





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 Entertainment 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

Letterkenny Activity Centre

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Karting, High Ropes, Zipline, Airsoft, Archery, Pitch & Putt, Footy Golf, Tunnels & Football, Target Range Tel: +353 (0)74 912 9077 www.lkactivitycentre.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

recreationalfacilities

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/



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

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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)74 938 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

Letterkenny Activity Centre

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

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



^{*} 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

3. 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 -



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 🔵 🗶



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



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



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

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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

Looped 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

Linear Trail

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



Looped/Linear Trail 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

IARAINN 🔵 🜑



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

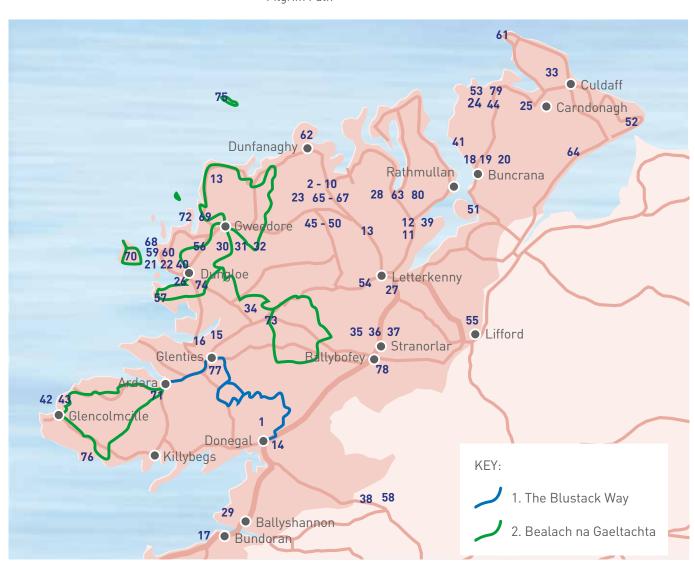
Local Walk

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





EuroVelo 1

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 signsDeveloped route

...... Route under development but usable





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

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www.irishtrails.ie

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Bike Hire and Tours

6. Border Bikes

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

7. Cycle Inishowen

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9. Grassroutes

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10. Ireland by Bike Ltd.

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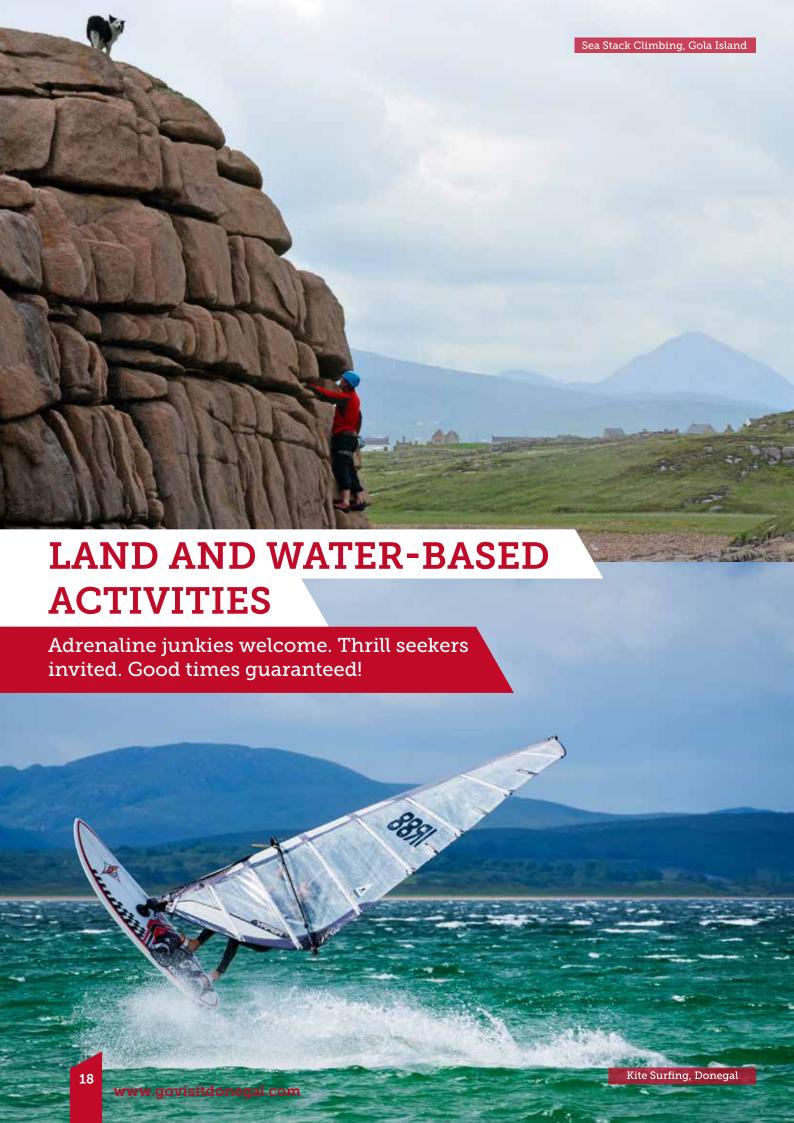
11. The Bike Stop

