Irish Tourist Information

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500 Places to Stay

and useful information to know before you visit Ireland

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Dublin is the commercial centre and capital city of Ireland. There are lots of sights to see and you should allow at least one week to get some serious exploring done. Watch out for the dreaded Dublin traffic and do your sight-seeing outside the rush hour times. O’Connell Street is the main thoroughfare although Grafton Street and St. Stephens Green are where the best shopping and many of the sights can be found.

The world famous Book of Kells can be visited in Trinity College which is a short walk from St. Stephens Green, the National Gallery and the National Museum. The Dublin Bus tour is a good way of spending a day in the city and it includes a visit to the Guinness brewery.

Powerscourt Gardens and Glendalough in Wicklow, Newgrange in Meath, and the Japanese Gardens in Kildare are all within one and a half hours drive from the city and make excellent day trips from a Dublin base.

1. **Dublin Bus - Dublin City Tour (hop on hop off)**

This is an excellent one hour guided tour on which you can hop on and off as often as you wish throughout the day. It visits many of the tourist focal points in the city including The Writers Museum, Trinity College, The National Gallery, St Stephens Green, Tourism Centre, Dublin Castle, St Patrick's Cathedral, Guinness Hopstore and Christ Church. Catch the tour bus outside Trinity College.

2. **Dublin Viking Adventure**

Take the opportunity to travel through time at Dublin's Viking Adventure, a live and interactive experience of life in Viking Dublin. The Norse guide will take you on a fascinating journey through the Dublin of long ago. Walk the narrow streets of the Viking town of ‘Dyflin’, chat to the locals, observe their daily work and even experience the sounds and smells of the city. All is imaginatively and accurately brought to life. Located close to Wood Quay, heart of the 9th and 10th century Viking city, the Viking Adventure also houses an extensive collection of artefacts which were discovered during excavation. The site itself is considered the most important of its kind outside Scandinavia.

Tel: 01-6796040 Dates: 17 May-30 September

3. **Dublin Viking Feast**

Having experienced the daily life of the early settlers at Dublin's Viking Adventure, why not let them treat you to some Viking nightlife? You can sample a 'Viking Feast' of 1,000 years ago, where latter day Vikings will serve you an evening of fun, food and live entertainment in the Banqueting Hall. Leave reality and the 20th century behind and enjoy this feast with a difference. There are full banqueting facilities for up to 160 persons. The Feast will open on request on any night for a group.

Tel: 01-4906077 Dates: 14 April-30 September

4. **Dublin Zoo**

Just 3km from the city centre, in the grounds of the Phoenix Park, you will find Dublin's Zoological Gardens. Established in 1830, it is the world's third oldest public zoo. Set in 30 acres of attractive and colourful gardens, the Zoo has a large collection of wild animals as well as hundreds of tropical birds from around the world. There are many rare and endangered species on view with comprehensive information panels to explain all as you go along. Dublin Zoo offers a unique opportunity to meet its group of Gorillas, Rodrigues fruit bats, Snow Leopards and the many other endangered species that are part of the international breeding programmes.

Tel: 01-6771425 Dates: 18 March-31 December
5. Dublinia

Dublinia tells the story of medieval Dublin. In the courtyard of the restored Synod Hall, a set of stocks and a pillory enable you to experience the harsh realities of life long ago. How would you look in a suit of amour? Or dressed in the robes of the Middle Ages? Use the Photo Opportunity board to see yourself as others might have seen you. With multilingual facilities available, the Journey Through Time, scale model with commentary and sequential lighting, reconstructions of medieval lifestyles, Ma ton prints, Wood Quay artefacts, 17th Century tower with panoramic view of modern Dublin and audio visual presentation will entertain and enlighten you.

Tel: 01-6794611 Dates: 14 April-30 September, 1 October-31 March

6. Guinness Hopstore

The Guinness Hopstore, a handsome four storey building, houses the World Of Guinness Exhibition, an Advertising Gallery The Guinness Zone which displays Guinness Advertising past and present, an audio visual show on the history of Guinness in Ireland, a model Cooperage and Transport Museum, a Souvenir Shop, a Coffee Shop and a lively bar where you can sample some of Dublins finest brew at your leisure. The Hopstore is open seven days a week and should be a part of any visitors itinerary around the city.

Tel: 01-4084800 Dates: 11 April-30 September, 1 October-24 December, 27 December-31 March

7. National Wax Museum

The Wax Museum combines fantasy with reality and brings the famous from the past and present to life. Look twice at the man reading his Irish Times in the lobby. The Children's World of Fairytale and Fantasy allows youngsters wander through the Kingdom of Fairytale in search of the magical lamp and the all powerful genie. The main section of the wax exhibition broadly reflects Irelands historical and cultural development. It has life size figures of heroes such as Robert Emmet, Wolfe Tone, Parnell, the 1916 leaders, Presidents and Taoisigh as well as literary figures such as Joyce, Yeats and their contemporaries.

Tel: 01-8726340 Dates: 11 April-31 December

8. Trinity College Dublin and the Book of Kells

Trinity College Dublin is the oldest university in Ireland. Founded in 1592 by Queen Elizabeth I, the College is in an enviable position in the heart of Irelands capital. Its forty acre site retains most of its cobbled squares and other world seclusion. The gardens and parks have a unique collection of buildings dating from the 17th to the 20th century. The Book of Kells a 9th century illuminated manuscript of the four gospels is on view in the Old Library along with the Book of Armagh and the Book of Durrow. The Book of Kells picturing the word exhibition is an excellent introduction to the manuscript explaining its history, the symbols and how it was made.

Tel: 01-6082320 Dates: 14 April-22 December

9. Dublin Bus - Coast and Castle Tour

Departs from the Dublin Bus Office, 59 O' Connell Street daily at 10:00. The tour lasts three hours and includes a visit to the magnificent Malahide Castle.

Dates: 1 January-31 December
10. Abbey Theatre

The acting tradition of the Abbey is world renowned. The Abbey and Peacock are the two Theatres of the National Theatre Society. Founded almost a hundred years ago by Augusta Gregory, J.M. Synge and W.B. Yeats, the Society has a special responsibility to promote new Irish writing and build an Irish school of dramatic literature. From the days of its founder to the present, the Society has premiered the work of every leading Irish playwright, including Synge, Gregory, O'Casey, Robinson and major modern writers such as Tom Murphy, Hugh Leonard, Brian Friel and Frank McGuiness. Through commissions and workshops it is also fostering a new generation of Irish literary talent with young writers such as Sebastian Barry, Marina Carr and Jimmy Murphy.

Tel: 01-8787222

11. Dublin Castle State Apartments

The Castle stands on a ridge at a strategic site at the junction of the River Liffey and its tributary, the Poddle, where the original fortification may have been an early Gaelic Ring Fort. Later a Viking Fortress stood on the same site. A portion of this is on view to visitors at the ‘Undercroft’. The largest visible fragment of the original 13th century Norman Castle is the Record Tower. Beside it is the early 19th century Gothic revival Chapel Royal which was restored in 1989. Tours leave every 20 minutes except between 13:00 and 14:00 when there are less tours. From mid June a second tour will incorporate the reinstated 14th century Round Tower and the new Garda Police Museum and Chapel Royal.

Tel: 01-6777129 Dates: 1 April-31 December

12. Guided tours of the old House of Lords

The Bank of Ireland was built in 1729, and was previously known as Parliament House. The architect, Edward Lovett Pearce, who was a member of parliament, designed the core of the building. In 1792 the octagonal chamber of the House of Commons was destroyed by fire. The House of Lords remains intact with its panelled room, its carved oak fireplace, chandelier and tapestries. This is especially suitable for large groups. Have your own guide for a day (or longer), by contacting The Federation of Irish Guide Services at (01) 6689688.

Tel: 01-6615933 Dates: 1 January-31 December

13. Kilmainham Gaol

Kilmainham Gaol is the largest unoccupied gaol in these islands. As such, it gives the visitor a dramatic and realistic insight into what it was like to be a prisoner in one of these strongholds of punishment and correction between 1796, when it opened, and 1924 when it closed. Leaders of the rebellions of 1798, 1803, 1848, 1867 and 1916 were detained here. The names of Robert Emmet, Thomas Francis Meagher, Charles Stewart Parnell, the leaders of the 1916 Rising, De Valera and a host of others in Irish history are associated with the Gaol. Tours may be arranged for visitors.

Tel: 01-4535984 Dates: 11 April-30 September, 1 October-31 December

14. The Old Jameson distillery

The Old Jameson Distillery in Smithfield Village is in the heart of Old Dublin. Irish Whiskey can trace its routes back to the 6th Century. Almost like a tour of a working distillery you can follow the fascinating craft of whiskey making. Finally the tour culminates in the Jameson bar for a traditional Irish Whiskey tasting session. The tour includes and audio visual presentation, tour of Old Distillery and whiskey tasting. Features include working Mash Tun, old wooden fermentation vessel, original copper pot stills, working bottling line, gift shop and restaurant.

Tel: 01-8072355 Dates: 11 April-24 December, 26-31 December
15. Leinster House

Leinster House, the seat of Dail Eireann (House of Representatives) and Seanad Eireann (The Senate), which together with the President constitute the Oireachtas (National Parliament), was erected in 1745 from designs by Richard Castle. On non sitting days, visitors should apply at the Kildare Street entrance. When either house is sitting visitors should arrange with a member of the house which they wish to visit to obtain a visitors admission card. Further information can be obtained in writing from the superintendent of the houses.
Tel: 01-6183000

16. The Custom House Visitor Centre

This exhibition tells the story of the building of the Customs House and its role in Irish affairs under both colonial and native administrations. They also explore the main activities of the Government offices housed in the building for over 200 years including revenue collection, communications including road, rail and navigation, poor relief, public health, housing, hospitals and environmental protection. The section devoted to the architect James Gandon and the design and construction of the Customs House itself, looks at the building in the context of his career, the physical expansion of Dublin, the politics of the day and the development of the neo-classical architecture in the latter half of the 18th century.
Tel: 01-8787660 Dates: 14 April-31 October, 1 November-31 December

17. The Casino in Marino

One of the finest 18th century classical buildings in Ireland. The Casino (Meaning Small House) designed by the famous architect Sir William Charles in 1759, for the First Earl of Charlemont is one of the finest neo-classical buildings in Europe. It contains 16 finely decorated rooms. From a distance the apparent simplicity of the Casino is its most striking feature, but this simplicity belies a remarkably complex exterior, for the Casinos four fronts are on close inspection each unique. It stands on a gentle rise just off the Malahide Road, outside Fairview, in North Dublin.
Dates:- 1 June-30 September, 1-31 October, 1-30 November

18. Japanese Gardens and Irish National Stud, Kildare

The gardens include a lake which serves as a bird sanctuary, they were established between 1906-10 by Lord Wavertree. Here the 'Life of Man' is symbolised in Japanese style landscape. The Stud has 958 acres of land and operates to promote the interests of the Irish Bloodstock industry. The Black Abbey dates from the 16th century and is carefully preserved on the grounds of the Tully farm. The museum serves as a historical archive of the Stud's successes. The visitor centre has been developed to include a full restaurant and craft shop. Another aspect of the centre is the 'lego' area for the younger visitor
Tel: 045-521251 Dates: 1 February-30 November

