





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

#### An Clúb Beag

Dungloe, Co. Donegal Indoor activity centre for toddlers & children. Tel: +353 (0)74 952 2649 www.anclubbeag.ie

#### **Archery Arcade**

Fanad, Co. Donegal
A fun safe new approach to archery.
Progress in minutes to playing the games.
All equipment provided. Corporate &
private sessions. Indoors & outdoors fun.
Tel: +353 (0)86 106 9960
www.facebook.com/archeryarcade

#### Arena 7 Etertainment Complex

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Bowling, LaserQuest, Kids Adventure Centre, Private Karaoke Bar, Restaurant, Function Rooms Tel: +353 (0)74 912 8852 www.arena7.ie

#### **Bundoran Adventure Park**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Fun for all the family, with theme rides. www.bundoranadventurepark.com

#### **Bundoran FootGolf**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal A great day out. Tel: +353 (0)71 984 2418 www.facebook.com/BundoranFootGolf

#### Castle Adventures Open Farm

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 985 2688 +353 (0)87 442 9998 www.openfarm.ie

#### **Century Play**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal A safe supervised area combined with a delicious adjoining coffee dock for parents to relax and unwind. Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1976 www.centurycinemas.ie/play.aspx

#### **Dizzy Rascals**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Children's indoor activity centre up to the age of 12. Tel: +353 (0)74 917 7731 www.dizzyrascals.town.ie

#### Dizzy's Den

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Children's indoor play area. Tel: +353 (0)71 983 3668 www.facebook.com/Dizzys-Den-271432687931

#### Doagh Famine Village

Near Ballyliffin, Inishowen, Co. Donegal Doagh Famine Village tells the story of Irish life from the Great Famine of the 1840s through until the present day. Open March - October Tel: +353 (0)74 937 8078 www.doaghfaminevillage.com

#### **Donegal Railway Heritage Centre**

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Museum telling the complete story of the narrow gauge railways of County Donegal.

Tel: +353 (0)74 972 2655 www.donegalrailway.com

#### **Errigal View Pet Farm**

Gweedore, Co. Donegal Pet farm situated behind An Chúirt Hotel. Tel: +353 (0)87 770 1144 www.errigalviewpetfarm.com

#### **Glow Bowling**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Indoor bowling alley. Tel: +353 (0)71 984 2111 www.bundoranglowbowl.ie

#### Ionad Cois Locha / Dunlewey Centre

Dunlewey, Co. Donegal Adventure & indoor play area with a boat trip around the lake. Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1699 www.dunleweycentre.com

#### Irene's Fun World

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal An exciting children's indoor activity centre.

Tel: +353 (0)74 972 5454 www.irenesfunworld.town.ie

#### Kidz Kingdom

Downings, Co. Donegal Indoor play centre. Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5586 www.magherabegholidaypark.com

#### Lurgybrack Open Farm

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Family-run animal farm. Tel: +353 (0)74 912 2683 www.lurgybrackopenfarm.town.ie

#### Marina Kids Club

An Chúirt Hotel, Gweedore, Co. Donegal Indoor soft play area. Tel: +353 (0)74 953 2900 www.gweedorecourthotel.com

#### Redcastle Leisureland

Redcastle, Inishowen, Co. Donegal One of Ireland's leading indoor fun parks, catering for children of all ages. Tel: +353 (0)74 938 2306 www.leisurelandredcastle.ie

#### **Rockhill Holiday Park & Activity Centre**

Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal Water Sports, Pirates Island & Archery Tel: +353 (0)74 915 0012 www.rockhill.ie

#### Tropical World at Alcorns

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tropical Butterfly House and Mini Zoo. Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1541 www.tropicalworld.ie

#### Wains World

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Children's indoor activity centre. Tel: +353 (0)74 932 2450 www.facebook.com/wainsplay

## Perfect for a Picnic

#### **Ards Forest Park**

Creeslough, Co. Donegal Wonderfully scenic forest park on the shores of Sheephaven Bay, with an array of activity options. Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1139 www.coillte.ie/site/ards-forest-park

#### Ballymacool Park

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Open: All year round

#### Coillte - Forest Parks

Parks and recreational areas include Ards Forest Park, Bonny Glen Wood, Drumboe, Drummonaghan, Woodquarter.

Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1139 www.coillte.ie/activity/picnic-play

#### Glenveagh National Park

Churchill, Co. Donegal Family fun throughout the year. Tel: +353 (0)76 100 2537 www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

#### Inch Wildfowl Reserve Park

Burt, Co. Donegal
Each winter the site hosts thousands
of migratory birds. The pathway
infrastructure at Inch Wildfowl Reserve
caters for outdoor recreational activities.
www.inchwildfowlreserve.ie

#### **Letterkenny Town Park**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Open: All year round

#### Oakfield Park

Raphoe, Co. Donegal A great day out and perfect for picnic. Tel: +353 (0)74 917 3068 www.oakfieldpark.com

#### Swan Park

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Open: All year round.

#### Leisure Centres

#### **Aura Leisure Complex**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 910 6422 www.auraleisure.ie/letterkenny

#### Ballyshannon Leisure Centre

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 985 2818 www.ballyshannonleisurecentre.ie

#### Finn Valley Leisure Centre

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 2053 www.finnvalleyleisurecentre.com

#### Waterworld Bundoran

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1172 www.waterworldbundoran.com

#### Cinemas

#### **Century Cinemas**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 9121976 www.centurycinemas.ie

#### **Eclipse Cinemas Bundoran**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 982 9999 www.eclipsecinemas.com

#### **Eclipse Cinemas Lifford/Strabane**

Lifford, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1973 www.eclipsecinemas.com

## Playgrounds

Donegal County Council is responsible for the management and control of 46 playgrounds throughout the county. The council works closely with local groups to manage and maintain these facilities for the local community to ensure a safe environment for children to play. Tel: +353 (0)74 915 3900 www.donegalcoco.ie/community/recreationalfacilities

## **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 (0)74 913 1093 www.ballybofeyandstranorlargolfclub.ie

#### Ballyliffin Golf Club

Glashedy, Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 937 6119 www.ballyliffingolfclub.com

#### **Bundoran Golf Club**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1302 www.bundorangolfclub.com

#### **Donegal Golf Club**

Murvagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 4054 www.donegalgolfclub.ie

#### **Dunfanaghy Golf Club**

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6335 www.dunfanaghygolfclub.com

#### **Greencastle Golf Club**

Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1013 www.greencastlegolfclub.com

#### Letterkenny Golf Club

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1150 www.letterkennygolfclub.com

#### Narin / Portnoo Golf Club

Portnoo, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 5107 www.narinportnoogolfclub.ie

#### North West Golf Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 1715 www.northwestgolfclub.com

#### Portsalon Golf Club

Fanad, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 9459 www.portsalongolfclub.com

#### Rosapenna Golf Club

Downings, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5000 www.rosapenna.ie

#### 9 HOLE COURSES

#### **Buncrana Golf Club**

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 2279 www.buncranagolfclub.com

#### **Cruit Island Golf Club**

Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 3296 www.cruitislandgolfclub.com

#### **Cloughaneely Golf Club**

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 916 5416 www.falcarraghgolfclub.ie

#### **Gweedore Golf Club**

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1140 www.gweedoregolfclub.com

#### **Otway Golf Club**

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8319 www.rathmullan.net/otway-golf-club

#### **Redcastle Golf Club**

Inishowen, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 338 5555 www.redcastlehotel.com

#### Pitch & Putt

#### **Atlantic Apartotel Pitch & Putt**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Open to residents only Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1205 www.atlanticapartotel.ie

#### Rosapenna Pitch & Putt

Downings, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5000 www.rosapenna.ie

#### Rosguill Holiday Park Pitch & Putt

Downings, Co. Donegal Open to Public July - August Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5766 www.rosguillholidaypark.com

#### Sandfield Pitch & Putt

Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1344 www.sandfieldpitchandputt.ie

#### Wild Atlantic Camp Pitch & Putt

Creeslough, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 8400 www.wildatlanticcamp.ie





Clean rivers, famous 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.

## **Angling**

#### **GAME ANGLING**

#### Assaroe Lake

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 390 3655 Salmon & Brown Trout www.fishinginireland.info

#### Crana River & Fullerton Reservoir

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)86 156 3861 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **Drowes River**

South Donegal Salmon & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1055 www.drowessalmonfishery.com

#### **Dunfanaghy Fishery**

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6208 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **Eanywater Fishery**

Inver, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1141 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **Erne Estuary**

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Salmon & Trout Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1435 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Glen River

Carrick, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1141 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Gweebara River

Lettermacaward, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1141 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Lackagh Fishery & Lough Beagh

National Glenveagh Park, Co. Donegal Sea Trout & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1141 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Lough Melvin

South Donegal Salmon & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1435 www.fishingireland.ie

#### Owenea River

Glenties, Co. Donegal Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1141 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Pettigo Lakes

Pettigo, Co. Donegal Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)71 986 1511 www.fishinginireland.info

#### River and Lough Eske

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Salmon & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 974 0781 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **Rivers Clady and Crolly**

Gweedore, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 953 2900 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **River Deele**

Convoy / Raphoe, Co. Donegal Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 914 7290 www.fishinginireland.info/trout/ loughsagency.htm

#### **River Duff**

South Donegal Salmon Fishing Tel: +353 (0)86 390 3655 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **River Finn**

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 913 2344 www.fishinginireland.info/salmon/ loughs/finn.htm

#### The Rosses Fishery

Dungloe, Co. Donegal Salmon, Sea Trout & Brown Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 952 1163 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Tullaghobegley & Ray River

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Salmon & Sea Trout Tel: +353 (0)74 913 5237 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **PUT AND TAKE FISHERIES**

#### The Meadows Trout Fishery

Rosnakill, Fanad Peninsula, Co. Donegal Rainbow Trout, Licenses & Rod Hire Tel: +353 (0)86 804 7516 www.fishinginireland.info/trout/ putandtake/Donegal.htm

#### Lough na Tooey

Creeslough, Co. Donegal Rainbow Trout www.fishinginireland.info/trout/ putandtake/Donegal.htm

#### **COARSE ANGLING**

#### **Assaroe Lake**

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Bream, Roach & Hybrids Tel: +353 (0)86 390 3655 www.fishinginireland.info

#### Pettigo Lakes

Pettigo, Co. Donegal Beam, Roach, Perch & Pike Tel: +353 (0)71 986 1511 www.fishinginireland.info

#### **SEA ANGLING**

Countywide

www.fishinginireland.info/sea/north.htm Shore Angling, Inishore Angling, Offshore or Deep Sea Angling Sea fishing in Donegal - detailed regional information for the following areas:

- North Donegal: Malin Head to Greencastle
- North East Donegal: Lough Foyle to Lough Swilly
- North West Donegal: Fanad Head to Bloody Foreland
- West Donegal: Bloody Foreland to Ardara
- Donegal Bay: Glen Bay to Mullaghmore

#### **CHARTER BOATS**

#### Assaroe Star and Nuala Star, Skipper: Paddy Byrne

Teelin, Co. Donegal Angling / Sightseeing Tours Tel: +353 (0)87 628 4688 www.sliabgleagueboattrips.com

#### Bundoran Star, Skipper: Patrick O'Doherty

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Fishing Trips Tel: +353 (0)87 419 8323 www.facebook.com/Bundoran-Star-Angling-227298310616217

#### Caitlín Marie,

Skipper: Paul McGonagle

Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal
Deep Sea Angling / Coastal Cruises
Tel: +353 (0)87 987 0266
www.saoiremara.com

#### Donna-Marie, Skipper: Paul Ricketts

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Pleasure Fishing / Deep Sea Angling Tel: +353 (0)86 609 6035 www.donegalbaycharters.com

#### Elsie Jayne, Skipper: Jim Muldowney

Arranmore Island, Co. Donegal Fishing / Sightseeing Tours Tel: +353 (0)86 330 0516 www.divearranmore.com

#### Enterprise I, Skipper: Neil Doherty

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Reef, Wreck & General Inishore Fishing Tel: +353 (0)87 248 0132 www.rathmullancharters.com

#### Golden Fleece, Skipper: James Kenny

Downings, Co. Donegal Tailor Made Fishing Experiences Tel: +353 (0)87 613 6400 www.seasthebay.ie

#### Inishowen Boating, Skippers: Derek Harley & Charlie Lafferty

Culdaff, Co. Donegal Deep Sea Angling, Wreck Fishing / Sightseeing Cruises & Trips Tel: +353 (0)86 252 2685 www.facebook.com/inishowenboating

#### Laura Dean, Skipper: Donald Cullen

Downings, Co. Donegal Angling Trips Tel: +353 (0)87 659 0264 www.mevaghdiving.com

#### Meridian, Skipper: Brian McGilloway

Killybegs, Co. Donegal Fishing Trips Tel: +353 (0)87 220 0982 www.killybegsangling.com

#### Rosquill, Skipper: Michael McVeigh

Downings, Co. Donegal Reef and Wreck Fishing Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5080 www.rosguill.com

## Swilly Explorer, Skipper: Angela Cerrand

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Reef, Wreck & General Inishore Fishing Tel: +353 (0)87 248 0132 www.rathmullancharters.com

#### Tor Mór, Skipper: Donal MacMenamin

Portnoo / Rosbeg Fishing Trips Tel: +353 (0)87 254 8514 www.fishinginireland.info/charterboats/ donegal.htm



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 (0)87 628 5565 www.adventureone.net

#### 2. Bundoran Surf Company

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1968 www.bundoransurfco.com

#### 3. Donegal Adventure Centre

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 2418 www.donegaladventurecentre.net

#### 4. Fin McCool Surf School

Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 985 9020 www.finmccoolsurfschool.com

#### 5. Inishowen Surf School

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 777 3323 www.inishowensurfschool.com

#### 6. Jaws Watersports

Downings, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 237 1152 www.jawswatersports.ie

#### 7. Jaws Watersports

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 173 5109 www.jawswatersports.ie

#### 8. Murf's Surf School

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 151 4924 www.murfssurfschool.com

#### 9. Narosa Surf School

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 910 0565 www.narosalife.com

#### 10. Rossnowlagh Surf School

Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)83 185 5164 www.rossnowlaghsurfschool.com

#### 11. Surfworld

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1223 www.surfworld.ie

#### 12. Turf 'N' Surf

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1091 www.turfnsurf.ie

#### 13. Wild Atlantic Surf School

Dooey Beach, Dungloe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 199 7995 www.facebook.com/wildatlanticsurfschool

#### 14. Donegal Kite Surf School

Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 061 8475 www.donegalkitesurfschool.ie



<sup>\*</sup> Please note, not all surfing beaches are suitable for bathing / Irish Water Safety www.iws.ie



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.