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Extreme Adventure

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Letterkenny Activity Centre

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The Lakeside Centre

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Countywide

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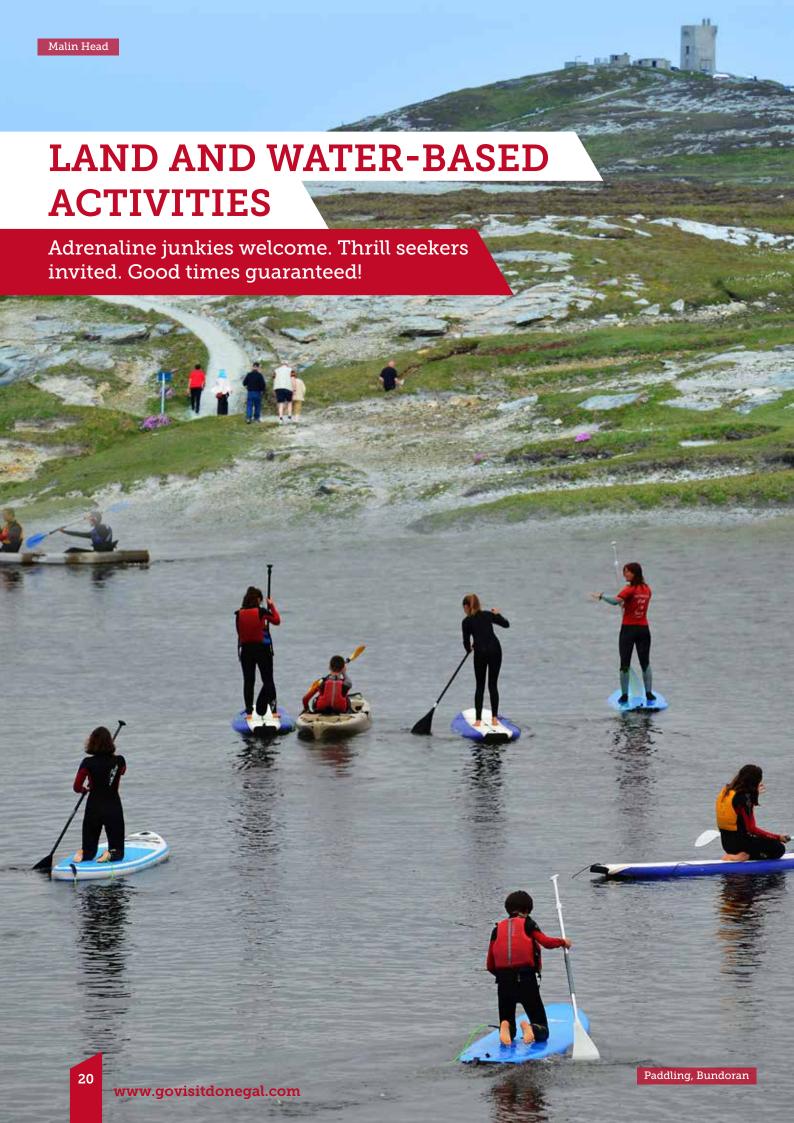
West & NW Donegal, Instructor: Iain Miller Rock Climbing, Sea Stack Climbing, Mountaineering, Mountain Training Courses and Adventure Holidays Tel: +353 (0)87 758 4810 www.uniqueascent.ie

Golf Holidays

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Donegal Kitesurf School

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

Donegal Sea Kayaking

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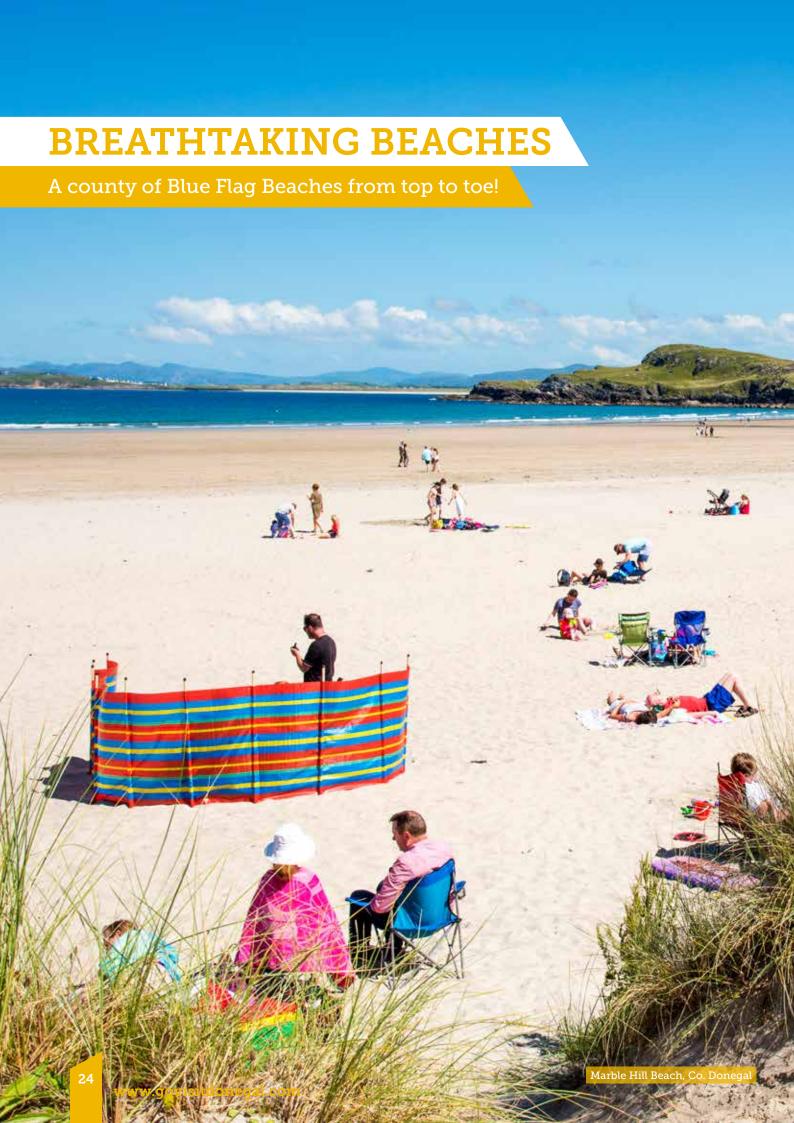
Muff, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 938 4022 www.lenamorestables.com AIRE Approved

