Finne - Inishbofin Island

Located two miles from Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty) on the North West coast and 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.

Inis Bo Finne

Tel: +353 87 627 9709

Toraigh - Tory Island

Inhabited for 4,000 years, this Gaeltacht Island has its own distinctive Irish Culture and tradition which is preserved by remoteness. Historical sites include a round tower, a ruined church, the Tau Cross (one of only two found in Ireland). As well as the unique flora and fauna, visitors can enjoy diving, fishing, rock climbing, whale or dolphin watching or walk a portion of the scenic Donegal Way. A signposted 4km looped walk starting at the Pier with exceptional scenery will take your breath away. Tory is also famous for its school of artists, whose work has been exhibited all over the world.

Donegal Coastal Cruises Turasmara

Tory Island Ferry
Tel: +353 74 953 1320
www.toryislandferry.com

Inis Fraoich - Inishfree Island

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.

Try a few words

Dia dhuit - Hello

Caid mar atá tú - How are you?

Tá mé go maith, go raibh maith agat, agus tú fein? - I'm fine, thanks, and you?

Cad is ainm duit? - What is your name?

Maidin mhaith - Good morning

Oíche mhaith - Good night

Cá bhfuil an oifig fáilte? - Where is the tourist office?

Go raibh maith agat - Thank you

Más é do thoil é - Please

Slán / Slán go fóill - Goodbye

Cá bhfuil an teach tabhairne? - Where is the pub?



Seaview of Arranmore Island

DONEGAL GARDENS

Enjoy the tranquility in a picturesque paradise.



From carefully tended intimate cottage gardens to public parks and woodlands, Donegal has a wealth of peaceful havens for lovers of flowers and trees. The glorious gardens of Glenveagh are the showstopper but on a smaller scale the nearby Glebe House at Gartan is set in nine acres of delightful lakeside parkland with an excellent tree collection.

Parks & Gardens

Backleas

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 1107

Beltany View Garden

Raphoe, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 4974
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Black Rock Garden

Lifford, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 1216
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Brigid's Garden

Annagry, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 956 2698
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Bruckless House

Bruckless, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 7071
www.bruckless.com

Cannon's

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 108 2029
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Carrablugh House

Portsalon, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 9113
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Cille Garden

Kilcar, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 671 2341
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Cluain na d'Tor Nursery Gardens

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 5640
www.seasideplants.net

Dunmore Gardens

Carrigans, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 0120
www.donegalgardentrail.com



Oakfield Park, Raphoe: A lush landscape with 100 acres of parkland to explore

Glenalla House

Milford, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 86 606 4409
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Glenveagh National Park and Gardens

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 7090
www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

Greenfort

Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 757 4823
www.donegalgardentrail.com

The Irish Garden Centre for the White House

Castlefinn, Co. Donegal
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Lower Cranny Garden

Inver, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 87 989 5099
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Nora's Rose Garden

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 919 0067
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Oakfield Park

Raphoe, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 917 3068
www.oakfieldpark.com

Rathmullan House

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 8188
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Ros Ban Garden

Raphoe, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 5336 /
+353 86 080 5214
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Salthill Gardens

Mountcharles, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 5350 /
+353 87 913 1393
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Sea View Garden

Mountcharles, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 530 /
+353 87 913 1393
www.donegalgardentrail.com

St. Columb's Garden at Glebe House

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 7071
www.donegalgardentrail.com

Summy Garden

Portnoo, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 5242
www.donegalgardentrail.com



REST, RELAX & REVIVE

Indulge yourself in tranquility and hospitality.

Seaweed Bath at Seascape Spa, Silver Tassie

In our time-starved world everyone needs to switch off and unwind. Sign up for an indulging spa treatment, revitalising technique or seaweed bath at one of the many centres throughout the county.

Spa Centres

Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa

Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal
One of the most popular spa hotels in Donegal, where you can surrender yourself to a world of peace and tranquility. The Spa Signature is defined by a passion for pampering, so they have brought the best of organic plant extracts to Ballyliffin and created an exclusive, luxurious, full service spa just for you.
Tel: +353 74 937 8200
www.ballyliffinlodge.com

Bundoran Seaweed Baths and Treatment Rooms

Sea Front, Bundoran, Co. Donegal
Located on the Bundoran seafront adjoining Waterworld, offering a range of facilities and experiences perfect for the discerning adult looking for a combination of health and relaxation. A range of treatments and therapies which include steam cabinets, seaweed baths with filtered and heated sea water, fresh local seaweed and a refreshing sea water drench shower is offered. This is a relaxing invigorating environment for adults only.
Tel: +353 74 984 1173
www.waterworldbundoran.com

