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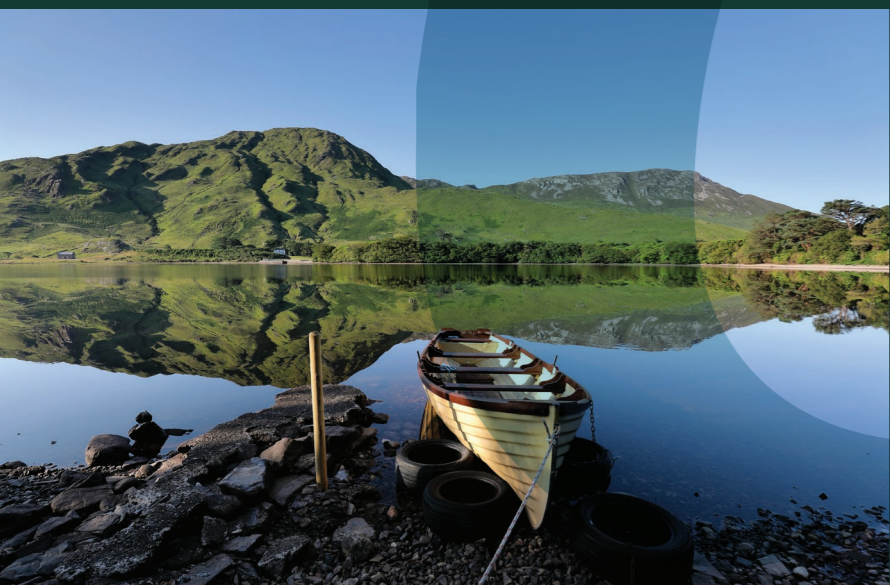
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Tourism Trade Manual





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Is é an ról atá ag Fáilte Ireland, agus é ag feidhmiú mar an tÚdarás Náisiúnta Forbartha Turasoireachta ná tacú le fás inbhuanaithe fadtéarmach na turasoireachta in Éirinn. Tugann Fáilte Ireland léargas dúinn maidir le tomhaltóirí agus ceannaitheoirí, chomh maith le meantóireacht, tacaíochtaí gnó, cláir oiliúna agus deiseanna do cheannaitheoirí chun cabhrú le gnólachtaí turasoireachta a bheith nuálach agus cuidiú leo forbairt a dhéanamh.

Tá Fáilte Ireland freagrach freisin as margaíocht a dhéanamh ar laethanta saoire sa bhaile, agus chuige sin i nGaillimh. Táimid chun tosaigh leis an mbranda éispéiris ó thaobh an réigiúin atá againn, Slí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin.

Tá sé mar aidhm againn leis an lámhleabhar trádála seo níos mó comhoibrithe agus crosdóla a spreagadh sa tionscal i nGaillimh, trí fheabhas a chur ar an eolas cinn scríbe ar fad atá againn i dtaobh na nithe suntasacha a dhéanann an ceann scríbe seo speisialta agus gach atá ar fáil anseo do na cuairteoirí a thagann chugainn. Is iad na gnólachtaí a ghlacann páirt go réamhghníomhach i dtionscnaimh de chuid Fáilte Ireland agus a mheastar a bheith feiliúnach do chuairoteoirí atá sa liosta trádála seo a leanas. Chuireamar san áireamh na nithe is tábhachtaí atá againn a tharraingíonn cuairteoirí chuig an áit chomh maith le roinnt eispéiris nua indólta a tugadh isteach chuig an margadh le déanaí. Tá fáilte romhat aon chuid den ábhar seo faoin gceann scríbe a úsáid i do chuid díolachán agus margaíochta agus i do ghníomhaíochtaí fáilteachais.

Iarraimid ort do chuairoteoirí a spreagadh cuairt a thabhairt ar an áit le go bhfeicfidh siad dóibh féin an fáth a bhfuil Gaillimh thar a bheith speisialta!

Introduction

As the National Tourism Development Authority, Fáilte Ireland's role is to support the long-term sustainable growth of tourism in Ireland. We provide consumer and buyer insights, business supports, training programmes, and buyer platforms, to help tourism businesses innovate and grow.

Fáilte Ireland is also responsible for domestic holiday marketing, and in Galway we lead with our regional experience brand, Wild Atlantic Way.

Our aim with this trade manual is to encourage strengthened collaboration and cross selling in the industry in Galway, by improving our collective destination knowledge on what makes this destination so special, and what is available for our visitors to do here. The trade listings which follow are businesses who proactively engage with Fáilte Ireland initiatives and are considered suitable for visitors, we have included our most iconic visitor attractions and some new saleable experiences which have more recently been introduced to the market. You are welcome to use any of this destination content in your sales & marketing, and front of house activities.

We invite you to encourage your visitors to get out there, and see what makes Galway so special!



Destination Showcase

What makes Galway such a popular tourism destination?

Culture

Festivals

History

Gastronomy

Nightlife

Traditional Music

Irish Language

Landscape

Islands

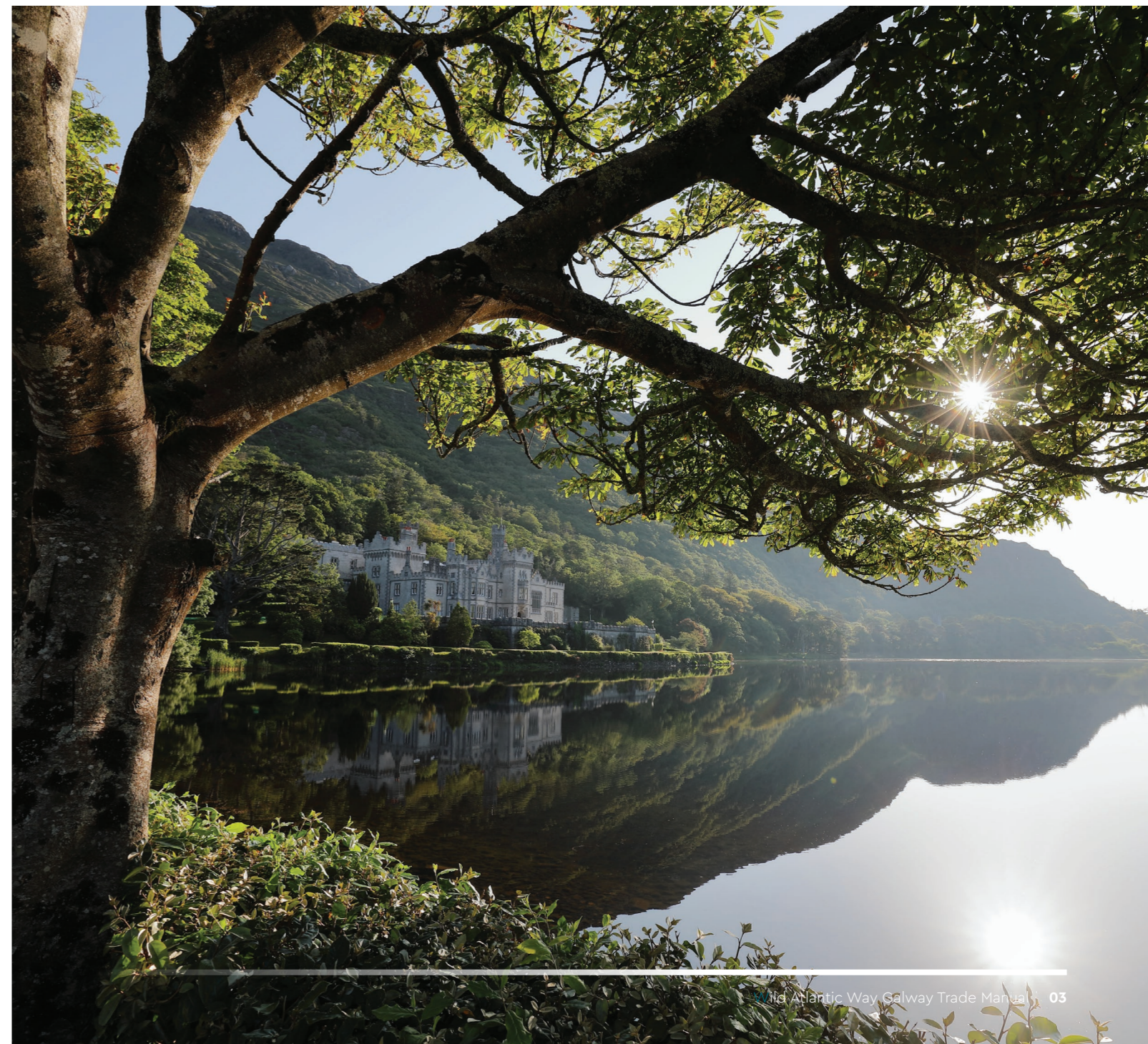
Galway City is a bohemian, vibrant city on the Wild Atlantic Way known for its lively cultural scene and year-round festivals. It is a joy to explore Galway's bustling centre with its cobbled streets, colourful shop facades and busy café culture, or to take an evening walk along the magnificent winding seaside promenade in Salthill.