Tullagh Bay Equestrian Centre

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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. Killahoev 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

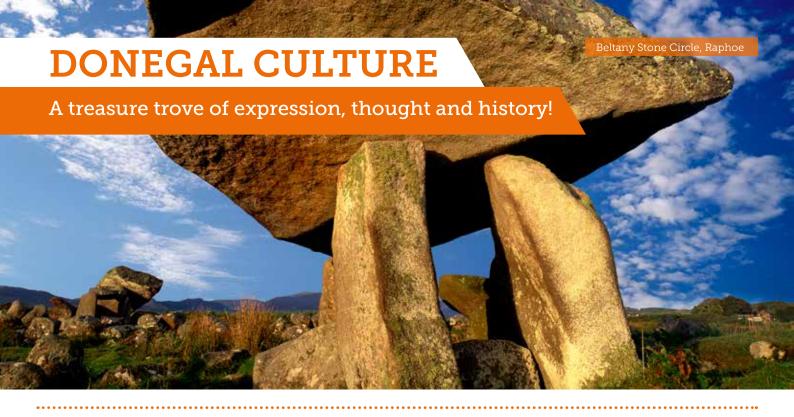
Approx 5km west of Gortahork

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



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

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An Grianán Theatre

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The Balor Arts Theatre

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An tSean Bheairic

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www.falcarraghvisitorscentre.com

Ardara Heritage Centre

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

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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

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

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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







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

See the light at Fanad Lighthouse!

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 spectacular Fanad Head where you can take a tour and climb to the top of the lighthouse. You can even stay in the original Lightkeeper's cottages. On the way, families can enjoy a day of water sports 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, mountains, 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!



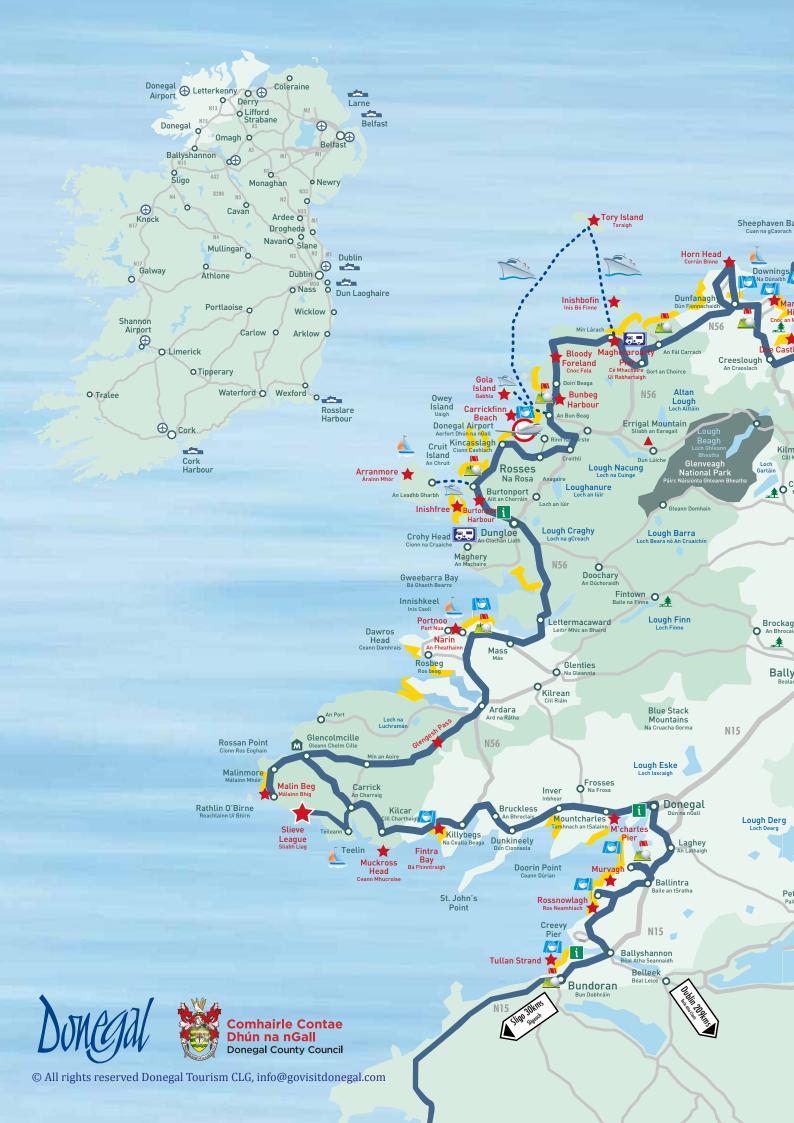


12. Oakfield Park

Secret Jewel in East 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 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.



