



Galway & The West

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Dramatic, haunting and utterly wild, Galway – in the West of Ireland – is a unique place. Rugged cliffs and craggy countryside are dotted with bursts of colour. Galway is famed for its beaches and soaring mountains, as well as its creative spirit, raucous nightlife, and tradition-rich Gaeltacht region.



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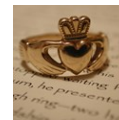
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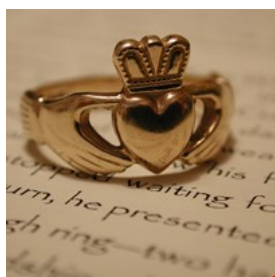
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With a youthful population and a bohemian spirit, Galway's charms are best enjoyed by strolling the Old City lanes and wandering the rugged landscapes. Known for its artistic spirit, Galway is oozing with culture, a confluence of the modern and the ancient.

View traditional Celtic jewellery



Watch the finest craftsmen tinkering with rings at the Claddagh Gold shop. Since 1750, this shop has produced the Original Claddagh

Ring, which consists of two hands holding a crowned heart. A symbol of love, loyalty and friendship (often used as an engagement ring!), the tradition of this ring originated in the fishing village of Claddagh, a community of Irish-speaking families that still elect their very own "King".

Photo: Royal Claddagh/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 1 Quay Street, Galway

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +353 91 566 365

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/galway

Email: info@claddaghring.ie

Savour traditional tastes



From award-winning chips at McDonagh's to fabulous farmhouse Irish cheeses at Sheridans, Galway's culinary scene is diverse and unmissable.

Call in to the family-owned Griffin's Bakery to enjoy unbeatable breads such as traditional brack, rye, soda, multigrain and even Irish whiskey! Gluten-free options also available.

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Address: Galway

Experience music at Nicholas' Collegiate Church



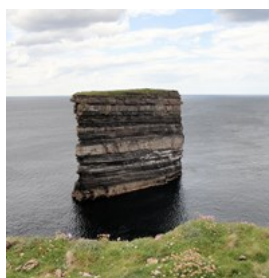
Ireland's largest medieval parish church, St Nicholas' Collegiate Church dates from 1320 and is famed for its collection of curiosities.

These days, traditional Irish Sessions take place in the Church - the rector can be heard playing the flute on summer nights! This place is loved by many, and Christopher Columbus is even reputed to have prayed here in 1477 before setting off on his voyage of discovery to the New World.

Photo: Wolfgang Glock/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: 7 Lombard Street, Galway

Explore with a trip to Mayo



A place of dramatic and rugged beauty, County Mayo (north of Galway) is a wild place with majestic mountains and blissful bays. Mayo's main tourist

centre is Achill at the northwest corner of Clew

bay, with other attractions including Céide Fields, Croagh Patrick, and coastal walks.

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Address: Mayo

Discover Roscommon



County Roscommon (northeast of Galway) is often lauded as ‘the Heart of Undiscovered Ireland’. Its wild and unspoilt landscapes are conducive to adventure and exploration.

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Address: Roscommon

Internet: www.discoverireland.ie/roscommon

THE COUNTY



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Known as the “City of the Tribes” – after the 14 famous families who forged Gaillimh’s history –, Galway is one of Ireland’s most charming and romantic cities, and a magnet for visitors as to its rich Celtic and Spanish heritage, its vibrant arts scene, and its lengthy list of festivals. Delightfully compact, the city is easy to stroll around, so do explore its medieval streets dotted with brightly-painted shop fronts, handsome limestone buildings and landmarks. The Gaeltacht area of County Galway offers an authentic insight into life through the Irish

language, and the Aran Islands have a breathtaking beauty of their own.

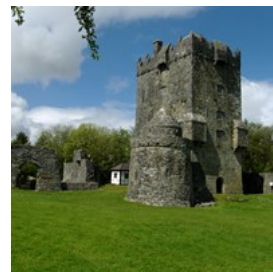
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Aughnanure Castle



Built by the O’Flaherty family in the 16th century, Aughnanure Castle crowns the picturesque scenery of Oughterard. One of over

200 tower houses in County Galway, visitors will explore the remains of a banqueting hall, a watch tower, an unusual double bawn, bastions and a dry harbour.

Photo: Dan Merino/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Aughnanure, Galway

Opening hours: 1st Mar-24th Oct: daily 9:30am-6pm. 25th

Oct-31st Oct: daily 9:30am-5pm

Phone: (+353) 91 552 214

Internet: www.heritageireland.ie

Email: aughnanurecastle@opw.ie

Brigit's Garden



Magic lingers in this beautiful Celtic-themed garden. The nature trail, stone chamber, and nature discovery trail will spirit visitors of all ages

to a world of imagination.

Photo: Y Shanahan/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Pollagh, Roscahill

Opening hours: Mar-Oct: daily 10am-5:30pm. Nov-Feb daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +353 91 550 905

Internet: www.brigitsgarden.ie

Email: info@BrigitsGarden.ie

More Info: The Gardens are closed Dec 24th-Jan 31st.

Cnoc Suain Conamara



Cnoc Suain is an open air museum which preserves traditional Irish culture. A restored 17th century hill-village is an international

award-winner only 25 minutes away from Galway city itself. Wander through restored thatched stone cottages, a megalithic standing stone and two hundred acres of ancient blanket bogland, while taking in views of rolling hills, rivers, lakes, and the sea.