19. Boyne Valley and Newgrange Tours

This is an afternoon tour to Newgrange Neolithic Passage Tomb. The tomb has architectural links to the prehistoric maritime peoples of Portugal, Northern Spain, Brittany and Denmark. There is also an opportunity to learn about the famous Battle of the Boyne where William of Orange defeated James II of England in 1690. Departs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 13.20 from Dublin Tourism Centre, Suffolk Street.
Tel: 01-2839973 Dates: 1 January-31 December
20. Glendalough Visitor Centre

Glendalough Visitor Centre stands at the entrance to Glendalough Valley, just beside the main part of the monastic settlement. The monastery was founded by Saint Kevin in the 6th century and was repeatedly sacked by the Vikings. Most of the buildings date from the 8th to the 12th centuries. The remains include a well preserved round tower, a number of fine stone churches and various decorated crosses. An exhibition, audio-visual show entitled, Ireland Of The Monasteries, and guided tour of the site are available. This area has a number of walking routes. There is access for visitors with disabilities to the visitor centre.
Tel: 0404-45352 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1 September-16 October, 17 October-15 March

21. Powerscourt Gardens and House Exhibition

One of the world’s great gardens, Powerscourt is situated 12 miles south of Dublin in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. The garden was begun by Richard Wingfield in the 1740s and stretches out over 45 acres. It is a sublime blend of Formal gardens, sweeping terraces, stauary and ornamental lakes together with secret hollows, rambling walks, walled gardens and over 200 variations of trees and shrubs. The 18th Century Palladian House, designed by the German born architect Richard Castle, now incorporates an innovative shopping experience, terrace cafe and house exhibition. The exhibition shows the actual evolution of Powerscourt House, from the original owners, its buildings, from a castle and then into a Country House.
Dates:- 1 March-31 October, 1 November-31 December
The South-East Region

The ‘sunny’ South East has a number of popular tourist attractions including the National Heritage Park, just outside Wexford town, and the Waterford Crystal Factory. Kilkenny and Cashel are two recommended stop-off points on a tour of this most scenic area. The coastal route would include visits to Powerscourt, Wicklow, and Arklow, famous for its pottery works. Wexford and Waterford are busy towns with narrow streets and heavy traffic at most times of the day.

22. Carrick-on-Suir Heritage Centre

This former Protestant church, now restored as a heritage centre, was once part of the Pre Reformation burial ground and church site of Carrick Mor, Big Carrick. Its interesting gravestones include a memorial to Thomas Butler, died 1604, an illegitimate son of Thomas, tenth Earl of Ormonde. Buried here too is Dorothea Herbert, 1770 - 1829, daughter of the eighteenth century rector and author of ‘Retrospections’. Many local artefacts and photographs are on display. Butter Silver Exhibition from June 1998. The Heritage Centre also houses a Tourist Information Office.
Tel: 051-640200 Dates: 1 June-30 September, 1 October-31 December

23. Cashel Heritage Town

Cashel, once the seat of Munster and capital of the southern province. Today’s town lives under the protection of the Rock of Cashel and its cluster of medieval monuments which rises dramatically out of Tipperary’s Golden Vale. Today King Cormac’s Royal Chapel can be viewed by the visitor on the Rock of Cashel. The Heritage Town Centre on Main Street provides a series of changing exhibitions and a model of Cashel in the 1640’s with a multimedia presentation in 6 languages and also a unique display of ‘Royal Heirlooms’ a manuscript circa 1760 can be seen. There are other artefacts to be seen in the centre, including ‘Saint Cormacs Ring’ a Ceremonial Ring, a 16th Century Bronze Reliquary pectoral cross, ceremonial dagger, silver penny, and other relics.
Tel: 062-62511 Dates 1 July-31 August, 1 September-28 February

24. Irish Agricultural Museum

This is a National Museum of Agriculture and Rural Life. It is located within the ornamental grounds of Johnstown Castle in a restored estate farmyard built in 1810. The museum was established in 1976 and has been regularly expanded.
Tel: 053-42888 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1 September-30 November

25. Irish National Heritage Park

The Irish National Heritage Park depicts mans settlement in Ireland from 7000BC to the arrival of the Normans in the 12th Century. Stroll through the park with its homesteads, places of ritual, burial modes and long forgotten remains. Your senses come alive with sites and sounds stretching back almost 9000 years. The Celtic restaurant has a fully operational Fulacht Fiadh. This ancient cooking site has been carefully reconstructed to demonstrate the cooking methods of the early Bronze Age. Celtic Banquets will be held on selected evenings when a lordly Celtic Chief will fill vats with liquor, prepare great quantities of food and Bards will entertain you. Facilities include a craft shop, multi-language audio visual and guided tours.
Tel: 053-20733 Dates: 1 March-30 November
26. Reginalds Tower

Reginald's Tower has stood on its Waterford Quay site for more than a thousand years. The present structure dates from the late 12th century and is the oldest urban civic building in the country. It has recently been completely restored to its medieval appearance. The heritage museum houses two fascinating collections. On the ground floor, artefacts from the Viking and Medieval periods are on display. The mezzanine floor houses one of Ireland's great collections of decorated charters and civic regalia. The average length of a visit is one hour.
Tel: 051-873501 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1 September-31 October

27. The Dunbrody Shipbuilding Project

The Dunbrody Ship is the largest and most spectacular tall ship ever built in the Republic of Ireland. The vessel weighs 458 tonnes with masts reaching to 130ft in height. Using the traditional skills of 19th century boat building, shipwrights fashion the wood into the complex lines of this magnificent 176ft three masted barque. An audio visual presentation helps set this ship in its historic context. The original Dunbrody had a crew of 14 and carried 176 passengers.
Tel: 051-425239 Dates: 1 July-31 August, 1 October-31 March

28. Waterford Crystal Factory Tours

Waterford Crystal has traditionally extended a warm welcome to visitors from around the world. Tours are given of the production areas where the famous crystal is made and a 17minute audio-visual presentation, which traces the ancient craft of glassmaking to the present, is shown regularly. The shop and gallery are open from 09.00-18.00. In the busy summer season from June onwards, the tours leave every 15 minutes and generally are self guided.
Tel: 051-332585 Dates: 1 May-31 October, 1 November-31 December

29. Waterford Heritage Museum

Positioned close to Reginald's Tower, the Heritage Centre has, as a centre piece, a conjectural reconstruction of the early city. With the aid of wall display units and models, the story of the city is told in an interesting and engaging manner. On the ground floor, beautiful artefacts from the Viking and Medieval periods are on display. These artefacts were recovered during recent excavations. The Mezzanine floor houses one of Ireland's greatest collections of decorated royal charters and civic regalia.
Tel: 051-71227 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1 September-31 October

30. Westgate Heritage Tower

The Westgate Tower combines the historic Selskar Abbey and is the ideal setting from which to understand the historical development of Wexford. Situated in the heart of the Viking and Norman walled town, the Tower exhibition, with its special effects, features an audio-visual account of the of the town's history. In the upstairs tower there are fine Norman rooms and battlements walk to the Abbey. The average length of a visit is one hour.
Tel: 053-46506

31. Kilkenny Castle

Kilkenny Castle is a 12th century castle remodelled in Victorian times and set in large parklands. It was once the principal seat of the Butler family who were Earls, Marquesses and Dukes of Ormonde. Due to extensive restoration work the central block now includes a library, drawing room and bedrooms decorated in 1830's splendour as well as the beautiful Long Gallery. The old Castle kitchen operates as a tea room during the Summer. A suite of former servants rooms is the Butler Art Gallery, which mounts frequently changing exhibitions of contemporary art. Access for visitors with disabilities to ground floor and gardens only.
Tel: 056-21450 Dates: 1 June-30 September, 1 October-30 March
32. Kilfane Glen and Waterfall, Thomastown
This secret glen contains a waterfall complete with a restored cottage. Woodland paths wind their way up and down the sides of the glen, revealing picturesque views at every twist and turn. Tiny bridges and rustic ornaments sit among ancient trees, wild foxgloves, ferns and other 18th century, historically correct planting. An old hermit's grotto is being restored as well. The approach to this hidden paradise is through an upper garden, with its own forest walks and hidden corners. A bluebell heaven is one of many little areas interspersed through wood and open areas, where modern art is being carefully introduced. No dogs are allowed and children must be accompanied.
Tel: 056-24558 Dates: 1 May-30 September

33. Mount Juliet Gardens, Thomastown
This sublime 18th century parkland along the river Nore is embellished with mature and stately oak, lime and chestnut trees, providing an appropriate setting for the great house which is now a hotel. The extensive walled gardens, where a quiet and calm old world atmosphere lingers still, has lawns, flowering shrubs and double herbaceous borders which are approached through a moon gate. From early summer to late autumn these provide a changing pageant of flowers and a spectacle of colour. There is a formal rose garden and near the drive an informal rockery and a water garden, where a range of moisture loving plants are presided over by the giant Amazonian Gunnera manicata. There is wheelchair access.
Tel: 056-24455 Dates: 1 January-31 December

34. Cashel Heritage Tram
The Cashel Heritage Tram, the only one of its kind in Ireland, will provide the visitor with a guided tour of Cashel's many historic sites including the Dominican Abbey, Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, the City Walls, the Bolton Library, Hore Abbey and Bothan Scoir. Tours of the Tipperary landscape, Great Houses, tour specialising in archaeology and architecture and farms visits can be arranged at the Cashel Heritage Centre. The Tram tour also includes entry to the Heritage Centre.
Tel: 062-62511 Dates: 1 June-30 September

35. Parsons Green Park and Pet Farm
Parsons Green is located in South Tipperary this park offers a wide range of attractions including garden and river walks, pet field, farm museum, Viking sweat house, pony and trap rides, boat rides, 18 hole golf course, tennis and basketball courts. Facilities include camping park and self-catering apartments, showers and toilets. This park has also got wheel chair access.
Tel: 052-65290 Dates: 1 April-1 September

36. The Berkeley Costume and Toy Museum, New Ross
The Museum houses 18th and 19th Century toys, costumes, toy carriages, embroidered textiles and rare dolls, many of them from Irish families. The property is that of the family of George Berkeley, in whose honour the University of California is named. The fine collection is housed in the main rooms. A small pretty garden is included in the visit. Victorian goat carriage rides are available for children on occasion.
Tel: 051-421361 Dates: 1 January-31 December

37. Christchurch Cathedral, Waterford
Let the pillars speak for themselves is a new exhibition, first opened in 1997. It is located in the only new classical Georgian cathedral in these Islands. The stirring story of Waterford city, from the Norman invasion to present times is relayed in a 45 minute sound and light presentation.
Tel: 051-396270
38. Splashworld, Tramore

Since it's opening in 1992, the Splashworld Complex has provided thrills, endless excitement, and many hours of safe fun, to over 300,000 adults, children, groups and families. This quality Leisure Centre is home to many State of the Art slides and features unmatched in Ireland, many of which are new for 1997, including the 50 metre Twilight Zone White Knuckle Ride, The 50 metre Indoor/Outdoor Helter Skelter Ride, The Monsoon Flume, The Drop Zone Free-Fall Slide, The Roaring Rapids and much more. Splashworld is the perfect family day out. Splashworld may be open after Sep 30th - phone for details. Tel: 051-390176 Dates: 6 April-31 December

39. Dunmore East Adventure Centre

The centre offers archery, windsurfing, kayaking, canoeing, body boarding, sailing, snorkelling, powerboating and hillwalking to name but a few activities. The centre caters for groups, individuals, school tours, company outings, disabled and sports and social clubs. The courses are either half or full day, residential or non residential. All equipment is supplied. Students need only bring a swim suit, towel, spare runners. Lunches may be arranged upon request. Tel: 051-383783 Dates: 1 January-31 December
Donegal Region

Donegal and Sligo are home to a number of exceptional drives, especially through ‘Yeats Country’ and further up into Donegal town. Sligo town is busy and is the gateway to the North West, dominated as it is by the scenic Ben Bulben mountain. Donegal Town is smaller than Letterkenny to the North. Bundoran is a chief stop off for tourists in the region although small towns such as Moville have a lot to offer.