Connemara is a captivatingly beautiful district in the northwest of County Galway, with scenery like something out of a fairy tale. A household name in many countries, made famous by The Connemara pony, The Quiet Man, the song "Les Lacs du Connemara" among others. With lakes, rivers, mountains, bogs, cliffs, remote beaches, islands, even a fjord, Connemara has long been regarded as one of the most beautiful places in the world.

Throughout Ireland, and internationally, Galway is renowned as a place that buzzes with music and an on-going quest for 'craic' and often regarded as the beating heart of Ireland's cultural scene. There's a fantastic traditional music scene in Galway's pubs, where you can sit by the turf fires and soak up the buzzing atmosphere of these lively meeting places,

and hear the Irish language being used in every day life. Step into an energetic trad session or catch a live concert, tap your toes and clap your hands along with the pulsating beat. Discover art exhibitions, headline acts and street performances. Excellent entertainment and brilliant banter, the craic in Galway is on another level.

Galway's history is very much synonymous with the sea and it has a strong maritime heritage and identity, from the origins of the small fishing village near the Spanish Arch called 'The Claddagh', where the River Corrib meets Galway Bay, to the use of Galway Hookers for fishing and transportation of goods to and from the offshore islands. Gateway to Connemara, Islands, and the Burren, Galway is a jewel along the West Coast of Ireland loved by locals and visitors alike.



Things to do

<p>Aer Arann Islands</p>	<p>Just over 40 minutes by road from Galway City, Connemara Airport provides the base for daily flights to the three Aran Islands – Inis Mór, Inis Meáin and Inis Óirr. With up to 30 departures per day, take the opportunity to hop on an 8-minute flight and escape to the beautiful unspoilt Aran Islands. In addition to scheduled flights, Aer Arann also offers Scenic Flights with spectacular aerial views of Galway Bay, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher, the rugged Connemara coastline and of course the Aran Islands.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 91 593034 E: info@aerarannislands.ie www.aerarannislands.ie</p>
<p>Aran Goat's Cheese/Taste of Aran Food Tours</p>	<p>Join Gabriel on Árainn, where he will introduce you to his herd of goats and take you through the process of making his award-winning product before sampling and experiencing the range for yourself. Or book a Taste of Aran Food Tour – an all-day guided minibus historical and food tour seeing and tasting all that is best to be had on Inis Mór. Visit Dun Aonghas, and the goat farm for a cheese tasting, and to meet some of the goats.</p> <p>Árainn/Inis Mór T: +353 87 2226776 E: biaarann@gmail.com www.arangoatcheese.com</p>
<p>Aran Island Ferries</p>	<p>Prepare for a warm Irish welcome as you board the luxury Aran Island Ferries boat, which includes a full bar and refreshment service, either from Galway City, or the sheltered fishing harbour of Rossaveel (Ros a' Mhíl) in Connemara. Operating five state-of-the-art vessels with a capacity of up to 400 passengers, Ireland's largest domestic ferry company, Aran Island Ferries, offers year-round sailings to all Aran Islands from Rossaveel and seasonal departures from Galway City to Inis Mór and the Cliffs of Moher.</p> <p>T: +353 91 568903 E: info@aranislandferries.com aranislandferries.com</p>
<p>Aran Off Road Adventures</p>	<p>Aran Off Road Experience is a guided tour company, set up by brothers and native Islanders Pádraig and Aonghus Heron providing personalised, small group experiences that take you off the beaten track to the local landmarks and unique sites of the ancient Island of Inis Mór! Take the road less travelled on our customised 4x4 Rover Jeep, the only vehicle that can access these remote roads and see the unspoilt views of iconic Irish stone walls and green fields. Leave our island having truly experienced the language, culture, traditions, landscape and history of the Aran Islands and its people.</p> <p>Árainn/Inis Mór T: +353 83 0185175 E: hello@aranoffroadexperience.ie www.aranoffroadexperience.ie</p>
<p>Aran Walking and Cycling Tours</p>	<p>Aran Hiking Tours was founded as an alternative to the regular tours of Inis Mor. Let us take you back to a time of glaciers, inshore lakes, bogs and forests. A time of Paleolithic, Neolithic and early bronze age settlers. A time of anchorite monks, beehive huts and miraculous holy wells, Vikings, pirates and Elizabethan conquerors and more. To a time of land cultivations, famine and the harsh reality of life at sea. Let us guide you along our clifftops where ocean always prevails on this Wild Atlantic Way. Let us take you through endless flower filled boreens where nature abounds. Walking, Cycling or Horse & Carriage options.</p> <p>Árainn/Inis Mór T: +353 87 6880688 E: cyriloflaiharta@yahoo.co.uk www.aranhikingandbiking.com</p>
<p>Atlantic Scuba Adventures</p>	<p>Try our underwater adventures in the heart of the Connemara Gaeltacht. We have a team of friendly, professional, experienced experts and offer experiences for all ages from the eager 6-year-old who wants to snorkel for the first time to the 70-year old who has retired and wants to learn to dive.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 85 8824797 E: info@atlanticscubaadventures.ie www.atlanticscubaadventures.ie</p>
<p>Blue Shark Angling</p>	<p>Blue Shark Angling provides a variety of sea angling and fishing for both the experienced and novice angler alike, catching species from sharks and tuna to mackerel and pollock. Based out of Rossaveal in Connemara. Whale and dolphin sightseeing trips are also available. Choose from a sunset cruise or day trip to the Aran Islands or battle with the blue fin tuna or shark species that are in our waters.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 757 1320 E: john@bluesharkangling.ie www.bluesharkangling.ie</p>