Earagail Health Club

An Chúirt Hotel, Gaoth Dobhair
Reflecting a relaxed timelessness of contemporary elegance, Serenity Spa offers a sanctuary away from all the stress and demands of everyday life. Be eased into tranquility as you feel your senses aroused by the heat that cocoons you and the fragrant aroma of their Elemis Spa essential oils.
Tel: +353 74 953 2900
www.gweedorecourthotel.com

Holyrood Escape Spa and Blue River Leisure Centre

Bundoran, Co. Donegal
A place of perfect happiness, paradise in a calm world of peace and serenity. The Spa facility, which has six treatment rooms and a Relaxarium, offers the finest pampering treatments available, and has a number of spa packages available.
Tel: +353 71 984 1232
www.holyroodhotel.com

The Inishowen Gateway Spa

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Enjoy some quality 'me' time at this Donegal spa while the children are having fun at Planet Active in the hotel. Enter a world of sensory heaven where time is left at the door and a new voyage begins.
Tel: +353 74 936 2188
www.inishowengateway.com

Kees Hotel

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal
A spa where every detail has been tailored to your suit your needs; where the spirit, sound and fragrance of the surrounding landscape combines with the delicate scent of aromatherapy essences and soft musical notes to offer you the perfect harmony which will ensure your complete relaxation.
Tel: +353 74 913 1018
www.keeshotel.ie

Marine Spa, Sandhouse Hotel

Rosstown, Co. Donegal
The Marine Spa is the ideal location for guests to revitalize and rejuvenate. This haven of relaxation provides the latest in natural beauty and holistic therapies designed to open the mind, body and soul.
Tel: +353 71 985 1777
www.sandhouse.ie

Mount Errigal Hotel Spa

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Unwind, relax and leave your thoughts behind you as you escape to Mount Errigal Spa. This spa is the centre piece for relaxation and rejuvenation. The salon offers the ultimate escape to a world of pure indulgence and total relaxation with a range of treatments available.
Tel: +353 74 912 2700
www.mounterrigan.com

Millpark Hotel

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Relaxation and allowing guests to indulge themselves and take some "time-out" is the inspiration behind the Wellness Centre at the Mill Park Spa. The Wellness Centre gives you everything you need to feel fantastic, with wonderful spa body treatments, detox therapies, and massages to uplift your spirit; you will leave the spa with a new sense of well being.
Tel: +353 74 972 2880
www.millparkhotel.com

Redcastle Hotel and Spa

Inishowen, Co. Donegal
Let your cares melt away in the relaxing Spa retreat at the Redcastle Hotel. The Spa is in a unique and beautiful setting and the treatments use a wide variety of marine, aromatherapy and natural products, each carefully chosen to improve your sense of well-being.
Tel: +353 74 938 5555
www.redcastlehoteldonegal.com

Rock Crystal Spa

Ballyliffin, Inishowen, Co. Donegal
The Spa Signature is defined by a passion for pampering, and has brought the best of organic plant extracts to Ballyliffin and created a luxurious, full service Spa exclusively just for you. Beautifully finished with muted lighting, candle-lit corridors and tranquil rooms, the Spa is a must for de-stressing and pampering and to escape today's hectic lifestyle.
Tel: +353 74 937 8200
www.ballyliffinlodge.com

Seagrass Wellbeing Centre

Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Co. Donegal
Enter a world of sensory heaven where time is left at the door and a new voyage begins. Relax and unwind your body and mind.
Tel: +353 74 936 2188
www.inishowengateway.com

Seascapes Spa, Silver Tassie

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Cocoon yourself from the outside world and enjoy a well deserved spa break, Seascapes Spa allows guests to feel indulged and cared for with splendid luxury, passionate service, generous hospitality and award winning cuisine. They offer the ideal escape where harmony and tranquility gently restore mind, body and soul.
Tel: + 353 74 91 26251
www.silvertassiehotel.com

Spa Solis

Solis Lough Eske Castle, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal
Enhance your wellbeing with effective and luxurious aromatherapy treatments at Solis Lough Eske Castle Hotel and Spa. Spa Solis in Donegal is your wonderful escape to a world of well-deserved pampering and natural restorative therapies. Situated in the castle garden, the setting is authentic, refreshing and peaceful. A total haven of peace and relaxation.
Tel: +353 74 972 5100
www.solishotels.com

Villa Rose V Spa

Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey
A haven of calm and tranquility, enjoy the experience of the latest in natural beauty and holistic therapies by Germaine De Capuccini's spa marine. Through the human touch allow your mind, body and soul to be revitalised, rejuvenated and rebalanced.
Tel: +353 74 913 2266
www.villarose.net



Seascape Spa

Wild, Rugged, Liberating...