40. Waterworld, Bundoran

Waterworld comprises indoor swimming and spectator areas. Attractions include the Tidal Wave, Aqua Volcano, Tornado and Whizzer Slides, Water Rapids, sauna, steam room, sun-beds, fast food restaurant and deck shop. There is an outdoor adventure playground and award winning leisure facilities. The Centre was awarded the ISO 9002 Quality Award. Children under seven years of age must be accompanied by a participating adult, weak and non swimmers must wear armbands.
Tel: 072-41172 Dates: 1 June-1 August, 1-30 September

41. Father McDyer’s Folk Village Museum and Heritage Centre

Established in 1967, Glencolmcille Folk Museum was the brainchild of local priest, Fr. James McDyer whose life's aim was to promote local industry and improve facilities while maintaining Glencolmcille's culture. The folk museum recreates a village or 'clachan', where the houses are exact replicas of the dwellings used by local people in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Each house is equipped with the furniture, artefacts and utensils of its particular period. There is also a representation of a 19th century school with class records, a shebeen, a craftshop, teahouse and a nature walk. The Shebeen has on sale a wide variety of home-made produce and the craft shop has a range of local and Irish knitwear, pottery, leather-craft and other handcrafts.
Tel: 073-30017 Dates: 1 April-30 September, 1-31 October

42. Dunlewey Centre Donegal

Dunlewey in Gweedore is the location of Ionad Cois Locha Visitors Centre, a restored two storey farmhouse with a farm museum and a large variety of animals. Situated at the foot of Mount Errigal, beside Dunlewey Lake, the centre provides a fascinating insight into life in this area during the middle of the last century. It offers something for all the family, with guided storytelling boat trips on the lake as well as boats that can be hired privately. Children can enjoy the adventure play area that includes an artificial lake for safe, supervised water activities. There are guided tours of the Weaver's Cottage and demonstrations. There are traditional music sessions every Tuesday in July and August.
075-31699

43. Donegal Craft Village

A cluster of small units grouped around a common courtyard and divided into individual workshops of various sizes leased by professional craftworkers. The crafts include ceramics, pottery, batik, weaving, jewellery and a pipe maker. There is also a picnic area and a coffee shop in the Craft Village grounds. An ideal opportunity to visit craftspeople at work and to purchase unique handmade Irish gift items, made by local people. Car and coach parking are free. Sunday opening times are for summer months only.
Tel: 073-23312 Dates: 1 January-31 December
44. **Seat of Power Visitor Centre**

This exhibition, housed in the superbly restored courthouse, built in 1746, traces the story of the O'Donnell Princes, the plantation period and beyond. With the aid of audio visual techniques visitors can take part in a re-enactment of famous trials in the courtroom and in the harrowing experiences of the prisoners in the cells below. There is a Clans room, Museum artefacts, and original cells. The Manus O'Donnell Room features an audio visual narrated by Manus, grandfather of Red Hugh O'Donnell. It outlines the seats of power in Lifford, from the time of Saint Colmcille up to the last court in 1938. At the end of the visit there is a Coffee Dock and Craft Centre in which to relax. There is also a developing genealogy service.
Tel: 074-41733 Dates: 17 March-31 October

45. **Cavanacor Historic House and Craft Centre, Lifford**

Cavanacor House was built in the early 1600s and is the ancestral home of James Knox Polk, eleventh President of the United States of America. King James II dined here on the 20th April, 1689 and granted a protection to the house. The tree he dined under still stands in the grounds. The House is furnished in Jacobean and Georgian style. There is a Museum, Art Gallery, Craft Shop, tea room, walled garden and working pottery in the fortified yard. There are painting and pottery workshops with qualified tutors all year. The tea room serves home baking, also there is a children’s play area, guided tours, toilets and coach parking.
Tel: 074-41143 Dates: 13 April-30 August

46. **Glenveagh National Park, Letterkenny**

Here within a late 19th century setting in a rugged and remote mountain valley, Henry McIlhenny from Philadelphia created one of the most celebrated gardens in Ireland. Woodland gardens and pleasure grounds, an Italian terrace with antique sculpture and terracotta pots, all these different themes have been skilfully interwoven against the wild and beautiful Donegal landscape. There is an important collection of trees and shrubs, some rare, some tender. A neo Gothic conservatory overlooks the jardin potager, a pretty area of vegetables, flowers and fruit, edged with hedges and curlicues of box. Built in 1870-1873, the Castle consists of a four storey rectangular keep. Access to the interior is by tour only.
Tel: 074-37088 Dates: 5 July-13 September, 14 September-1 November

47. **Glenveagh Castle Gardens**

The gardens, created by Henry McIlhenny from Philadelphia, are part of Glenveagh National Park. Woodland gardens and pleasure grounds, Italian and Belgian gardens, terraces with antique sculpture and terracotta pots - all of these themes have been skilfully interwoven against the beautiful Donegal landscape. There are Rhododendrons in flower from March to May, there is a display of flowers, vegetables and fruit in ‘Jardin potager’ from June to September. There is a restaurant at the Visitor Centre and there are tea rooms at the Castle. There are facilities for the disabled in the site.
Tel: 074-37072 Dates: 11 April-1 November

48. **Donegal Castle**

Built by the O'Donnell chieftain in the 15th century, beside the River Eske, the Castle is furnished throughout and includes Persian rugs and French tapestries. Information panels chronicle the history of the Castle owners from the O'Donnell chieftains to the Brooke family. There is limited access for people with disabilities.
Tel: 073-22405 Dates: 1 June-30 September
49. Glebe House and Gallery, Churchill

The Glebe House and Gallery is a Regency house set in woodland gardens beside Lake Gartan. The Glebe is decorated with William Morris wallpapers and textiles and has Islamic and Japanese art. The Derek Hill permanent collection includes 300 works by leading 20th century artists, including Picasso and Kokosha, as well as Irish and Italian artists. Exhibitions are shown in the adjoining gallery. There is access to the ground floor of the Gallery for people with disabilities. Access to the house is by guided tour only. Facilities include toilets, car and coach park and coffee shop.
Tel: 074-37071 Dates: 16 May-27 September

50. Saint Connell's Museum and Heritage Centre

Visitors to the centre are assured of friendly and hospitable welcome to a place where they can step back in time to experience the atmosphere of a bygone age. Saint Connell's is located in Glenties, Ireland's tidiest town and set in a backdrop of beautiful mountain scenery. It includes a number of rooms, including a wildlife exhibition, the Donegal railways collection, the local writer's corner, and the commemoration of the Great Famine of 1845-47 which saw Donegal's potato crop destroyed. You can browse at your leisure or avail of the services of the guides available.
Tel: 075-51277 Dates: 1 May-30 September

51. Donegal Castle

Donegal Castle is a 15th century Norman Tower House with the addition of a 17th century Jacobean Manor House. Features include: period fireplace, turrets, curtain wall and gate house. Guided tours are available on request. This majestic and historic building has a public car park and toilets close to the site. Exhibitions are also provided for at the castle.

52. Kilcullens Seaweed Baths, Inniscrone

Opened in 1912, the beautiful Edwardian fittings comprising the original porcelain baths, solid brass taps and panelled wooden shower cisterns combine to provide the unique ambience of the Bath House. The visitor is immersed in an enormous bath, luxuriating in expensive bath oils and while relaxing will experience weightlessness. To create this unique experience silky oils extracted from seaweed are added to seawater, pumped in from unpolluted waters of the Atlantic. Bathing of this kind provides relief from the painful symptoms of rheumatism and arthritis. The full treatment comprises a Steam and Seaweed Bath, a warm Seaweed Bath followed by an invigorating cold sea water shower. Private rooms, toilet and towels supplied. There is no time limit.
Tel: 096-36238 Dates: 1 July-31 August, 1 September-30 October, 1 November-30 April

53. Parkes Castle Lough Gill, Dromahair

This impressive manor house sits on the shores of one of Ireland's most beautiful lakes - Lough Gill. The splendour of Parkes Castle is immediately evident as you drive around the lake. Once an important stronghold of the local O'Rourke family, rulers of Breffni, Parkes Castle has been recently restored in its true seventeenth Century style. There is a guided tour of the castle every hour. Audio visual slide show entitled Stone by Stone in four languages. Traditional blacksmith forge of 17th century style. There is a Cafe with home made fare. Recently added to the Castle is an exhibition of models of the Parkes family dressed in period costume. Models include Robert and Ann Parkes and their 2 children. Tel: 071-64149 Dates: 1 June-30 September, 1-31 October
54. Strokestown Park House and Famine Museum

Strokestown Park was the seat of the Pakenham Mahon family from the 1660's to 1979. It is now owned and managed by the Westward Group who restored the house and opened it to the public in 1987. The house was purchased intact with its contents and archive. All of the ground floor reception rooms, first floor bedrooms, the nurseries and unique kitchen are on view to the public. Housed in the stable yard of Strokestown House, the Famine Museum commemorates the Great Famine of the 1840's. Between 1845 and 1850 approximately one-fifth of the population of Ireland either died or emigrated when blight devastated the potato crop. The Museum using extensive estate papers, explains the historical and social significance of the Famine, nationally.
Tel: 078-33013 Dates: 1 April-31 October

55. Manorhamilton Castle Heritage Centre

The Manorhamilton Castle Heritage Centre is located in the North of Leitrim and it is steeped in local legend, history and culture. This imposing castle was built in 1638 during the plantation of Lietrim. Experience the sense of real Irish history in this beautiful setting. Enjoy the coffee shop which is crafted in stone and wood for which Leitrim is renowned, and later ramble through the herb garden.
Tel: 072-55249 Dates: 1 May-30 September

56. Leisureland, Redcastle, Moville

Leisureland is one of Ireland's leading indoor and outdoor leisure and amusement centres, offering a wide variety of entertainment for children of all ages. It is ideally situated in an enclosed area which ensures safety and freedom. Activities include Dodgem, Junior Twist, Multi-Lane-Slide, Santa-Fe Train, Ball Pool, Restaurant and Shops.
077-82306
The Galway and Limerick Region

County Galway is home to the world famous Claddagh ring and Connemara national park. The town itself is a bustling centre and is an excellent stop off point for exploring the West of Ireland. Limerick to the South of Galway and Adare to the South of Limerick are among the attractions of this region. The spectacular Cliffs of Moher are located in County Clare.