Brigit's Garden	Brigit's Garden is a magical place located in Roscahill, County Galway. This family friendly locale features four gardens which represent different celtic festivals. There is also a café, nature trail, children's discovery trail, ring fort and more. Connemara T: +353 91 550905 info@brigitsgarden.ie brigitsgarden.ie
Carve Workshops	Join Galway Native Jeweller Grace O'Connell, to design and sculpt a totally unique ring or pendant. Learn basic hand carving techniques with a variety of tools and discover the ancient art of lost wax casting. In this 3-hour workshop in Galway City Grace will expertly guide you through the process, from inspiration and design to hand carving the ring shank and applying a variety of techniques and textures in wax. The result is a piece to be truly proud of. The finished pieces are then cast in sterling silver, professionally hand finished and returned ready to wear and inspire the compliments. Delicious food and drinks are provided to get the creativity flowing! Galway City T: +353 86 3134678 E: info@carveworkshops.com www.carveworkshops.com
Cear dlann an Spideil – Spiddal Craft Village & Builín Blasta Café	Cear dlann Craft Village & Café in Spiddal houses the work of ten artisans specialising in Irish handcrafts, where visitors can see them design, create and sell their unique wares. It is a port of call for visitors interested in Irish culture and craft. Various studios in the Craft Village house artist's workshops, where basket weaving, acrylic painting, stained glass, pottery, screen printing, weaving and celtic jewellery are created. The onsite Builín Blasta Café is a great place to unwind after shopping in the Spiddal Craft Village or for passers-by to enjoy a fantastic range of home-made dishes and delicious desserts. The café also stocks a range of Builín Blasta chutneys, salad dressings and handmade chocolates to take home and savour. Connemara T: +353 91 553376 E: info@builinblasta.ie www.spiddalcrafts.com
Celtic Tales	In the Crane Bar in Galway City, men and women from the four corners of the globe gather every Thursday to hear fairy tales for adults. By the light of two score and more candles, acclaimed author and storyteller Rab Fulton tells them Celtic Tales of terror, comedy, sorrow, lust, magic, ghosts, loss and temptation. There are stories of joy and stories of terror, yet all the tales contain moments of hilarious comedy. Galway City T: +353 83 865 3317 E: celtictales@gmail.com www.rabfultonstories.weebly.com
Citylink	Irish Citylink and GoBus provide the largest connected services from towns and cities across Ireland into the heart of Galway City. Offering 7 routes across Ireland, serving Limerick, Cork, Dublin and many more regional spaces. Our distinctive blue and yellow liveried coaches have become synonymous with high quality, reliable and affordable coach travel. The company has expanded its network of routes over the years and now operates high frequency express services. Regional services are vital to the Citylink network and the communities served, including the 923 Galway City to Clifden/Cleggan and Letterfrack. This route offers passengers a chance to explore the Connemara region, access Islands off the coast of Galway and explore the scenic, rural settings of the Gaeltacht. Galway City +353 91 564164 E: dave@citylink.ie www.citylink.ie
Claregalway Castle	With the help of a castle guide you can walk the corridors of time at Claregalway Castle. Follow the history from Norman times through to its current restoration. The steep spiral stairs are worth the effort for views over the Galway countryside and the River Clare, slipping past the castle walls. Marvel at the woodwork of the great hall roof and the stonework that has stood against time, wars, floods and strife for nearly 600 years. Open from start of June to end of September. Co. Galway T: +353 86 202 0999 E: info@claregalwaycastle.com www.claregalwaycastle.com
Cleas Inis Oírr	Cleas Inis Oírr is a locally owned and operated business on Inis Oírr, where they produce and sell local crafts, and also host craft making workshops. Inis Oírr grown willow is used to teach workshop participants the skill of crafting items with sally rods in the traditional Inis Oírr manner. A caoladóir basketmaker, with years of experience, works together with the group to weave sally rods into a creation which you will always have as a reminder of your journey to the stunning island of Inis Oírr. Workshops vary from 30 minutes to 2 hours and can be held in English or Irish. Beginners can expect to make a Saint Brigid's Cross or hanging mobile within the time allocated. Inis Oírr T: +353 9975979 E: cleasteo@gmail.com www.cleascraftsinisoirr.com/services

Clifden Bike Shop, Hire and Tours	Satisfy your thirst for discovery and adventure on one of Connemara's Cycle Loops. Cruise gently along the bog road, discover secluded beaches and simply breathe the fresh sea air. Starting in the delightful market town of Clifden, against the breathtaking backdrop of the Twelve Bens and with the tranquil coastline at your side, you might even catch a glimpse of the wild seals and leaping dolphins out at sea. With a fleet of bikes, from electric and hybrid to children's bikes, buggies and tandems, Clifden Bike Shop has everything you need to enjoy a cycling experience on the Wild Atlantic Way. Connemara T: +353 95 22630 E: info@clifdenbikeshop.ie www.clifdenbikeshop.ie
Colleen Travel	Colleen Irish Travel provides unique Irish cultural tours for groups or individuals who are passionate about seeing Ireland and the heritage of Ireland. Learn about the diverse activities in each area you visit and have local demonstrations and talks along the way. All our tours are guided with native guides, but you will also have time to explore on your own. You will receive information where to find the best local Irish music to the best pint of your choice hopefully a Guinness! T: +353 87 8116272 E: cailin.j.joyce@gmail.com www.colleenirishtravel.com
Connemara Celtic Crystal	Connemara Celtic Crystal is a family run business that incorporates celtic designs and gaelic motifs on its ornate, beautifully crafted Irish crystal. Located in Moycullen, County Galway, the company has been creating stunning crystal for over 35 years. Visitors to the factory are invited to join a personally conducted tour of the showroom, which includes an informative and entertaining talk on the historical and cultural background of the uniquely crafted designs, such as the Claddagh Ring, the Brian Boru Harp and the Tara Brooch. This is followed by a demonstration of the art of glass cutting, where visitors can witness the creation of a unique piece of crystal by the master craftsmen. Connemara T: +353 87 648 4732 E: bookings@connemaracelticcrystal.com connemaracelticcrystal.com
Connemara Creative	Connemara Creative offers a range of cultural, participative/ interactive experiences, creative workshops, in a variety of media. Clients learn a creative skill, create a piece of art and take it home with them. Artists talks and demonstrations, see the artist at work and what inspires the work. The gallery offers fine art for sale, with more affordable items, such as posters, prints and greeting cards. Located in Moyard in Connemara, the studio/gallery has stunning views of the Twelve Bens. Connemara T: +353 87 690 8137 E: bernie@connemaracreative.ie www.connemaracreative.ie
Connemara Equestrian Escapes	Connemara Equestrian Escapes offers bespoke horseback trail-rides in Connemara. Their lakeside and forest Connemara Pony rides include a picnic along the shores of the lake and on through meandering country lanes and forests steeped in history. On board our home bred, over-height Connemara Ponies, the trail leaves our farm, the breeding ground of our equines, our guides impart their knowledge of history of the area to take you back in time covering generations of culture in the Connemara area. Guided by Cáit, a breeder of Connemara Ponies for over 20 years and a keen competitor in all equine sports. Connemara T: +353 87 6445589 E: info@connemaraequestrianescapes.com www.connemaraequestrianescapes.com
Connemara National Park	No trip to Connemara would be complete without a visit to Connemara National Park with 2,957 hectares of scenic mountains, bogs, heaths, grasslands and woodlands to explore. There are a number of walking trails of varying lengths or, for the more adventurous, climb the 400 metre-high Diamond Hill and be rewarded with stunning views over the Connemara countryside. There are Connemara ponies, red deer and a large variety of birdlife in the Park. Visit the exhibitions in the Visitor Centre and relax with a cuppa in the tea-room (seasonal). Connemara T: +353 95 41054 E: cnp@ahg.gov.ie www.connemaranationalpark.ie