Coastal Walk

Upland Hiking Trail

Family Walk

● National Park & Woodland Walk

Lake & River Walk

#### ARD NA MONA WOOD 🔵 🔵 Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 25min Nearest Town: Donegal Town National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### ARDS FOREST PARK -BINNGORM TRAIL

Looped Trail Length: 3.5km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### ARDS FOREST PARK -**GREEN TRAIL**

Looped Trail Length: 3.5km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 4. ARDS FOREST PARK -HERITAGE TRAIL

Looped Trail Length: 5km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 5. ARDS FOREST PARK -

MARINE TRAIL Looped Trail

Length: 2.5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 6. ARDS FOREST PARK -NATURE TRAIL

Looped Trail

Length: 1.5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

## 7. ARDS FOREST PARK -

RED TRAIL

Looped Trail Length: 1.5km, Time: 4hr Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

## 8. ARDS FOREST PARK -

SALT MARSH TRAIL Linear Trail Length: 0.5km, Time: 12min Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 9. ARDS FOREST PARK -

SAND DUNE TRAIL

Linear Trail

Length: 1km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 10. ARDS FOREST PARK -YELLOW TRAIL

Looped Trail

Length: 4km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Creeslough Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 11. BALLYARE WOODLAND WALK



Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Ramelton National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 12. BALLYKEERAN FOREST TRAIL



Looped Trail

Length: 1.5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Kilmacrennan Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 13. BLOODY FORELAND WALK

Linear Trail

Length: 8km, Time: 3hr Nearest Town: Derrybeg National Waymarked Way

#### 14. BLUESTACK WAY

Linear Trail

Length: 65km, Time: 3 Days Nearest Town: Donegal Town National Waymarked Way

## 15. BONNY GLEN WOOD -

#### **BONNY GLEN WALK**

Looped Trail

Length: 1km, Time: 40min Nearest Town: Glenties Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 16. BONNY GLEN WOOD -

#### LOUGH NAMANLAGH TRAIL

Linear Trail

Length: 3km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Glenties Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 17. BUNDORAN TOWN WALKS



Looped Trail Length: 7km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Bundoran

Local Walk

#### 18. BUNCRANA HERITAGE WALK SWAN PARK

#### \*CURRENLY UNDER REPAIR

Linear Trail

Nearest Town: Buncrana

Local Walk

#### 19. BUNCRANA SHORE PATH



Linear Trail Length: 2.3km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Buncrana

Local Walk

#### 20. BUNCRANA SLÍ 🔵 🗶



Looped Trail Nearest Town: Buncrana Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 21. BURTONPORT LOOPS -LÚB CHEANN BHAILE CRUAICHE



Looped Trail

Length: 7km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Burtonport Local Walk

22. BURTONPORT LOOPS -

#### LÚB CHROICHEACH MHÓR

Looped Trail

Length: 5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Burtonport

Local Walk

#### 23. BURTONPORT OLD RAILWAY **WALK CREESLOUGH TO**

#### FALCARRAGH

Linear Trail

Length: 8km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Falcarragh

Local Walk

#### 24. BUTLER'S GLEN LOOP



Looped Trail

Length: 10.5km, Time: 2-3hr Nearest Town: Clonmany National Loop Walk

#### 25. CARNDONAGH SLÍ



Nearest Town: Carndonagh Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 26. COPE MOUNTAIN WALK



Looped Trail Length: 5km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Dungloe

Local Walk / River Walk

#### 27. CORAVADDY WOODS

Looped Trail

Length: 4km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Outside Letterkenny

Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 28. COSÁN COLMCILLE



Looped Trail Length: 7km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Milford

Local Walk

#### 29. CREEVY SHORE PATH



Linear Trail

Length: 10km, Time: 2-3hrs Nearest Town: Ballyshannon

Local Walk

#### 30. CROLLY-

#### LÚB AN CHLOCHAIN BHIG

Looped Trail

Length: 6.3km, Time: 1hr 50min Nearest Town: Crolly

Link to National Waymarked Way

#### 31. CROLLY - LUB LOCH NA CAILLÍ

Looped Trail

Length: 5km, Time: 1hr 46min Nearest Town: Crolly

Link to National Waymarked Way

#### 32. CROLLY-

#### SIULÓID COIS AN GHAOTH

Linear Trail

Length: 0.75km, Time: 15min

Nearest Town: Crolly

Link to National Waymarked Way

#### 33. CULDAFF SLÍ

Linear Trail

Length: 3.4km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Culdaff Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 34. DOOCHARY - FINTOWN



Linear Trail

Length: 9km, Time: 3hr

Nearest Town: Doochary / Fintown

Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 35. DRUMBOE - LOOP TRAIL 🔵 🔵 🔵



Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Stranorlar Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 36. DRUMBOE - MULTI-ACCESS



Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Stranorlar Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 37. DRUMBOE - NATURE TRAIL





Looped Trail Length 2km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Stranorlar Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 38. DRUMHARRIFF - FOREST STROLL



Looped Trail Length: 1.5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Pettigo Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 39. DRUMMONAGHAN 🛑 🛑



Linear Trail

Length: 1km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Ramelton Coillte Recreation Trails

#### 40. DUNGLOE RIVER WALK -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL 🔵

Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 40min Nearest Town: Dungloe Link to National Waymarked Way

#### 41. FORT DUNREE



Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 45min Nearest Town: North of Buncrana Local Walk

#### 42. GLENCOLMCILLE - DRUM LOOP

Looped Trail

Length: 13km, Time: 4hr Nearest Town: Glencolmcille National Loop Walk

## WALKING & HIKING

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

#### 43. GLENCOLMCILLE - TOWER LOOP

Looped Trail

Length: 10km, Time: 3hr Nearest Town: Glencolmcille

National Loop Walk

#### 44. GLENEVIN WATERFALL WALK

#### \*CURRENLY UNDER REPAIR

Linear Trail

Length: 1km, Time: 45min Nearest Town: Clonmany Local River / River Walk

#### **45. GLENVEAGH - LAKESIDE WALK**



Linear Trail

Length: 3.5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 46. GLENVEAGH -**DERRYLAHAN NATURE TRAIL**



Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 45min Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 47. GLENVEAGH -

#### THE GARDEN TRAIL



Length: 1km, Time: 35min Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 48. GLENVEAGH -

#### VIEW POINT TRAIL

Looped Trail

Length: 1km, Time: 35min Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 49. GLENVEAGH -

#### GLEN (BRIDLE PATH) WALK

Linear Trail

Length: 8km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 50. GLENVEAGH -

#### LOUGH INSHAGH WALK



Length: 7km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Churchill National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 51. INCH WILDFOWL RESERVE



Looped Trail

Length: 8km, Time: 2hr 30min Nearest Town: Burnfoot

National Parks & Wildlife Service

#### 52. INISHOWEN HEAD LOOP



Looped Trail

Length: 8km, Time: 2hr 30min Nearest Town: Greencastle National Loop Walk

#### 53. LENAN LOOP O





Looped Trail Length: 1.5km, Time: 45min Nearest Town: Clonmany National Loop Walk

#### 54. LETTERKENNY SLÍ



Linear Trail Length: 2.7km, Time: 45min Nearest Town: Letterkenny Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 55. LIFFORD SLÍ



Length: 3km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Lifford Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 56. LOCH CHONAILL RAILWAY WALK



Linear Trail

Length: 2.2km, Time: 35min Nearest Town: Loughanure Local Walk

#### 57. LOCH EACHNAIS (PART OF SLÍ **NA ROSSAN & BEALACH NA**

#### GAELTACHTA)

Linear Trail

Length: 4km, Time: up to 1hr Nearest Town: Maghery Local Walk

#### 58. LOUGH DERG PILGRIM PATH

Looped Trail

Length: 9km, Time: 2hr Nearest Town: Pettigo Pilgrim Path

#### 59. LÚB CHEANN BHAILE CRUAICHE / BURTONPORT LOOPS

Looped Trail

Length: 7km, Time: 1hr 30min Nearest Town: Burtonport Local Walk

#### 60. LÚB CHROICHEACH MHÓR

Looped Trail

Length: 5km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Burtonport Local Walk

#### 61. MALIN HEAD O



Linear Trail

Length: 1.5km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Malin Local Walk

#### 62. MCSWYNNE'S GUN LOOP



Looped Trail Length: 10km, Time: 3-4hr Nearest Town: Dunfanaghy Local Walk / National Parks &

Wildlife Service

#### 63. MILFORD SLÍ

Looped Trail Length: 3.7km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Milford Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 64. MOVILLE SLÍ 🔵 🗶



Linear Trail Length: 4km, Time: 40min Nearest Town: Moville Slí Na Sláinte Walking Routes

#### 65. MUCKISH – LÚB AN IARNROD

Looped Trail

Length: 2km, Time: 35min Nearest Town: Creeslough National Loop Walk

#### 66. MUCKISH - LÚB LOCH ACHAIR

Looped Trail

Length: 9km, Time: 2hr 30min Nearest Town: Creeslough National Loop Walk

#### 67. MUCKISH – LÚB LOCH NA MBOLL

Looped Trail

Length: 4km, Time: 1hr 10min Nearest Town: Creeslough National Loop Walk

## **68. SIULÓID AN SEAN BHOTHAR**

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Linear Trail Length: 4km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Burtonport Local Walk

#### 69. SLÍ AN EARAGAIL -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

Looped Trail

Length: 77km, Time: N/A Nearest Town: Derrybeg National Waymarked Way

#### 70. SLÍ ARANN MHÓR (ARRANMORE ISLAND) - SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

Looped Trail

Length: 14km, Time: 5hrs Nearest Town: Burtonport National Waymarked Way

#### 71. SLÍ CHOLMCILLE -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL 🔵 🔴

Looped Trail

Length: 65km, Time: N/A Nearest Town: Ardara National Waymarked Way

#### 72. SLÍ GHABHLA (GOLA ISLAND) -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

Looped Trail

Length: 4km, Time: 1hr 30min

Nearest Town: Bunbeg National Waymarked Way

#### 73. SLÍ NA FINNE -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

Looped Trail

Length: 51km, Time: 2 Days Nearest Town: Fintown National Waymarked Way

#### 74. SLÍ NA ROSSAN -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

Looped Trail Length: 65km, Time: N/A Nearest Town: Dungloe

National Waymarked Way

#### 75. SLÍ THORAÍ (TORY ISLAND) -SLÍ DHÚN NA NGALL

2 Loops Trail

Length: 12km, Time: 4hr Nearest Town: West Town on island/Falcarragh or Bunbeg on