The ocean's many different moods are captured in the 'Wild Atlantic Way', Ireland's first long-distance driving route that runs from Malin Head, Ireland's Most Northerly Point to west Cork.

A place of nature on a grand scale, Donegal lays claim to a large slice of that coast – in fact it has the longest coastline of any Irish county. It is best appreciated in a leisurely way; with narrow rollercoaster roads you won't be able to rush your journey so switch down a gear and soak up the sensational views of an area shaped and influenced by the sea.

Sign-posted routes direct you to key attractions and Signature Discovery Points. New interpretation panels set out history and culture, opening up little-known locations. Potter and ponder, take in the long peninsulas creating a raw landscape, and survey the majesty of the rocky headlands and towering colour-streaked cliffs. Above all, make time to admire the wide skies and seascapes, the shape-shifting light, the slowly moving cloud formations and crimson sunsets from many vantage points. For connoisseurs of coastline, and those who enjoy the pull of the sea and its salty tang, Donegal cannot be surpassed. It is a place of constantly changing views where curving switchback roads follow the course of the serrated coast, a mountain valley or stream.

Some of Ireland's best beaches, driving routes and forest parks are found in the northwest highlands, stretching from Bunbeg to Carrigart. At Horn Head look out for the battalions of squabbling and squaking seabirds. Across Sheephaven Bay is the rugged splendour of the Rosguill peninsula, perfect for a looped cycle or walk. Further along this northern section of the coast, at Mulroy Bay, where Fanad Head thrusts out into the Atlantic, the road curls around lakes, mountains, bays and coves, every turn bringing a beguiling view.

On the Inishowen coastal route, favourite vistas include Mamore Gap descending into Clonmany, the 'Lookout' at Fahan, Knockamany Bens and Kinneog Bay.



LOCAL PRODUCE

The best that nature has to offer!

Donegal is famous for its exceptionally high standard of natural ingredients and foods due to its unspoilt environment, climate, and richly diverse landscape that makes it suitable for a wide variety food produce and farming methods. Boasting the longest coastline in Ireland; the county is also the producer of an abundance of fish and other seafood.

Gourmet restaurants throughout Donegal reflect this in their menus, being particularly famous for their excellent seafood. Notwithstanding this, the beef, lamb, game, dairy produce, fruit and vegetables are among the best in the world, and the region is gaining recognition from growing the reputation of its local producers.

For those passionate about food, Donegal will delight your taste buds – with fine artisan producers around the county, there is an abundance of locally grown, farmed and harvested foods.



"From Potatoes & Turf Smoked Salmon to World Champion Pork Sausages and Artisanal Beers, Donegal has something for everyone. Famous for its fresh seafood and potatoes, recent years has seen the emergence of some incredible new and unique products; with Farmers Markets spread throughout the County our friendly producers are awaiting your arrival. There's never been a better time to Visit Donegal."

Gary O'Hanlon, Donegal Food Ambassador

To find out more about Donegal food:

Follow us on twitter @donegal_food or email Eve-Anne at evanne.mccarron@leo.donegalcoco.ie



DONEGAL CRAFTS

Donegal landscape reflected through the hands of the people.

Craftspeople have taken inspiration from the landscape of Donegal for centuries. From Donegal tweed to sculptures made of bog oak, the land has literally made its way into the crafts of Donegal. But that's not all that Donegal crafts have to offer. Experience them for yourself in all their inspirational beauty.

Creative Donegal

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GALLERIES

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Tel: +353 74 956 0091
www.anclachangallery.com

Ballagh Studio

Malin, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 0684
www.rosharvey.com

Cavanacor Gallery

Lifford, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 914 1143
www.cavanacorgallery.ie

Christeph Gallery

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 6411

Frame Masters

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 9175
www.framemasters.moonfruit.com

Glashedy Art Gallery

Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 6162
www.glashedyartgallery.com

Glebe House & Gallery

Churchill, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 7071
www.heritageireland.ie

Glendowen Craft Studio

Clonmany, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 6265
www.glendowen.com

Inishowen Art Gallery

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 2783
www.inishowenart.ie

Inishowen Bogwood Sculptures

Culdaff, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 9245

Local Hands

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal
www.localhands.ie

Man-Made Images Photo Gallery

Mountcharles, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 5928
www.man-madeimages.eu

Ross Fine Art

Ramelton, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 915 1926 / +353 87 233 2985
www.rossfineart.ie

Silver Birch Gallery & Studio

Carndonagh, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 937 3082
www.sharonmcdaid.com

Stephen Bennett's Studio Gallery

Ardara, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 954 1652
www.stephenbennett.net

Stephen Diggin's Studio Gallery

Buncrana, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 936 1925
www.stephendigginart.com