Connemara Pony National Stud at Diamonds of Renvyle	Situated in Tully, Renvyle, the Diamond family has been breeding, producing and training, competing and exporting ponies for many years and we have a long line of successful champion ponies in our lineage. Our business is The Connemara Pony National Stud and its home to our four Connemara Performance Stallions, Ice and Fire d'Albran, Silver Shadow, Clifden Silver and Poetic Kelly. We are very proud of how we have evolved in the Irish Breeding sector. Come and hear our story. Trekking also available. Connemara T: +353 95 43486 E: info@diamondsofrenvyle.com www.theconnemarapony.ie
Connemara Real Adventures	Real Adventures Connemara is a passionate adventure tourism company that is driven by the desire to give people the best possible outdoor experience in amazing locations throughout Connemara. Owned and run by adventure lover Clare Wheatley, who has guided all over the globe, Connemara caught her attention as one of the best outdoor playgrounds in the world. Our experiences take you off the beaten track to the best spots in the area so you can enjoy activities such as coastal kayaking, surfing, coasteering, paddle boarding, rock climbing or hiking. Connemara T: +353 85 1462526 E: realadventures.ie@gmail.com www.realadventures.ie
Connemara Smokehouse	Based near Ballyconneely in Connemara, we invite visitors to join our Smokehouse experience, where you will see how we hand fillet and traditionally prepare organic salmon, drawing on the freshest and finest natural ingredients. Learn about our salting and traditional smoking techniques, see the hand slicing and packing of the finished product. Enjoy a tasting of our organic smoked salmon on traditional soda bread. Range of experiences available, all fun, educational and delicious. Connemara T: +353 95 23739 E: info@smokehouse.ie www.smokehouse.ie
Connemara Wild Escapes	Connemara Wild Escapes is a destination management company that offers packaged and bespoke activity tours and experiences to Connemara (and nationally through Ireland Wild Escapes). Situated in Letterfrack, beside Connemara National Park, this passionate team works with over 550 suppliers to carefully create thoughtful customised programmes for truly memorable travel experiences. There are a whole range of options from mountain climbing to sea kayaking, or relaxing while admiring the views of a dramatic landscape. Connemara T: +353 86 3771025 E: cathy@wildescapes.ie www.connemarawildescapes.ie www.irelandwildescapes.ie
Corrib Princess	90 minute cruise of the River Corrib and Lough Corrib, on board the Corrib Princess with daily sailings from Woodquay, Galway City, May – September, with commentary on all major points of interest along the way. Full bar service onboard. Private hire also available from April to October, with optional catering and entertainment – for a unique celebration of your special occasion. Galway City T: +353 87 8065366 E: info@corribprincess.ie CorribPrincess.ie
Curraghduff Alpaca Farm	Curraghduff Farm is a small family run alpaca farm in Oughterard, County Galway, offering a unique alpaca experience. The alpaca walks experience and pre-booking is essential. The alpaca walks are a popular choice with couples and groups. Visitors get the chance to take a fluffy alpaca for a walk around the farm. The meet and greet experience is ideal for those who do not wish to take a walk but would like to get up close with the alpacas. The Newton family stumbled across this little piece of heaven whilst looking for a fresh start and a new adventure. They love everything about alpacas and wanted to share their love of alpacas with visitors to the farm. Pre Booking essential. Connemara T: +353 87 3968305 E: curraghduff@gmail.com www.curraghduffalpacas.com
Dan O'Hara's Homestead	Dan O'Hara's Homestead is a family run farm in the heart of Connemara. In 1992 they diversified into Agri tourism, and at the Heritage Centre the family share the history, heritage and culture traditions of Connemara. The family has cattle, sheep and the world famous Connemara Ponies. The Heritage centre is based around the restored prefamine cottage in the 1840's, with history & artefacts on Connemara through the ages. See the reconstruction of a crannog, ringfort & Clochaun. Connemara T: +353 95 21808 E: info@connemaraheritage.com www.connemaraheritage.com

Delphi Adventure Company	Delphi Resort is a 200-acre adventure resort set in the breath-taking Delphi Valley. We provide indoor and outdoor adventure activities for corporate organisations, elite sports teams and individuals seeking adventure and relaxation in spectacular scenery. Adventure activities include kayaking on Killary Fjord, surfing at Cross Beach, canoeing, raft building, BMX bike park, 3km mountain bike trails, archery, hill walking, orienteering, aerial trek and 200m zip line, climbing, abseiling and high ropes. Connemara T: +353 95 42208 E: info@delphiresort.com www.delphiadventureresort.com
Derroura Mountain Bike Hire and Trail	Derroura Mountain Bike Trail is one of Coilltes custom built and designed trails in the beautiful setting of Connemara. With an ever increasing interest in outdoor sports and activities for the individual or families, this trail is designed with safety in mind and is laid out to reduce the risk of interference with other forest users and also to control the speed of the mountain biker. Derroura MTB Hire is situated right on the trail therefore saving you hassle and giving you more time to enjoy the trail itself. Connemara T: +353 87 2273144 E: derrourabikehire@gmail.com www.derrouramountainbikehire.com
Dive Academy	Scuba diving experiences in the Atlantic Ocean on the beautiful remote island of Inis Mór. The Aran Islands, with their crystal-clear turquoise water and vibrant underwater life, have amassed a reputation for being one of the best places to dive in Europe. This is a place of natural beauty with a small local population with the feel of an isolated fishing village. The locals speak the Irish Gaelic language amongst themselves, but they happily speak English or Irish for visitors. The dive centre offers PADI scuba courses for kids and adults and is suitable for all abilities from beginners to pro divers. Árainn/Inis Mór T: +353 85 7257260 E: contact@diveacademy.info www.diveacademy.info
DK Connemara Oysters	Food can evoke all our senses – taste, smell, vision and feel. Smell the fresh Wild Atlantic air. See the farm crew working hard in the water to grow the most perfectly formed oysters. Shuck your own oyster & take a punt at the weight of an oyster, again learning more about the work put in to create a flawless oyster. The 1-hour tour goes through the whole process of how the farm brings the oysters from seeds right through to your plate, and is suitable for ages 6 & up, with moderate ability. Oyster tasting is included as part of the tour, and you can also enjoy an oyster picnic or purchase your own fresh oysters to bring home with you. Situated at the foot of the Connemara National Park, in Ballinakill Bay and just 15 minutes' drive from Kylemore Abbey. Connemara T: +353 87 918 6997 E: tours@dkconnemaraoysters.com www.dkconnemaraoysters.com
Doolin Ferry	Explore the Aran Islands & Cliffs of Moher with Doolin Ferry. We offer the fastest crossings to all 3 of the Aran Islands on board our state-of-the-art ferry fleet which departs from the beautiful coastal village of Doolin on the Wild Atlantic Way. Step back in time when you set foot on the beautiful Aran Islands and enjoy stunning scenery, historical sites, fun activities and the best of Irish food & culture. Our spectacular Cliffs of Moher Cruise is the best way to experience one of Ireland's most popular visitor attractions! Combine it with an island trip for a day to truly remember! Operates April – Oct Doolin T: +353 (0)65 707 5555 E: book@doolinferry.com doolinferry.com
Dun Aonghasa	Perched on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean on Inis Mór, Dún Aonghasa is a dramatic stone fort standing defiantly on a stunning cliff top. The best known of several prehistoric hill forts on the Aran Islands, it lies on the edge of a 100-metre high cliff. A popular tourist attraction, Dún Aonghasa is an important archaeological site. Árainn/Inis Mór T: +353 99 61008 E: cillian.degras@opw.ie www.heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/dun-aonghasa/
Dunguaire Castle	Dunguaire Castle and its history lies at the heart of the Ireland's literary revival in the early 20th century. It was built in 1520 by the O'Hynes clan on the picturesque shores of Galway Bay. This restored 16th century tower house sits on a rocky outcrop near Kinvara, Co. Galway. Come and see why Dunguaire is widely believed to be the most photographed castle in Ireland. Co. Galway T: +353 61 711222 E: reservations@shannonheritage.com www.DunguaireCastle.com