Photo: Mark0pants/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: L1320 Spiddal, Moycullen

Phone: +353 91 555 703

Internet: www.CnocSuain.com

Email: info@cnocsuain.com

Connemara National Park



Connemara's rich landscape has long been a place of discovery and exploration. Explore the Diamond Hill Trails to fully immerse yourself in

this unique environment. The park also features audio visual, a playground, an indoor and outdoor picnic areas. Meet Connemara ponies before settling in to enjoy some wholesome home baking at the park's café.

Photo: Stewjules/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Letterfrack, Galway

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5:30pm

Phone: +353 95 410 54

Internet: www.connemaranationalpark.ie

Email: cnp@chg.gov.ie

More Info: The visitor centre is open Mar-Oct daily 9am-5:30pm, while the tea room is open daily 9:30am-5:30pm.

Connemara Smokehouse



Connemara Smokehouse is steeped in tradition. A proud producer of traditional Irish smoked and marinated seafood, this venue is one of Rick

Stein's Super Food Heroes. Sustainability is a growing area of interest, with Wild & Organic Salmon, and the line caught Smoked Tuna growing in popularity.

Photo: Hans/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: The Pier, Ballyconneely

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm

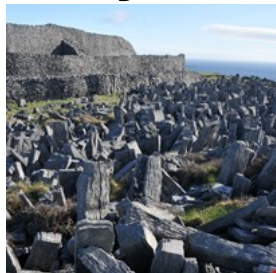
Phone: +353 95 237 39

Internet: www.smokehouse.ie

Email: info@smokehouse.ie

More Info: Tours available.

Dun Aonghasa



Perched on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Dun Aonghasa is the most monumental of the prehistoric stone forts on the Aran Islands. A semi-circular building enclosed by three massive stone walls, excavations revealed significant evidence of prehistoric metalworking, as well as several settlements and ancient sites of burial.

Photo: Tuoermin/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Kilmurvey, Aran Islands

Opening hours: Apr-Oct: daily 9:30am-6pm. Nov-Mar: daily 9:30-4pm

Phone: +353 99 610 08

Internet: www.heritageireland.ie/en/west/dunaonghasa

Email: dunaonghasa@opw.ie

Kylemore Abbey and Victorian Walled Garden



Home of the Benedictine nuns, the 1000-acre-wide Kylemore estate is a perfect day trip destination. Take a guided tour and discover an award-winning Victorian Walled Garden - which often hosts musical performances.

Photo: Tomtom60/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: Kylemore Abbey, Connemara

Opening hours: Nov-Mar: daily 10am-4:30pm. Apr-Jul: daily 9am-6pm. Jul-Aug: daily 9am-7pm. Sep-Oct: daily 9:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +353 95 520 01

Internet: www.kylemoreabbeytourism.ie

Email: info@kylemoreabbey.com

More Info: Opening hours change periodically so do check current ones on the website before visiting.

Druid Lane Theatre



The award-winning Druid Theatre is one of Ireland's premiere theatre companies, featuring both classic and contemporary performances. Check out their programme for a taste of local culture.

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Address: Druid Lane, Galway

Phone: +353 91 568 660

Internet: www.druid.ie

Email: info@druid.ie

Galway Atlantaquaria



The National Aquarium of Ireland is home to the country's largest collection of aquatic life - with over 150 species of fish and invertebrates.

The exhibits provide a unique insight into native marine and freshwater habitats, a perfect opportunity to learn more about the sea which characterises Galway.

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Address: Seapoint Promenade, Salthill

Opening hours: Daily 10am-6pm

Phone: +353 91 585 100

Internet: www.nationalaquarium.ie

Email: info@nationalaquarium.ie

Galway City Karting



Galway City Karting is Galway's only indoor karting venue. A fun and safe environment to chase high speeds, the venue is family-friendly

with karting options for children.

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Address: Liosban Industrial Estate, Tuam Road

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 12pm-10pm. Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +353 91 440 136

Internet: www.galwaycitykarting.ie

Email: info@galwaycitykarting.ie

Galway City Museum



Galway City Museum is a spacious and modern building on the banks of the River Corrib. Visit to learn all about the city's unique character, with displays on archaeology, local history, art and craft.

Photo: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Spanish Parade, Galway

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 12pm-5pm

Phone: +353 91 532 460

Internet: www.galwaycitymuseum.ie

Email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Athenry Heritage Centre



Enjoy an immersive Medieval Experience in the Athenry Heritage Centre. Get into character by borrowing a medieval costume, and

try your hand at Archery. The museum is fun for all ages and offers interactive exhibits as well as guided tours.

Photo: Andreas F. Borchert/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: The Square, Athenry

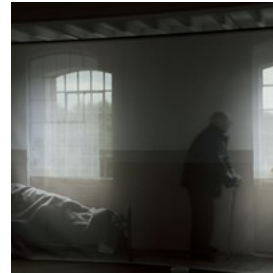
Opening hours: Sat-Thu 10:30am-5pm. Fri 10:30am-2pm

Phone: +353 91 844 661

Internet: www.athenryheritagecentre.com

Email: athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com

Irish Workhouse Centre



This humbling museum offers insight in to an often overlooked institution in Irish history - the Workhouse. From the 1840s until Independence (1920s), Workhouses were the last resort for the destitute poor. Offering minimal living conditions in exchange for gruelling work, these institutions characterise the hardship of life in the era. The centre is composed of 7 workhouses and takes visitors on an interactive journey through this harrowing chapter of history.