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

Touring Highlights

BUNDORAN

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

- EU Blue Flag Beach
- Game Angling Centre
- Surfing
- 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: 1850 230 330

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

INVE

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.

- Edel MacBride Showroom. The Base, Stranorlar www.edelmacbride.com
- McElhinneys 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 Magheraroarty 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
 Palor Arts Theatre
- 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.

• Mullinagarry Woods and
Steeple Tower

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 Old Courthouse
 Witness re-enactments of the
 famous cases such as the Napper
 Tandy Trial and the Lord Leitrim
 Murder
- Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1733
 Eclipse Cinemas Lifford/Strabane
 4 screen cinema
- Tel: +353 (0)74 914 1973
 Cavanacor Gallery
 Tel: +353 (0)85 164 2525
- 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'Dochartaigh'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 Ceanainn" 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: 1850 230 330
- 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
- Letterkenny Activity Centre Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 912 9077 www.lkactivitycentre.com

Is a scenic village set along the banks of the river Lennon.

- Heritage Town
- Game Angling Centre
- Killydonnell Friary

RAMELTON cont

'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 of the Earls.

- Blue Flag Beach
- Sea Angling Rathmullan Charters Tel: +353 (0)74 915 8129 +353 (0)87 050 7464
- Pitch and Putt
- Kinnegar Brewery. Tours now take place in Letterkenny at K2, . 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
- Knockalla Mountain
- Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point -Ballymastocker Bay

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

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

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 Killyhoev 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 is now a cafe (Coffee Time) and AirBnB. 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.



Buncrana o Ned's Point / Dunree o Dunaff o Clonmany o Ballyliffin o Carndonagh o Malin o Malin Head o Culdaff o $\mathsf{Ballymagaraghy} \to \mathsf{Kinnagoe} \ \mathsf{Bay} \to \mathsf{Stroove} \to \mathsf{Greencastle} \to \mathsf{Moville} \to \mathsf{Redcastle} \to \mathsf{Muff} \to \mathsf{Burnfoot} \to \mathsf{Fahan} \to \mathsf{Auther}$ Return to Buncrana.

Touring Highlights

BUNCRANA

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

- Tourist Office
- Tel: +353 (0)74 936 2600
- Game AnglingFort 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
- Good location for hill walking (Bulbin, Binion and Sliabh Sneacht)

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

• Carrickabraghy Castle/Blowhole

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

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

- 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

- 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 plague 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

- 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

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. www.loughswillymarina.com





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Glebe House & Gallery

Churchill

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Clonmany

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

Inishowen Bogwood Sculptures

Culdaff

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Moville

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Muck 'n' Muffins Pottery

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Ardara

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

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

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

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Dunfanaghy

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

The Art House

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 910 0552

The Green Door Studio

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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

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groups. A sustainable family business
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Tel: 353 (0)74 9147508 www.edelmacbride.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 design.

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

Mountcharles

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 FrielFest: Brian Friel International 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

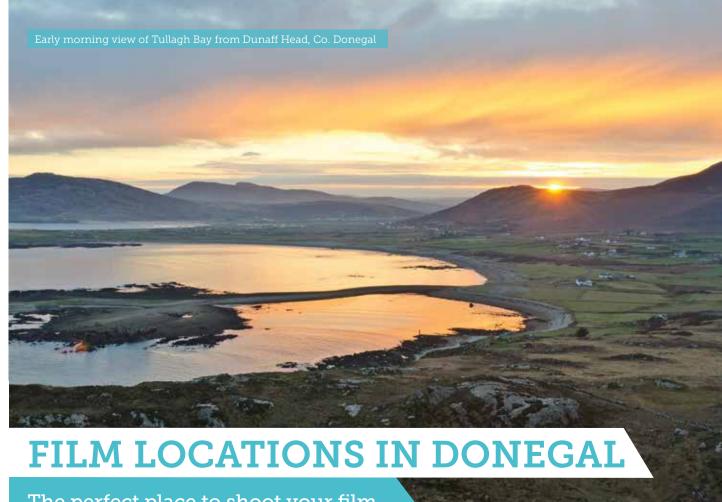
Scoil Gheimhridh Ghaoth Dobhair

Amharclann and various venues, Ghaoth Dobhair





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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 learning 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

ISLANDS & THE GAELTACHT

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



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 the Gleann Cholm Cille (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.

Árainn Mhór - Arranmore Island

Probably the most accessible of all the Gaeltacht islands, Árainn Mór has a resident population of approximately 500 (CSO 2016). 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 Ailt an Chorráin (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

Oileán Ghabhla / Gola Island

The island of Gola / Gabhla covers about one square mile (500 acres). It is situated about one mile from the pier at Machaire Gathlán, or two miles from the pier at An Bun Beag. The island is hilly on its west side, rising to 238 feet at Cnoc an Choillín and 212 feet at An Mhaol Mhór, and these hills shelter the houses that stretch in a ribbon along the east side. The census of 1841 recorded a population of 68 prior to the Famine. This rose steeply to 169 by the time of the 1911 census, in response to a boom in the fishing industry. The schoolhouse, built in 1846, is situated west of Port an Churraigh. At one stage, in the 1940s, it held as many as 70 young pupils. But there is evidence of life in Gabhla prior to this. The remains of two kitchen middens - large heaps of shells discarded over centuries - are found near the lake and probably date back to prehistoric times. Two men from Gabhla, Patrick McGinley and Charles Duggan, were aboard the Asgard, the boat that brought arms into Howth in north county Dublin in 1914, in preparation for the Easter Rising of 1916.