mainland

National Waymarked Way

#### 76. SLIABH LIAG PILGRIM PATH 🔵 🛑

Linear Trail

Length: 2.8km, Time: 1hr 30min

Nearest Town: Carrick

Pilgrim Path

#### 77. THE GAP TRAIL

Linear Trail

Length: 2.8km, Time: 1hr Nearest Town: Glenties / Ardara Local Walk

#### 78. TRUSK LOUGH

Looped Trail

Length: 14km, Time: 3-4hrs Nearest Town: Ballybofey

Local Walk

#### 79. URRIS LAKES LOOP

Looped Trail

Length: 6.5km, Time: 2-3hrs Nearest Town: Clonmany

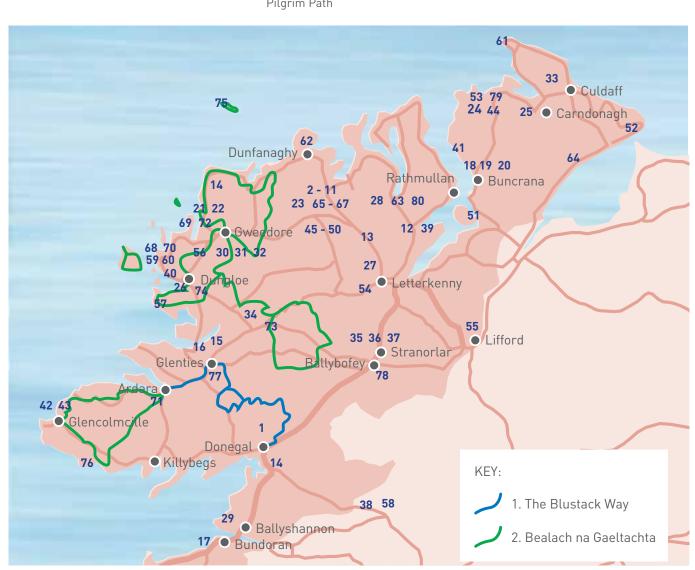
Local Walk

#### 80. WOODQUARTER - FOREST TRAIL



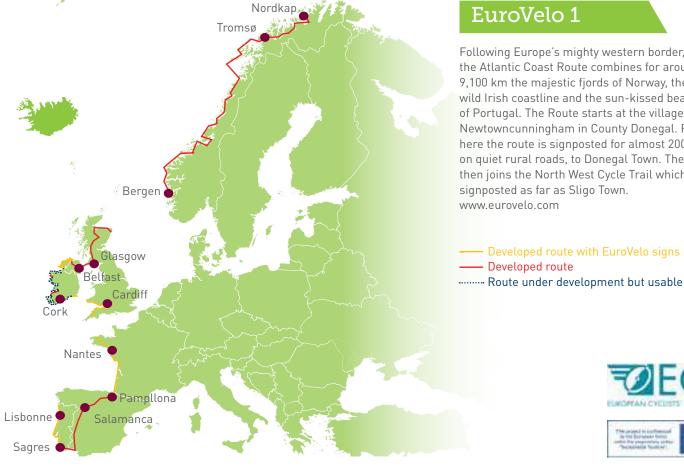
Looped Trail

Length: 1.5km, Time: 30min Nearest Town: Milford Coillte Recreation Trails



- Coastal Walk
- Upland Hiking Trail
- Family Walk
- National Park & Woodland Walk
- Lake & River Walk





Following Europe's mighty western border, the Atlantic Coast Route combines for around 9,100 km the majestic fjords of Norway, the wild Irish coastline and the sun-kissed beaches of Portugal. The Route starts at the village of Newtowncunningham in County Donegal. From here the route is signposted for almost 200km on quiet rural roads, to Donegal Town. The route then joins the North West Cycle Trail which is signposted as far as Sligo Town.

Developed route with EuroVelo signs





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 Cycle 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

Under 200km long, primarily on scenic rural roads. Part of EuroVelo 1. www.donegalcycleroute.ie

#### 2. Inis Eoghain Cycleway

A 55km circular cycle route connecting Lough Swilly in Donegal to the River Foyle in Derry.

www.govisitdonegal.com

#### 3. North West Cycle Trail

A 326km circular cycle route through counties Donegal, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Leitrim and Sligo in the North West of Ireland.

www.govisitdonegal.com

#### 4. Kingfisher Cycle Trail

The Kingfisher Cycle Trail (480km) was the first long distance cycle trail in Ireland. It's the ideal choice for all levels of Cyclist.

www.irishtrails.ie

#### 5. Ballyshannon Cycle Hub - Loop 1 & 2

These shorter cycle routes will take you on a tour of the spectacular coastal scenery of Ballyshannon and Bundoran in Co. Donegal. Cycle Loop 1 - 39km; Cycle Loop 2 - 36km. www.irishtrails.ie

## Bike Hire and Tours

#### 6. Border Bikes

Bridgend, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 6497 www.borderbikes.ie

#### 7. Cycle Inishowen

Carndonagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 972 2532 www.cycleinishowen.com

#### 8. Don Byrne Bikes

Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1658 www.dornbyrnebikes.com

#### 9. Grassroutes

Termon, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 911 9988 Glenveagh National Park Tel: +353 (0)87 665 5599 Arranmore Island Donegal Town www.grassroutes.ie

#### 10. Ireland by Bike Ltd.

Carrick, Co. Donegal Tel. +353 (0)87 211 8638 www.irelandbybike.com

#### 11. The Bike Stop

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)85 248 8317 www.thebikestop.ie

#### 12. Wild Atlantic Cycles

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 972 3513 www.wildatlanticcycles.com





Whether it's Kayaking, Deep-Sea-Diving or Rock Climbing, 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 (0)86 888 8041 www.castlefinkarting.com

#### Donegal Adventure Centre

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Surfing, Kayaking, Archery, Skateboarding, Abseiling & Body Training Tel: +353 (0)71 984 2418 www.donegaladventurecentre.net

#### Donegal Airsoft

Newtowncunningham, Co. Donegal Indoor Airsoft, Archery & Crazy Golf Tel: +353 (0)74 910 8971 www.donegalairsoft.com

#### **Extreme Adventure**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Paintball, Raft Building & Mud Runs Tel: +353 (0)74 912 8086 www.extremeadventure.ie

#### Far and Wild

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## Gartan Outdoor Education & Training Centre

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#### **Inish Adventures**

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#### Inishowen Quad Safari

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#### **Letterkenny Activity Centre**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Airsoft, Karting & Archery Tel: +353 (0)74 912 9077 www.lkactivitycentre.com

#### Letterkenny Paintball

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Paintballing Games Tel: +353 (0)74 912 8086 www.letterkennypaintball.town.ie

#### **Maghery Coastal Adventures**

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#### mng.ie

A bilingual company delivering business mentoring retreats and cultural experience based packages. Tel: +353 (0)83 123 0529 www.mng.ie

#### **Mulroy Clay Pigeon Shooting**

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#### **True North Bike Tours**

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#### **Wild Atlantic Adventure Centre**

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## Angling Holidays

#### **Donegal Angling Holidays**

Countywide

Online booking service for angling holidays in Donegal. Donegal Angling Holidays work closely with fishery owners, angling businesses and visitor accommodations to provide their customers with a wide choice of angling. This encompasses some of the very best fishing found anywhere in the world, including the wild atlantic salmon, wild sea trout and brown trout, and up to forty species of marine fish ranging from mackerel to shark.

www.donegalanglingholidays.com

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Inishowen, Instructor: Bren Whelan Rock Climbing and Hill Walking, Mountain Training, Mountain Skills, Abseiling, Mountain Leadership Tel: +353 (0)87 665 7790 www.donegalclimbing.ie

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## Golf Holidays

#### **Green Golf Travel**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
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Tel: +353 (0)86 362 8138 www.greengolftravel.com



### **Walking Tours**

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#### Walking Donegal

Guide: Seamus Doohan
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which can be tailored to suit your
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Tel: +353 (0)74 916 5443 www.walkingdonegal.net

#### Ireland By Bike

Self-guided walking/hiking tours around the Sliabh Liag area. Tel: +353 (0)87 211 8638 www.irelandbybike.com/tours/walkinghiking

#### **Malin Head Walking Tours**

Guide: Bren Whelan

Discover the rich historical and cultural past at Ireland's most northerly point during a walking tour which will unlock the secrets of this truly iconic Donegal landmark.

Tel: +353 (0)87 665 7790 www.malinhead.ie

## Diving

#### **Dive Arranmore**

Arranmore Island Tel: +353 (0)86 330 0516 www.divearranmore.com

#### DivinDec Scuba Dive School

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Scuba Dive Training & Education Centre Tel: +353 (0)87 287 6372 www.divindec.com

#### Donegal Bay Sub Aqua Club

Co. Donegal Scuba Diving www.facebook.com/ donegalbaysubaquaclubsandr/

#### Inishowen Sub Aqua Club

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Spectacular dive sites around the North West Donegal coastline Tel: +353 (0)87 619 7591 www.inishowensubaqua.weebly.com

#### **Mevagh Dive Centre**

Carrigart, Co. Donegal Scuba Diving, Wreck Diving & Diving Courses Tel: +353 (0)74 915 4708

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#### **Rosguill Charters**

Downings, Co. Donegal Scenic/Wreck Diving & Sea Angling Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5080 www.rosquill.com

#### Sheephaven Sub Aqua Club

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Organised dives every Saturday morning 52 weeks of the year. Snorkel outs from Portnablagh on Sunday mornings during the winter months Tel: +353 (0)87 981 9120 www.facebook.com/ sheephavensubaguaclub/?ref=br rs

#### **The Dive Centre**

Tory Island, Co. Donegal Sheep wreck diving Tel: +353 (0)74 913 5920 www.hoteltory.com

## Watersports

#### **Donegal Fun Adventure**

Creevy Pier, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Sea Kayaking Tel: +353 (0)87 792 0302 www.creevyexperience.com

#### **Donegal Kitesurf School**

Co. Donegal Kite Surf & Kite Buggy Tel: +353 (0)86 061 8475 www.donegalkitesurfschool.ie

#### **Donegal Sea Kayaking**

Fanad Peninsula, Co. Donegal Sea Kayaking Tours & Kayak Hire Tel: +353 (0)86 313 0523 www.donegalseakayaking.com

#### Jaws Water Sports

Dunfanaghy/Downings, Co. Donegal Surfing, Windsurfing, Sea Kayaking, Kite Surfing, Sailing & Paddle Boarding Tel: Dunfanaghy +353 (0)86 173 5109 Downings +353 (0)87 237 1152 www.jawswatersports.ie

#### Rapid Kayaking

Annagry, Co. Donegal Kayaking & Open Canoeing Tel: +353 (0)86 151 0979 www.rapidkayaking.com

## Rathmullan Sailing & Watersports School

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Sailing, Kayaking & Courses Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8724 www.rathmullansailing.com

#### Selkie Sailing

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal Sailing, Kayaking, Boat Handling, Watersports Activities Tel: +353 (0)86 222 3328 www.selkiesailing.com

## **Boat Trips**

#### **Donegal Bay Waterbus**

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Cruise around Donegal Bay Tel: +353 (0)74 972 3666 www.donegalbaywaterbus.com

#### **Donegal Bay Charters**

Filming & Media, Survey & Monitoring, Ecotours Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

Tel: +353 (0)86 609 6032 www.donegalbaycharters.com

#### Donegal Charters

Lough Foyle to Donegal Bay Boat Charter Service - Filming & Media Survey & Monitoring, Ecotours Tel: +353 (0)87 221 4986 www.donegalcharters.com

#### Malin Mara - Marine Life Surveys

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Kincasslagh, Co. Donegal Fishing, Sightseeing / Cruising Tel: +353 (0)87 987 0266 www.saoiremara.com

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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 saddle of your horse enjoy a different perspective on the landscape. Listen to the sounds of nature, the crashing of the waves, delight in the colours of the wild flowers and enjoy an exhilarating equestrian experience which will leave you wondering why you never tried it before.

## Equestrian Centres

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#### **Carrigart Horse Riding Centre**

Carrigart, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 227 6926 www.govisitdonegal.com AIRE Approved

#### **Cooley Equestrian Centre**

Moville, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 063 3487 www.cooleyequestriancentre.com AIRE Approved

#### Deane's Equestrian Centre

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#### **Donegal Equestrian Centre**

Bundoran, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1977 www.donegalequestriancentre.com AIRE Approved

#### **Dunfanaghy Stables Ltd.**

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#### **Greenacres Equestrian Centre**

Convoy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 7541 +353 (0)86 894 7929 www.govisitdonegal.com AIRE Approved

#### **Lenamore Stables**

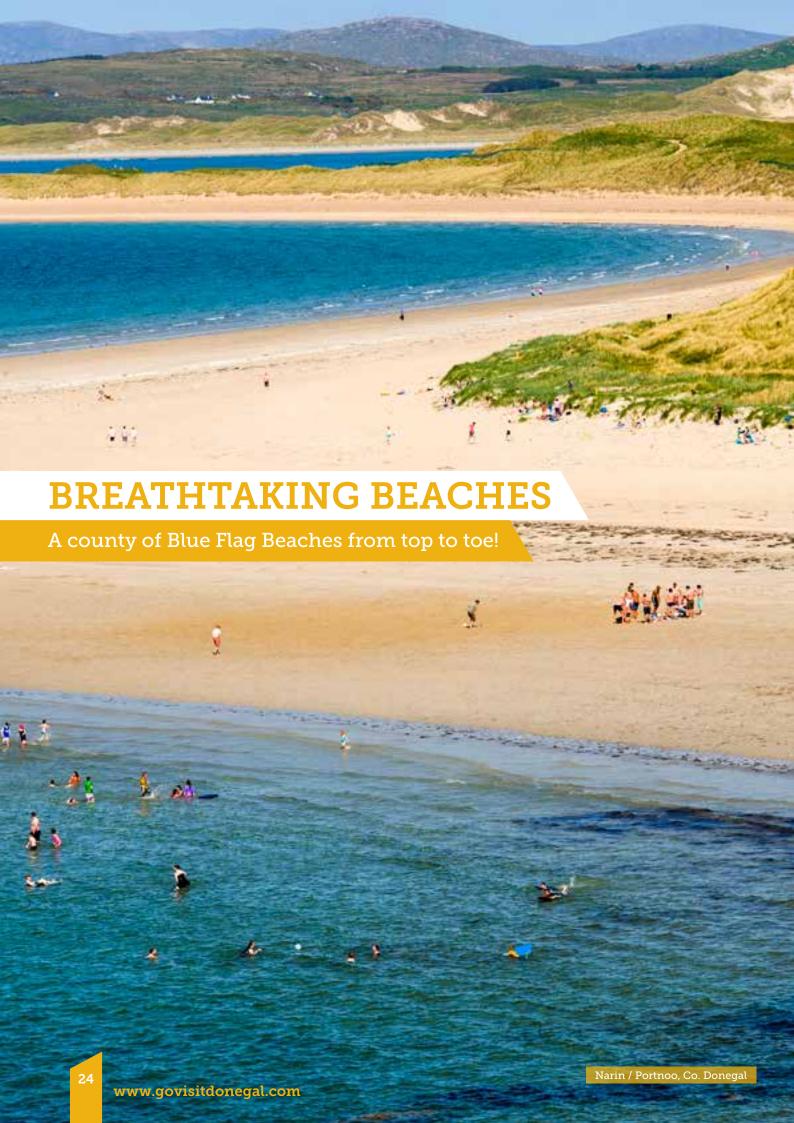
Muff, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 4022 www.lenamorestables.com AIRE Approved