Photo: Shelli Jensen/Shutterstock.com

Address: St. Brigid's Road, Portumna

Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm

Phone: +353 90 975 9200

Internet: www.irishworkhousecentre.ie

Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie

The Latin Quarter



Galway's Latin Quarter sprawls winding medieval streets and incorporates some of the city's most historic landmarks. High spirits abound in the Tribes Alive Theatrical Walking Tour which explores the area's colourful, artistic reputation.

Photo: Ana Candida/shutterstock.com

Address: The Latin Quarter, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 2:30pm-3:30pm and 5:30pm-6:30pm

Phone: +353 86 302 5529

Internet: www.thelatinquarter.ie

Email: info@thelatinquarter.ie

Menlo Castle



Menlo Castle is a secluded castle reclaimed by nature - it may be a challenge to spot behind the green blanket of vegetation covering it!

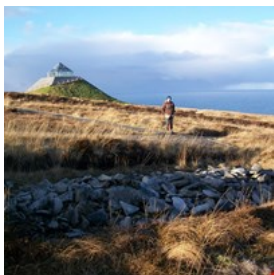
Partially destroyed by a fire in 1910, the ruin is a beautiful place on the banks of the Corrib River, and a point of interest to include on a long stroll through nature.

Photo: Dana R. Lee/Shutterstock.com

Address: The Orchard, Galway

Internet: www.galwaytourism.ie/menlo-castle/

Céide Fields



An ancient site, the Céide fields are the remnants of the oldest known field system in the world. The visitor centre offers a rare opportunity to learn

about the spiritual beliefs and culture of the neolithic society which created this landscape. The fields are also worth visiting for their wild ecology - blanket bog, dramatic cliffs and coastline are accompanied by rare mosses, sedges, lichens, and flora.

Photo: Rowan McLaughlin/Flickr (image cropped)

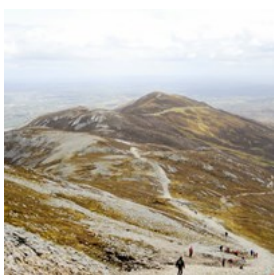
Address: Glenurla, Ballycastle, Co. Mayo, F26 PF66

Opening hours: Vary by season

Phone: (+353) 096-43325

Internet: www.ceidefields.com

Croagh Patrick



An ancient place, Croagh Patrick has long been a place of pilgrimage and discovery - no wonder it has inspired so many myths and legends!

Archaeological evidence suggests settlement on this cone-shaped mountain as far back as 3000BC. It is said in the 6th century St. Patrick (Ireland's patron saint) undertook a 40 day Lenten pilgrimage of penance here. (It is also the mountain from which he allegedly chased the snakes out of Ireland!) For this reason the mountain is the site of many pilgrimages, as well as "Reek Day", a ceremonial day in July. Ideal for hiking, one can enjoy stunning views of Clew Bay, and borrow climbing sticks from the Visitor Centre if needed. The mountain is 5 minutes from the town of Westport and also a day-trip possibility for those based in Galway.

Photo: Clementine Kosmalski/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Teevenacroaghy, Co. Mayo

Internet: www.croagh-patrick.com

James Mitchell Geology Museum



Often called "Galway's hidden museum", this unique centre is located in the south-east wing of the "Quadrangle" - the iconic central feature of

NUI Galway's Hogwarts-esque campus. The museum houses over 1725 mineral and 1587 rock specimens. Palaeontology enthusiasts will admire the collection of invertebrate fossils, as well as dinosaur bones. Rare exhibits vary, with some focusing on the West of Ireland's unique geology, and others from Asia, Africa and America.

Photo: Psyberartist/Flickr (image cropped)

Address: National University of Ireland Galway, University Road, Galway, Ireland H91 TK33

Phone: (+353) 91 524411

Internet: www.nuigalway.ie/science/school-of-natural-sciences/disciplines/earth-ocean-science/geology-museum/

EVENTS



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Galway is a high-spirited and lively city, teeming with bustling bars and inspiring art. Events happen year round and the festival atmosphere is rife for revelling.

Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival



Lovers of seafood won't want to miss this festival. The 'World Oyster Opening Championship', attracts countless visitors, and where there are people, there is always live music.

Events include oyster hot spots, seafood trails, hot oyster cooking challenges, and cultural events. Learn about the history and cultural significance of the maritime industry in Ireland.

Photo: 809xia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Galway

Opening hours: End of September

Phone: +353 91 394 637

Internet: www.galwayoysterfestival.com

Email: info@galwayoysterfestival.com

Galway Arts Festival



One of Ireland's leading arts festivals, expect theatre, spectacle, street art, music, comedy, and music throughout this eventful fortnight in one of the country's creative and cultural hotspots.

Photo: Peter Clarke/Wikimedia.org

Address: Galway

Opening hours: End of July

Phone: +353 91 509 700

Internet: www.galwayartsfestival.ie

Email: info@giaf.ie

Galway Racing Festival



The Galway Racing Festival is one of Ireland's greatest sporting festivals. While horse racing fascinates locals and tourists alike, the organised events and spirit of celebration surrounding the festival make for eventful days (and nights) on the town.

Photo: el ui/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Ballybrit Racecourse, Galway

Opening hours: End of October

Phone: +353 91 700 100

Internet: www.galwayraces.com

Email: information@galwayraces.com

Gaelforce West



This ultimate Irish adventure race is a 67km course begins with trail and mountain running (or walking), before leading on to cycling and kayaking through Connemara, Killary Fjord and Croagh Patrick. A one-of-a-kind test of

endurance.