The Dublin to Limerick road is greatly improved and is the recommended route if you intend to start your explorations in the Limerick region or if you intend to travel directly to the South West and Kerry. The Dublin to Galway road is straightforward but watch out for the left turn at the small roundabout just before Kinnegad, about 1 hour out from Dublin.

57. Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare

Just north of Lahinch, on the coast of West Clare, are the Cliffs of Moher. Natural ramparts against the might of the Atlantic, they rise in places to over 215m and stretch for almost 8km. It is here that the visitor can most easily get a feel for the wildness of the terrain over which the Celts wandered. O'Brien's Tower, constructed in the early 19th century as a viewing point for Victorian tourists, is located on Mohers highest cliff. From its vantage point you can view the Clare coastline, the Aran Islands and mountains as far apart as Kerry and Connemara. The Cliffs can be visited daily, all year round.
Tel: 065-81565

58. Connemara National Park, Co. Galway

Covering 2,000 hectares of Connemara mountain countryside, this beautiful area is one of Ireland's five national parks. Two short sign-posted nature trails, which start at the Visitor Centre in Letterfrack, allow views of Ballinakill Harbour, Inishbofin and Inishark. The exhibition at the Visitor Centre depicts various features of the park and includes an audio-visual presentation. Last admission is 45 minutes before closing.
Tel: 095-41054 Dates: 1 July-31 August, 1-30 September

59. Siamsa na Gaillimhe, Co. Galway

Enjoy an evening in the heart of the city in the company of the musicians, singers, dancers and actors of Siamsa. A large cast of seventeen performers give a vibrant picture of Ireland's folk heritage and culture. In traditional costume, they dance, sing and act out the oldest of Irish customs, with particular emphasis on the Mumming tradition and the major Feast Days. The musicians are champion All-Ireland prizewinning singers and dancers. They play musical arrangements on harp, concertina, fiddle, bodhran, accordion, flute, whistle, mandola, banjo, piano and mandolin. Siamsa have toured extensively since 1993 in Lithuania, the Philippine Islands, Britain, Finland, France and the Benelux nations.
Tel: 091-755479 Dates: 26 June-31 August

60. Arans Heritage Centre

Established as an introduction to the landscape, culture and traditions of the Aran Islands, a visit here is an integral part of the Aran Island experience. The history, geology and present lifestyle of the people of Aran are illustrated in a series of display charts, photographs and maps. The centre explores the currach making tradition as well as ways in which the islanders made a precarious living in the past. It demonstrates how they cultivated the bare rock by laying down layers of sand, seaweed and meagre soil, to give purchase and life to their crops. Mainly a fishing community, the islanders continue, as always, to fish the many species in the unpolluted Atlantic shoreline off their islands.
Tel: 099-61355 Dates: 1 May-31 October
61. Battle of Aughrim Interpretative Centre, Co. Galway

The Battle of Aughrim Interpretative Centre tells the story of the last great battle on Irish soil, fought at Aughrim on July 12th, 1691. The Centre follows each move of the encounter through three-dimensional and audio-visual displays based on Captain Walter Dalton's true account of how 45,000 soldiers from eight European nations changed the course of Irish and European history. It deals with the Jacobite and Williamite conflict and the subsequent ‘Glorious Revolution’. The Battle of Aughrim Centre is an ideal stop-off on a journey between Dublin and Galway and is located very close to the N6. Facilities include an audio visual display, bookshop, craft shop, tourist information office and Bureau de Change and worksheets for children.
Tel: 0905-73939 Dates: 12 April-11 October

62. Dan O’Hara’s Homestead: Connemara Heritage Centre

This Centre provides an opportunity to see at first hand how people survived in Connemara up to and through the Potato Famine of 1845. See the home of the legendary Dan O’Hara, renowned in song and story. Hear the harrowing story of the eviction of his family, the burning of his cottage and his plight on the streets of New York. Experience the pre-historic age from 2000 to 5000BC. A fortified lake dwelling, a Ring Fort, an early Christian Oratory and an exciting archaeological site dating back some 4000 years. Guided tours are a must by either walking or on an old type carriage. Facilities include a tearoom, large craftshop, toilets, telephone, bureau de change and coach and car parking. Groups and school tours are catered for prior arrangement.
Tel: 095-21246 Dates: 1 April-31 October

63. The Great Limerick Tour

The Great Limerick Tour is an open top sight seeing bus tour of Limerick. It lasts one and a half hours and takes in Mediaeval and Georgian Limerick, Limerick's rivers and bridges, King John's Castle, the lordly river Shannon and the Custom House. The tour begins at the tourist office on Arthurs quay and ends there. Tickets should be bought before hand at the tourist office. The tour is run by Bus Eireann
Tel: 061-313333

64. Traditional Irish Night: Adare Heritage Centre

Experience the merriment of a real Irish ceili with traditional Irish dancing, music, poetry and song. Savour the warm welcome and enjoy a sparkling good humoured informal evening of entertainment. Booking in advance advised.
Tel: 061-396666 Dates: 7 July-30 September

65. Adare Heritage Centre

The Adare Heritage Centre exhibition and audio-visual show brings to life Adare's rich and varied history. Situated in Ireland’s most picturesque village, the Adare Heritage Centre allows you to experience the area's unique history, spanning the years from 1233 to present day. The centre's tourist information office, coffee shop, woollen mills outlet and craft shop make it an ideal coach-stop. Walking tours of Adare are also available from the heritage centre.
Tel: 061-396666 Dates: 1 January-31 December

66. Lough Gur Stoneage Centre, Ballyneety, Co. Limerick

Lough Gur is the most important Stone Age site in Ireland. The visitor centre, on its lakeside site, contains a display and audio-visual show presenting the site's history. The archaeology of the area provides evidence for the activities of the first farmers in the region, their dwellings, ritual and burial sites, as well as their tools and implements. The story stretches over 5,000 years and continues to the present day
Tel: 061-360788 Dates: 1 May-30 September
67. **Croom Mills Waterwheel and Heritage Centre**

This uniquely restored 19th century granary shows working conditions for millers and blacksmiths in dramatic settings. It is complimented by an audio-visual film on the history of grain milling locally. The mill race flows gently beneath the superb restaurant and craft shop.

Tel: 061-397130 Dates: 1 January-31 December

68. **Glin Castle and Gardens**

Built in the 1780s, and home of Madam Fitzgerald and the Knight of Glin, the castle has a unique collection of 18th century furniture by Irish craftsmen, as well as a beautiful kitchen garden. It is possible to stay overnight and group dinners and lunches can be arranged. The castle is surrounded by well cared for gardens. Formal in style they have clipped hedges, urns and busts, all set in wide expanses of grass which in season are covered by a myriad of daffodils and bluebells, blending gradually into woodland. Fine specimen trees and shrubs can be seen throughout the demesne. A kitchen garden filled with vegetables, herbs, sweet peas and gnarled fruit trees is home to hens and their gothic hen house.

Tel: 068-34173

69. **King Johns Castle**

King Johns Castle is a visitor attraction in the heart of Limericks medieval heritage precinct on Kings Island. Features include King Johns Castle, restored and interpreted through imaginative models and three dimensional displays. Here too you can enjoy an interpretation of 800 years of Limericks and Irelands history and an audio visual show which emphasises Limericks complex and turbulent past. There are spectacular views of the River Shannon from the towers. Live archaeological digs are still in operation within the castle courtyard where excavation work has already revealed pre Norman houses, fortifications and siege mines.

Tel: 061-411201 Dates: 1 May-31 October

70. **The Burren Centre**

The Burren Centre introduces you to the unique Burren District. Models, displays and an audio-visual reveal its complexities. Visitors can explore its geology and geography, learn about the rich diversity of Burren flora and fauna and the history of man in the landscape.

Tel: 065-88030 Dates: 1 June-30 September, 1-31 October

71. **Bunratty Castle and Folk Park**

One of Irelands top visitor attractions, Bunratty Castle is the most complete and authentic medieval castle in the country. Built in 1425, it was faithfully restored in 1954 and has furnishings and tapestries which capture the mood and style of the times. The Folk Park, set in 26 acres, recreates 19th century Ireland. The Park features include a recreated village street, eight farmhouses, a watermill, blacksmiths forge, Macs pub and restaurant and a display of 19th century agricultural machinery. A range of activities organised on request, include dancing and singing in Macs Pub, treasure trails, and fashion shows. Medieval banquets are held nightly all year round at 17.30 and 20.45. The Folk Park is only open until 18:30 from June to August.

Tel: 061-360788 Dates: 11 April-23 December, 27-31 December

72. **Craggaunowen - The Living Past**

Craggaunowen is Irelands original prize winning centre dedicated to interpreting Irelands prehistoric and early Christian eras. The exhibits around the grounds include a Ring Fort, a true reproduction of a farmers house dating from the 4th or 5th centuries, an Iron Age roadway and an outdoor cooking site. Also featured is the Brendan, the leather hulled boat which Tim Severin sailed from Ireland to North America, re enacting the voyage of Saint Brendan, who is reputed to have discovered that continent before Columbus. From mid May to late August the habitations and sites are peopled by actors in costume who bring the past to life in dramatic and exciting fashion.

Tel: 061-367178 Dates: 1 April-31 October
73. Westport House and Children's Zoo

An inclusive ticket gives access to the many attractions in Westport House Country Estate, a destination for all the family. Those interested in history can enjoy the graceful lines and period furnishings of 17th century Westport House, designed by Richard Castle. The estate, developed over 30 years, has a Children's Zoo, Ball Pond, Pitch and Putt, a Playground, Boating, Antique Shop, Art Centre, Miniature Railway, Hill Slide, Slippery Dip, Model Railway, Dungeons, Supabounce, Fishing, Pinkie Rabbit and Old Kitchen Tea Room.
Tel: 098-25430 Dates: 27 June-22 August, 23-31 August, 1-21 September

74. Foxford Woollen Mills Visitor Centre

A unique centre allowing you to step back in time to 1892 when Mother Agnes, an Irish Sister of Charity came to Foxford and set up the Woollen Mill. You can trace her determined struggle to establish the mill. The Foxford Woollen Mills Visitor Centre also incorporates the Mill Shop, Olde Mill Restaurant, Jewellery Workshop, Woodcrafting, Art Galleries and much more. Facilities include tourist information office, bureau de change, baby changing facilities and coach and car parking. There are tours in Irish, French, German and Italian and they run every 20 minutes.
Tel: 094-56756
1 May-31 October, 1 November-23 December, 27-31 December

75. The Quiet Man Heritage Cottage, Cong

This is a novel concept which will give the visitor a total Quiet Man experience. Cong was the location for most of the filming of the film the Quiet Man. The heritage cottage might be described as a typical Irish cottage of the 1920's. It's four poster bed, thatched roof, emerald green half door and white washed front combine to charm all those who visit it. The Archaeological and Historical Interpretative Centre houses a permanent exhibition detailing the immense wealth of archaeological and historical material in the Cong area. A must for all Quiet Man enthusiasts and film buffs. Facilities include an audio visual show, souvenir shop and parking.
Tel: 092-46089 Dates: 1 March-30 November
Cork and Kerry region

The main tourist attractions in the South West of Ireland are centered around Killarney. The famous ‘ring of Kerry’ and the Dingle peninsulas are two of the most wonderful drives that you could wish to experience, allow at least one day for each. Tralee is the county capital and is often less packed with tourists than Killarney which is about twenty miles away.