#### **Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre**

Clonmany, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 720 4150 www.tullaghbayequestrian.ie AIRE Approved

Association of Irish Riding Establishments (AIRE): www.aire.ie





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. Fintra Beach

Killybegs, Co. Donegal

#### 6. Killahoey Beach

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

#### 7. Marble Hill Strand

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

#### 8. Murvagh Beach

Laghey, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal

#### 9. Narin Beach

Dunmore Head, Portnoo, Co. Donegal

#### 10. Portsalon Beach

Portsalon, Co. Donegal

#### 11. Rossnowlagh Beach

Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal

#### 12. Stroove Beach

Stroove (Shrove), Co. Donegal

#### 13. Greencastle Marina

Greencastle, Co. Donegal

### **Green Coast**

#### 14. Ballyhernan

Approx 4km south of Fanad Head

#### 15. Dooey Beach

Approx 13km south of Dungloe

#### 16. Drumatinney

Approx 3km north of Falcarragh

#### 17. Magheraroarty

Approx 5km west of Gortahork

#### 18. Port Arthur

Approx 5km north of Derrybeg



- \* Lifeguarded beaches (July+August): Bundoran, Rossnowlagh, Murvagh (near Donegal Town), Fintra (near Killibegs), Narin, Carrickfinn (beside Donegal Airport), Marblehill (near Dunfanaghy), Downings, Magherawarden (near Portsalon), Rathmullan, Culdaff, Lisfannon (near Buncranna), Stroove (near Greencastle), Killahoey (near Dunfanaghy)
- \* Beach Wheelchairs available for use on Rathmullan Beach, Downings Beach and Carrickfinn Beach please enquire locally
- \* Designated bathing season in Ireland from June 1 to September 15. Check out also: www.beaches.ie | www.iws.ie
- \* Blue Flag and Green Coast Beaches designated at time of publication: www.blueflagireland.org | www.cleancoasts.org



## 1. 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 Buncrana. 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.

## 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 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.



## 4. 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, Teelin, is a rich source of information on the area and its archaeological heritage.

## 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.





## 6. Donegal Bay Waterbus

## Cruise around Donegal Bay

The most enjoyable way to explore the highlights of Donegal Bay is on a 75min 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-along 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.



## 7. Glenveagh National Park

## Look out for golden eagles

The largest track 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. 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, Inishdooey and Inishbeg.



## 9. 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.



## 10. 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.

## 11. Donegal Islands

## A get-away-from-it all

Donegal's islands offer something special: a get-away-from-it all, a feeling of being somewhere unlike anywhere else in the world.

The inhabited islands have ferry services from various ports on mainland Donegal and some of the small craft operators will take passengers to the uninhabited islands.

The reasons to visit any the Islands are innumerable, be it rock climbing, bird watching, getting in touch with nature or visiting a well preserved traditional culture. Whatever the case may be, a unique and spirited adventure awaits you!



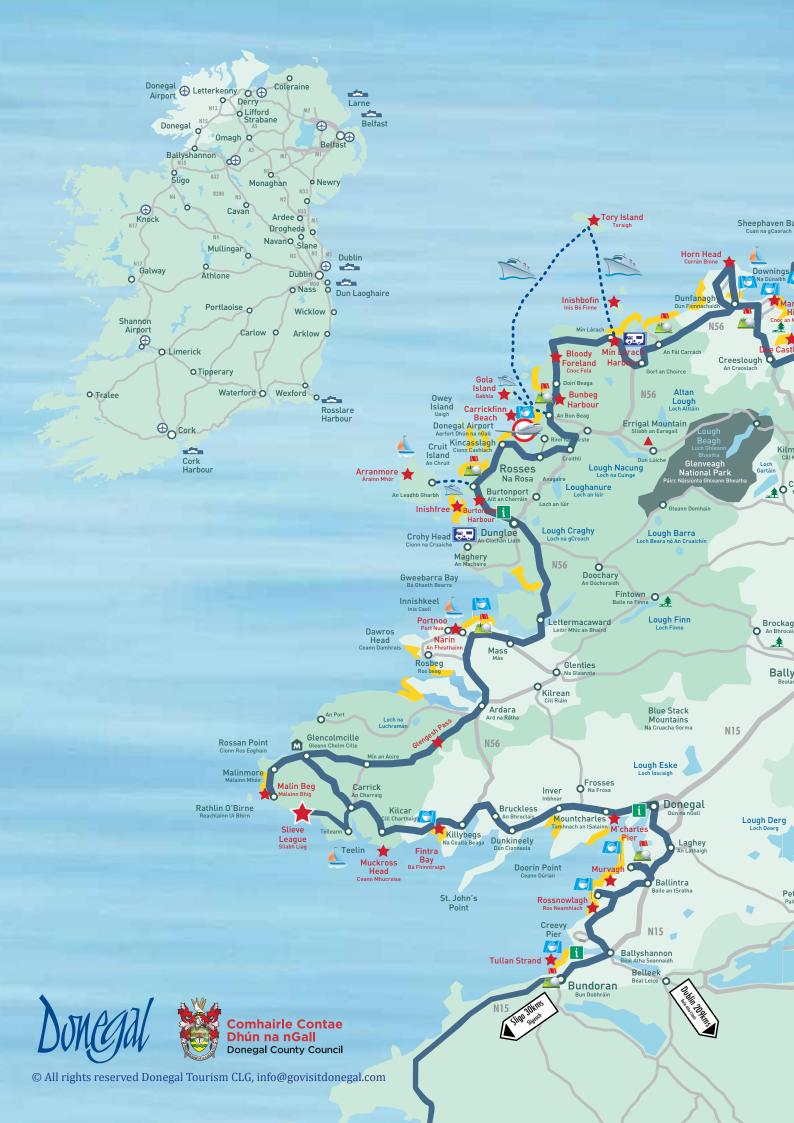


## 12. Oakfield Park

## Secret jewel in the Heart of Donegal

Oakfield Park is referred to as the Secret Jewel in the Heart of Donegal. If you are looking for somewhere to entertain the whole family for the day – then Oakfield Park is the perfect place for an adventure.

It is set in 100 acres of magnificent parkland, woodlands and gardens near the town of Raphoe. This beautifully restored house is set in a lush landscape of parklands and mature woodlands, overlooking the distant Croaghan Mountain. The grounds include walled gardens, ponds, lakes, a lakeside Nymphaeum, heritage trees, sculptures, extensive walks and trails and a 4.5km narrow gauge railway with trains operating passenger trips each day. An adventure not to be missed.



## www.govisitdonegal.com



# Donegal Bay Drive

Donegal Bay has 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.



 $\begin{array}{l} {\sf Bundoran} \to {\sf Ballyshannon} \to {\sf Creevy\ Pier} \to {\sf Rossnowlagh} \to {\sf Murvagh} \to {\sf Lough\ Derg\ \&\ Pettigo} \to {\sf Donegal\ Town} \to \\ {\sf Mountcharles} \to {\sf Inver} \to {\sf Dunkineely} \to {\sf Bruckless} \to {\sf Killybegs} \to {\sf Kilcar} \to {\sf Carrick} \to {\sf Teelin} \to {\sf Malin\ Beg} \to {\sf Malinmore} \to \\ {\sf Glencolmcille} \to {\sf Glengesh\ Pass} \to {\sf Ardara\ and\ return}. \end{array}$ 

#### **Touring Highlights**

#### BUNDORAN

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

- EU Blue Flag Beach
- Game Angling Centre
- Surfing
- Waterworld
- Bundoran Seaweed Baths

#### **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
- Abbey Arts Centre Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1375
- Leisure Centre Tel: +353 (0)71 985 2818
- Donegal Brewing Company Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1371
- Ballyshannon District Museum Tel: +353 (0)87 193 7166

#### CREEVY

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

- Angling
- Creevy Experience
   www.creevyexperience.com
- Kilbarron Castle

#### ROSSNOWLAGH

Set in a 4km crescent of golden sand, it is popular for all kinds of water sports, board sailing, surfing and water skiing.
• Franciscan Friary & Museum

- Franciscan Friary & Museum Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1342
- EU Blue Flag Beach
- Surfing / Board Sailing

#### MURVAGH

This town land 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 village on the edge of Counties Donegal (ROI) and Fermanagh (NI) ideal for walking and angling. The Island of Lough Derg attracts over 30,000 annually and is a popular catholic pilgrimage site. Tel: +353 (0)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 Tel: +353 (0)74 972 2405
- Donegal Craft Village Tel: +353 (0)74 972 5928
- Waterbus Donegal Town
- Tel: +353 (0)74 972 3666

   Tourist Office
  Tel: +353 (0)74 972 1415

#### **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 Tel: +353 (0)74 973 5387

#### 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
- St. John's Point Lighthouse Self catering accommodation Tel: +353 (0)1 670 4733

#### BRUCKLESS

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

• Deanes Equestrian Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 973 7160

#### **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 SlabNational Blue Flag Beach
- Fintragh Bay
- Killybegs International Carpet Making & Fishing Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 974 1944
- Killybegs Information Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 973 2346

#### KILCAR & CARRICK

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

• Studio Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 8194

#### 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
- Sliabh Liag Boat Trips Tel: +353 (0)87 628 4688
- Slieve League Cultural Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 973 9077

#### 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 Tel: +353 (0)74 973 0248
- Glencolmcille Folk Village Tel: +353 (0)74 973 0017

#### 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.



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.



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

#### **Touring Highlights**

#### ARDARA

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

- Donegal Designer Makers Shop Tel: +353 (0)87 102 3100
- Sandfield Pitch N' Putt Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1344
- Stephen Bennett Artist -A professional fine art painter based in Ardara. Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1652
- Triona Design Family run shop specialising in Donegal Tweeds Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1422

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

#### NARIN / PORTNOO cont.

dolmen centre and a Blue Flag Beach. Twin resort towns with magnificent

- Blue Flag Beach
- Narin / Portnoo Golf Club Tel: +353 (0)74 954 5107

#### **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 Kilcloonev church lies this magnificent site, composed by two dolmens within the remains of a 25m (82ft) long cairn.

• Dolmen Centre - Kilclooney The Dolmen Centre provides a new experience for visitors to the area with a Field Study Room containing displays, an Activity Room for sports, a Multi-functional hall, and a Tourist Information Point and Craft Shop. Tel: +353 (0)74 914 5010

#### **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.

Tel: +353 (0)74 954 6280 www.fintownrailway.com

#### **BALLYBOFEY / STRANORLAR**

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

- Game Angling Centre
- Balor Arts Theatre Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1840

#### BALLYBOFEY / STRANORLAR cont.

- McElhinnevs Department Store Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1217 www.mcelhinneys.ie
- 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. Follow the Lough Eske drive, try some trout angling.
• Ardnamona Wood

- The Famine Pot
- Scenic Route





## 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 highest peak - Errigal and the glorious Glenveagh National Park in the Derryveagh Mountains are the major features on this drive.