Photo: Alextype/Shutterstock.com

Address: Galway

Opening hours: Mid June

Phone: +353 95 420 06

Internet: www.gaelforceevents.com/west

Email: info@gaelforceevents.com

DINING



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Galway is the perfect place to taste a crop of Ireland's finest traditional food, as well as cosmopolitan cooking. With options for all budgets and occasions, Galway is an up-and-coming city in Ireland's foodie scene.

Donnelly's of Barna Bar & Seafood Restaurant



One of Ireland's most renowned seafood restaurants, Donnelly's also caters to carnivores with its game and meat dishes. Wash it all down

with a few drinks at the on-site bar.

Photo: ilolab/Shutterstock.com

Address: Barna, Galway

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 12:30-8:30pm, Fri-Sat 12:30-9:30pm

Phone: +353 91 592 487

Internet: www.donnellysofbarna.com

Email: dine@donnellysofbarna.com

Aniar



The only Michelin Star restaurant in the whole West of Ireland, Aniar is based in Galway's West End. Committed to honouring the local and the wild in contemporary Irish cuisine, this is an ideal place to experience food traditions in an award-winning setting.

Photo: Anna Kurzaeva/Shutterstock.com

Address: 53 Lower Dominick Street, Galway

Opening hours: Tue-Thu 6pm-9:30pm. Fri-Sat 5:30pm-9:30pm

Phone: +353 91 535 947

Internet: www.aniarrestaurant.ie

Email: food@aniarrestaurant.ie

Ard Bia at Nimmos



Ard Bia at Nimmos is a charming restaurant with a fusion of multicultural dishes, from Ireland, New Zealand and the Middle East. Also a cafe and wine bar, one can enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner all under one roof.

Photo: Marco Verch/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Spanish Arch, The Long Walk, Galway

Opening hours: Daily 10am-3pm, 6-9pm

Phone: +353 91 561 114

Internet: www.ardbia.com

Email: reservations@ardbia.com

McDonagh's



This four-generation family restaurant serves quality seafood ranging from Clarenbridge Oyster to salmon and crabs. Grab a classic fish and chips to taste the local flavour of this seaside

town.

Photo: fudowakira0/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 22 Quay Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-11pm. Sun 2pm-10pm

Phone: +353 91 565 001

Internet: www.mcdonaghs.net

Email: fish@mcdonaghs.net

The Forge & Venue



This eatery lies in beautiful Moycullen, the gateway to Connemara. As you might expect, the venue prides itself on traditional Irish dishes

made with locally-produced ingredients, in a relaxed and open atmosphere.

Photo: Alias Studiot Oy/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ballycuike West, Moycullen

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:30am-11:30pm. Sun 12:30pm-5pm

Phone: +353 91 868 944

Email: foragemoycullen@gmail.com

White Gables Restaurant



Experience old world charm in this 1920s stone cottage. Renowned for its fine seafood, with lobster, crabs and oysters fresh from the sea, this

sophisticated yet cosy atmosphere will warm your heart as well as please your tastebuds.

Photo: Suporn Thawornnithi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ballycuike West, Moycullen

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 7pm-closing. Sun 12:30pm-3pm and 7pm-closing

Phone: +353 91 555 744

Internet: www.whitegables.com

Tulsi



Tulsi is one of Galway's foremost Indian restaurants. Lamb, beef, poultry and seafood dishes insure there is something for all tastes in this authentic Indian eatery.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Buttermilk Walk, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-11pm. Sun 1pm-10pm

Phone: +353 91 564 831

Internet: www.tulsi-galway.com

The Seafood Bar at Kirwan's



In the heart of medieval Galway, The Seafood Bar at Kirwan's specialises in seafood as well as the essential companion red or white wine.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: Kirwan's Lane, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30-2:30pm, 6-10pm, Sun 6-10pm

Phone: +353 91 568 266

Internet: www.kirwanslane.ie

Fat Freddy's



This family-favourite in the heart of Galway City offers a range of Italian and Mexican food such as including pizza, pasta, enchiladas and burritos.

Prices won't hurt your pocket, but there is no compromise on quality - Fat Freddy's uses the freshest ingredients and is well-decorated in a vintage, urban style.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com

Address: 15 Quay Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 5pm-10pm. Fri-Sat 12pm-10:30pm.
Sun 12pm-10pm
Phone: +353 91 567 279
Internet: www.fatfreddys.ie

Cooke's Restaurant & Wine Bar



A classic venue located in one of Galway City's oldest districts, Cooke's Restaurant boasts excellent modern cuisine as well as a selection of fine wines. A perfect place to enjoy a night out with quality drinks, tasty food, and great people.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 28 Abbeygate Street Upper, Galway
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-4pm, 5-10pm, Sun 12-10pm
Phone: +353 91 568 203
Internet: www.cookes.ie
Email: cookesreservations@gmail.com

Martine's Restaurant and Winebar



Martine's is an award-winning family-run restaurant and wine bar located in the heart of Galway City. Savour both lunch and dinner in this snug bistro, or venture out to the outdoor terrace.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 21 Quay Street, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 12:30-3pm, 5-10:30pm
Phone: +353 91 565 662
Internet: martines.ie

Brasserie On The Corner



This venue specialises in steak and seafood dishes, with an emphasis on locally sourced produce.