Experience Gaelic Games at Liam Mellows	<p>This action packed experience involves an explanation of our unique Gaelic Games at Liam Mellows, one of the most historic local GAA clubs in Galway City, and includes a hands on, fun based, practical introduction to our local ancient games and pastimes. A highlight is introducing our UNESCO recognised ancient warrior sport of Hurling. This fun filled way to introduce international visitors to Gaelic Culture is always delivered by local Irish guides/coaches. Suitable for all age groups.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 1 2544292 E: info@experiencegaelicgames.com www.experiencegaelicgames.com</p>
Fat Bikes Galway	<p>Get out of the city into the wild beauty of the Connemara landscape exploring the diverse landscapes riding an electric fat bike on tour with a selection of routes overlooking the Wild Atlantic Way or through mountains and valleys. Guided by adventurer Martin Brannelly with transfers included from Galway City, be immersed in the spectacular scenery as the fat tyre bike effortlessly zips along the open roads of Connemara.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 2259190 E: martin@fatbikegalway.com www.fatbikegalway.com</p>
Galway Atlantaquaria	<p>Galway Atlantaquaria, National Aquarium of Ireland, presents a comprehensive view of the world of water, through clear and interesting displays, informed, helpful staff and exciting live presentations. See aquatic life in their natural habitats, in an enjoyable and educational environment and learn about the diverse marine ecosystem of Ireland. Ireland's largest native species aquarium, a visit to Atlantaquaria in Salthill is original and full of wonder, for visitors of all ages and abilities.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 585 100 E: info@nationalaquarium.ie www.nationalaquarium.ie</p>
Galway Bay Boat Tours	<p>Discover Galway Bay Boat Tours, a family run business organising unique boat trips on scenic Galway Bay. Live the history of Claddagh fishing village and the iconic Galway Hooker. Our love for the sea comes from generations of family sailing and fishing, with roots going back over 100 years to the fishing village of Claddagh. Our family still fishes commercially for lobsters, crabs, and other shellfish in the bay; so, if you are looking for an adventure on the seas, check out our popular fishing trips. With Galway Hooker sailing in our blood, we are also very passionate about the revival of these traditional sailing boats, bringing them back to the waters of Claddagh and the Port of Galway. As part of our tours options, you can visit the Galway Hooker Workshop and possibly catch the master boat-builders as they work.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 2807028 E: info@galwaybaytours.com www.galwaybaytours.com</p>
Galway City Distillery	<p>Located just 1 minute from Eyre Square in the heart of the city, Galway City Distillery is a unique addition to the bustling food and drink scene in Galway City. Galway City Distillery operates with the core belief "Of here, Made here, For here." and that inspires everything they do. Ingredients are locally sourced, and they are working to drive the entire distillery towards zero waste and fully renewable practices. They are proud to produce their own spirits onsite and to bring the fine art of distillation back to the centre of Galway City.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 380 9614 E: failte@galwaycitydistillery.ie www.GalwayCityDistillery.ie</p>
Galway City Museum	<p>Galway City Museum is located on the banks of the River Corrib, overlooking the famous Spanish Arch and some of the finest remains of Galway's medieval wall. The top floor offers spectacular views of Claddagh fishing village and Galway Bay, where the city meets the sea along the Wild Atlantic Way. The Museum is a repository for objects of cultural heritage related to the city of Galway and its people, past and present.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 532460 E: museum@galwaycity.ie www.galwaycitymuseum.ie</p>
Galway Food Tour	<p>Galway Food Tours is a 2 hour culinary walking tour of the city. It gives a great overview of our passionate people and our beautiful produce which combine to make Galway one of Ireland's gourmet jewels. During the tour you will get to experience a taste from artisan producers, cheese makers, creative beer projects, artisan chocolatiers, traditional family run businesses to young entrepreneurs with devotion and commitment to showcase the best of Irish produce. With experienced & local guides, giving you the insights to our favourite places and treasured ingredients.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 86 7332885 galwayfoodtours@gmail.com www.galwayfoodtours.com</p>