In the late 1960s the island suffered a major population decline. This was due largely to the closure of the school in 1967. Fishing and farming at subsistence level had sustained them for centuries but could not compete with the attractions of mainland living or the better opportunities it now afforded. Gola islanders are renowned for their skills as mariners and fishermen and story-tellers. In the last ten years Gola has enjoyed a new lease of life. The launch of a regular ferry service, the The Cricket, is a great boost to the tourism industry of the island.

There is new-found interest in the ecology of the island, its scenery and the possibility of living close to nature.

Places of interest

- Original examples of Gabhla longhouses, the island's vernacular cottage architecture, can be seen among the newer, renovated houses and among the ruins.
- A small lake, Loch Mhachaire na nGall, nestles mid-island in the hollow between the hills. At one time it heaved with wild eels.
- There are five or six freshwater springs or wells around the island. It is from these that the islanders lifted their drinking water.
- Beautiful white sandy beaches at Tráigh na Béicí and at Port an Churraigh.
- · Leac Cuimhneacháin an Asgard.
- Reilig na bPáistí. Children's Graveyard.

- Prehistoric kitchen middens.
- Suíomh dreapadóireachta. Steep seacliffs rim the western side of the island. Their rough granite surfaces appeal to experienced rockclimbers.
- Sea-arch at Scoilt Uí Dhúgáin.
- Cladach na Croiche ('hanging rock shore').
- An Teach Beag Ionad Eolais

www.gaothdobhair.ie

Getting there: Cé Mhachaire Gathlán (Magheragallan Pier) to Bun Beag (Bunbeg)

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 – 'the island of the white

cow' is located four miles from the village of An Fál Carrach (Falcarragh), or just two miles (a 10-minute boat trip) from the pier at Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheraroarty).

Covering 300 acres, it is a small island, the southern half of the island is fertile and was cultivated in the past in the traditional 'clachan and rundale' manner, which involved communal usage of scarce arable soil and cattle pasture. There are two villages on the island, one near the harbour of An Clachán, and the other a short distance away at An Garradh Bán.

Places of interest

- Ancient farmsteads and field boundaries.
- The White Stone situated in the middle of the island. It has links with the story of the white cow.
- Schoolhouse and the Church.
- See the unusual rock formations in the red and white granite cliffs at the north of the island.
- · Caves at Tóin na Maoile Móire.
- Sea-arch at Scoilt an Droichid.
- The stone beach at Erroonagh with its smooth, egg-like stones of perfect colours, shapes and textures will take your breath away.
- Listen to the soothing sound of the stones as they roll gently in the waves.

Activities

Walking, camping, birdwatching, boating, fishing



Inis Bó Finne cont.

Walking

Take an invigorating walk around the island while being revitalised by the fresh Atlantic sea breeze. Walk on the fine, golden sands of the east beach at Tobar an Ghlasáin where you can go for a refreshing swim.

Views from the island summit (An Mullach) are spectacular. In good weather, you can see the white-faced cone of Errigal and 'table-top' Muckish mountain. See also Cnoc Fola (Bloody Foreland), the cliffs of Horn Head, Toraigh and the neighbouring islands of Inis Dumhaigh (Inisdooey) and Inis Beag (Inishbeg).

Birdwatching

In summer, Inis Bó Finne reverberates to the call of the corncrake, a bird species that has vanished from most parts of Ireland. The island holds 10-20 calling males each summer, an important concentration of this globally endangered species.

Peregrine falcons and choughs regularly visit the island, which is inside a candidate Special Area of Conservation.

In summer, some 30-70 breeding pairs of Arctic terns are distributed between Inis Bó Finne and Inis Dumhaigh. The latter island holds colonies of cliffnesting seabirds, including fulmars, shags and gulls, and a colony of eider ducks.

In winter, Inis Bó Finne is visited by an internationally important flock of some 400 barnacle geese, occasionally accompanied by Greenland whitefronted geese.

Windsurfing & Sea-Kayaking: The spectacular bay and beach at nearby Machaire Rabhartaigh is popular with windsurfers and sea-kayakers.

Church/ Teach Pobail - Muire na nGrás:

Getting there

Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheraroarty) Ferry

Tel: +353 (0)74 913 5635 or +353 (0)87 627 9789

Gach eolas / Information

Coiste Forbartha Inis Bó Finne Tel: +353 (0)87 993 5544

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag Tel: +353 (0)74 953 2571 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. Toraigh is also famous for its school of artists, whose work has been exhibited all over the world.

Tory Ferry

Daily ferry service from Bun Beag and Machaire Rabhartaigh onboard the Queen of Aran.
Maghearoarty Pier
Gortahork, Co. Donegal
Tel: +353 (0)87 188 3710
Download our free App 'Tory Ferry'
Find us on Facebook

Inis Fraoigh - meaning 'island of

heather' lies in the sheltered sea bay between Dungloe and Burtonport. The island is about one square mile in area and once held a thriving community of farmers and fishermen.