Photo: nazarovsergey/Shutterstock.com
Address: 25 Eglinton Street, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm
Phone: +353 91 530 333
Internet: www.brasseriegalway.com
Email: eimear@brasseriegalway.com

CAFES



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Galway's cosy cafes offer refuge from the Wild Atlantic weather. Enjoy traditional Irish homemade cakes, bakes and lunchtime treats such as warm fluffy brown scones, jam-laden soda bread, Irish fruit cake, open crab sandwiches, boxty and soda farls.

Corrib House Tea Rooms



This beautifully restored Georgian Townhouse overlooks Galway's famous Salmon Weir. Two spacious tearooms offer a scrumptious selection of delicious cakes and treats, freshly baked in house each morning. This beautiful place is an

oasis of calm in a lively and bustling town centre.

Photo: petereleven/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Waterside, Woodquay

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-5pm. Sun 10:30am-3:30pm

Phone: +353 91 446 753

Internet: www.corribhouse.com/tea-rooms

Email: info@corribhouse.com

PoppySeed Cafe



PoppySeed Cafe is committed to serving "healthy and real" good. Drop in at any time of day to enjoy all day specials, as well as breakfast, lunch, and delectable homemade pastries.

Photo: Lolostock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Castle Court, Caslte Road, Oranmore

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 9am-4pm

Phone: +353 91 795 191

Internet: www.poppyseed.ie

Email: info@poppyseed.ie

Food 4 Thought



Food 4 Thought is a family-run cafe, only a stone's throw away from Lynch's Castle in city centre. Relax here after a day's sightseeing.

Photo: PPstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Abbeygate Street Lower, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:30pm. Sat 8am-6pm. Sun 12:30pm-4:30pm

Phone: +353 91 565 854

High Cafe



Right in the heart of the Latin Quarter, High Café serves savoury dishes as well as sweet treats.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 High Street, Galway

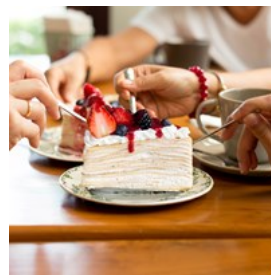
Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +353 91 532 648

Internet: www.thisisgalway.ie/eat-galway/high-cafe

Email: high-cafe@hotmail.com

The Kitchen



The Kitchen Cafe and Restaurant is a funky place serving some of Galway's most exciting food, both sweet and savoury. Located in the Galway City Museum, enjoy views of the historic Spanish Arch while you savour delectable cakes and great dishes.

Photo: Bignai/Shutterstock.com

Address: Spanish Parade, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm. Sat 9am-5:30pm. Sun 10:30am-5pm

Phone: +353 91 534 883

Internet: www.thekitchengalway.ie

Email: thekitchengalway@gmail.com

Butlers Chocolate Café



Butlers is an iconic Irish brand, loved both at home and abroad. Their divine selection of chocolates and hot beverages offer some well-needed indulgence after a day's exploring.

Photo: nadyatess/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 William Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8am-6:30pm. Thu-Fri 8am-7:30pm.
Sat 8:30am-7pm. 11am-6:30pm
Phone: +353 91 569 901
Internet: www.butlerschocolates.com
Email: chocolate@butlers.ie

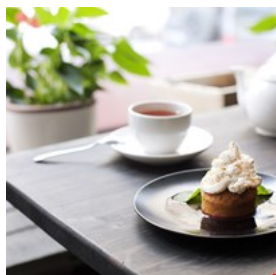
Upstairs at McCambridge's



Upstairs at McCambridge's serves artisan food and wines in a classy and polished city centre location.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com
Address: 38-39 Shop Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 8:30am-5:30pm. Thu-Sat 8:30am-7pm. Sun 10:30am-4:30pm
Phone: +353 91 562 259
Internet: www.mccambridges.com
More Info: The Food Hall is open Mon-Thu 8am-7pm, Fri-Sat 8am-8pm and Sun 10:30am-6pm.

The Secret Garden



The Secret Garden is Galway's worst kept secret! One of the city's most popular meeting places, its shop, bar and cafe are well worth a visit.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com
Address: 4 William Street West, Galway
Opening hours: Mon 11am-8pm. Tue-Sat 11am-11pm. Sun 1pm-9pm
Phone: +353 85 758 3927
Internet: www.secretgardengalway.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Galway's unique, celebratory spirit festers in its many pubs. From traditional pubs to hopping bars, Galway is famed for its nightlife. A university town, it draws a young crowd, as well as groups of friends visiting from other parts of the country.

The King's Head Bar



The Kings Head Bar is a typical Irish pub - great food, great music, and great atmosphere. The historic buildings often hosts music events and is the preferred venue for watching sports.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 High Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon-Wed 10:30am-11:30pm, Thu 10:30am-12am, Fri-Sat 10:30am-2am, Sun 11:30am-11pm
Phone: +353 91 567 866
Email: info@thekingshead.ie

Trappers Inn



The Trappers Inn is a traditional, family-run bar and restaurant, passionate about serving the freshest seasonal and locally-sourced food.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tuam Road, Castlegar

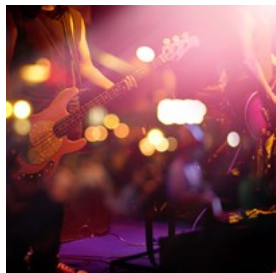
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 8am–11:30pm, Fri–Sat

8am–12:30am, Sun 9am–11pm

Phone: +353 91 751 228

Email: emmet@trappersinn.ie

Taaffe's Bar



Renowned for its traditional Irish music sessions (both day and night), this bar teems with "craic".