Galway Hooker Brewery Tours	<p>Galway Hooker is Connacht's oldest existing brewery – and we are proud to make authentic, refreshing, vibrant beers that embody the Wild Atlantic Way. There are few better ways to welcome in the weekend or enjoy time with friends than over a thirst-quenching beer. Come visit our brewery – where you can taste the best that the West of Ireland has to offer. Includes guided tour of the brewing process and Galway Hooker Tasting Board (includes 3 beers)</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 381200 E: bookings@galwayhooker.ie www.galwayhooker.ie</p>
Galway Tour Guides Association	<p>The Galway Tour Guides Association is a collective of Fáilte Ireland accredited tour guides operating in Galway, and in neighbouring counties. Offering Galway City Walking Tour, Trekking and Pilgrim Paths, Tour Management, Corporate Events, Multilingual Guides, Driver Guides and Limousine Hire.</p> <p>www.galwaytourguides.com</p>
Glengowla Mines	<p>Unique, guided, underground tour of Connemara's only show mine and museum. The mines, abandoned in 1865, are a unique reminder of the 19th Century methods of ore extraction and processing. Glengowla Silver and Lead Mines is a remarkable example and impressive example of how part of our valuable industrial heritage has been reclaimed, restored and transformed into an outstanding visitor attraction. We also have Sheep Herding and Turf cutting demonstrations as an add on to your tour by prior arrangement.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 2529850 E: glengowlamines@me.com www.glengowlamines.ie</p>
Inishbofin Experiences	<p>Start your Inishbofin Experience here. Discover our unique island location and experience an unforgettable Irish adventure. The island boasts a unique, rugged landscape with majestic rolling hills, enchanting 17th century ruins, and quaint winding roads. We are a platform for tours, activities, and products on the island, operated by the Inishbofin Community Services Programme, our experiences have been developed with the environment at the forefront. We are proud members of Leave No Trace Ireland and aim to have as little impact as possible on our surroundings.</p> <p>Inis Bofin T: +353 95 45895 E: csptourism@inishbofin.com www.inishbofinexperiences.ie</p>
Inishbofin Ferry Company	<p>Discover the delights of Inishbofin Island on the Inishbofin ferry "Island Discovery". The unique Island of Inishbofin is located only 10 kms off the north Connemara coast and is only a 30 minute crossing from the idyllic fishing village of Cleggan, just a few minutes drive from Clifden. The Ferry Service is aboard the fast, comfortable ferry "The Island Discovery". Owned and operated by a traditional island seafaring family. A trip to this Island is something special for all the family, beginning with the thrill of the ferry crossing from Cleggan and gliding through the waves to Inishbofin.</p> <p>Inis Bofin T: +353 95 45819 E: info@inishbofinferry.ie www.inishbofinferry.ie</p>
Inishbofin Heritage Centre	<p>Inishbofin Heritage Museum tells the story of the history and day to day life of inhabitants on this beautiful island. Housed in an old island cottage, the heritage centre contains the contents of an old island cottage and its collection of over 200 black and white evocative photographs depicts island life, including fishing and farming practises. Situated just two minutes from the ferry, the museum also offers a range of handmade gifts and island crafts.</p> <p>Inis Bofin T: +353 87 9696732 www.facebook.com/InishbofinHeritageMuseum</p>
Joyce Country Sheepdogs & Farm	<p>Joyce Country Sheepdogs is part of a family run farm located in Connemara and offers you the opportunity to visit a working hill sheep farm and watch the Border Collie sheepdogs herding Connemara Blackface sheep. Joe Joyce is the third generation of his family to farm sheep in the Joyce Country area. The farm is nestled between the Maumturk and Partry Mountains, included in the farm visit are sheepdog demonstrations, a talk on hill sheep farming and a visit to the puppies. There is also an opportunity to view sheep shearing demonstrations and don't forget to stop off to meet Seamie and Síle, the donkeys.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 94 9548853 www.joycecountrysheepdogs.business.site</p>

Joyce Country & Western Lakes Geopark	<p>There are currently three UNESCO Global Geoparks on the island of Ireland: Copper Coast in County Waterford; Burren & Cliffs of Moher, County Clare; and Cuilcagh Lakelands in County Fermanagh and County Cavan. We hope to be the fourth! Learn about the geology, the landscape, the Irish language and the history of the communities within this aspiring Geopark – Ice-carved mountains and lakes, cycles and trails, world cup trout, castles and ruins, gorgeous villages, wondrous food drinks and culture. Geoparks are places of internationally significant geology, managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and economic development.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 94 9000245 E: tourism@jcwgeopark.ie www.joycecountrygeoparkproject.ie</p>
Killary Adventure Company	<p>Based in Leenane, on the shores of Killary Fjord, Killary Adventure Company offers customised adventure and activity packages and are award winners for their sustainability projects and green initiatives. We have over 20 activities to choose, in water and on land, from hill walking to high ropes challenges and our unique Turf Warrior challenge to kayaking on the fjord. We cater for all levels. We have accommodation and fully serviced kitchen onsite, and the new Killary Lodge, and can cater for groups from 4 up to 200.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 95 43411 E: shane@killary.com www.killaryadventure.com</p>
Killary Fjord Boat Tours	<p>Take in the panoramic views of the surrounding landscape – hills rising steeply from the silvery sea, as you travel by boat with Killary Cruises on board the Connemara Lady, an all-weather purpose-built vessel, along the only Fjord in the West of Ireland. Starting at Nancy's Point, just 2km west of Leenane Village take this 90 mins scenic tour. Guided tours in English, other languages available on request, family friendly, pet friendly, wheelchair access and facilities, professional & knowledgeable crew, delicious locally sourced seafood in the café & licensed bar.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 91 566736 E: alex@killaryfjord.com www.Killaryfjord.com</p>
Killary Fjord Shellfish	<p>One of the area's first mussel farms, Killary Fjord Shellfish offers an incredible opportunity to see a sustainable aquaculture company in action. Over a delicious lunch featuring local oysters, clams, and mussels with freshly baked brown bread and wine, hear about Kate and Simon's story who jokingly describe themselves as the mussel farmer and the wing woman respectively! After lunch, take a boat tour with Simon to view the long-lines and try your hand at pulling the ropes from the water to see how we cultivate and harvest our top quality mussels.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 6407713 E: killaryfjordshellfish@gmail.com www.Killaryfjordshellfish.com</p>
Killary Sheep Farm	<p>Guided Tours and Demonstrations offering visitors a hands-on experience to farming in the west of Ireland. The farm itself is based in the heart of Connemara, overlooking the breath-taking Killary Fjord. This traditional working farm is home to approximately 200 ewes and lambs. On your guided tour you will get to experience Sheep Dog Demonstrations, feeding baby lambs and Bog Cutting Demonstration. The Killary Sheep Farm experience is one to remember where the best of modern and traditional farming methods can be seen. Guided on your day by Tom, Sweep, Lassie and Fly, this is an experience that will last a lifetime.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 298 8051 E: info@killarysheepfarm.com www.killarysheepfarm.com</p>
Kylemore Abbey	<p>Visit Kylemore Abbey Estate with its beautifully restored period rooms and fascinating Visitor Experience in the Abbey. Learn about its history of tragedy, romance, education, and spirituality. Explore the 6-acre Victorian Walled Garden with its delightfully restored garden buildings, formal flower, and vegetable and herb gardens. Learn about the recent multi million euro investment that went into the interpretation at Kylemore, and the new Behind the Scenes/Meet the Maker Tours – unique tours that will take visitors to see the unseen parts of the estate where our chocolates, soap and pottery are made.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 95 52001 E: jessica@kylemoreabbey.com www.kylemoreabbey.com</p>