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Glencolmille, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 973 0126
www.king-studio.com

The Gallery

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 6224
www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie

The Green Door Studio

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 913 6864
www.thegreendoorstudio.net

Donegal Design

Cindy Graham Handweaving

Cindy Graham Handweaving offers a range of textiles and accessories made in the workshop in Dunkineely, County Donegal. Located at scenic St John's Point, visitors are invited to the workshop to browse the handmade collection which includes scarves, hats, waistcoats, bags and shawls.
Tel: +353 86 401 9307

Donegal Craft Village

Donegal Craft Village is a showcase for contemporary arts and crafts in Ireland. Stop off and indulge in the award winning restaurant renowned for its freshly ground coffee, delicious home made cakes and gourmet lunches.
Tel: +353 74 972 5928
www.donegalcraftvillage.com

Hanna Hats of Donegal Ltd.

Hanna Hats of Donegal Ltd. is a world famous maker of indigenous Irish tweed hats and caps as well as other items of fine tweed, linen and wax apparel.
Tel: +353 74 972 1084

Magee of Donegal

Founded in 1866 in Donegal Town by John Magee, the company that bears his name has almost a century and a half of heritage and history. Today the company has three shops in Ireland and is a wholesale supplier for high quality independent retailers across Ireland, the UK and mainland Europe. It is also renowned for its luxurious and colourful fabrics.
Tel: +353 74 972 2660
www.mageeshop.com

McAuliffe's Craftshop

Situated 23 miles north west of Letterkenny, County Donegal, overlooking the picturesque Sheephaven Bay, McAuliffe's Craft Shop of Dunfanaghy sells a wide range of Irish fashions, knitwear, handcrafts, pottery and jewellery.
Tel: +353 74 913 6135

McNuts of Downings

Celebrating nearly 60 years of weaving tradition McNutt's of Downings is a unique shopping experience. Exciting knitwear is available in wools, cashmere, and cotton. While visiting Downings why not drop by and browse or enjoy a meal or a coffee in their seafood coffee shop.
Tel: +353 74 915 5662

Rossan Knitwear

A family business established in 1984, they manufacture high quality knitwear for the home and export markets. All knitwear is hand loomed and wool is locally sourced. The collection includes a range of modern and traditional designs.
Tel: +353 74 973 0069
www.rossanknitwear.ie

Studio Donegal

Studio Donegal is a hand-weaving and clothing manufacturing business committed to preserving and promoting the original hand-weaving skills in Donegal.
Tel: +353 74 973 8194
www.studiodonegal.ie

Triona Design

The Donegal Tweed Centre 'Triona Design' is a family run business that caters for visitors wishing to learn the art of hand weaving or to pick up a piece of authentic Irish tweed. Based in Ardara, County Donegal, The Donegal Tweed Centre tweed is still woven with the same traditional skills that have been used for centuries.
Tel: +353 74 954 1422
www.trionadesign.com

Wildwood Crafts Studio

Located in Greenans, Lough Eske, Donegal Town, Wildwood Craft Studio produces one of a kind sculptures from wood, stone and sea treasures which evoke memories of southwest Donegal.
Tel: +353 74 972 2674

FESTIVALS

Whatever your interest, there's a festival for you!

Donegal boasts a year-round programme of unique and exciting festivals and events with something to suit every taste. Below is a flavour of what is on offer.

FEBRUARY

Colmcille Winter School
Churchill
www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