Cork City and West Cork are the main areas of interest in ‘the rebel’ county which is home to the famous ‘Blarney Stone’.

76. Blarney Castle, Co. Cork

Blarney Castle is one of Ireland's oldest and most historic castles. An ancient stronghold of the MacCarthys, Lords of Muskerry and one of the strongest fortresses in Munster, its walls are eighteen feet thick in places. The famous Blarney Stone is embedded in the Battlements. The last admission to the castle and grounds is 30 minutes before closing.
Tel: 021-385252 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1-30 September

77. Blasket Islands, Co. Kerry

The Blaskets are sandstone islands sprawled in the Atlantic, two miles beyond the westernmost tip of the peninsula. There are four big islands, Inishmore the Great Blasket, Inishvickillane, Inishtooskert, and Inishna Bro, and three smaller ones: Beginish, Youngs Island and Illaunboy. There is also a great sea rock, the Tearaght, 19 hectares long and 602 feet high, and a multitude of lesser rocks and reefs. Ruined hermitages and forts which exist on several of the islands, show that they were occupied in early historic times. The marauding Vikings were undoubtedly familiar with the Blaskets and may even have had bases in the area in the 9th and 10th centuries.
Tel: 066-56422

78. Fota Wildlife Park, Cobh, Co. Cork

Fota Wildlife Park, just 16km from Cork on the Cobh road, is among the most modern wildlife parks in Europe. Established in 1983 with the primary aim of conservation, Fota has more than seventy species of exotic wildlife in open natural surroundings with no obvious barriers. Giraffes, zebras, ostrich and antelope roam together in 40 acres of grassland, much as they would in the African savannah. Monkeys swing through trees on lake island, while kangaroos, macaws and lemurs have complete freedom of the park. Only the cheetahs have a conventional fence. A great many of the species at Fota are under serious threat in the wild. Only around ten thousand cheetahs remain in their natural habitat.
Tel: 021-812678 Dates: 1 April-31 October

79. Kerry the Kingdom, Tralee, Co. Kerry

‘Kerry The Kingdom’ at the Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee, tells the story of Kerry and Ireland from the earliest times. It has three attractions under one roof: an audio-visual presentation called ‘Kerry In Colour’, the new Kerry County Museum and the acclaimed Geraldine Tralee. The multi-image audio-visual presentation, Kerry In Colour brings the visitor on a tour of county Kerry, its spectacular scenery, historic monuments, towns and traditions. In the Kerry County Museum, a new departure for Irish museums, priceless archaeological treasures stand side-by-side with the most modern interpretative media.
Tel: 066-27777 Dates: 17 March-31 October, 1 November-31 December
80. Muckross House and Garden, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Discover the magnificence of Muckross, as Queen Victoria did in 1861. More than a century after her visit much remains the same in this fine Victorian mansion, set in the spectacular scenery of Killarney National Park. The gardens benefit from the natural setting of the mountains and lakes of Killarney. Rolling grasslands lead on to an expanse of mature rhododendrons, punctuated by boles of Scots pine. The rock garden, on a natural outcrop of limestone, has winding steps, small paths and a collection of dwarf conifers and shrubs. Entry to gardens free.
Tel: 064-31440 Dates: 1 July-31 August, 1 September-23 December

81. The Blasket Centre, Dingle, Co. Kerry

The Great Blasket Island off the Dingle Peninsula, County Kerry, is known for its historic, cultural and literary heritage. In the 1920's and 1930's, native Blasket writers produced books which have become classics of their kind. Sadly, as its young people continued to emigrate, the Blasket community declined. The island was abandoned in 1953 when only 22 inhabitants remained and has been designated a National Historic Park. The state of the art Blasket Centre, on the mainland in Dun Chaoin, celebrates the islanders and their unique literary achievements. It is dedicated to the native Irish language.
Tel: 066-56444 Dates: 11 April-31 October

82. The Lakes of Killarney, Co. Kerry

The three main lakes of Killarney occupy a broad valley stretching south between the mountains. The three lakes and the mountains that surround them are all within the Killarney National Park. The Lower Lake is nearest the town, it is studded with islands and has Muckross Abbey and Ross Castle on its eastern shore. The Lower Lake is separated from the Middle Lake (sometimes called Muckross Lake) by the wooded peninsula of Muckross. At the tip of the Muckross Peninsula is the quaint Brickeen Bridge and Dinis Island is further on with its sub-tropical vegetation and views of the 'Meeting of the Waters'. A narrow straight called the Long Range leads to the island-studded Upper Lake, which is surrounded by lush vegetation.
Tel: 01-6082320 Dates: 14 April-22 December

83. West Cork Model Railway Village, Clonakilty, Co. Cork

The West Cork Model Railway Village is the first of its kind in Ireland. It allows the visitor to experience the sights and sounds of life in west Cork during the 1940's. Situated beside the picturesque Clonakilty Bay, the Model Village depicts, in miniature, life and industry in west Cork as they were fifty years ago. The working railway, a model of the long closed west Cork line, is at the core of the experience. Many of the industrial buildings reconstructed in the village had their own system of power generation during the era. Their recreation is of educational and visual interest.
Tel: 023-33224 Dates: 1 February-31 October

84. Tralee Aqua Dome

Ireland's largest and most exciting waterworld. The Aqua Dome features sky high water slide, wave pool, lazy river, whirlpool, spas, raging rapids, falling rapids, medieval castle, children's slides and play area, exclusive adults only health suite, restaurants and refreshments, shop and Pulse Fitness Suite. The Aqua Dome provides special offers, multi-visit rates throughout the season. Group rates are available all year round for 10 or more people and all group bookings must be pre booked at least 24 hours in advance. The exclusive adults only suite features a Finnish and tropical sauna, steam room, plunge pool and relaxation area. There are complimentary newspapers available.
Tel: 066-28899 1 January-31 December
85. The Geraldine Experience

The Geraldine Experience is a unique visitor attraction located in the Tralee, Co. Kerry, which also houses the exhibition ‘Kerry In Colour’ and the Kerry County Museum. The visitor is transported back in time on a battery operated Time Car on a track, to the Middle Ages period, 1450 AD to be precise. After travelling to the Middle Ages, the visitor will experience life in a Medieval town along with all the sights, sounds and even smells of that period. The tour is delivered in eight different languages, Irish, English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Dutch and Japanese and lasts approximately twenty minutes.
Tel: 066-27777 Dates: 16 March-31 July, 1-31 August, 1 September-23 December, 27-31 December

86. Cork Heritage Park Blackrock

Cork Heritage Park is located on 6 acres of landscaped grounds and restored 19th century courtyard of Bessboro Estate in the Blackrock area of the city. The Park offers the visitor a varied and fascinating introduction to different aspects of Cork's rich heritage ranging from the story of the Pike family, who lived on the estate from 1820-1921, local ecology, Cork's archaeological heritage, Cork's maritime heritage, the history of Cork's Fire Service and the story of Cork's transport system. Other areas include a pet farm and play areas for children.
Tel: 021-358854 Dates: 11 April-30 September, 1 October-31 December

87. West Cork Regional Museum, Clonakilty

The Museum is located in the town and it traces the history of West Cork. Also gives information about Irish Rebel leader Michael Collins who was ambushed nearby.

88. Cork City Gaol

Despite its majestic appearance, this prison building housed 19th Century prisoners, often in wretched conditions. Furnished cells, amazingly lifelike characters, sound effects and fascinating exhibitions allow the visitor to experience day to day life for prisoners and gaoler. Incorporated in the Gaol is a spectacular sound and image presentation showing contrasting lifestyles in 19th Century Cork and why some people turned to crime. The Gaol Experience includes individual sound tour in English, French, German, Italian, Irish and Spanish. Personal guided tours can be arranged on request. There is free on site car and coach parking.
Tel: 021-305022 Dates:1 March-31 October, 1 November-28 February

89. Millstreet Country Park

The 17 minute audio visual presentation goes back through the evolution of the landscape from the pre-ice-age, Jurassic Cretaceous era, 250 million years ago to the present day. The Interactive Touch Screens are state of the art multi media touch screens take the traveller on a personal tour of the Park. Browse through the wetlands, gardens or herb meadow in French,German or English - a fun way to explore the Park. The Transport System lets you be a real armchair traveller, and load up onto one of the parks transporters. Experience the vastness of the park with its waterfalls, lakes, archaeology and gardens set in a spectacular landscape enhanced by up to 700 Red Deer.
Tel: 029-70810 Dates: 11 April-26 October
90. **Bus Eireann Tours, Blarney**

These full day coach tours are an excellent way of seeing the South of Ireland. They go from Cork and pick up in Blarney. The tours cover areas such as the Ring of Kerry, Bunratty, Killarney, Cork and Blarney. The tours take place on alternate days and it is advised to check times with the Tourist office in Blarney. Prices vary for each tour and most include entrance into sites and castles
Tel: 021-381624

91. **1796 French Armada Exhibition Centre, Bantry**

Become part of the epic adventure of 1796 courtesy of an individual tour with accompanying music and sound effects, available in a choice of languages. The centrepiece of this exhibition is a giant 1:6 scale model of a frigate in cross section. Vividly illustrating life in the French Navy two hundred years ago, it shows the ship's construction and various activities as they happened on board. A life size Wolfe Tone is shown in his cabin. Extracts from his journal help bring history to life as visitors are taken through the events of those days and nights in 1796. The exhibition centre is both educational and entertaining.
Tel: 027-51796

92. **The Mizen Head Signal Station Visitor Centre**

Mizen Head Signal Station is now open to the public for the first time since it was completed in 1910. The Mizen Vision visitor centre in the keeper's house, along with the engine room, famous suspension bridge, 99 steps and views up the south and west coasts combine with the exhilaration of the Atlantic and ancient rocks to guarantee a unique experience. In any weather the magic of the Mizen is spellbinding. Mizen Vision, the Mizen Head signal station visitor centre, has been open since June 1st, 1994. In April 1993, when the fog signal station was de-manned and became automatic, a local community co-operative, Mizen Tourism, was formed.
Tel: 028-35855

93. **Beamish and Crawford Brewery Tour**

This tour is around the brewery every Tuesday and Thursday. Space is limited to 15 places and therefore, booking is essential. Under 18's are not normally allowed because there is free drink served in the hospitality room afterwards. The tour includes a video presentation, a tour of the brewing facilities and a visit to the hospitality room and lasts approximately 1 hour. Groups are welcome, but need to book 10 days in advance.
Tel: 021-276841 Dates: 1 April-30 September, 1 October-31 March

94. **The Old Midleton Distillery - Jameson Heritage Centre**

A tour of The Old Midleton Distillery is a journey through the story of Irish whiskey via an audio-visual presentation which is available in six languages. Follow the old distillery trail through mills, maltings, corn stores, stillhouses, warehouses and kilns. View the largest pot in the world prior to sampling the renowned Jameson Whiskey in the bar. On offer too is an opportunity to become a qualified Irish Whiskey taster, with presentation of certificate. An elegant restaurant and craft shop are located on the premises. The Restaurant is closed for the Winter period, while the Craft Shop remains open.
Tel: 021-613594 Dates: 1 March-30 October, 1 November-28 February
95. Ballincollig Gunpowder Mills