Lally Tours	<p>Lally Tours is a family-owned company that has been proudly touring and showcasing the West of Ireland since 1988, specialising in tours to the Cliffs of Moher, Connemara, Galway City and Aran Islands. Explore the best things to do in Galway City on the City Sightseeing Galway Hop on Hop off Tour, on board their open top double decker bus, one of the best ways to experience Galway City. The one hour tour route covers Eyre Square, Galway Harbour, Spanish Arch, Claddagh, National Famine Memorial, Salthill Promenade, Blackrock Diving Tower, Garden of Life, Salthill Village, National University of Galway and Galway Cathedral.</p> <p>T: +353 91 562905 E: bookingslallytours@gmail.com www.lallytours.com</p>
Loughwell Farm Park	<p>Loughwell Farm Park, located on the Moycullen-Spiddal road, is a family-friendly haven with pet animals galore and play facilities. Home to lots of friendly animals including ponies, pot bellied pigs, cows, sheep, alpacas, goats, chickens, donkeys, ducks and even reindeers. The purpose-built stone building, which includes a large play barn, houses the tearoom which specialises in homebaking. There are play facilities including timber play villages, obstacle courses, zip wire, and demonstrations in animal care in the Barn Yard Theatre.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 91 868631 E: info@loughwellfarmpark.ie www.loughwellfarmpark.ie</p>
Micil Distillery	<p>Micil Distillery is Galway's first distillery to open its doors in over 100 years. Pádraic is a 6th generation distiller who passionately continues a 170-year-old family tradition. The distillery traces its roots back to 1848, when Pádraic's great-great-grandfather, Micil Mac Chearra, began producing poitín from a small stillhouse in Connemara. Every single bottle of spirit is produced in the distillery, crafted using family knowhow and six generations of craft experience. They distil as they have always done, by hand and in small batches using local botanicals and unique family recipes. On the Micil Distillery Experience, visitors will gain an insight into the history of whiskey, poitín and gin by learning about the processes through which they are made, alongside the family history of Micil Distillery.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 374 222 E: info@micil.ie www.micildistillery.com</p>
Mungo Murphy's Seaweed	<p>Mungo invites you to embark on a coastal walking/foraging tour in Rossaveal, Connemara to experience the local history and to breathe the Wild Atlantic sea air while learning about edible sea plants along the way. Explore the old coastguard building and pier and view the many stone walls typical of the region. Guided by Sinead and Cindy, you will be shown around the aquaculture farm near Rossaveal to see how the abalone, sea cucumbers and sea urchins are grown. Following the tour, visitors will be served a special meal consisting of fresh seafood and local produce, making use of the seafood grown on the farm and the sea plants foraged along the shore.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 85 7583862 E: sinead@mungomurphyseaweed.com www.mungomurphyseaweed.com</p>
Pearse's Cottage – Teach an Phiarsaigh	<p>Situated in the heart of the Connemara Gaeltacht, Pearse's Cottage tells the story of Pádraig Pearse and his connection with Rosmuc in Connemara and brings visitors on a journey of discovery through the language, culture and landscape of this stunning part of South Connemara. In 2016, a new visitor centre next to the restored Pearse's Cottage was built. The new building of approx. 300 metres, which comprises a reception area, an exhibition centre, audiovisual facilities, and a tearoom, raising awareness and public interest in Pádraig Pearse, his life, his writings, the Irish language, and culture.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 91 574292 E: cillian.degras@opw.ie www.icpconnamara.ie</p>
Roundstone Bay and Island Boat Tours	<p>Boat trips, boutique picnics, deserted islands, an abundance of wildlife and amazing beaches are just some of the highlights of Roundstone Bay and Island Boat and Food Tours. Take a boat trip of Roundstone Bay taking in the breathtaking scenery. Enjoy a boutique lobster lunch on Inishlacken deserted island. See amazing beaches and keep an eye out for all the wildlife.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 3460423 www.facebook.com/roundstonebayandisland</p>

Roundstone Music & Crafts	<p>Roundstone Music and Crafts lies within the walls of an old Franciscan monastery in Roundstone. Better known as Malachy Bodhrán amongst folk musicians, Malachy is respected as a master craftsman, fine bodhrán maker and is one of the only dedicated, full-time bodhrán makers in the world. He makes his bodhrans in store. A bodhrán is an 18 inch one-sided drum made from goatskin, which has unique stretch properties treated by a traditional process. This is a fine craftman's craft shop that also sells music, fashion and has an adjacent coffee shop. Regular talks and demonstrations are given on the bodhrán.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 95 35808 E: malachykearnsoffice@gmail.com www.bodhran.com</p>
Scubadive West	<p>Scubadive West is a leading PADI dive centre, located on the water's edge in a pristine location in Lettergesh, Renvyle. Years of scuba dive training expertise and a range of diving activities make them the ideal choice for all scuba divers. Offering boat diving trips to the offshore islands, a range of diving courses, or a gentle swim around a stunning kelp reef located at the centre's doorstep. A sheltered, private training cove makes Scubadive West perfect for beginners. Facilities include three bespoke dive boats, hot showers, a canteen, classrooms, full equipment rental and air fills up to 300 bar. Dives depart daily.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 95 43922 E: info@scubadivewest.com www.scubadivewest.com</p>
Secret Connemara & Connemara Pub Tours	<p>Connemara & Aran Pub and Culture Tours (and Secret Connemara) offer day or multi day tours exploring Connemara North and South, the Aran Islands, the Gaeltacht regions while experiencing the very best food, drink and cultural attractions. We will create an itinerary that can include a variety of activities, from pub tours to cultural and heritage demonstrations, from local food producer visits to an up close and personal experience of the Aran Islands and Connemara.</p> <p>T: +353 87 2238764 E: info@connemarapubtours.ie www.connemarapubtours.ie www.secretconnemara.com</p>
Spraoi Mara	<p>Spraoi Mara is an outdoor adventure company owned and run by Martin Seoighe and son Cormac, located 50km west of Galway City on the Carraroe coastline. Born out of a love of kayaking and the great outdoors, Martin and Cormac started running kayaking experiences in this area of extraordinary natural beauty that they are proud to call their home. Professional local guides. Adventure, Kayaking, Witbit Aqua Park. Experiences available as Gaeilge!</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 2547835 E: spraoimara@gmail.com www.spraoimara.ie</p>
St Nicholas Collegiate Church	<p>The Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas is the largest medieval parish church in Ireland in continuous use as a place of worship and is at the heart of Galway's life. A tour through the church will allow you to glimpse part of its rich history. A very old and very large church, it sits right in the middle of the medieval centre of Galway City. It is dedicated to St Nicholas of Myra, patron saint of children (Santa Claus) and of mariners.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 564648 E: info@stnicholas.ie www.SaintNicholasCollegiateChurch.ie</p>
Tami Joy Farm	<p>Based in Lettermullan in the Ceantar na nOileán Gaeltacht region of Connemara, Tami Joy Farm is an agri-tourism destination offering private bespoke experiences on the farm. Choose from private dining, bespoke catering, private island excursions or beach picnic experiences excursions. Farm tours also available for visitors to walk the gardens at Tami Joy Farm and meet the KuneKune grazing pigs and Zwarble sheep. Botanical art workshops available.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 87 6073492 E: tamijoyfarm@gmail.com www.tamijoyfarm.com</p>
The Irish Dance Experience	<p>Siobhán Manson spent 15 years as lead dancer with the Broadway Phenomenon Riverdance and is still a proud member of the Riverdance family. In her career she toured over 50 countries, performing in the worlds most prestigious venues. Siobhán currently dances for Ériu, a company that promotes Irish dance as a living, ever-evolving tradition. She now offers an experience that visitors to Galway will always remember. Exploring the different variations of Irish Dancing, this is a fun-filled, relaxed environment in which guests learn a few signature Irish dance moves. 90 minute lessons, no experience necessary, all welcome.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 6123735 E: theirishdanceexperience@gmail.com www.theirishdanceexperience.com</p>