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com

Address: 19 Shop Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10:30am–11:30pm Fri–Sat

10:30am–12:30am. Sun 12:30pm–11pm

Phone: +353 91 564 066

Busker Brownes



In the heart of Galway's vibrant Latin Quarter, Busker Brownes has long been a meeting place for the Tribes of Galway. Regulars enjoy the delicious food and rousing atmosphere.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com

Address: 5 Cross Street Upper, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–2am, Sun 12pm–2am

Phone: +353 91 563 377

Internet: www.buskerbrownes.com

Murty Rabbitt's



Just off Eyre Square, Murty Rabbitt's serves a huge variety of dishes and drinks. Ranked among the favourites of visitors and locals alike, this bar is the place to be on game days.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com

Address: 23 Forster Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 11am–11:30pm. Fri–Sat

11am–12:30am. Sun 12pm–11pm

Phone: +353 91 566 490

The Cellar



This stunning two-storey venue transforms from a busy restaurant by day to a buzzing late bar by night. High quality food and drinks combined with excellent service make for a must-visit in Galway city centre.

Photo: DonnaSenzaFiato/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 12 Eglinton Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10am–11:30pm. Fri–Sat

10am–12:30am. Sun 11am–11:30pm

Phone: +353 91 563 966

Internet: www.thecellar.ie

Email: info@thecellar.ie

The Quay's Bar



For nearly 400 years, The Quays Bar has pleased Galwegians and visitors alike with its delicious menu, lively atmosphere, and diverse choice of live music.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: Quay's Street, Galway

Opening hours: Daily 12pm–8:30pm

Phone: +353 91 568 347

Internet: www.louisfitzgerald.com/quaysgalway

Email: quaysgalway@fitzgeraldgroup.ie

The Huntsman Inn



The Huntsman Inn is one of Galway's most impressive bars, maintaining a personal touch. Popular with college students, the inn

is lively and draws a big crowd on both week nights and weekends.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 164 College Road, Galway

Opening hours: Daily 8am-12am

Phone: +353 91 562 849

Internet: www.huntsmaninn.com

Email: info@huntsmaninn.com

Massimo



Massimo is a spacious pub featuring a diverse selection of events.

Consult their programme to make sure you don't miss out on some of the

city's best live music and DJs.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 William Street West, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 4pm-11:30pm- Thu 4pm-2am.

Fri-Sat 12pm-2am. Sun 12pm-1am

Phone: +353 91 582 239

Internet: www.massimogastropub.com

Email: massimogalway@gmail.com

Galway Arms Inn



The Galway Arms Inn is one of Galway's most recognisable buildings and stands proudly at the entrance to Galway City West. Known for their

selection of beer, The Grill offers some well-needed soakage in the form of hot food.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 65 Dominick St Lower, Galway

Opening hours: Sun-Thu 10:30am-11:30pm, Fri-Sat 10:30am-12:30am

Phone: +353 91 564 555

Internet: www.galwayarmsinn.com

Email: info@galwayarmsinn.com

More Info: The opening hours for breakfast, lunch and dinner vary, and they can be checked on the venue's website.

The Dáil Bar



In the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter, The Dáil Bar is a firm favourite of foddies, and those who love award-winning cocktails. For a lively

night out, come here to enjoy live music five nights a week and top DJs on the weekend.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: 42-44 Middle Street, Galway

Phone: +353 91 563 777

Internet: www.thedailbar.com

Email: info@thedailbar.com

The Front Door Pub



The Front Door is a large yet intimate historic pub nestled in Galway's Latin Quarter. Tastefully decorated with dark wood, textured walls and

stunning stained glass, the vibe is comfortable yet creative.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com

Address: 8 Cross Street Upper, Galway

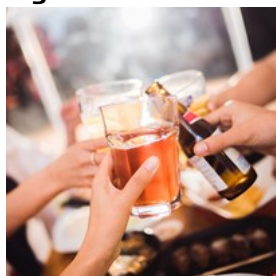
Opening hours: Mon, Fri-Sat 11am-2am, Tue-Thu 10:30am-2am, Sun 12pm-2am

Phone: +353 91 563 757

Internet: www.frontdoorpub.com

Email: info@frontdoorpub.com

Tigh Chóilí



Tigh Chóilí is famous for its traditional Irish music sessions. Mingle with locals and experience the old world charm in this iconic pub.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mainguard St, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10:30am–11:30pm, Fri–Sat 10:30am–12:30am, Sun 12:30–11pm

Phone: +353 91 561 294

Internet: www.tigcoiligalway.com

Email: tig.coili@yahoo.com

Monroe's Tavern



Tuesday night is traditional set-dancing night at Monroe's Tavern, a whitewashed pub in Galway's West End. Don't be shy and dance along to traditional tunes such as the Siege of Ennis or the Walls of Limerick.

Photo: JayMantri/Pixabay.com (image cropped)

Address: 14 Dominick Street Upper, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10am–11:30pm. Fri–Sat 10am–2:30am. Sun 12pm–11:30pm

Phone: +353 91 583 397

Internet: www.monroes.ie

Email: info@monroes.ie

SHOPPING



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Galway provides a unique shopping experience. As well as the high street shops, there is a variety of specialist and unique gift shops. The immediate city centre, as well as indoor shopping centres on the outskirts, insure plentiful options for visitors and locals alike.

Eyre Square Centre



Over 70 shops, both Irish retailers and well-known international brands, is Galway's best-known shopping centre.