#### **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 (0)74 952 2198
- Tourist Office
- Tel: +353 (0)74 952 1297 • Game Angling Centre
- Ionad Teampall Croine
- Library
- Tel: +353 (0)74 952 2124
- Aire de Service Point at Maghery Community Centre

#### BURTONPORT

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

- Arranmore Ferry (blue ferry) Tel: +353 (0)87 317 1810
- Arranmore Car & Passenger Ferry Service (red ferry) Tel: +353 (0)74 954 2233 +353 (0)74 952 0532

#### **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.

• Golf

#### 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 Tel: +353 (0)74 954 8284 +353 (0)74 954 8232

#### ANNAGRY / CROLLY

Annagry is a beautiful village situated in the heart of the Irish speaking Rosses. Crolly is home to the famous singing group's 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 Tavern Tel: +353 (0)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
- Beach BunbegCraft Shops Derrybeg

#### GWEEDORE / BUNBEG / DERRYBEG cont.

- Tory Island Ferry ferry service from the harbour of Bunbeg and Magherroarty to Tory Island Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1320 +353 (0)74 953 1340
- Gola Ferry Service ferry trips to Gola Island Tel: +353 (0)87 224 5881

#### **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 (0)74 953 2208

#### MEENLARAGH

Gaeltacht village with ferry service to Tory Island. Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1320

+353 (0)74 953 1340

· Aire de Service Point at Magheraroarty Beach

#### 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 / Dunlewey Centre Tel: +353 (0)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 (0)76 100 2537

#### 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 (0)74 913 7306
- Gartan Outdoor Education Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7032
- Glebe Gallery Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7071







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



Ballybofey/Stranorlar  $\rightarrow$  Killygordon  $\rightarrow$  Castlefinn  $\rightarrow$  Lifford  $\rightarrow$  Raphoe  $\rightarrow$  St. Johnston  $\rightarrow$  Carrigans  $\rightarrow$  Newtowncunningham  $\rightarrow$  Burt  $\rightarrow$  Grianán Ailigh  $\rightarrow$  Bridge End  $\rightarrow$  Burnfoot  $\rightarrow$  Inch Island  $\rightarrow$  Letterkenny.

#### **Touring Highlights**

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- Game Angling Centre
- Balor Arts Theatre Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1840
- McElhinneys Department Store Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1217 www.mcelhinneys.ie
- Drumboe Woods

#### KILLYGORDON

Excellent stretch of the River Finn above and below Killygordon Bridge

• Amenity Area

#### CONVOY

A small village east of Letterkenny.
• Edel Mac Bride,
Award Winning Designer
www.edelmacbride.com

• Mallaghagarry Forest Park

#### CASTLEFINN

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

- Amenity Area
- CPI Centre
- Whitehouse Garden

#### LIFFORD

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

- Lifford Öld Courthouse
   Witness re-enactments of the famous cases such as the Napper Tandy Trial and the Lord Leitrim Murder
- Eclipse Cinemas Lifford/Strabane
   4 screen cinema
- Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1973
   Cavanacor Gallery
  Tel: +353 (0)85 164 2525

Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1733

• Lifford Greyhound Stadium Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1083

#### 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

#### RAPHOE cont.

- 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 (0)74 917 3068
- Rós Ban Wildlife Garden Tel: +353 (0)74 914 5336

#### CARRIGANS

A picturesque village, former centre of a major flax and linen producing area.

- Monreagh Heritage Centre educates visitors about some of the most important chapters in Ulster Scots - Scots Irish History Tel: +353 (0)74 914 0708
- Dunmore Gardens
  Overlooking the river Foyle with
  its beautiful landscapes the house
  boasts some exquisite gardens.
  Tel: +353 (0)83 802 8625

#### 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,

#### BURT cont.

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'Dochertaigh'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 Tel: +353(0)74 936 8900

#### 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.inchwildfowlreserve.ie





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  $\rightarrow$  Ramelton  $\rightarrow$  Rathmullan  $\rightarrow$  Portsalon  $\rightarrow$  Fanad Head  $\rightarrow$  Kindrum  $\rightarrow$  Kerrykeel  $\rightarrow$  Milford  $\rightarrow$  Cranford  $\rightarrow$ Carrigart → Rosapenna → Downings → Atlantic Drive → Rosguill Peninsula → Doe Castle → Creeslough → Ards Forest Park → Marble Hill  $\rightarrow$  Portnablagh  $\rightarrow$  Dunfanaghy  $\rightarrow$  Horn Head  $\rightarrow$  Falcarragh  $\rightarrow$  Glenveagh  $\rightarrow$  Kilmacrennan  $\rightarrow$  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'Cannon's.

- St. Eunans Cathedral
- County Museum Adm free Tel: +353 (0)74 912 4613
- Tourist Office Open all year Tel: +353 (0)74 910 3187
- Century Cinemas The ultimate 6-screen cinema experience Tel: +353 (0)74 912 5050
- Arena 7 Entertainment Complex -Open 7 days a week Tel: +353 (0)74 912 8853
- Dizzie Rascals State of the art indoor activity centre newly opened for children up to the age of 12. Tel: +353 (0)74 917 7731
- Letterkenny Paintball Games -Outdoor Activity Centre with Paintball Game areas, Archery, Field, Raft Building, Military Style Obstacle Course, Zip Wire and Water Slide
  - Tel: +353 (0)74 912 8086 +353 (0)86 383 1188
- Town Parks
- Aura Leisure Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 910 6422
- An Grianán Theatre -North West's premier entertainment venue Tel: +353 (0)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 (0)74 912 5115
- Alcorns Tropical World Mini Zoo Tel: +353 (0)74 912 1541
- Lurgybrack Open Farm Tel: +353 (0)74 912 2683

#### **RAMFITON**

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 Tel: +353 (0)86 242 1008

#### RATHMULLAN

A popular seaside resort which is well remembered for the historical Flight

- Blue Flag Beach
- Sea Angling Rathmullan Charters Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8129 +353 (0)87 050 7464
- Pitch and Putt
- · Kinnegar Brewery. Tours available, booking is essential Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8874
- Rathmullan Sailing Club Tel: +353 (0)86 030 3607
- Swilly Ferry Ferry crossing between Rathmullan and Buncrana (seasonal) www.swillyferry.com

#### **PORTSALON**

Portsalon is home to Ballymastocker Bay, which is alongside a EU blue 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.

 A Signature Point in Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way www.fanadlighthouse.com

#### 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 lies at the foot of Mulroy Bay and is popular fishing centre for the river Lennon and Lough Fern.

- Game Angling Centre
- 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 & ROSGUILL**

The Rosguill 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 (0)74 915 4708
- Golf

#### **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- probably the most beautiful and certainly the most varied of Ireland's forest parks. www.coillteoutdoors.ie

#### MARBLE HILL / PORTNABLAGH & 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 (0)74 913 6540
- The Gallery, Dunfanaghy Tel: +353 (0)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 tSean Bheairic Tel: +353 (0)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.

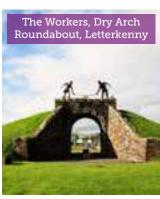
#### **GLENVEAGH**

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. Multiple walking trails. Restaurant & Tea Room available Tel: +353 (0)76 100 2357

#### **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 Tel: +353 (0)86 326 0256



It may sound like a Formula 1 race, but it get sits 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.



#### **Touring Highlights**

#### BUNCRANA

The principal town and resort on the lovely Inishowen Peninsula, Buncrana boasts a 5km sandy beach.

- Tourist Office
- Tel: +353 (0)74 936 2600 • Leisure Centre
- Tel: +353 (0)74 936 1000
   Game Angling
- Swan Park
- Fort Dunree Military Museum Tel: +353 (0)74 936 1817
- Viewpoint, Mamore Gap
- Swilly Ferry
   Ferry crossing between Buncrana
   and Rathmullan (seasonal)
   www.swillyferry.com

#### CLONMANY

This lovely village lies beside a river overlooked and sheltered by mountains.

- Glendowen Exclusive Design Hand crafted Donegal tweed.
   Tel: +353 (0)74 937 6265
- Beach
- Tullagh Bay
- Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre Tel: +353 (0)86 720 4150

#### BALLYLIFFIN

A golfer's paradise.

- Pollan Strand
- Doagh Famine Village & Visitor 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 (0)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 tidiest towns and has won out right on two occasions.

- Five Finger Strand
- Tourist Information Centre located in the Public Services Centre Tel: +353 (0)74 937 4933

#### 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
- Bunagee Pier berthing for 15 vessels
- Sea Angling Centre
- Carrowmore High Crosses

#### KINNAGOE BAY

A plaque at Kinnagoe Bay tells the tale of the sinking of the La Trindad 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

#### GREENCASTLE

A commercial fishing port and a most attractive resort.

- Blue Flag Marina
- Inishowen Maritime Museum and Planetarium Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1363
- Lough Foyle Ferry Ferry crossing from Greencastle to Magilligan (seasonal)
- www.loughfoyleferry.com
   The Cairn Visitor Centre
  Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1104

#### MOVILLE

A busy scenic Heritage Town situated in a wonderful location along Lough Foyle.

- Promenade
- Moville Green
- Cooley Cross

#### REDCASTLE

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 (0)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.





Culture is a part of who we are in Donegal. Through our culture we express and celebrate who we are as a diverse, traditional and modern people. Donegal culture strikes a unique beat which can be heard across the mountains and lakes of Donegal, Ireland and the world.

# Arts & Culture

#### **Abbey Arts Centre**

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Providing a rich programme of theatre, music, comedy, dance, visual arts, education and film. Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1375 www.abbeycentre.ie

#### An Grianán Theatre

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Donegal's premier performance arts facility. Tel: +353 (0)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 (0)74 913 1840 www.balortheatre.com

#### Regional Cultural Centre

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal A fabulous multidisciplinary arts facility developed by Donegal County Council. Tel: +353 (0)74 912 9186 www.regionalculturecentre.com

# Heritage

#### An Crannóg

Derrybeg, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 953 2208 www.crannog.ie

#### An tSean Bheairic

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 918 0888 +353 (0)74 918 0655 www.falcarraghvisitorscentre.com

#### **Ardara Heritage Centre**

Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 242 4590 www.ardara.ie

#### **Ards Friary**

Outside Creeslough, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 8909 www.ardsfriary.ie

#### **Ballyshannon & District Museum**

Ballyshannon Tel: +353 (0)87 444 3554 www.facebook.com/Ballyshannonmuseum

#### **Cairn Visitor Centre**

Greencastle, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1104 www.thecairncentre.com

#### **Cavanacor House**

Ballindrait Tel: +353 (0)85 164 2525 www.cavanacorgallery.ie

#### Celtic Weave China

Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal Renowned for their china baskets and flowered ware. Tel: +353 (0)71 985 1844 www.celticweavechina.com

#### Colmcille Heritage Centre

Gartan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7306 www.colmcilleheritagecentre.ie

#### County Donegal Historical Society Museum

Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 985 2133 www.donegalhistory.com

#### Daniel O'Donnell Visitor Centre

Dungloe

Tel: +353 (0)74 952 2334 www.danielodonnellvisitorcentre.com

#### Doagh Famine Village

Doagh Island (outside Ballyliffin), Inishowen Tel: +353 (0)74 937 8078 www.doaghfaminevillage.com

#### **Donegal County Museum**

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 4613 www.donegalcoco.ie/culture

#### **Doe Castle**

Creeslough, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 8445 www.govisitdonegal.com

#### **Donegal Castle**

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 972 2405 www.govisitdonegal.com

#### **Donegal Railway Heritage Centre**

Donegal Town, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 972 2655 www.donegalrailway.com

#### Fintown Railway

Fintown, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 6280 www.fintownrailway.com

#### Fort Dunree Military Museum

Buncrana, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 1817 www.dunree.pro.ie

#### Glebe House & Gallery

Church Hill, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7071 www.facebook.com/ TheGlebeHouseAndGallery

#### Glencolmcille Folk Village

Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 0017 www.glenfolkvillage.com

#### Glenveagh National Park

Church Hill, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)76 100 2537 www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie

#### Inch Castle

Inch Island, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 2600

#### Inishowen Maritime Museum

Greencastle, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 1363 www.inishowenmaritime.com

#### Ionas Cois Locha

Dunlewey, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1699 www.dunleweycentre.com

#### **IOSAS** Centre

Derryvane, Muff, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 4866 www.facebook.com/IOSASCentre

#### Isaac Butt Heritage Centre

Cloghan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 3108 www.govisitdonegal.com

# Killybegs International Carpet Making & Fishing Centre

Killybegs, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 974 1944 www.visitkillybegs.com

#### Lough Derg

Pettigo, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)71 986 1518 www.loughderg.org

#### Lurgyvale Thatched Cottages

Kilmacrennan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 162 9539 www.facebook.com/ ThatchedCottagesKilmacrennan

# Monreagh Heritage and Education Centre

Carrigans, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 0708 www.monreaghulsterscotscentre.com

#### Newmills Corn and Flax Mills

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 5115 www.govisitdonegal.com

#### Oakfield Park

Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 917 3068 www.oakfieldpark.com

# Oideas Gael - Adult Irish Language & Cultural Courses

Tel. +353 (0)74 973 0248 www.oideas-gael.com

#### **Old Church Visitor Centre**

Burt, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 936 8900 www.oldchurchvisitorcentre.com

#### Slieve League Cultural Centre

Teelin, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 9077 www.slieveleaguecliffs.ie

#### St. Connell's Cultural and Heritage Centre

Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 955 1766 www.govisitdonegal.com

#### Studio Donegal

Kilcar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 8194 www.studiodonegal.ie

#### Teach John Mhicí Bán

Carrigart, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 251 5387 www.donegal.ie/venue-andorganization/teach-john-mhici-ban

#### Teach Mhicí Mhic Gabhann

Magheraroarty, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 317 4260 +353 (0)87 756 1787 www.rothamorantsaoil.ie

#### The Workhouse

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6540 www.dunfanaghyworkhouse.ie

#### **Volt House**

Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 917 3966 www.donegal.ie/venue-andorganization/volt-house









# DONEGAL CRAFT VILLAGE







# **DONEGAL CRAFTS**



Donegal landscape reflected through the hands of the people.