Inis Fraoigh is just a short boat trip from the pier at Burtonport. Inis Fraoigh is just one mile square. Like many Irish islands, it has a long history of human settlement. In Early Christian times it was controlled by Niall of the Nine Hostages, a local chieftain who became High King of Ireland. In the late medieval period, it was held by his descendants, the clan of Red Hugh O'Donnell, who led the last stand against England's conquest of Ulster. Their lands were redistributed in the Plantation years. In the early 20th century the island was home to a tightly-knit community of 36 families who lived in a number of 'clachans' or clustered settlements of small cottages, complete with school and post office, at Fartown. Two famous Irish authors, Peadar O'Donnell and Séamus Ó Grianna, taught in the school in the 1910s.

Places of interest

- 1. The two-storey house on the north of the island is claimed to have been built by an ancestor of Ulysses Simpson Grant, the 18th President of the United States.
- 2. An ancient Mass Rock some 50 metres south of the pier is a reminder of the 18th-century penal laws imposed by the British Crown, which forbade the freedom of Roman Catholic religious practice.

Activities

Walking, boat tours, sea-angling, diving, birdwatching and dolphin-watching. The flora and fauna on Inis Fraoigh are rare.

Birdwatching

Terns and waders, including artic tern and ringed plover nest on the west coast of the island at Poll an Choire. Interesting ground nesting species including the corncrake are often heard calling in the fields at Fartown. Other species common on Inis Fraoigh are razorbills, cormorants and kittiwakes.

Information

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag Ancaire, An Chrannóg, Na Doirí Beaga, Leitir Ceanainn, Tír Chonaill T: +353 (0)74 953 2571 F: +353 (0)74 953 2594 E: ancaire@eircom.net www.donegalislands.com Further reading

Inishfree: a tribute to a Donegal island and its people, by Margaret Duffy (2003) Phone Margaret Tel: +353 (0)87-972 4035 Súil Siar: Comharchumann na nOileán Beag 2013

Inishfree Charters

Ferry service from Ailt an Chorráin (Burtonport)- seasonal, by booking only. Tel: +353 (0)87 925 3534 www.donegalislands.com

Inis Mhic an Doirn (Rutland)

Is oileán beag é Inis Mhic an Doirn atá suite tuairim is leathmhíle amach ó Ailt an Chorráin. Tá corradh agus 313 acra talaimh ann agus tá an pointe is airde thart ar 20 meadar os cionn leibhéal na farraige. Le linn Éirí Amach 1798, tháinig James Napper Tandy agus meascán d'fhórsaí as an Fhrainc agus as Éirinn i dtír ar an oileán.

Rutland Island

Rutland (Inis Mhic an Doirn) is situated about half a mile from Burtonport Harbour in the parish of The Rosses in West Donegal.

Activities: Walking, birdwatching, seaangling, and fishing. Eolas/Information:

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag Tel: +353 (0)74 95 32571 E-mail: ancaire@eircom.net www.donegalislands.com

Inis Caorach / Inis Keeragh

Is oileán beag, íséal é Inis Caorach tá suite amach ó chósta na Rosann i bParóiste Theampall Cróine. I dtreo an iardheiscirt, tá Oileán Cróine, an Tearmann agus Bá an Mhachaire. Níl ach 42 acra talaimh ar an oileán agus níl an pointe is airde ach 6.5 meadar os cionn leibhéal na farraige. Tógadh scoil ar an oileán i 1910 cé go raibh scoil á reachtáil i gceann de na tithe ar an tsráidbhaile ó bhí 1868 ann.

Inishkerragh means Sheep Island.
Originally from the irish 'Inis' which
means 'island' and 'caoragh' which
means 'sheep', Inishkerragh is situated
off the North West coast of Donegal, in
the bay of Boylagh. It measures 650m
by 300m and the highest point is 6.5m
above sea level. Activities: Walking,
birdwatching, sea-angling, and fishing.

Eolas/Information:

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag Tel: +353 (0)74 95 32571 E-mail: ancaire@eircom.net www.donegalislands.com

Inis Oirthir / Inishirrer

Mar a deir an t-ainm, Inis Oirthir, an t-oileán thoir is ciall leis an ainm. Tá sé ar an cheann thoir don líne oileán atá ag sineadh ó Árainn Mhór soir go Toraigh. Oileán cúng, fada thart fá mhíle ar fad agus ceathrú míle ar leithne atá in Inis Oirthir. Tá sé thart fá mhíle i bhfarraige amach ó chósta Ghaoth Dobhair.

It is as the name says, Island East, the eastern island. Inishirrer is a long, narrow island, about one mile long and one quarter of a mile wide. It is approximately one mile off the coast of Gweedore. The Inishirrer islanders are famous for their expertise in sailing, rowing and fishing.

Activities: Walking, birdwatching, seaangling, and fishing.