The Royal Gunpowder Mills, Ballincollig, County Cork is a unique industrial complex which meanders along the bank of the river Lee. The mills were established in 1794 by Charles Henry Leslie. Eleven years later, when Napoleon’s control of France posed a grave threat to the British, the British Board of Ordnance bought the mills from Leslie. Along with this, the Army Barracks was built in the town to protect the supply of gunpowder. By the mid 1800’s the Royal Gunpowder Mills, Ballincollig was one of the largest industrial establishments in the Cork area. The Heritage Centre in Ballincollig is a unique industrial complex which meanders along the banks of the River Lee.
Tel: 021-874430 Dates: 29 March-3 November

96. Schull Planetarium

Apart from the obvious fact that it has a connection with stars the name Planetarium gives no idea of the remarkable spectacle that awaits each visitor. Sitting under the hemispherical dome in a darkened auditorium, spectators can see an amazingly realistic and accurate reproduction of the star studded night sky. The audience sees the heavens portrayed with such realism they feel they are sitting out of doors on the clearest of nights. Star shows are 45 minutes long and are thus unsuitable for children under the age of 7. During Star shows the rest of the building is closed to the public. Tel: 028-28552

97. The Skellig experience

The Skellig Rock is one of many scenic attractions in the Kerry region. Close to Bolus Head, it is famous for the puffins and gannets (40,000 of the latter) which inhabit it. The ‘Skellig Experience’ visitor attraction was opened in 1992 to make the four treasures of the offshore Skellig islands more easily understood by all. The exhibition themes are the History and Archaeology of Skellig Michael's Early Christian Monastery, The Sea Birds, their habitat and worldwide travels, the Lighthouses which have given 161 years of service to mariners and the Underwater Skellig, which has many interesting creatures and plants. The exhibition also has a 16 minute audiovisual show and interesting exhibits on all aspects of the Skelligs.
Tel: 066-76306 Dates: 1 April-30 September

98. Fenit Seaworld

A unique opportunity to observe hundreds of species of underwater wildlife from Tralee Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Here, one can explore the haunted timbers of an actual shipwreck, and experience a recreation of the half-lit ocean floor where the habitat is both accessible and astonishingly natural. Experience the wonderfully soothing half-light of the ocean floor as you rub scales with the most exotic creatures. Fenit Sea World is entertainment and education, science and mystery, beauty and savagery.
Tel: 066-36544 Dates: 1 June-31 August, 1 September-24 December

99. Crag Cave, Castleisland

Crag Cave is a colourful wonderland of stalactites and stalactmites. Only discovered in 1983, and thought to be over a million years old, it is a natural, all weather attraction and a family run business. A special lighting and sound system installed throughout the cave enhances its natural beauty. Guided tours are available and there are parking facilities for coaches and cars. A craft shop, restaurant and coffee shop are open to the public.
Tel: 066-41244 Dates: 1 July-31 August, 1 September-31 October

100. Derrynane National Historic Park, Caherdaniel

Derrynane, the Oakwood of Saint Fionan, stands at the very tip of the Iveragh Peninsula in County Kerry. Derrynane House, in sheltered woodlands, is the ancestral home of Daniel O’Connell. Today some 120 hectares (300 acres) of the lands of Derrynane, together with Derrynane House, make up Derrynane National Historic Park. Plantations and garden walks were laid out in the 18th and 19th centuries, principally north and west of the house. Some features of the demesne are strongly associated with Daniel O’Connell, including the old Summer House. The main area of the gardens, set inland and to the north of the house, can be reached through a tunnel under the road.
Tel: 066-75113
Useful Information

The Euro

The unit of currency in Ireland is the Euro which replaced the Irish Punt on January 1st 2002. The new currency may be used in any of the 11 participating countries, including Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales do not use the Euro.

Dublin Traffic

Traffic in Dublin has become worse in recent years due to a variety of reasons. If you are travelling into the capital city then try to do so outside the busy hours, typically from 7:30 to 10:00 in the morning and from 4:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Dublin operates a series of Bus Lanes in which it is forbidden to travel at certain hours of the day. Some Bus Lanes prohibit traffic at any time of the day. If you arrive in Dublin Airport and Dublin City is not your immediate destination then be sure to consider using the new M50 motorway which is a ringroad around the city. This toll-road should be used by visitors arriving in the airport and wishing to travel to all destinations except the South-East, this section of which is still under construction. Similarly visitors travelling to the airport and wishing to avoid the city centre gridlock should try to interface to the M50 at some point and therefore avoid the city centre.

Telephone Charges

Telephone charges are among the most expensive in Europe. If you must ring home then do so after 6pm in the evening as this is when the economy rate begins. If you have an international dialing service from your local operator you should definitely consider using it. There are other options such as SWIFTCALL who are long distance telephone call merchants. You could arrange to purchase a minimum of IR£25 from then before your trip, especially if you think you will be ringing home frequently. Do not use public or hotel payphones or credit card telephones in hotel lobbys as they are very expensive.

Tax Free Shopping

VAT (sales tax) is refundable to non-European Union visitors on purchase that they bring back home with them. Be sure to obtain the tax refund documentation from the store where the item is purchased. The refund is processed at the refund agency's counter at the airport of departure. A refund service charge is payable, and the balance due to you can usually be credited to your credit card account or paid in a currency of your choice.

Tax Free Airport Shopping

All principal Irish airports have extensive tax free shopping areas. In the case of Dublin Airport you can call their Duty-free Express number 1800 747747 to check availability of and/or pre-order your tax free shopping in advance.
Taxi Fares

Taxi fare rates vary around the country but in the urban centres drivers will usually charge IR£5 to IR£8 as a minimum for a short journey. Travel from Dublin Airport to the city centre should cost about IR£15 to IR£18. Taxi drivers are allowed to use the Bus Lanes that are prohibited to other drivers.

Accommodation Charges

It is vital to book your accommodation well in advance when you are planning to visit Ireland. There are a variety of different accommodation options available to visitors including traditional Irish 'bed and breakfasts' which can charge anywhere from IR£14 to £25 depending on the quality of the accommodation and the time of the year (a big consideration!). Hotels of decent quality can cost anywhere from IR£40 upwards per person. These generally include breakfast although the new Jurys hotels offer accommodation without breakfast.

Contact Information

If you are within the Dublin area you can omit the prefix 01 for any of the numbers below that have that prefix.

The emergency services can be contacted by telephoning 999. This number is accessible free of charge from any telephone and is the initial contact when requiring the Police (Garda), Ambulance, Fire Brigade or Lifeguard emergency services.

The American Embassy can be contacted by telephone at 01/6688085.
The English Embassy 01/2053700
The Australian Embassy 01/6761517
The Canadian Embassy 01/4781988
Lost or stolen Thomas Cook Travellers cheque can be reported to 1800/409170 or 01/6771307
Visa Credit Cards 1800 558002
Mastercard Credit Cards 1800 557378
American Express Credit Cards 1800/626000 and 1800/709907
The national airline is Aer Lingus at 01/7052222

Map of Ireland

A map of Ireland was sent as a separate file with this document. For further details visit The Information about Ireland Site at http://www.ireland-information.com

Smoking in Ireland

The law governing smoking in public places in Ireland is SI359 of 1995. There is a complete legal prohibition on smoking in government offices, cinemas, some restaurants, national heritage centres, etc. Smoking in public houses is permitted.
Places to Stay

Carlow

Hotels and Guesthouses:

Dolmen Hotel, Carlow 0503/42002
Royal Hotel, Carlow 0503/31621
Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow 0503/31308
Ballykealey House Hotel, Ballon 0503/59288

Budget:

Ballyvergal GuestHouse, Ballyvergal 0503/43634
Barrowville Town House, Carlow 0503/43324
Step House, Borris 0503/73209

Cavan

Hotels and Guesthouses:

Hotel Kilmore, Cavan 049,32288
Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell 049/26444
Cabra Castle Hotel, Kingscourt 042/67030
Park Hotel, Virginia 049/47235
Sharkeys Hotel, Virginia 049/47561
Dun-a-Ri House, Kingscourt 042/68091
The Arches Farmhouse, Arva 049/35460
Stag Hall Country Home, Belturbet 049/22373

Budget:

McCauls Guesthouse, Cavan 049/31327
Bailie Hotel, Bailieborough 042/65334
Anglers Rest, Ballyconnell 049/26391

Clare

Hotels and Guesthouses:

Gregans Castle Hotel, Ballyvaughan 065/77005
Fitzpatrick Bunratty 061/361177
Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis 065/21247
Old Ground Hotel, Ennis 065/28127
Queens Hotel, Ennis 065/28963
West County Hotel, Ennis 065/23000
Halpins Hotel, Kilkee 065/56032
Kincora Hall, Killaloe 061/376000
Watermans Lodge, Killaloe 061/376333
Aberdeen Arms, Lahinch 065/81100
Atlantic Hotel, Lahinch 065/81049
Shamrock Inn Hotel, Lahinch 065/81700
Ballinalacken Castle Hotel, Lisdoonvarna 065/74025
Carrigann Hotel, Lisdoonvarna 065/74036
Dromoland Castle, Newmarket-on-Fergus 061/368144
Shannon Great Southern Hotel 061/471122

Budget:
Ballyvaughan Lodge, Ballyvaughan 065/77292
Capabhail House, Ballyvaughan 065/77260
Bunratty Castle Hotel 061/364116
Bunratty View Guest House 061/357352
Bunratty Woods Country House 061/369689
Tubridy House, Kilrush 065/59033
Clare Hills Guest House, Ennis 065/28311
Grovemount House, Ennistymon 065/71431
Purtlis Guesthouse, Kilkee 065/56771
Lanter House, Killaloe 061/923034
Greenbrier Guest House, Lahinch 065/81242
Sancta Maria, Lahinch 065/81041
Lynchs Hotel, Lisdoonvarna 065/74010
Mountshannon Hotel, Mountshannon 061/927162
Hunters Lodge, Newmarket-on-Fergus 061/368577

Cork

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Quality Hotel, Cork City 021/275858
Metropole Hotel, Cork City 021/508122
Imperial Hotel, Cork City 021/274040
Jurys Hotel, Cork City 021/276622
Fitzpatrick, Cork City 021/507533
Hotel Ibis, Cork City 021/354354
Kingsley Hotel, Cork City 021/346800
Quality Hotel, Cork City 021/275858
Shandon Court Hotel, Cork City 021/551793
Westpark Hotel, Ballincollig 021/870700
Bayview Hotel, Ballycotton 021/646746
Baltimore Harbour Hotel 028/20361
Blarney Park Hotel 021/38521
Dunmore House, Clonakilty 023/33352
Commodore Hotel, Cobh 021/81127
Marine Hotel, Glandore 028/33366
Actons Hotel, Kinsale 021/772135
Blue Haven Hotel, Kinsale 021/772209
Midleton Park Hotel 021/631767
Ahernes, Youghal 024/92424