Crafts people 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**

#### **CERAMICS**

Anna Kee, Coast Ceramics www.donegaldesignermakers.com

Brian Mc Gee www.brianmcgee.ie

Emer O Sullivan
www.emerosullivanceramics.com

Lowry Wasson & Brian McLaughlin www.movillepottery.com

#### **JEWELLERY**

Hannah Mc Guinness Jewellery www.donegaldesignermakers.com

Mc Gonigle Glass Studio www.donegalcraftvillage.com

Niall Bruton www.donegalcraftvillage.com

#### **METAL CRAFT**

P.J. Patton, PJ Designs www.pjdesigns.ie

#### **PAINTING**

Fiona Higgins, Batik Art www.fionahiggins.com

Johnny McCabe www.donegalcraftvillage.com Sharon McDaid, Silver Birch Gallery & Studio

www.sharonmcdaid.com

#### **PAPERCRAFT**

Laura McDowell, Paper Tree www.donegalcraftvillage.com

Naomi Fleury, Japanese Papercraft www.donegaldesignermakers.com

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Shaun Egan www.shaunegan.com

#### PRINT MAKER

Shelagh Dwyer Linocuts www.donegaldesignermakers.com

#### **SCULPTURE**

Marina Hamilton www.marinahamilton.net

#### **SKINCARE**

Isobel Sangha, Donegal Natural Soap www.donegalnaturalsoap.ie

#### **SURFACE PATTERN DESIGN**

Laura Buchanan www.donegaldesignermakers.com

#### **TEXTILES**

Anastasia Caples www.anastasiacaples.com

Clare O'Presco www.donegalcraftvillage.com Eddie Doherty www.handwoventweed.com

Karen O'Kane, Koko Designs www.kokodesigns.ie

Margaret Gillespie, Margaret's Crochet www.donegaldesignermakers.com

Michelle Mc Carroll, Michi www.donegaldesignermakers.com

Michelle McKee www.donegalcraftvillage.com

Rathlin Knitwear www.donegaldesignermakers.com

#### **TEXTILE ARTIST**

Bernie Murphy www.berniemurphy.com

Fiona Higgins, Batik Art www.fionahiggins.com

#### WOODWORK

Conor and Rónán McGarvey, Donegal Pens www.donegalpens.com

Martin Gallagher www.martingallagherfurniture.com

Michael Parkinson www.donegaldesignermakers.com

Noel Cronin cronin\_noel@hotmail.com

Sheamus McLaughlin, Laurentic Crafts www.donegaldesignermakers.com

## **Galleries**

#### An Clachan Art & Craft Gallery

Gweedore

Tel: +353 (0)74 956 0091 Find us on Facebook

#### **Ballagh Studio**

Malin

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 0684 www.rosharvey.com

#### Cavanacor Gallery

Lifford

Tel: +353 (0)85 164 2525 www.cavanacorgallery.ie

#### **Cristeph Studio**

Letterkenny

Tel: +353 (0)74 912 6411 Find us on Facebook

#### **Donegal Designer Makers Shop**

Ardara

Tel: +353 (0)87 102 3100 www.donegaldesignermakers.com

#### Frame Masters

Letterkenny

Tel: +353 (0)74 912 9175 www.framemasters.moonfruit.com

#### Glashedy Art Gallery

Ballyliffin

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 6162 www.glashedyartgallery.com

#### Glebe House & Gallery

Churchill

Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7071 www.glebegallery.ie

#### **Glendowen Craft Studio**

Clonmany

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 6265 www.glendowen.com

#### Inishowen Bogwood Sculptures

Culdaff

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 9245 www.inishowenbogwoodsculptures.com

#### **Local Hands**

Ballvshannon Tel:+353 (0)87 964 9654 www.localhands.ie

#### **Moville Pottery**

Moville

Tel: +353 (0)74 938 2059 www.movillepottery.com

#### Muck 'n' Muffins Pottery

Dunfanaghy

Tel: +353 [0]74 913 6780 www.mucknmuffins.ie

#### **Ross Fine Art**

Letterkenny

Tel: +353 (0)74 915 1926 www.rossfineart.ie

#### Silver Birch Gallery & Studio

Carndonagh

Tel:+353 (0)74 937 3082 www.sharonmcdaid.com

#### Stephen Bennett's Studio Gallery

Ardara

Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1652 www.stephenbennett.net

#### Stephen Diggin Art

Buncrana

Tel: +353 (0)86 2144 965 www.stephendigginart.com

#### Straid Studio - Kennth King

Glencolmcille

Tel: +353 (0)74 973 0126 www.king-studio.com

#### The Gallery

Dunfanaghy

Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6224 www.thegallerydunfanaghy.com

#### The Green Door Studio

Portnablagh

Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6864 www.thegreendoorstudio.net

#### The Northern Light Gallery & Studio

Buncrana

Tel: +353 (0)86 355 2500 www.inishowenart.ie

# Donegal Design

#### Cyndi Graham Handweaving

St. John's Point, Dunkineely Cyndi offers a range of textiles and accessories made in her workshop. Tel: +353 (0)86 401 9307 www.facebook.com/ cyndigrahamhandweaving

#### Donegal Craft Village

Donegal Town

A showcase for contemporary arts and crafts in Ireland. Meet the artists in their workshops and treat yourself to the many items on offer. Stop off and indulge in the award winning 'Aroma' Coffee Shop & Mini Bakery. Tel: +353 (0)74 972 5928 www.donegalcraftvillage.com

#### Hanna Hats of Donegal

Donegal Town

Hanna Hats of Donegal 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 (0)74 972 1084 www.hannahats.com

#### John Molloy Woolen Mills

Ardara

Reflecting an energetic combination of past and present, fashion wear is

created by hand or is hand fashioned on modern machinery. Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1133

www.johnmolloy.com

#### Magee of Donegal

Donegal Town

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. It is also renowned for its luxurious and colourful fabrics. Tel: + 353 (0)74 972 4836 www.magee1866.com

#### McAuliffe's Craft Shop

Dunfanaghy

A family-run business that spans three generations celebrating and promoting Ireland's rich heritage of craft and

Tel: +353 (0)74 913 6135 www.mcauliffescraftshop.com

#### McNutt of Donegal

Downings

Located in an original and authentic building where the first McNutt weaving factory originated in 1950. Guided group tours of Donegal's oldest working woollen mills are also available.

Tel: +353 (0)74 915 5662 www.mcnuttofdonegal.com

#### Rossan Knitwear

Glencolmcille

A family business established in 1984, they manufacture high quality knitwear. All knitwear is hand loomed and wool is locally sourced. The collection includes a range of modern and traditional designs. Tel: +353 (0)74 973 0069 www.rossanknitwear.ie

#### Studio Donegal

Kilcar

Studio Donegal is a hand-weaving and clothing manufacturing business committed to preserving and promoting the original hand-weaving skills in Donegal. Tel: +353 (0)74 973 8194 www.studiodonegal.ie

#### Triona Design - The Donegal Tweed Centre

The Donegal Tweed Centre 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 and Donegal Town. Ardara Tel: +353 (0)74 954 1422

www.trionadesign.com

Donegal Town Tel: +353 (0)74 972 1584 www.irishhouse.com

# **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.

#### **JANUARY**

**Letterkenny Trad Week** 

Letterkenny

#### **FEBRUARY**

**Colmcille Winter School** 

Churchill

#### MARCH

Ballyshannon Drama Festival

Ballyshannon

Distorted Perspectives Music and Visual Arts Festival

Letterkenny

**Inishowen Traditional Singers Circle** 

Ballyliffin & Clonmany

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Countywide

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Countywide

#### **APRIL**

The Amazing Grace Festival

Buncrana

Shore 2 Summit Adventure Race, Extreme North Events

Inishowen

#### MAY

**Bealtaine Festival** 

Throughout Donegal

Cup of Tae Festival

Ardara

**Dungloe Walking Festival** 

Dungloe

Mícheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School

Rossnowlagh

Rory Gallagher International Tribute Festival

Ballyshannon

The Melting Pot Festival

Ardara

#### JUNE

Finn Valley Agricultural Show

Stranorlar

Donegal Garden Trail

Summer months, Co. Donegal

**Donegal International Rally** 

Letterkenny

Dunfanaghy Traditional Irish Music

**Festival**Dunfanaghy

Inishowen Agricultural Festival

Moville

Irish Aerial Dance Festival

Letterkenny

Mevagh Ramblers Walking Festival

Carrigart/Downings

Mick, Michael and Pat Carr Traditional

**Music Weekend** 

Carrick

Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival

Bundoran

#### JULY

Aonach Jack

Mín na Leice, Croich Slí

**Buncrana Music Festival** 

Buncrana

**Burtonport Summer Festival** 

Burtonport

Ceol na Coille Irish Music Summer

School

Glenswilly, Letterkenny

Colgan Heritage Weekend

Carndonagh

Donegal Fiddle Summer School

Gleann Choilm Cille

Donegal International Folk & Roots

Weekend

Letterkenny

**Donegal Summer School of Music** 

Letterkenny

Earagail Arts Festival

North & North West Donegal

FestiFál

An Falcarrach

Mary from Dungloe International

**Festival** 

Dungloe

Mountcharles Opera Festival

Mount charles

Off The Street Food Fest LK

Letterkenny

Patrick MacGill Summer School and

**Arts Week** 

Glenties

Ramelton's Annual Lennon Festival

Ramelton

Swell Festival

Arranmore Island

#### **AUGUST**

A Taste Of Donegal Food Festival

Donegal Town

**Ballyshannon Agricultural Show** 

Ballyshannon

Ballyshannon Folk & Traditional Music

Festival

Ballyshannon

**Clonmany Festival** 

Clonmany

**Come Gather Round People Sixties** 

Festival

Moville & Greencastle

**Donegal Marathon** 

Letterkenny

DylanFest / BeatlesFest on the Lough

Moville & Greencastle

Féile Carraig Arts & Culture

Carrigart

Greencastle Regetta

Greencastle

Heritage Week in Donegal

Countywide

Hillwalking in the Donegal Highlands

Gleann Cholm Cille

Kilcar Fleadh

Kilcar

**Kilcar Street Festival** 

Kilcar

Loinneog Lúnasa

Gweedore

Lúghnasa International Friel Festival

Greencastle, Letterkenny, Glenties

Quadrathon Challenge, Extreme North Events

Inishowen

Rathmullan Regatta Gathering

Rathmullan

The Kildarragh Fair

Dungfanaghy

**SEPTEMBER** 

Ceol an gCruach

Glenties

**Culture Night** 

Letterkenny and Gaeltacht

Donegal Bay and Blue Stacks Festival

South Donegal

The Johnny Doherty Festival

Ardara

**OCTOBER** 

Annual Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora

**Award** 

Buncrana

**Cathedral Quarter Literary Festival** 

Letterkenny

**Crana Fest** 

Buncrana

Django Sur Lennon

Ramelton

**Donegal Chamber Music Festival** 

Glenveagh National Park, Letterkenny and Glebe Gallery, Churchill

**Donegal Fiddlers Gathering** 

Glenties

Halloween Events

Countywide

Seamus Grant Traditional Music

Weekend

Clonmany

Wainfest Arts and Book Festival for

Children

Countywide

**NOVEMBER** 

**Allingham Arts Festival** 

Ballyshannon

DECEMBER

Donegal's Lapland

Doagh Famine Village, Inishowen

**Northern Xposure** 

Various locations

Santa Express at Oakfield Park

Raphoe

Scoil Gheimhridh Ghaoth Dobhair

Amharclann and various venues, Ghaoth Dobhair



<sup>\*</sup>Events are subject to change | \*For up to date information visit www.donegalevents.ie



The Film Office acts as the main resource for filmmakers in Donegal and those who wish to film in Donegal from all over the world. The Film Office helps filmmakers to find locations, cast and crew, technical services and local service providers.

# **Donegal Office**

The Office has extensive experience with visual production and we are more than happy to deal with your enquiry, however big or small the production is. When you contact the Donegal Film Office we will respond quickly, creatively and correctly to your enquiry.

The perfect place to shoot your film.

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 3718



# Find Us Online

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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 explore 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

#### **Central Library**

Oliver Plunkett Rd., Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 4950 www.donegallibrary.ie Find us on Facebook @DonegalCountyLibrary Follow us on Twitter: @DonegalLibrary

The Donegal Central Library has an extensive collection of books, journals and other material on genealogy and familyhistory. 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 (0)74 917 2490 www.donegalcoco.ie

Donegal County Archives preserves and makes accessible the recorded and documented heritage of the people of Donegal for present and future generations. The Archives holds records relating to Donegal's history and culture, dating from the 18th to the 20th centuries. Please contact the Archives Service for an appointment.

## Donegal County Museum

High Road, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 4613 www.donegalcoco.ie Find us on Facebook @ Donegalcomuseum Follow us on Twitter @Donegalcomuseum

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

#### The Gaeltacht

Donegal Gaeltacht is an 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 Wild Atlantic Way, spreads from Glencolmcille 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.