Eolas/Information: Comharchumann na nOileán Beag

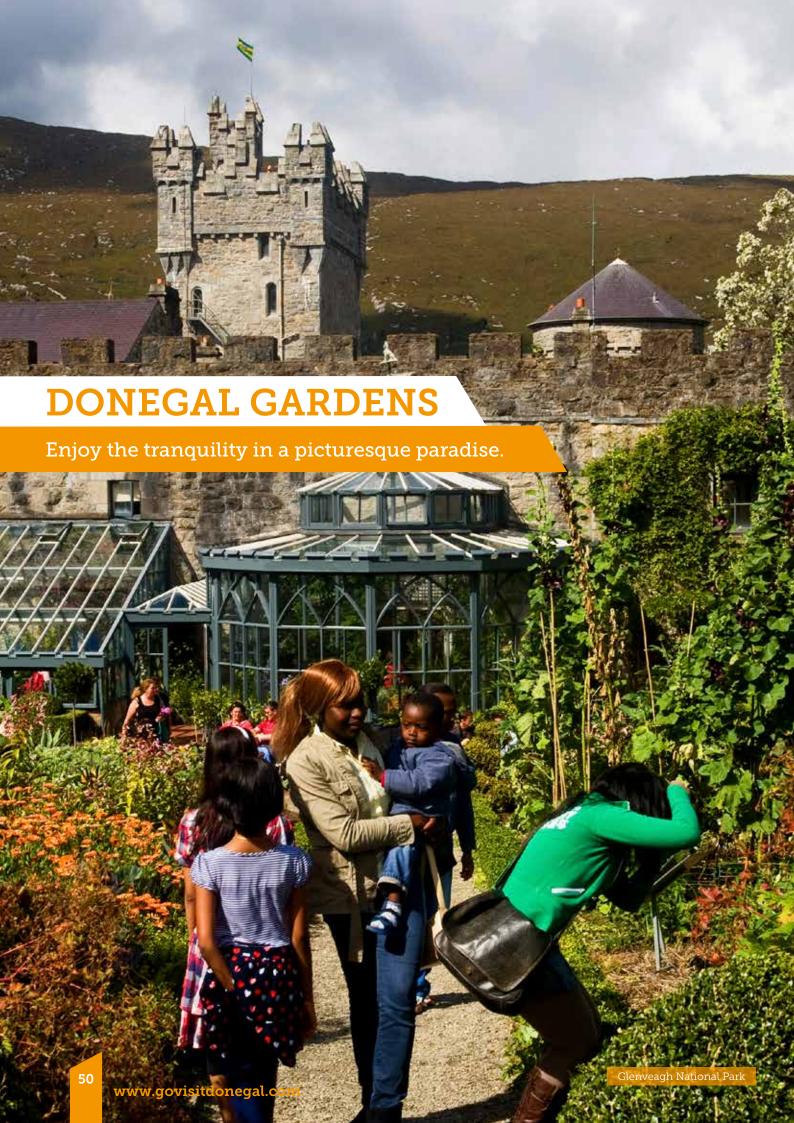
Tel: +353 (0)74 95 32571 E-mail: ancaire@eircom.net www.donegalislands.com

Slán, Slán go fóill - Goodbye

Try a few words

Dia dhuit - Hello
Caidé mar atá tú? - How are you?
Tá mé go maith, go raibh maith agat.
Agus tú féin? - 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





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

Parks & Gardens

Backleas

Stranorlar, Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 913 1107 +353 (0)87 251 6806 www.donegalgardentrail.com

Beltany View Garden

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

Carrablagh House

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

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

Cranny Garden

Inver Co. Donegal Tel: +353 (0)74 97 36042 +353 (0)87 91 72440 www.donegaltrail.com 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

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

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

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

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 - Donegal Garden Trail

^{*} Information accurate at the time of print



Donegal pubs are the real Ireland, a place to meet the locals, have a chat and a pint, unwind after a day in our majestic outdoors or enjoy some delicious locally sourced food.

You'll find a warm welcome, great conversation, the legendary 'craic' and friendly publicans more than eager to make you feel at home.

Our pubs have been around for centuries, they're part of our culture and tradition, a meeting place for the local community where strangers are given the warmest of welcomes.

Each one of the two hundred pubs in Donegal has a story to tell. You could stumble upon a music session in an out-of-the-way pub miles from nowhere or find a dance in full swing that all the locals love to attend.

Enjoy our famous stouts and lagers, local brews, gins and Irish whiskies. There's a drink to suit every taste!

Most locals will tell you conversation is one of the unique ingredients of a good pub. A friendly publican will be interested in you and will wish to make your visit even more special, so be sure to ask their advice on where to go and what to do. Donegal pubs are a minitourist office in their own right!

There is a pub for everyone – old pubs, new pubs, sports pubs, music pubs – just like our drinks, where we have a wide selection to choose from so you won't be disappointed.

In a world more connected, faster, always on, there is a need to be able to switch off. Here in Donegal we're also connected but our pubs have retained an old-world charm that makes them so special. Come and enjoy the atmosphere and relax for a while.

Immerse yourself in our fantastic pub culture. Food and drink, laughter and conversation in equal measure.

A few hours in a Donegal pub is time well spent.

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



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

in a calm world of peace and serenity. The Spa facility, which has six treatment rooms and a Relaxarium, offers the finest pampering treatments available, and has a number of spa packages available.

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

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 quests 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 quests to feel indulged and cared for with splendid luxury, passionate service, generous hospitality and award winning cuisine. They offer the ideal escape where harmony and tranquility gently restore mind, body and soul. Tel: + 353 (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

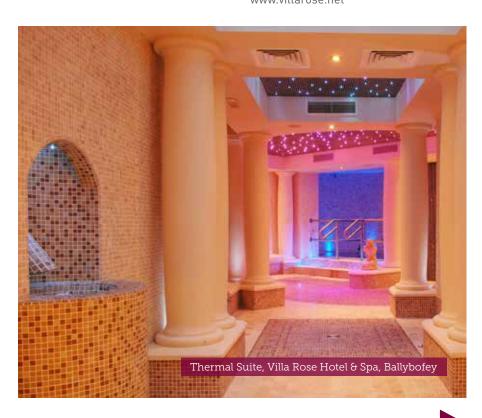
The Float Room

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 Room is a sound-proof, deeply relaxing experience that will help lift the weight of the world off your shoulders. Single & double float rooms are available.