Budget:
Garnish House, Cork City 021/275111
Hotel Isaacs, Cork City 021/500011
Lough Mahon, Cork City 021/502142
Saint Kildas, Cork City 021/273095
Redclyffe, Cork City 021/273220
Glenvera Hotel, Cork City 021/502030
Lotamore House, Cork City 021/822344
Lough Mahon House, Cork City 021/502142
Saint Kidas, Cork City 021/273095
Victoria Hotel, Cork City 021/278788
Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig 021/870888
Baltimore Bay Hotel, 028/20600
Munster Arms, Bandon 023/41562
Atlanta House, Bantry 027/50237
Bantry Bay Hotel 027/50289
Blarney Castle Hotel 021/385116
Sunset Ridge, Blarney 021/385271
Robin Hill, Cobh 021/811395
Dun Mhuire House, Dunmanway 023/45162
Grand Hotel, Fermoy 025/31444
Colneth House, Kinsale 021/772824
Kilcaw House, Kinsale 021/774155
Cottage Loft, Kinsale 021/772803
White Lady Hotel, Kinsale 021/772737
Quayside House, Kinsale 021/772188
Coolcower, Macroom 026/41695
Hibernian Hotel, Mallow 022/21588
Coola House Hotel, Schull 028/28105
East End, Schull 028/28101
Eldon Hotel, Skibbereen 028/40000
West Cork Hotel, Skibbereen 028/21277
Walter Raleigh Hotel, Youghal

**Donegal**

*Hotels and Guesthouses:*

Redcastle Hotel, Moville 077/82073
Sand House Hoel, Rossnowlagh 072/51777
Rathmullan House 074/58178
Fort Royal Hotel, Letterkenny 074/58100
Shandon Hotel, Dunfanaghy 074/36137
Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town 073/21014
Kees Hotel, Ballybofey 074/31018
Malin Hotel, Inishowen 077/70770
Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny 074/22700
Hyland Central hotel, Donegal Town 073/21027

*Budget:*

Moorland Guesthouse, Donegal Town 073/34319
Castle Inn, Greencastle 077/81426
Park House, Dungloe 075/21351
Beach Hotel, Bundoran 074/55303
Teach Campbell, Bunbeg 075/31545
Greevy Pier hotel, Ballyshannon 072/51236
Dublin

City Centre

Hotels and Guesthouses:

The Shelbourne Hotel 01/6616006
The Westbury Hotel 01/6791122
Jurys Christchurch Inn 01/4540000
Mont Clare Hotel 01/6073800
Brooks Hotel 01/6704000
Burlington Hotel 01/6605222
Blooms Hotel 01/6715622
Jurys Christchurch Inn 01/4540000
Stakis 01/4029988
Stauntons on the Green 01/4782300
Stephens Hall 6610585
Temple Bar Hotel 6773333
Trinity Lodge 01/6795044

Budget

Carmel House 01/8741639
Cassidy's Hotel 01/8780555
Castle Hotel 01/8746949
Clifton Court Hotel 01/8743535
Georgian Court 01/8557872
Kelly's Hotel 01/6779277
Merrion Square Manor 01/6628551
O'Sheas Hotel 01/8365670
Northumberland Lodge 01/6605270
Northbrook Hotel 01/6688951
Phoenix Park House 01/6772870

North City

Hotels and Guesthouses:

The Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra 01/8379121
Hollybrook Hotel, Clontarf 01/8332979
Shieling Hotel, Raheny 01/314222
Regency Hotel, Whitehall 01/8373544
Great Southern Hotel, Dublin Airport 01/8446000
Deer Park, Howth 01/8322624
Howth Lodge 01/8321010
Portmarnock Hotel 01/8460611
Grand Hotel, Malahide 1/8450000
Marine Hotel, Sutton 01/8390000

Budget:

Charleville Lodge, Phibsboro 01/8386633
Barrys Hotel 01/8746943
Iona House, Glasnevin 01/8306217
St. Andrews, Drumcondra 01/8374684
Sands Hotel, Portmarnock 01/8460003
Stuart Hotel, Malahide 01/8450099
Shenannigans Hotel, Skerries 01/8491708
Redbank Lodge, Skerries 01/8491005

**South City**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**
Berkeley Court Hotel 01/6601711
Butlers 01/6674022
School House Hotel, Ballsbridge 01/6675014
Tudor House, Dalkey 01/2851528
RoyalMarine Hotel, Dun Laoire 01/2801911

**Budget:**
Beddington Guesthouse 01/4978047
Herbert Lodge, Donnybrook 01/6603403
Landsdowne Hotel, Ballsbridge 01/6682522
Orwell Lodge, Rathgar 01/4977258
Roslyn House, Rathgar 01/4925807
Hotel Pierre, Dun Laoire 01/2800291

**West City**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**
Kingswood Country House, Clondalkin 01/4592428
Plaza Hotel, Tallaght 01/4624200
Red Cows Morans Hotel, Naas Road 01/4593650
Spa Hotel, Lucan 01/6280494
Finnstown Country House, Lucan 01/6280644

**Budget:**
West County Hotel, Chapelizod 01/6264011
Westlink Lodge, Palmerstown 01/6235494
Kilternan Country Club 01/2955559

**Galway**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**
Brennans Yard Hotel, Galway 091/568166
Atlanta Hotel, Galway 091/562241
Ardilaun House Hotel, Galway 091/521433
Flannerys Hotel, Galway 091/755111
Eyre Square Hotel, Galway 091/569633
Corrib Great Southern Hotel, Renmore 091/755281
Connemara Coast Hotel, Furbo 091/592108
Eglinton Hotel, Salthill 091/526400
Imperial Hotel, Eyre Square 091/563033
Hotel Spanish Arch, Galway 091/569600
Hotel Ibis, Galway 091/771166
Galway Ryan Hotel 091/753181
Galway Great Southern Hotel 091/564041
Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill 091/520520
Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Hotel, Oranmore 091/790500
Jurys, Galway 091/566444
Jamesons Hotel, Salthill 091/528666
Victoria Hotel, Galway 091/567433
Twelve Pins Lodge Hotel, Barna 091/592368
Skeffington Arms Hotel, Eyre Square 091/563173
Carna Bay Hotel, Connemara 095/32255
Cashel House Hotel, Cashel 095/31001
Ardagh Hotel, Clifden 095/21384
Station House Hotel, Clifden 099/521699
Rock Glen Manor, Clifden 095/21035
Connemara Gateway Hotel, Oughterard 091/552328
Ross Lake House Hotel, Oughterard 091/550109
Currarevagh House, Oughterard 091/552312
Corib House Hotel, Oughterard 091/552329
Bridge House Hotel, Spiddal 091/553118

Budget:

Ardawn House, Galway 091/568833
Anno Santo House, Salthill 091/523011
American Hotel, Eyre Square 091/561300
Adare Guesthouse, Galway 091/582638
Acorn Guesthouse, Galway 091/770990
Holiday Hotel, Salthill 091/522518
Hotel Sacre Coeur, Salthill 091/523355
Guiders Osterley Lodge, Salthill 091/523794
Inishmore Guesthouse, Salthill 091/582639
Marian Lodge, Salthill 091/52168
Knockrea Guest House, Salthill 091/520145
Ocean Crest House, Salthill 091/589028
Rockbarton park Hotel, Salthill 091/522286
Rockland Hotel, Salthill 091/522111
Kilmurvey House, Aran Islands 099/61218
Ard Einne Guesthouse, Aran Islands 099/61126
Gullanes Hotel, Ballinasloe 0905/42220
Haydens Hotel, Ballinasloe 0905/42347
Spinnaker House Hotel, Salthill 091/525425
Sputhern hills Guesthouse, Salthill 091/526224
Glynsk House Hotel, Connemara 095/32279
Zetland Country House Hotel, Connemara 095/31111
Actons House, Clifden 095/44339
Dun Ri Guesthouse, Clifden 095/21625
Ben View House, Clifden 095/21256
Pass Inn Hotel, Kylemore 095/41141
Glynn's Country Inn, Gort 091/631047
Sullivans Hotel, Gort 091/631257
Doonmore Hotel, Inishbofin island 095/45804
Portfinn Lodge, Leenane 095/42265
Boat Inn, Oughterard 091/552196
Mountain View Guesthouse, Oughterard 091/550360
Shannon Oaks Hotel, Portumna 0509/41777
Tigh Chulainn, Spiddal 091/553609
Park Lodge Hotel, Spiddal 091/553159
**Kerry**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Foleys Townhouse, Killarney 064/31217  
Friars Glen Hotel, Killarney 01/6675013  
Hotel Europe, Killarney 064/31900  
Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney 064/31870  
Listowel Arms Hotel 068/21500  
Parknasill Great Southern, Sneem 064/45122  
Ballyseede Castle, Tralee 066/25799  
Brandon Hotel, Tralee 066/23333  
Tralee Court Hotel 066/21877  
Grand Hotel, Tralee 066/21499  
Butler Arms Hotel, Waterville 066/74144

**Budget:**

Ashville Guesthouse, Killarney 064/36405  
Aisling House, Killarney 064/31112  
Chutehall, Killarney 064/37177  
Castle Oaks, Killarney 064/34154  
Failte Hotel, Killarney 064/33404  
Gleann Fia, Killarney 064/35035  
Fuchsia House, Killarney 064/33743  
Westfield House, Killorglin 066/61909  
Grove Lodge, Killorglin 066/61157  
Kilteely House, Tralee 066/23376  
Oakley House, Tralee 066/21727  
Mountain Lodge, Tralee 066/22461  
Lakelands Farm, Waterville 066/74303  
Smugglers Inn, Waterville 066/74330

**Kildare**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Curragh Lodge Hotel, Kildare 045/522144  
Tonlegee House, Athy 0507/31473  
Kilkia Castle, Castledermot 0503/45156  
Strandhouse Hotel, The Curragh 045/436177  
Ambassador Hotel, Kill 045/877064  
Liffey Valley House, Leixlip 01/6247415  
Leixlip House Hotel, Leixlip 01/6242268  
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth 01/6290909  
Gables Guesthouse, Newbridge 045/435330  
Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge 045/431666  
Kildare Hotel, Straffan 01/6017200

**Budget:**

Ardenode Hotel, BallymoreEustace 045/864198  
Hazel Hotel, Monasterevin 045/525373  
Harbour View Hotel, Naas 045/879145
Kilkenny

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Hotel Kilkenny 056/62000  
Butler House, Kilkenny 056/65707  
Club House Hotel, Kilkenny 056/21994  
Lacken House, Kilkenny 056/61085  
Langton House Hotel, Kilkenny 056/65133  
NewPark Hotel, Kilkenny 056/22122  
Sprinthill Court Hotel 056/21122  
Mount Juliet Estate, Thomastown 056/24455

**Budget:**

Berkeley House, Kilkenny 056/64848  
Brannigans Glendine Inn, Kilkenny 056/21069  
Kilford Arms, Kilkenny 056/21969  
Metropole Hotel, Kilkenny 056/63778  
Troysgate House, Kilkenny 056/61100  
Avalon Inn, Castlecomer 056/41302  
Waterside, Graiguenamanagh 0503/24246  
Rising Sun, Mullinavat 051/898173

Laois

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Montague Hotel, Portlaoise 0502/26154  
Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise 0502/21663  
Aspen Country House, Portlaoise 0502/25405  
Morette lodge, Portlaoise 0502/46789

**Budget:**

Hibernian Hotel, Abbeyleix 0502/31252  
Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow 0502/36117  
East End Hotel, Portarlington 0502/23225  
O'Loughlins Hotel, Portlaoise 0502/21305  
Beech Hills Lodge, Mountrath 0502/35097