MARCH

Inishowen Traditional Singers Circle
Inishowen
www.inishowensinging.ie

St. Patrick's Weekend Festival
Buncrana

St. Patrick's Day Parade
Letterkenny

MAY

Bealtaine Festival
Donegal

Cup of Tae Festival
Ardara
www.cupoftaefestival.com

Dungloe Walking Festival
Dungloe

Laghey Blast Festival
Laghey

The Melting Pot Festival
Ardara

The Northwest Garden Show
Castlefinn

Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival
Ballyshannon

JUNE

Donegal Garden Trail
Co. Donegal

Donegal International Rally
Letterkenny

Finn Valley Agricultural Show
Stranorlar

Inishowen Agricultural Festival
Moville

Sea Sessions
Bundoran

JULY

Buncrana Music Festival
Buncrana

Burtonport Summer Festival
Burtonport

Ceol na Coille
Irish Music Summer School
Letterkenny
www.ceolnacoille.ie

Earagail Arts Festival
Countywide
www.eaf.ie

Kilcar Fleadh
Kilcar
www.kilcaronline.com

MacGill Summer School
Glenties

Mary from Dungloe
Dungloe

Ramelton's Annual Lennon Festival
Ramelton

AUGUST

A Taste Of Donegal Food Festival
Donegal Town
www.atasteofdonegal.com

Annual Ballyshannon Agricultural Show
Ballyshannon

Ballyshannon Folk and Traditional Music Festival
Ballyshannon

Beatles Fest on the Lough
Moville & Greencastle

Clonmany Festival
Clonmany

Dylan Fest on the Lough
Moville & Greencastle

Extreme North Events
www.extremenorthevents.com

Heritage Week in Donegal
Countywide

Kilcar Fleadh
Kilcar

The Kildarragh Fair
Dunfanaghy

Loinneog Lunasa
Gweedore
www.loinneoglunasa.com

SEPTEMBER

Culture Night
Countywide

Donegal Bay & Blue Stacks Festival
Donegal Town and Ballyshannon

Guth Gafa
www.guthgafa.com

The Johnny Doherty Festival
Ardara
www.johnnydohertyfestival.com

Sew North
www.sewnorth.ie

Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award
Inishowen

OCTOBER

Charles Macklin Autumn School Culdaff
Inishowen

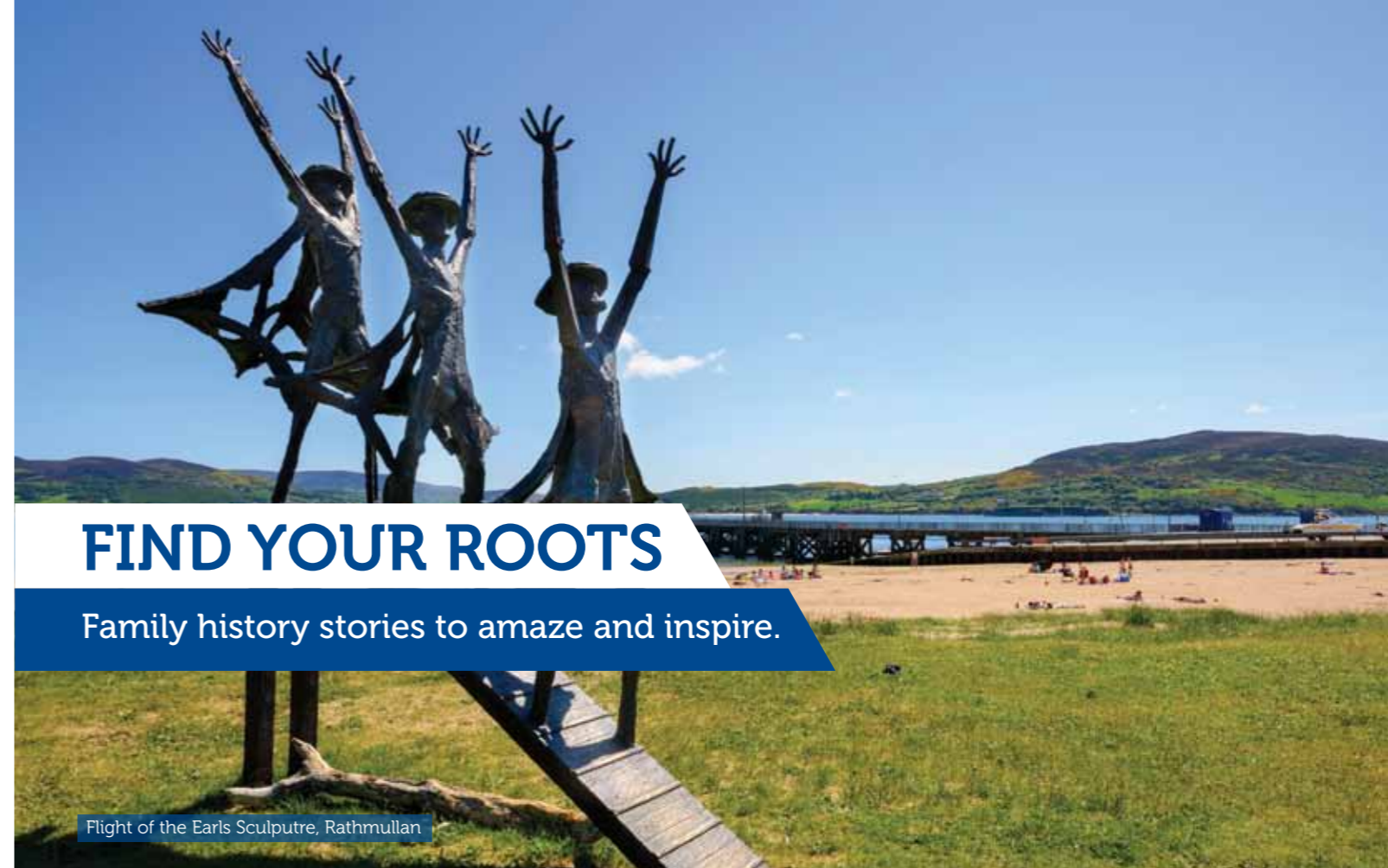
NOVEMBER

A Little Taste of Christmas
Donegal Town

Allingham Arts Festival
Ballyshannon
www.allinghamfestival.com

DECEMBER

Donegal Lapland
Inishowen



FIND YOUR ROOTS

Family history stories to amaze and inspire.