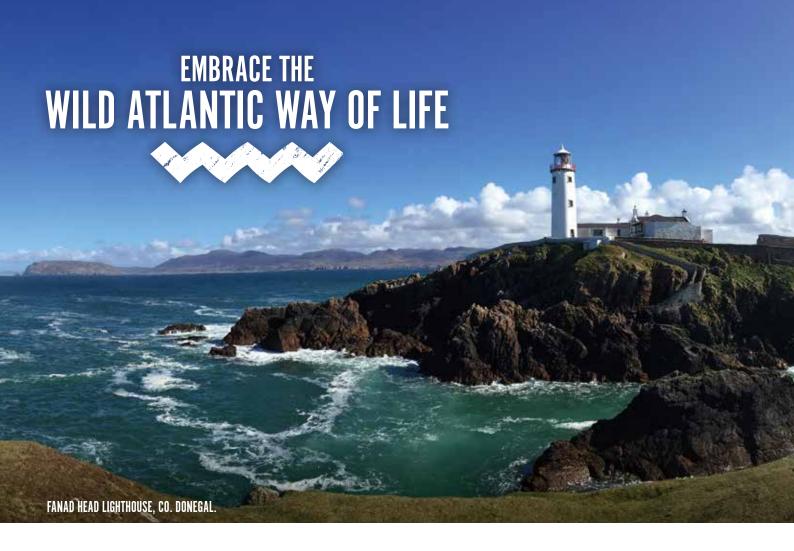
Tel: :+353 (0)89 442 8691 www.thefloatroom.ie

V Spa at The Villa Rose Hotel

Ballybofey, Co. Donegal A haven of calm and tranquility, enjoy the experience of the latest in natural beauty and holistic therapies by Germaine De Capuccini's spa marine. Through the human touch allow your mind, body and soul to be revitalized, rejuvenated and rebalanced. Tel: +353 (0)74 913 0900 www.villarose.net







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
- Wild Fuschia Bakery, Dunfanaghy
- An Dulaman Gin Sliabh Liag Distillery, Carrick

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
- Buffers Garden Restaurant, Oakfield Park, Raphoe
- Brownes on the Green, Letterkenny
- Breac House, Dunfanaghy
- The Foyle Hotel, Moville

All details are accurate at the time of print.

To find out more about The Food Coast initiative: Follow Email Eve—Anne McCarron: eveanne.mccarron@leo.donegalcoc







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. The Donegal Chowder Champion in 2018 was the Seafood Shack in Killybegs, who will go to Kinsale in 2019 for the All Ireland Cook Off.



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.

Donegal Chowder Champions 2018 The Seafood Shack, Killybegs.









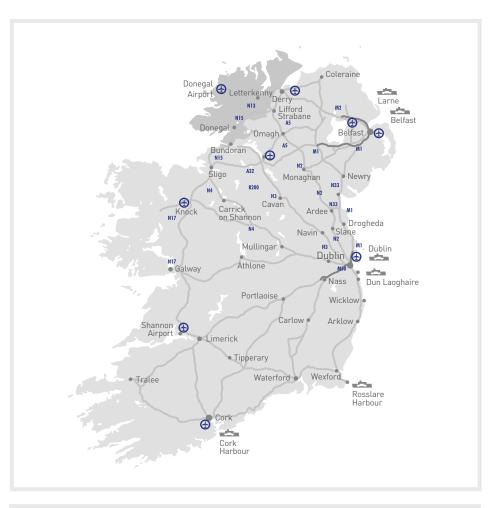




Getting Here

Driving Distances in Kilometres

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



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

Ferry Reservations

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

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

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) | +44 844 770 7070 (UK & Europe) | Tel: +33 233 43 22 387 (from France)

Web: www.stenaline.ie

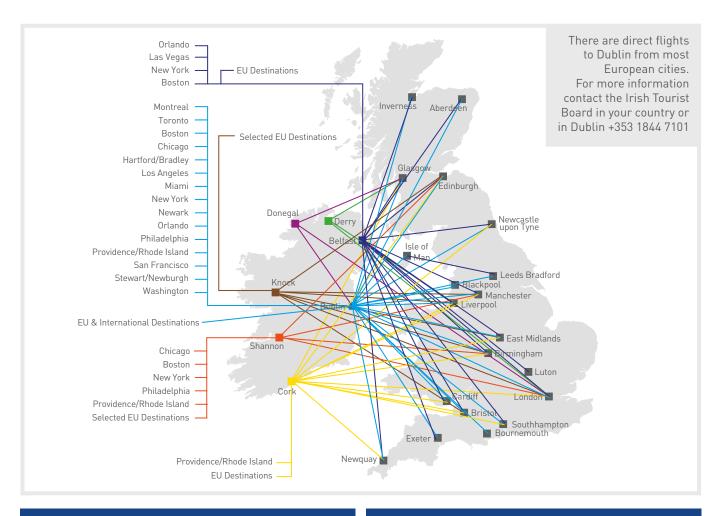
5. Steam Packet Company —

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

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

Web: www.steam-packet.com

Carries Cairnryan Belfast Sise of Man Dublin Dun Laoghaire Fishguard Pembroke Cherbourg Rossoff



Buses

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		
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