Photo: NaiyanaB/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eyre Square, Galway

Opening hours: Mon–Wed, Sat 8:30am–7pm. Thu–Fri 8:30am–9pm. Sun 10:15am–7pm

Phone: +353 91 568 302

Internet: www.eyresquarecentre.com

Email: avril@eyresquarecentre.com

Cobwebs



This building's impressive appearance has made it an iconic landmark in Galway city centre. Inside, find a treasure trove of antique and modern jewels unique to this special place.

Photo: Sergey Ryzhov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 7 Quay Lane, Galway

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 10am-5:30pm

Phone: +353 91 564 388

Internet: www.cobwebs.ie

Email: info@cobwebs.ie

Brown Thomas



Thomas Brown is one of Ireland's leading department stores, and its huge variety of stock-clothing for men, women and children, as well as decor, accessories and beauty products – should not be missed.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18-21 Eglinton Buildings, Galway

Opening hours: Mon, Wed, Sat 9:30am-7pm. Tue 10am-7pm.

Thu-Fri 9:30am-9pm. Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +353 91 565 254

Internet: www.brownthomas.com

Email: btcustserv@brownthomas.ie

Galway Market



This centuries-old bustling street market along Church Lane is overshadowed by St Nicholas' Church. Its hundreds of stalls monger fresh produce and locally produced crafts of all kinds. The area is popular with local artists and has a creative, energetic vibe.

Photo: Mohd Fazlin Mohd Effendy Ooi/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Church Lane, Galway

Opening hours: Sa 8am-6pm. Sun 12am-6pm

Internet: www.galwaymarket.com

More Info: The market also opens Fri 12am-6pm in July and August.

Charlie Byrne's



Right in the heart of Galway, the flagship shop of Charlie Byrne's stocks over 100,00 new, bargain and secondhand books of all genres. A lively cultural outpost, Byrne's frequently hosts literary-themed events such as book launches, author signings, readings, and a weekly Saturday-morning storytime.

Photo: Don Pablo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Middle Street, Galway

Opening hours: Sat-Wed 9am-6pm. Fri-Sat 9am-8pm

Phone: +353 91 561 766

Internet: www.charliebyrne.com

Email: info@charliebyrne.com

O'Maille



The iconic Aran sweater is a must-have souvenir from any trip to Ireland. A huge selection of handmade traditional Irish clothing and crafts, O'Maille offers a wide variety of designs and styles to cater to all ages and tastes.

Photo: Uximetc pavel/Shutterstock.com

Address: 16 High Street, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 12pm-6pm

Phone: +353 91 562 696

Internet: www.omaille.com

Email: shop@omaille.com

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Galway Airport



Galway Airport is just 3.5 miles away from central Galway, and taxis are the only way to get to the city, for approximately 15 Euro in charge. As this airport is currently closed, and only open for Galway Flying Club, the city served by the nearest airports:

Dublin Airport
Dublin, Ireland
information.queries@dublinairport.com
www.dublinairport.com

Ireland West International Airport at Knock
County Mayo, Ireland
info@irelandwestairport.com
www.irelandwestairport.com

Shannon International Airport
County Clare, Ireland
comments@shannonairport.ie
www.shannonairport.ie

The most straightforward and cost effective means of travel from one of these airports to

Galway is by bus (www.buseireann.ie), while renting a car is also a good options - most car rental companies have a venue at Dublin Airport. Taxis are serving as well.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: Tuam Road, Glenrevagh
Phone: +353 90 963 1836
Internet: www.galwayairport.com
Email: info@conneelybuilders.com

Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland can enter Ireland without a visa, while holders of a

Residence Card of a family member of a Union citizen, or of a red United Nations laissez-passer also enjoy a visa exemption. Other citizens best check whether they need a visa, and what prerequisites and fees may apply:
www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/check-irish-visa

Photo: TukTuk Design/Shutterstock.com
Address: 80 Street Stephen's Green, Dublin
Phone: + 353 14 780 822
Internet: www.inis.gov.ie

Best Time to Visit



Galway can be visited nearly all year long. Influenced by the Gulf Stream, Ireland has a mild summer with temperatures generally ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60-70 Fahrenheit), while the winter brings 4 to 7 degree Celsius (30-40 degrees Fahrenheit), and can get quite cold. While the city gets lively especially during the warmer months, with many events and people sitting outside in restaurants

and cafes, the winter can also be cosy when it comes to meeting people at a bar, or going shopping.

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Public transport



Public transport in Galway is happening via rail and bus service, and schedules as well as tickets and prices can be checked on the internet.

Bus: www.buseireann.ie

Railway: www.irishrail.ie.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Internet: www.galwaytransport.info

Taxi



Taxis and Hackney Cabs are available all over Galway, and the costs are normally measured by distance - while taxis can be hailed down in the

street, Hackney Cabs must be booked from offices. If you have to be somewhere at a particular time, it is wise to book in advance as both taxi services as well as offices can be quite busy. Galway Taxi is a quite known company but there are many more to find:

City Taxis Galway
11A Eyre Street, Galway
+353 91 525 252

Local Taxis
Steamship House, Galway
+353 91 500 600

Photo: Taxi

Address: 4 Tuam Road, Galway

Phone: +353 91 561 111

Pharmacy



Pharmacies can be found across Galway city and Galway county, and they are usually marked by a brand logo. University Late Night Pharmacy, in the heart of Galway, is open every day, as well as most other shops, and also quite long on Saturdays and Sundays - most of them are within shopping centres.