Flight of the Earls Sculpture, Rathmullan

In a county that boasts a Diaspora that has reached around the world and back again, you might find you are descended from an ancient Donegal king or a world-famous Gaelic poet. Either way, why not come and complete your family story by meeting your ancestors, visiting the place where it all began, and learn a little bit more about your Donegal history.

Local

Donegal Central Library

Oliver Plunkett St.,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 4950
Email: central@donegallibrary.ie
Website: www.donegallibrary.ie

The Donegal Central Library has an extensive collection of books, journals and other material on genealogy and family history. An excellent place to begin your Donegal family history search.

Donegal County Archives Service

Donegal County Council,
Three Rivers Centre,
Lifford,
Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 917 2490
Email: archivist@donegalcoco.ie
Website: www.donegalcoco.ie

Donegal County Archives Service holds extensive information and documentation relating to life in Donegal dating back to 16th and 17th Century.

Donegal County Museum

High Road,
Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 74 912 4613
Email: museum@donegalcoco.ie
Website: www.donegalcoco.ie

Donegal County Museum preserves and celebrates the collective memory of the county and its communities, through the preservation, display and interpretation of artefacts.

Useful Websites

www.donegaldiaspora.ie
www.westulstergenealogy.com
www.familysearch.org
www.rootsireland.com

*Events are subject to change.

**For more information, visit www.govisitdonegal.com/events

Getting Here

Driving Distances in Kilometres

Donegal to	Distances in KMS
Athlone	183
Belfast	180
Castlebar	150
Cork	402
L/Derry	69
Dublin	222
Dundalk	158
Galway	204
Kilkenny	309
Killarney	407
Larne	189
Limerick	296
Roscrea	245
Rosslare	391
Sligo	66
Tralee	408
Waterford	357



The map above illustrates the most direct routes to Donegal by car or coach.

Ferry Reservations

Dublin, Dun Laoghaire, Belfast, and Larne are served by car ferry from Britain.

Rosslare and Cork are served by car ferries from Britain and France.

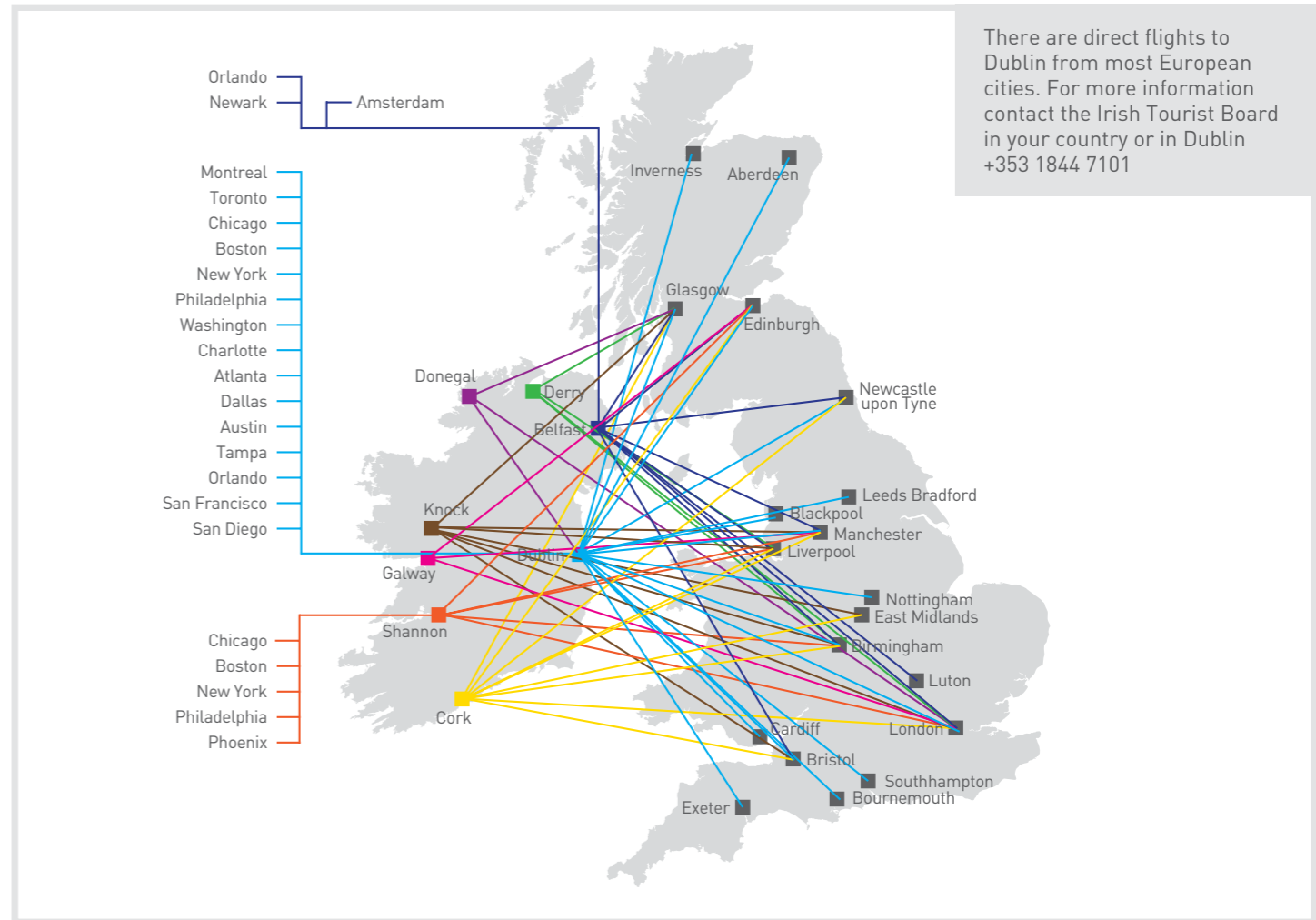
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From/To: Ireland to UK and France
From Ireland Tel: +353 21 4277 801
Web: www.brittanyferries.ie