Donegal islands, sitting proudly in the Atlantic Ocean, are the jewels of Donegal's Gaeltacht where visitors can experience a vibrancy to the Irish culture that is both inspiring and engaging. The wild and beautiful islands have captured 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 island should be researched to maximise your experience. High season (July & August) can be quite busy on some; out of season may require appropriate clothing to appreciate the rugged beauty of these jewels on the edge of Northwestern Europe.

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Moira Ni Ghallachóir
Tel: +353 (0)83 123 0529

www.mng.ie

#### 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 or visit two of the islands lovely beaches, at Aphort or Leabh Gharbh. A place to get Donegal Mountains as a backdrop or visit two of the islands lovely beaches, at Aphort or Leabh Gharbh. A place to get away from it all and yet mainland Donegal is just a 15 minute boat journey.

Getting there: Daily Sailings from Burtonport

#### Arranmore Ferry (blue ferry)

Tel: +353 (0)87 317 1810 www.arranmorefastferry.com

# Arranmore Car & Passenger Ferry (red ferry)

Tel: +353 (0)74 954 2233 +353 (0)74 952 0532 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 stone houses. the homes of families, who have long since moved to the mainland. A number of houses have been restored by former residents and their families. The launching of a regular ferry service and the growing interest in ecology and cliff climbing is bringing new life back to the area. Gabhla can be explored in a few hours over easy walking terrain. It is difficult to comprehend that you are just two miles removed easy walking terrain. It is difficult to comprehend that you are just two miles removed from mainland Donegal.

www.gaothdobhair.ie

Getting there: From Magheragallon Pier, Bunbeq

#### Gola Ferry Service (The Cricket Ferry)

Seasonal from Easter to October; other seasons by booking only.
Tel: +353 (0)87 224 5881
www.govisitdonegal.com

#### 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 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.

#### Carmel Olivia Ferry

The Ferry boat from Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheraroarty). Seasonal from June to August, other seasons by booking only.

Tel: +353 (0) 74 913 5635 +353 (0)87 627 9789 www.donegalislands.com

#### Toraigh - Tory Island

Inhabited for 4,000 years, this Gaeltacht Island has its own music, songs, stories and dances and are expressions of a distinctive Irish Culture and tradition, preserved by remoteness. Historical sites include a round tower, a ruined church, the Tau Cross (one of only two found in Ireland). 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.

#### Tory Island Ferry

Ferry service from the harbour of Bunbeg and Magheraroarty. Daily from April to October and five days per week all year round.

Tel: +353 (0)74 953 1320 / (0)74 953 1340 +353 (0)74 913 5061 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 reinhabited 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.

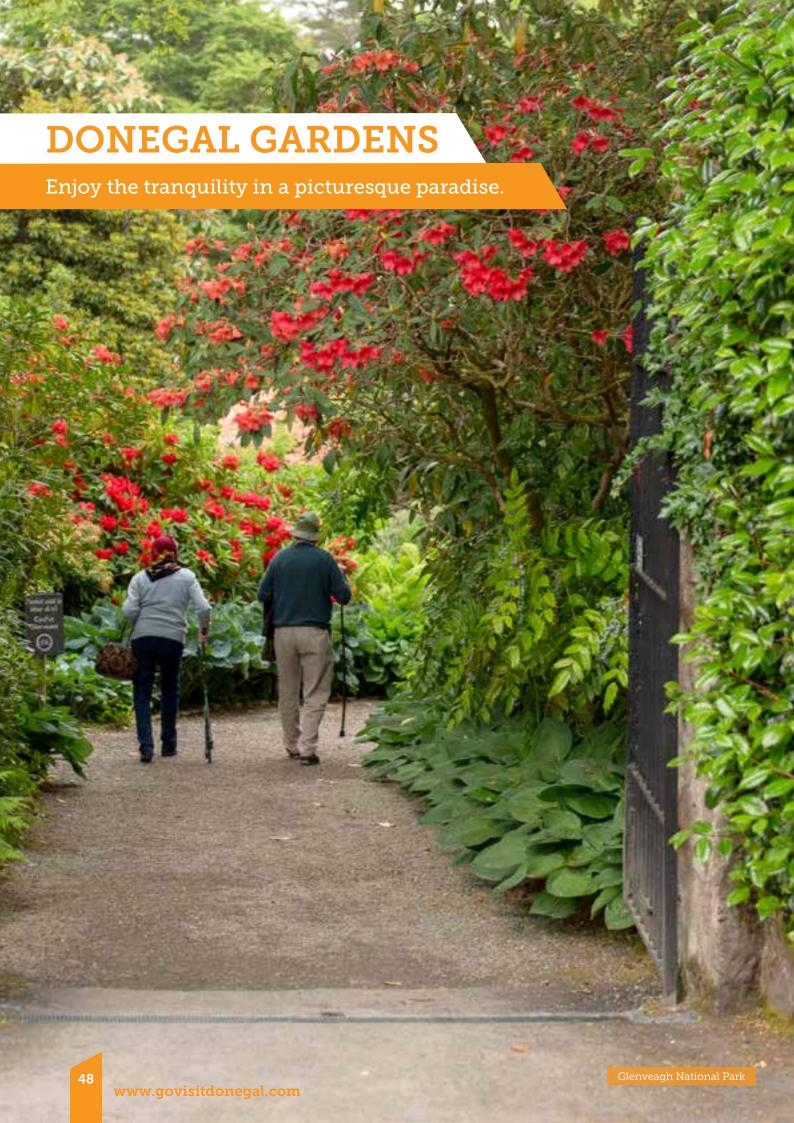
#### **Inishfree Charters**

Ferry service from Burtonport (AiltanChorráin) - seasonal, by booking only.

Tel: +353 (0)87 925 3534 www.donegalislands.com

#### Try a few words

Dia dhuit - Hello
Cadé 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?
Good morning - Maidin mhaith
Good night - Oíche mhaith
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



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**

#### **Beltany View Garden**

Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 4974 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### **Bruckless House**

Bruckless, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 7071 www.bruckless.com DGT

#### Carrablagh House

Portsalon, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 9113 www.donegalgardentrail.com

#### Cille Garden

Kilcar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 8107 +353 (0)87 671 2341 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

# Cluain na d'Tor Seaside Nursery & Gardens

Falcarragh, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 636 7599 www.seasideplants.eu DGT

#### **Dunmore Gardens**

Carrigans, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)83 802 8625 www.dunmoregardens.ie DGT

#### Foxrock Garden

Greencastle, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 932 5969 www.donegaltrail.com DGT

#### Glenalla House

Milford, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)86 606 4409 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### Glenveagh National Park and Gardens

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)76 100 2537 www.glenveaghnationalpark.ie DGT

#### Greenfort

Kerrykeel, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 757 4823 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### **Lower Cranny Garden**

Inver, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 989 5099 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### Nora's Rose Garden

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)87 790 0490 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### Oakfield Park

Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 917 3068 www.oakfieldpark.com DGT

#### Rathmullan House

Rathmullan, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8188 www.rathmullanhouse.com DGT

#### Ros Ban Garden

Raphoe, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 5336 +353 (0)86 080 5214 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### Salthill Gardens

Mountcharles, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 5387 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### Sea View Garden

Mountcharles, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 973 5350 +353 (0)87 913 1393 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### St. Columb's Garden at Glebe House

Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 7071 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

#### **Summy Garden**

Portnoo, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 954 5242 +353 (0)87 436 6187 www.donegalgardentrail.com DGT

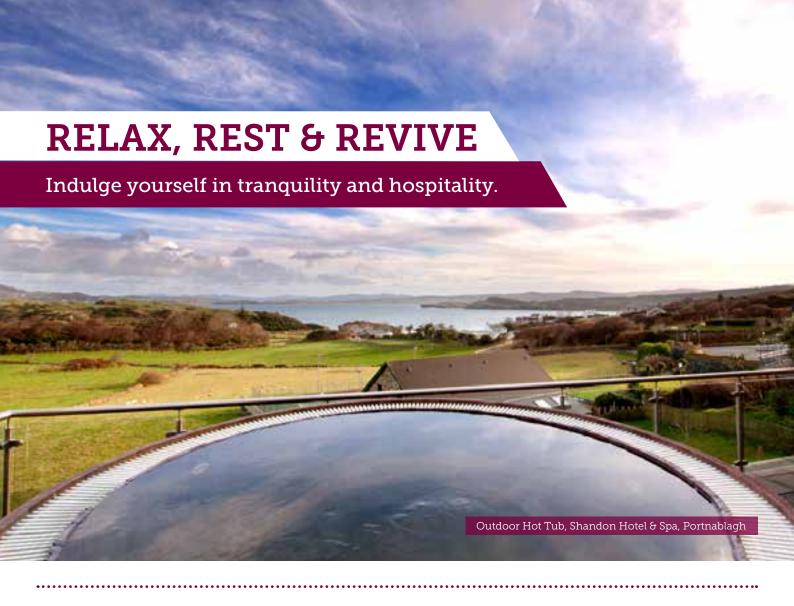
#### White House Garden, CPI Complex

Castlefinn, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 914 3976 +353 (0)87 265 5525 www.thewhitehousegarden.ie DGT



<sup>\*</sup>DGT - Donegal Garden Trail

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

# Spa Centres

#### Ballyliffin Lodge & Spa

Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal Rock Crystal Spa is 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 organic plant extracts to Ballyliffin and created an exclusive, luxurious, full service spa just for you.

Tel: +353 (0)74 937 8200 www.ballyliffinlodge.com

# Bundoran Seaweed Baths and Treatment Rooms

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 (0)74 984 1172 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 our Elemis Spa essential oils.

Tel: +353 (0)74 953 2900 www.gweedorecourthotel.com

#### Holyrood Escape Spa and Blue River

Leisure Centre
Bundoran, Co. Donegal
A place of perfect happiness, paradise
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The Spa facility, which has six treatment
rooms and a Relaxarium, offers the
finest pampering treatments available,
and has a number of spa packages

Tel: +353 (0)71 984 1232 www.holyroodhotel.com

available.

#### Kee's Hotel Leisure & Wellness Centre

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal
A spa where every detail has been
tailored to 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 (0)74 913 0033
www.keeshotel.ie

#### Marine Spa, Sandhouse Hotel

Rossnowlagh, 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 (0)71 985 1777 www.sandhouse.ie

#### Redcastle Hotel and Spa

Redcastle, 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 (0)74 938 5555 www.redcastlehoteldonegal.com

#### Saffron Hair & Beauty Lounge, Mount Errigal Hotel

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Unwind, relax and leave your thoughts behind you as you escape to Mount Errigal Beaty Lounge. The 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 (0)74 912 2700 www.mounterrigal.com

#### Seagrass Wellbeing Centre Inishowen Gateway Hotel

Buncrana, 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 (0)74 936 2188 www.inishowengateway.com

#### Seascape Spa, Silver Tassie

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
Cocoon yourself from the outside world
and enjoy a well deserved spa break,
Seascape Spa allows guests to feel
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hospitality and award winning cuisine.
They offer the ideal escape where
harmony and tranquility gently restore
mind, body and soul.
Tel: + 353 (0)74 912 6251

www.silvertassiehotel.com

#### Shandon Hotel Spa

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Shandon Spa provides a totally new perspective on health, beauty, and relaxation. The very latest facilities are imaginatively pieced together so that you journey effortlessly from one exquisitely soothing experience to the next, while enjoying the wonderful scenery of one of Ireland's loveliest coastlines. Tel:+353 (0)74 910 0885

www.shandonhotelspa.com

#### Spa Solis

Lough Eske Castle Solís Hotel, Donegal Town

Enhance your wellbeing with effective and luxurious aromatherapy treatments. Spa Solís 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 (0)74 974 3113 www.solishotels.com/lougheskecastle

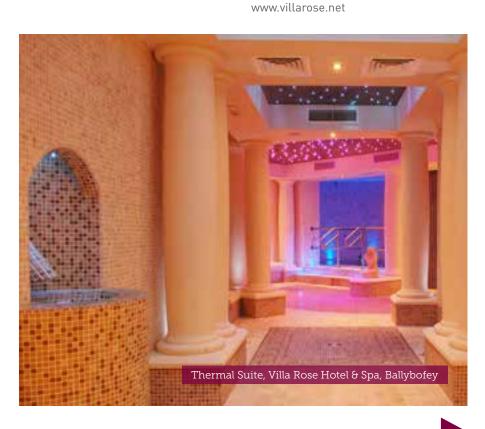
#### The Float Room

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal
The Float Room at the Finn Valley
Centre is the first floating rest facility
in the North West. Flotation therapy
has a positive effect on sports injuries,
muscular pains and stress. The Float
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experience that will help lift the weight
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double float rooms are available.

Tel: :+353 (0)89 442 8691 www.thefloatroom.ie

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Through the human touch allow your
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rejuvenated and rebalanced.
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# **ACCOMMODATION**

Discover diverse range of quality tourist accommodation.

Donegal established diverse range of quality tourist accommodation including hotels, guesthouses, rental cottages, bed and breakfasts and camping and caravanning sites.