Walsh's Pharmacy

Corrib Shopping Centre, Eyre Street, Galway
+353 91 561 605

Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Sat 9am-6pm. Thu-Fri 9am-8pm. Sun 11am-6pm

McSharry's Pharmacy Terryland

Dunnes Stores Shopping Centre, Ballinboyle
+353 91 561 423

Opening hours: Mon-Tue, Sat 9am-6pm. Wed-Fri 9am-9m. Sun 11am-6pm

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Newcastle Road, Galway

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm. Sat 9:30am-6pm. Sun 12pm-6pm

Post



Offices of Ireland's national postal service are usually open Mon-Fri 9am-5.30 pm, and Sat 9am-1pm. Offices in bigger cities in Galway County, such as the Galway Post Office in Galway city itself, may have extended Saturday opening hours while other ones can set up individual

operating hours as well.

Post Galway Mails Centre
City North Business Park, Tuam Road, Galway
+353 1850 575 859
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm

Oranmore Post Office
Millplot, Galway County
+353 91 794 101
Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-1pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs
Address: 3 Eglinton Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm
Phone: +353 91 534 727

Driving



If you intend to rent a car, make sure to familiarise with the Irish road rules. As a start: Ireland has a left-hand traffic, and speed limits are determined to 120km/h on motorways, 100 km/h on national roads, 80 km/h on regional and local roads, and 50 km/h in a built-up area. Make sure to check out all the other rules as well.

Photo: matsabe/Shutterstock.com
Internet: www.rsa.ie/en

Health and Medical Treatment



EU Citizens are entitled to free hospital treatment in a public ward, and they should obtain a European Health Insurance Card (which replaced the old E111 form) prior to departure. For Visitors from non-EU countries, private medical insurance is strongly advised.

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Internet: www.ehic.ie

Telephone



Country code: +353 Area code: 91

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



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Population
79,934

Currency
1 Euro = 100 Cents

Opening hours
Shops are normally open Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, while some larger department stores stay open quite long once or twice a week, and also a few hours on Sundays. Banks are generally open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, and they normally feature ATM machines as well as money exchange offices.

Internet
www.galwaytourism.ie

Newspapers
Galway Magazine (available from the Galway Tourist Office)
The Connacht Tribune
The Irish Independent
The Irish Times

Emergency numbers
European Emergency Number: 999
Tourist Emergency Number: 1800 661 771

Tourist information
Aras Failte,
Forster Street,
Galway
+353 91 537 700
www.discoverireland.ie/west

irelandwestinfo@failteireland.ie





Abbeygate Street Lower	C2 C3	Flood Street	C3	Quay Street	C3
Abbeygate Street Upper	C2	Forster Street	D2	Queen Street	C3 D3
Ardilaun Road	A1	Foster Court	D2	Raleigh Road	B3
Beech Court	A4	Furseys Road	A2	Rosemary's Avenue	C2
Bohermore Road	D2	Gaol Road	B2	Saint Anthony's Terrace	D1
Bothar Einde	A2 A3	Grattan Park	B4	Saint Dominick's Road	B3 B4
Bothar Irwin	C2	Grattan Road	A4 B4 C4	Saint Helen's Street	B3
Bothar Na Mban	C2	Headford Road	C1 C2	Saint Mary's Road	A3 B3
Bothar Phadraic Ui Chonnaire	A2	Henry Street	B3	Salthill Road Lower	A3 A4
Bothar Ui Eithir	D2	High Street	C3	Sea Road	B3
Bowling Green	C2	Liam Mellows Terrace	D1	Seamus Quirke Road	A1 A2
Bridge Street	C3	Lombard Street	C3	Sean Mulvoy Road	D1
Canal Road Lower	B2 B3	Lough Atalia Road	D3	Shantalla Road	A3
Canal Road Upper	B2	Market Street	C2 C3	Shop Street	C2 C3
Cill Ard	D1 D2	Mary Street	C2	Snipe Avenue	A1
Claddagh Quay	B3 C3	Merchants Road	C3	St Augustine Street	C3
College Road	D2	Middle Street	C3	St Brendan's Avenue	C2
Colmcille Road	A2	Mill Street	B3	St Bridget's Place	C2 D2
Cookes Terrace	D1	Moyola Park	A1	St Francis Street	C2
Costello Road	A2	Munster Avenue	B3	St Vincent's Ave	C2
Cross Street Lower	C3	New Dock Street	C3	Station Road	D2
Cross Street Upper	C3	New Road	B3	Taylor's Hill Road	A3
Distillery Road	B1	Newcastle Avenue	A2 B2	The Crescent	A3 B3
Dock Road	C3 D3	Newcastle Park	A2 B2	The Long Walk	C3
Dock Street	C3	Newcastle Road	B2	Thomas Hynes Road	A1
Doctor Colohan Road	A4	Newcastle Road Lower	A1 B2	University Road	B2
Dominick Street Lower	B3	Newtown Smith	C2	Victoria Place	C2 D3
Dominick Street Upper	B3	Nimmes Pier	C3	Water Lane	C2 D2
Dyke Road	C1	Nun's Island Street	B2 B3	Waterside	C2
Eglinton Street	C2	Ocean Wave	A4	Whitestrands Avenue	A3 A4
Eyre Square	C2 D2	Palmyra Park	B3	Whitestrands Road	A4 B4
Eyre Street	C2	Parkavara	B3	William Street	B3 C2
Fairhill	B4	Presentation Road	B2 B3	Williamsgate Street	C2
Father Burke Road	B3 B4	Prospect Hill	C2 D2	Wood Quay	C2
Father Griffin Road	B3				