Irish Ferries
From/To: Ireland to UK and France
From Ireland Tel: 0818 300 400
Web: www.irishferries.com

P&O European Ferries
From/To: Cairnryan - Larne
From Ireland Tel: +353 1855 7001
Web: www.poirishsea.com

Stena Line
From/To: Stranraer - Belfast
From Ireland Tel: +353 1204 7777
From UK Tel: 087 0570 7070
Web: www.stenaline.com

Car Ferries



There are direct flights to Dublin from most European cities. For more information contact the Irish Tourist Board in your country or in Dublin +353 1844 7101

Buses

Express buses serve the principal towns from Dublin and other major cities. Local bus services link towns and villages.

Bus Éireann	Web: www.buseireann.ie Tel: +353 74 912 1309 (Letterkenny)
John McGinley	Web: www.johnmcginley.com Buses to: Donegal - Dublin - Donegal Donegal - Glasgow Tel: +353 74 913 5201
Feda O'Donnell	Web: www.fedaodonnell.com Buses to: Donegal - Galway - Donegal Donegal - Glasgow - Donegal Tel: +353 74 954 8114
Patrick Gallagher Coaches	Web: www.gallagherscoaches.com Buses to: Donegal - Derry / Belfast Tel: +353 74 953 1107
Mangan Tours	Web: www.mangantours.ie Buses to: Letterkenny - West Donegal Tel: +353 74 913 5460
McGeehan Coaches	Buses to: Donegal - Dublin - Donegal Tel: +353 74 954 6150
North West Busways	Buses linking: North West Donegal, Letterkenny, Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula Tel: +353 74 938 2619

Flying to Donegal

Dublin, Shannon, Knock, Belfast, Derry and Cork are the principal international airports. Local airports with link services to Dublin and Britain are Donegal Airport, Sligo Airport, Knock Airport and Derry Airport.