Leitrim

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Bush Hotel, Carrick-On-Shannon 078/20014  
Lakeview Glebe House 078/42034  
Canal View Home, Carrick-On-Shannon 078/42056  
Glenview Farmhouse, Balinamore 078/44157  
Caldra House, Carrick-On-Shannon 078/21606
Budget:
Commercial Hotel, Ballinamore 078/44675
Riversdale Farm Guesthouse, Ballinamore 078/44122
Aisleigh Guesthouse, Carrick-On-Shannon 078/20313
Glebe House, Mohill 078/31086
Duncarberry lodge, Tullaghad 072/42555

Limerick

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Castletroy Park Hotel 061/335566
Glentworth Hotel 061/413822
Greenhills Hotel 061/453033
Hanrattys Hotel 061/410999
Jurys Hotel 061/327777
Limerick Ryan Hotel 061/453922
Dervert House, Kilmallock 063/98106
Dunraven Arms, Adare 061/396633

Budget:
Alexandra Guest House 061/318472
Clifton House 061/451166
Cruises House 01/315320
Carrabawn House, Adare 061/396067
Courtenay lodge, Newcastlewest 069/62244
Rathkeale House, Rathkeale 069/63333
Devon Inn Hotel, Templeglantine 069/84122

Longford

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Camlin Court Hotel, Longford 043/47190
Longford Arms Hotel, Longford 043/46296

Budget:
Cummiskey Farmhouse, Ennybegs 043/23320

Louth

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Bellingham Castle, Castlebellingham 042/72176
Boyne Valley Hotel, Drogheda 041/37737
Westcourt Hotel, Drogheda 041/30965
Ballymascanlon House Hotel, Dundalk 042/71124
Derryhale Hotel, Dundalk 042/35471
Fairways Hotel, Dundalk 042/21500
Hotel Imperial, Omeath 042/32241
Budget:
McKevits Hotel, Carlingford 042/73116
Carrickdale Hotel, Dundalk 042/81397
Clanbrassil Hotel, Dundalk 042/34141
Granvue House, Omeath 042/75109

Mayo

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Beleek Castle, Ballina 096/22400
Deanwood Hotel, Ballina 096/21655
Downhill Hotel, Ballina 096/21033
Breaffy Hotel, Castlebar 094/22033
Daly's Hotel, Castlebar 094/21961
Jennings Hotel, Castlebar 094/23111
Ashford Castle, Cong 092/46003
Cill Aodain Hotel, Kiltimagh 094/81761
Castlecourt Hotel, Westport 098/25444
Hotel Clew Bay, Westport 098/28088
Hotel Westport 098/25122
Knockranny House, Westport 098/28600

Budget:
Grays Guesthouse, Achill Island 098/43244
Bartra House Hotel, Ballina 096/22200
Rocks, Ballina 096/22140
Heneghans Guest House, Castlebar 094/21883
Ryans Hotel, Cong 092/46243
Belmont Hotel, Knock 094/88122
Knock International Hotel 094/88466
Olde Railway Hotel, Westport 098/25166
Westport Woods Hotel 098/25811

Meath

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Old Darnley Lodge 046/32283
Granvue House 042/75109
Station House Hotel 046/25239
Ardboyne Hotel, Navan 046/23119
Conyngham Arms, Slane 041/84444

Monaghan

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Four Seasons Hotel and Leisure Club 047/81888
Hillgrove Hotel 047/81288
Nuremore Hotel, Carrickmacross 042/61438
Budget:
Riverdale Hotel, Ballybay 042/41188
Glencarn Hotel, Castleblayney 042/46666
Crieghton Hotel, Clones 047/51055

Offaly

Hotels and Guesthouses:
County Arms Hotel, Birr 0509/20791
Doolys Hotel, Birr 0509/20032
Kinnitty Castle, Birr 0509/37318
Tullamore Court Hotel 0506/52288
Moorhill Country House, Tullamore 0506/21395

Budget:
Brosna Lodge Hotel, Banagher 0509/51350
Maltings Guesthouse, Birr 0509/21345
Sea Dew Guesthouse, Tullamore 0506/52054

Roscommon

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Abbey Hotel, Roscommon Town 0903/26240
Forest park Hotel, Boyle 079/62229
Royal Hotel, Boyle 079/62016
Mount Carmel Guest House, Rooskey-on-Shannon 078/38434

Budget:
Gleesons Guesthouse, Roscommon Town 0903/26954
O’Garas Royal Hotel, Roscommon Town 0903/26317
Regans, Roscommon Town 0903/25339

Sligo

Hotels and Guesthouses:
The Southern Hotel, Sligo Town 071/62101
Tower Hotel, Sligo Town 071/44000
Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo Town 071/60291
An Cruiscan Lan 071/62857
Millhouse, Ballymote 071/83449
Tree Tops Town House 071/60160
Ballincar Hotel 071/45361
Hotel Silver Swan, Sligo Town 071/43231
Markree Castle, Collooney 071/67800
Yeats Country Hotel, Rosses Point 071/77211
Budget:
Clarence Hotel 071/42211
Lisadorn 071/43417
Atlantic Hotel, Enniscrone 096/36119
Beach Hotel, Mullaghmore 071/66103
Pier Head House, Mullaghmore 071/66171
Cawleys, Tubercurry 071/85025
Ocean View Hotel, Strandhill 071/68115
Cawleys, Tubercurry 071/85025

Tipperary
Hotels and Guesthouses:
Mount Juliet Estate 056/24455
Grants Hotel 0505/23300
Cashel Palace Hotel 062/62707
Dundrum House Hotel 062/71116
Kilcoran Lodge Hotel, Cahir 052/41288
Carraig Hotel, Carrik-on-Suir 051/641455
Clonmel Arms Hotel 052/21233
Fennessys Hotel, Clonmel 052/23680
Hotel Minella, Clonmel 052/22388
Knocklofty Hotel, Clonmel 052/38222
Dromineer Bay Hotel, Nenagh 067/24114
St. Davids House, Nenagh 067/24145
Grants Hotel, Roscrea 0505/23300
Aner Hotel, Thurles 0504/21799

Budget:
Baileys of Cashel 062/61937
Orchard 051/645355
Legends Guesthouse 062/61292
Hearns Hotel 052/21611
Glen of Aherlow 062/56146
Brighton House 052/23665
Racket hall Hotel, Roscrea
Tower, Roscrea 0505/21774

Waterford
Hotels and Guesthouses:
Towers Hotel, Waterford Town 051/875801
Jurys Hotel, Waterford Town 051/832111
Dooleys Hotel, Waterford Town 051/873531
Forte Travelodge, Waterford Town 1800/709709
Granville Hotel, Waterford Town 051/855111
Waterford Castle, Ballinakill 051/878203
Gold Coast Hotel, Dungarvan 058/42249
Lawlors Hotel, Dungarvan 058/41122
Lismore Hotel 058/54304
**Budget:**

Coach House, Butlerstown 051/384656  
Bridge Hotel, Waterford Town 051/877222  
St. Albans 051/358171  
Marsuci, Butlerstown 051/370429  
Diamond Hill, Waterford Town 051/832855  
Ivory Lodge Hotel, Waterford Town  
St. Albans, Waterford Town 051/358171  
Cliff House Hotel, Ardmore 024/94106  
Round Tower Hotel, Ardmore 024/94494  
Richmond House, Cappoquin 058/54278  
Three Rivers Guesthouse, Cheekpoint 051/382520  
Clonea Strand Hotel, Dungarvan 058/42416  
Candlelight Inn, Dunmore East 051/383215  
Ocean Hotel, Dunmore East 051/383136  
Belair Guest House, Tramore 051/381605  
Majestic Hotel, Tramore 051/381761  
O'Sheas Hotel, Tramore 051/381246

**Westmeath**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone 0902/9244  
Royal Hoey Hotel, Athlone 0902/72924  
Shamrock Lodge, Athlone 0902/92601  
Bloomfield House, Mullingar 044/40894  
Crookedwood House, Mullingar 044/72165  
Greville Arms, Mullingar 044/48052  
Riverview House, Athlone 0902/94532  
Temple Farmhouse, Moate 0506/35118  
Meares Court Farmhouse, Mullingar 044/55112  
Shelmalier House, Athlone 0902/73190

**Wexford**

**Hotels and Guesthouses:**

Ferrycarrig Hotel, Ferrycarrig 053/20999  
Talbot Hotel, Wexford Town 053/22566  
Whites Hotel, Wexford Town 053/22311  
Whitford House Hotel, Wexford Town 053/43444  
Courtown Hotel, Courtown 055/25108  
Murphy Floods Hotel, Enniscorthy 054/33413  
Marfield House Hotel, Gorey 055/21124  
Dunbrody Country House, New Ross 051/389600  
Creacon Lodge Hotel, New Ross 051/421897  
Kellys Resort Hotel, Rosslare 053/32114  
Cedars Hotel, Rosslare 053/32124  
Rosslare Great Southern Hotel 053/33233  
Tuskar House Hotel, Rosslare 053/33363
Budget:
Faythe Guest House, Wexford Town 053/22249
Saint George, Wexford Town 053/43474
Westgate, Wexford Town 053/22167
Wexford Lodge Hotel, Wexford Town 053/23611
Ardamine House, Courtown 055/25264
Bayview Hotel, Courtown 055/25307
Harbour House, Courtown 055/25117
Horse and Hound Inn, Ballinaboola 051/428323
Hotel, Saltees, Kilmore Quay 053/29601
Quay House, Kilmore Quay 053/29988
Brandon House Hotel, New Ross 051/421703
Old Rectory Hotel, New Ross 051/421719
Hotel New Ross 051/421457
Churchtown House, Rosslare 053/32555
Danby Lodge, Rosslare 053/58191
Ailsa Lodge, Rosslare 053/33230

Wicklow

Hotels and Guesthouses:
Grand Hotel, Wicklow 0404/67337
Old Rectory House, Wicklow 0404/67048
Arklow Bay Hotel, Arklow 0402/32309
Lawless Hotel, Aughrim 0402/36146
Downshire House Hotel, 045/865199
Tulfarris House Hotel, 045/867555
Esplanade Hotel, Bray 01/2862056
Royal Hotel, Bray 01/286/2935
Rathsallagh House, Dunlavin 045/403112
Enniscree Lodge Hotel, Enniskerry 01/2863542
Summerhill House, Enniskerry 01/2867928
Glenview Hotel, Delgany 01/2873399
Glendalough Hotel, Glendalough 0404/45135
Charlesland Hotel, Greystones 01/2876764
Poulaphouca House, Hollywood 045/864412
Hunetr Hotel, Rathnew 0404/40106
Tinakilly House, Rathnew 0404/69274

Budget:
Gormanstown Manor Guesthouse 0404/69432
Bridge Hotel, Arklow 0402/31655
Clogga Bay Hotel, Arklow 0402/39299
Ostan Beag Hotel, Arklow 0402/33044
Bel-Air Hotel, Ashford 0404/40109
Cullenmore Hotel, Ashford 0404/40187
Vale View Hotel, Avoca 0402/35236
Crofton Bray Head Inn, Bray 01/2867182
La Touche Hotel, Greystones 01/2874401
Avonbrae Guesthouse, Rathdrum 0404/46198
Valley Hotel, Arklow 0402/35200
Woodenbridge Hotel, Arklow 0402/35146