## Hotels

Hotels in County Donegal come in all shapes, sizes and locations. From budget to luxury, there are over 55 hotels to choose from around the county. Hotel accommodation provides a range of facilities which will generally include restaurants /cafes, bars, gyms, spa's and leisure centres. Donegal hotels are of a consistently high standard. All our hotels are Fáilte Ireland registered. www.govisitdonegal.com



### Bed & Breakfast

Bed & Breakfast accommodation is great for the little personal touches. A chat with your hosts has the added benefit of arming you with local knowledge. Bed & Breakfasts are a wonderfully eclectic mix of all types of hosts and houses, and this is part of the attraction. By opening their homes and their hearts to travellers who need a comfortable bed for a night or two, B&B hosts are like instant friends you meet along the way. www.govisitdonegal.com



# **Self Catering**

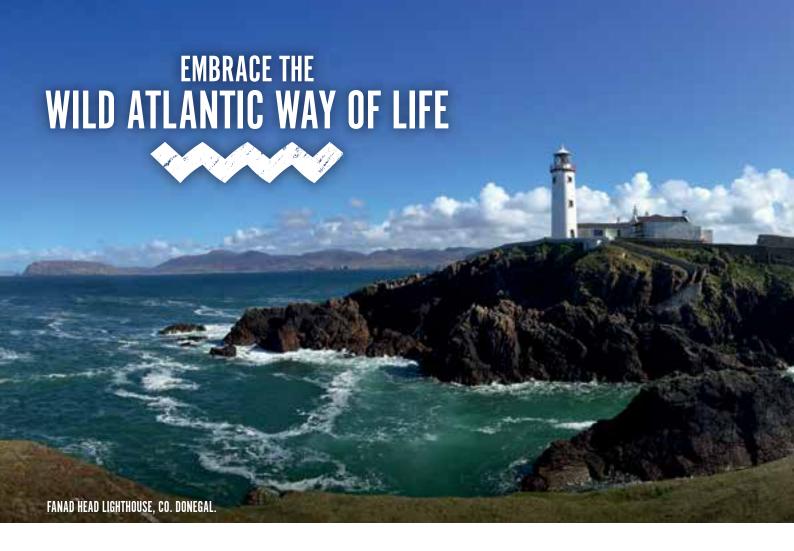
Holiday home accommodation is a fantastic option if you're travelling as a group or value having your own space and self-catering facilities. Renting a privately-owned holiday home is a great way to be self-sufficient. No two homes are the same, and they range from simple cottages in the Donegal Gaeltacht to luxury houses in our wonderful coast. www.govisitdonegal.com



# Camping & Caravan Parks

Donegal's Camping & Caravan Parks are equipped to please a wide range of people for a minimal cost and most have attractive landscaped settings, often beside a beach or lake. Caravan Parks provide sites for tents, caravans and campervans.

www.govisitdonegal.com



Strolling along the sandy splendour of the Blue Flag beach of Ballymastocker. Glimpsing the wondrous beauty of the northern lights from the Inishowen Peninsula. Hiking through the rugged majesty of Glenveagh National Park. Donegal is perfect for a change of a pace and the chance to reconnect with those who really matter. Listed as the coolest place on the planet for 2017 by National Geographic Traveller magazine, this great county encapsulates everything that's magical about the Wild Atlantic Way.

And that's especially the case when you catch sight of the rugged sea cliffs of Sliabh Liag for the first time. Standing at 600m, they are among the highest in Europe. The venerable Pilgrim's Path is the ideal place for walkers to get a sense of the scale of these cliffs. And for those who truly want to appreciate just exactly that, a boat trip will leave unforgettable memories.

Memories to last a lifetime are also in order at Fanad Head Lighthouse, one of Donegal's proud beacons that can be found on the peninsula of the same name. The newly renovated lighthouse has kept ships safe since 1818. Its windswept, panoramic location is truly wild and wonderful and no visit is complete without taking in the breathtaking Lough Swilly and picturesque Mulroy Bay. This nature haven is home to whales, porpoises and dolphins.

These fine creatures are also to be found off Malin Head, the most northerly peninsula in Ireland. Its remoteness is perfect for making you feel as though you're getting away from it all. You will find the country's most northerly tip here - Banba's Crown. This place is named after one of our mythical queens and its outstanding beauty features in the latest Star Wars film.

It's out on these western extremities along the Wild Atlantic Way that you'll become enveloped by the rugged beauty of the landscape, echoed by the ocean's roar.

Don't forget to pick up your Wild Atlantic Way Passport and collect your Discovery Point Stamps along the route!







# The Food Coast Making Donegal Famous for food

Donegal has an exceptionally high standard of natural ingredients and foods due to its unspoilt environment, climate, and richly diverse landscape. The passion and pride of Donegal producers and chefs, teamed with a wealth of local ingredients ensures that the Donegal food sector has something to entice and delight visitors and locals alike.

Donegal producers are growing in numbers and are starting to make a name for themselves nationally and internationally, winning awards like the Blas Na hEireann, Irish Food Awards.

#### THE FOOD COAST – A MARK OF ORIGIN

The mark of origin is an initiative of The Food Coast which aims to celebrate those that make food in the county and the outlets that champion Donegal producers, and this list is reviewed annually.

When you see this Mark of Origin, you can be assured that the product is made in Donegal and the chefs & retailers that have been certified are actively working with local producers to bring you Donegal food.



#### The following businesses were approved:

#### **Certified Donegal Producers:**

- Mulroy Bay Mussels, Cranford
- Ballyholey Farm, Raphoe
- Doherty Potatoes, Burt
- Donegal Brewing Co., Ballyshannon
- O'Donnells Bakery, Laghey
- Filligans, Glenties
- Wholegreen Health Food, Letterkenny

#### **Certified Businesses:**

- The Counter Deli, Letterkenny
- The Lemon Tree, Restaurant, Letterkenny
- The Tara Hotel, Killybegs
- Restaurant Sage, Letterkenny
- Arnolds Hotel, Dunfanaghy
- Wholegreen Health Food, Letterkenny
- Castlegrove House, Letterkenny

All details are accurate at the time of print.







## **DONEGAL – HOME TO AWARD WINNING CHOWDERS**

Donegal hosts a county Chowder Championship each year in Killybegs, bringing chefs from all over the county to compete for the title of Donegal Chowder Champion. Over the past few years there have been over 30 chefs that have taken part, with the Donegal winners going on to compete in the All Ireland Chowder Cook Off. In 2017, Nancy's Barn represented Donegal in Rhode Island at the World Chowder Cook off and bought home the title of Best Chowder! The Donegal Chowder Champion in 2017 was the Waterfront Hotel in Dungloe.



#### THE FOOD COAST EXPERIENCES

A calendar of events which illustrate the spirit of Donegal Food and its champions. Each event is hosted by a Donegal food business to create a unique food experience which celebrates Donegal food. These events will run across the county from June to September.













# **Getting Here**

## **Driving Distances in Kilometres**

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	Donegal to	Distances in KMS
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Sligo 66	Sligo	66
Tralee 408	Tralee	408
Waterford 357	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

#### 1. Brittany Ferries —

Route: France to Ireland

Tel: +353 21 4277 801 (from Ireland) Web: www.brittanyferries.ie

#### 2. Irish Ferries —

Route: France to Ireland | UK to Ireland

Tel: +353 818 300 400 Web: www.irishferries.com

## 3. P&0 Ferries —

Routes: UK to Ireland

Tel: +44 800 130 0030 (UK) Web: www.poferries.com

#### 4. Stena Line —

Routes: France to Ireland | UK to Ireland | Tel: +353 1 907 5555 (from Ireland) | Tel: +44 844 770 7070 (UK & Europe) | Tel: +33 233 43 22 387 (from France)

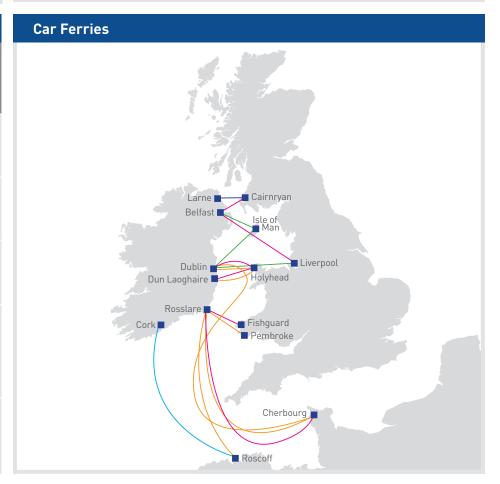
Web: www.stenaline.ie

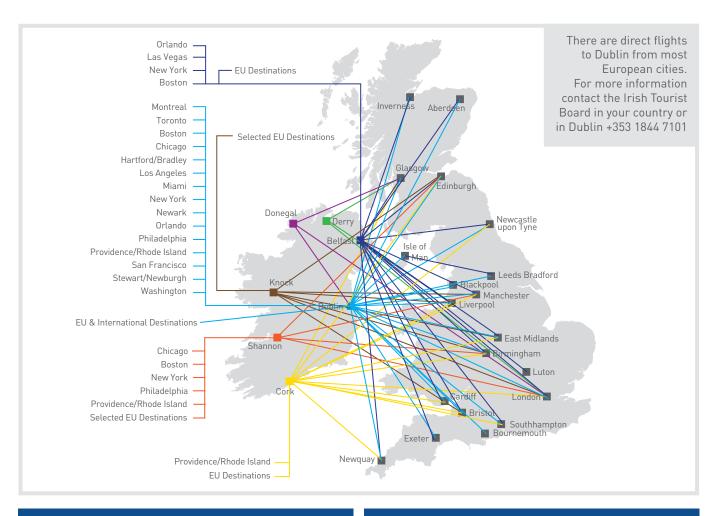
#### 5. Steam Packet Company —

Routes: Isle of Man to Ireland Tel: 661661 (Isle of Man)

Tel: +44 8722 992 992 (from Ireland & UK)

Web: www.steam-packet.com





#### **Buses**

Local Link

Donegal

Web:

Tel:

major cities. Local bus services link towns and villages.			
	Bus Éireann	Web: Busses to: Tel:	www.buseireann.ie  Derry ≒ Galway (via Knock Airport)  Donegal ≒ Dublin Airport/City  Letterkenny ≒ Dublin Airport/City  1850 836 611 (08.30 – 18.00 daily/national
	John McGinley	Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.johnmcginley.com Donegal ≒ Dublin   Donegal ≒ Glasgov +353 (0)74 913 5201
	Feda O'Donnell	Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.fedaodonnell.com Donegal ≒ Glasgow   Donegal ≒ Galwa +353 (0)74 954 8114
	Patrick Gallagher Coaches	Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.gallagherscoaches.com Donegal ≒ Belfast +353 (0)74 953 1107
	Mangan Tours	Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.mangantours.ie Letterkenny ≒ West Donegal +353 (0)74 913 5460
	McGeehan Coaches	Web: Buses to: Tel:	www.mcgeehancoaches.com West Donegal ≒ Donegal Town/ Letterkenny Donegal ≒ Dublin +353 (0)74 954 6150
	North West Busways (Foyle Coaches)	Web: Buses linking: Tel:	www.foylecoaches.com North West Donegal, Letterkenny, Derry and the Inishowen Peninsula +353 (0)74 938 2116 / 938 2619

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+353 (0)74 974 1644

## Flying to Donegal

Dublin, Shannon, Knock, Belfast, Derry and Cork are the

Donegal Airport	Tel: +353 (0)74 954 8284 Web: www.donegalairport.ie
City of Derry Airport	Tel: +44 (0) 28 7181 0784 Web: www.cityofderryairport.com
Ireland West Airport Knock	Tel: +353 (0)94 936 8100 Web: www.irelandwestairport.com
Dublin Airport	Web: www.dublinairport.com
Belfast Airport	Web: www.belfastairport.com
Belfast City Airport	Web: www.belfastcityairport.com
Cork Airport	Web: www.corkairport.ie
Shannon Airport	Web: www.shannonairport.ie

#### **Car Hire**

#### **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**

Letterkenny Tel: +353 (0)74 910 3202 Tel: +353 (0)74 910 3202 Donegal Airport

#### **S&R Motors**

Tel: +353 (0)74 972 3462 Donegal Town

Web: www.srmotors.ie

# **NORTHERN LIGHTS**

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film,
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Ireland's
North West
Atlantic
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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 30 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











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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 ansd SW Donegal. Presneted by Donegal County Council and supported by the Arts Council and Creative Ireland, the Festival includes touring theatre, traditional music and song, literary events, visual arts, arts in schools and a street carnival parade as well as classical and contemporary music performances.

Festival partners and venues include the Abbey Arts Centre and the Erne Enterprise Development Company Ltd., Ballyshannon; the Balor Arts Centre and Balor Rep Theatre Company, Ballybofey; Aislann Chill Chartha, Halla Mhuire, Gleann Choilm Cille; LUXe Landscape Theatre Company, Dark Daughter Productions, Mountcharles Opera Festival, Donegal Drama Circle, Cairdeas na bhFidiléirí, Coiste Pharóiste Chill Chartha, An Grianán Theatre and the Regional Cultural Centre, Letterkenny.



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