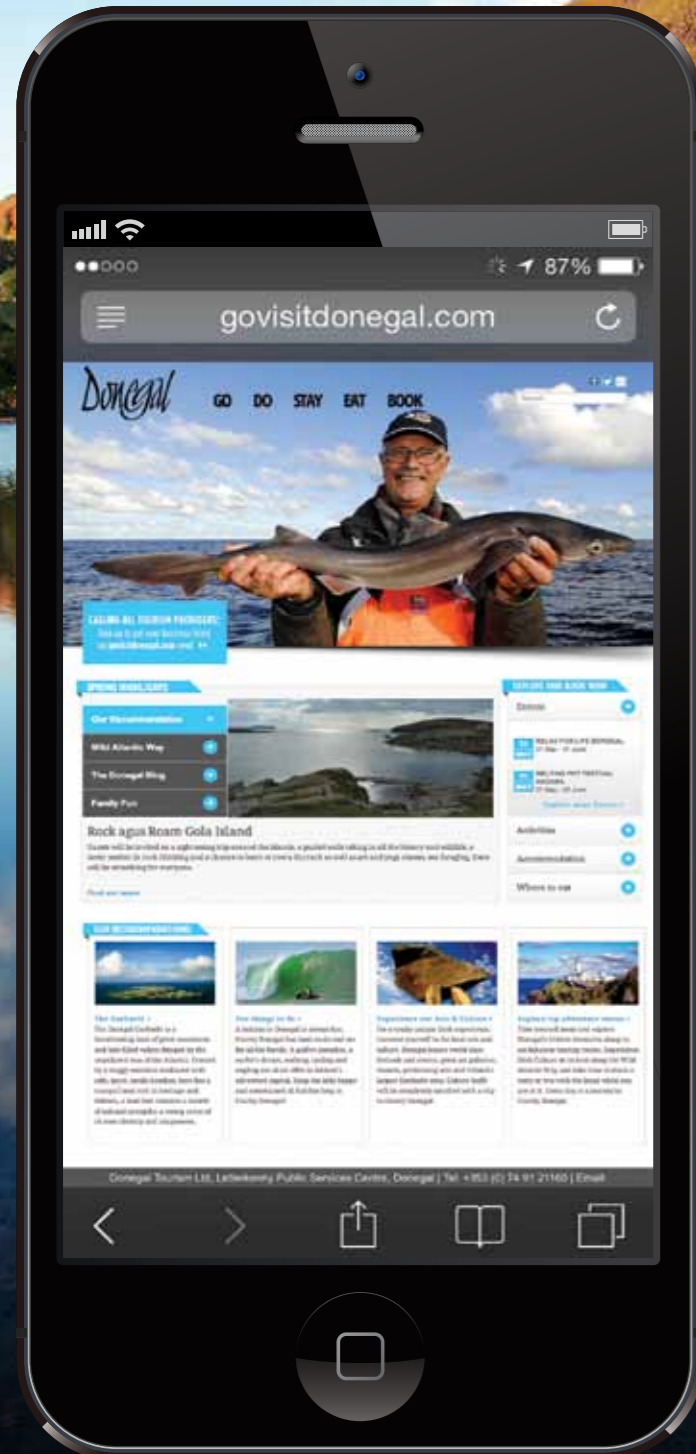
Donegal Airport	Tel: +353 74 954 8284 Web: www.donegalairport.ie
Sligo Airport	Tel: +353 71 916 8280 Web: www.sligoairport.com
Knock Airport	Tel: +353 94 936 7222 Web: www.knockairport.com
Derry Airport	Tel: +44 28 7181 0784 Web: www.derryairport.co.uk

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On the Digital Trail

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 @govisitdonegal

 www.youtube.com/govisitdonegal

If you have any queries, please email us at info@govisitdonegal.com

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Made In Donegal

www.eaf.ie

Box Office:
+353 (0)74 9120777

An Grianán Theatre,
Port Road, Letterkenny,
Co. Donegal, Ireland



Two weeks of summer music, theatre, visual arts, film, literature, circus & carnival on Ireland's North West Atlantic seaboard.

Hosted in mid July every year, The Earagail Arts Festival would like to invite you to come and experience a wealth of unforgettable events in the spectacular surroundings of County Donegal. Over the last 25 years, we have brought to this magical county some of the greatest internationally recognised artists and companies in music, theatre, visual arts, literature and outdoor spectacle. From movie screenings in forests and castles to innovative theatre, street art and circus in gardens, parks and state of the art venues, our unique programme reaches out across County Donegal, so wherever you're staying you'll be able to enjoy a feast of entertainment located in the heart of one of Ireland's most outstanding areas of natural beauty. For more information visit: www.eaf.ie



Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival



The annual Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival takes place over 10 days in late September, early October, in a host of towns, villages and rural communities throughout South and SW Donegal. Presented by Donegal County Council and supported by The Arts Council, the Festival includes touring theatre, traditional music and dance, literary events, visual arts, arts in schools, a carnival parade as well as classical and contemporary music performances.

Festival partners and venues include The Abbey Arts Centre and Erne Enterprise Development Company Ltd., Ballyshannon; The Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey; Donegal ETB Music Education Partnership, Johnny Doherty Music and Dancing Festival, Ardara; LUXE Landscape Theatre Company, Dark Daughter Productions, Discover Bundoran, Ardara Heritage Centre, Aislann Chill Chartha, Meitheal Ealaíne Ghleann Choilm Cille, Donegal Drama Circle, Cairdeas na bhFidléirí, Coiste Chultúrtha Dhún Cheann Fhaola, An Grianán Theatre and the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny.

INFORMATION:

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