The Legend of the Claddagh Ring	<p>Located in Galway City, Legend of the Claddagh Ring is a visitor centre that explores the history and lore of the famous ring. Visitors can learn about Claddagh and Galway and discover the Legend of the Ring. The Claddagh Ring has become iconic the world over thanks to the spread of the Irish across the globe. The simple symbols of love, loyalty and friendship have become synonymous with countless love stories since it was first created. Delve into the history and lore of this iconic ring at the Legend of the Claddagh Ring Museum and Visitor Centre, where you can learn about the ring and what it has come to represent.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 562554 E: info@thecladdagh.com www.claddaghlegend.com</p>
The Seaweed Centre, Lettermullen	<p>Ionad Na Feamainne, The Seaweed and Heritage Centre, is your stepping stone to the magical, mystical necklace of islands that make up the archipelago of South Connemara. Here you can indulge yourself in a scenic walk, have a seaweed bath and massage, explore seaweed treats, and even learn soap making, all in this remote Irish speaking area that is untouched, unspoiled and unexplored. The adjoining heritage centre houses artefacts from Connemara life dating back 200 years, and the Seaweed Café on site offers delicious scones and pastries made with traditional and modern recipes, using local seaweed. Admission is free.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 (091) 551596 E: hello@theseaweedcentre.com www.theseaweedcentre.com</p>
The Sheep & Wool Centre, Leenane	<p>Learn about sheep farming in Connemara and follow the wool from sheep to yarn through hands on wool-craft demonstrations. Watch as these ancient skills are practiced on spinning wheels & looms from the turn of the century. The demonstration is an interactive journey, turning sheep's raw fleece into knitting yarn including carding, spinning & weaving. Learn about traditional farming methods, natural dyeing & knitting.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 95 42323 E: info@sheepandwoolcentre.com www.Sheepandwoolcentre.com</p>
Trad on the Prom	<p>Performers who have captivated audiences in extraordinary and ground-breaking productions such as 'Riverdance', 'The Chieftains' and 'Lord of the Dance' have gathered together on one stage in Leisureland, Salthill, to present an unforgettable entertainment experience. Ireland's Number 1 Music, Song & Dance Experience. It's a truly remarkable performance suitable for all ages and nationalities.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 85 8444 202 E: info@tradontheprom.com www.TradOnTheProm.com</p>
Tribe Irish Gin	<p>Located in Salthill in Galway City, this 1,400 sq ft premises can seat 22 people at a time for gin classes and features an apothecary-style botanical pick 'n' mix area for pupils to choose their own flavour combinations. Over two-and-a-half hours, guests will learn how gin is made, flavoured and get to distil their own unique 70cl bottles of gin with personalised labels, enjoy complimentary gins, cheese and nibbles throughout the class.</p> <p>Galway City E: info@tribegin.ie www.tribegin.ie</p>
University of Galway	<p>Established in 1845, the University of Galway is one of Galways landmarks, providing popular tourist accommodation and world class facilities for international conferences, and is situated in a beautiful parkland setting by the River Corrib, just minutes from Galway City centre. A team of student ambassadors provide guided walking tours around the grounds of the University where you can learn about the history of the college, view campus facilities, academic buildings, and public spaces. There are also several trails for self guided tours including a Biodiversity Trail, with public access to the regular exhibitions, and the Geology Museum, James Hardiman Library and the Marine Biology and Zoology Museum. Guided campus tours take place every Saturday at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. Advance booking required.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 91 524411 E: info@nuigalway.ie www.universityofgalway.ie/visitors</p>
West Ireland Cycling	<p>West Ireland Cycling is located in Galway City. They provide quality cycling tours and bike rental services, allowing cyclists to explore the best of what the west of Ireland has to offer. West Ireland Cycling offers fully customised cycling tours to meet your needs, whether you have three days or thirty days, you will be provided with best bikes, equipment and accommodation recommendations to ensure you have the cycling experience of a life time, one that you will never forget.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 2056904 E: john@westirelandcycling.com www.westirelandcycling.com</p>

Wild Galway Boat Tours	<p>Galway's newest tour company, offering the chance to explore everything along Galway's waterways. The River Corrib is at the heart of everything in Galway City – why not see it up close and personal?! Providing tailor made tours of the River Corrib and Lough Corrib that are guaranteed to entertain. Whether you want to learn about the history of this great waterway and its environs, bask in the glorious landscape it has to offer or just go for a rip in our 6.8m RIB, we have the tour to suit.</p> <p>Galway City T: +353 87 9781961 E: wildgalway@gmail.com www.wildgalwayboattours.ie</p>
Wildlands	<p>Wildlands, near Moycullen, is a place for all ages. Set on over 20 acres of mature woodlands at the gateway to Connemara, it is a haven for both thrill seekers and for those in pursuit of serenity, with a wide variety of outdoor or indoor adventure to choose from, whatever the weather. Activities include archery, zip'n'trek, fun walls, bush craft, disc golf, yoga, fairy trails and woodland walks, the Ninja Course and Cloud Climb Obstacle Courses. Adventures for little ones include mini off-road adventures and Baile Beag, an immersive miniature play village full of props and all things needed for creative playtime. The Celtic Challenge Rooms are 24 Irish mythology themed challenge rooms comprising physical, mental and hybrid puzzles – Crystal Maze style escape rooms with an Irish mythology twist. Coming soon – kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 91 868900 E: info@wildlands.ie www.wildlands.ie</p>
Wild West Sailing	<p>Sail the magical Aran Islands on a luxurious tour with Wild West Sailing. These three islands are iconic and beloved, and the best way to see them is all in one fell swoop, on a yachting adventure with Wild West Sailing. You'll spend your days flitting from one island to the next, making the most of these dazzling blue waters while you watch the waves for dolphins dancing across the water. Each time you hop off the yacht, you'll find yourself in a new location, whether you're exploring the stone forts in Inis Mór, or checking in for an ultra luxurious night on Inis Meáin. Your trusty steed? A sleek and adventurous 38ft yacht dubbed Ri na Rogairí. Stay overnight on Inis Meáin, but sail between the islands in style with your guide David O'Connor at the helm. An experienced local sailor, David grew up sailing around the North West of Ireland, and is passionate about sharing the land (and seas) that he loves.</p> <p>T: +353 87 1417564 E: info@wildwestsailing.com www.SeatoSkyVoyages.com</p>
Yoga Mara	<p>Led by Galway native sisters, Rachel and Hannah Healy, Yoga Mara aims to bring balance and calm back into the hectic lives of their guests through yoga, meditation, mindfulness, nutrition and inspiring conversation, always set within deluxe 4 star or 5 star properties with an emphasis on space, luxurious comfort and stunning, natural surroundings. Yoga Mara has a growing team of wellness experts on hand to deliver unique wellness experiences, ranging from Mindful Art to Hot/Cold therapy and breath-work. An Escape with Yoga Mara is an exclusive, high – end wellness experience.</p> <p>Connemara T: +353 85 2042364 E: yogamaraescapes@gmail.com www.yogamaraescapes.com</p>



Travel Accolades for Galway

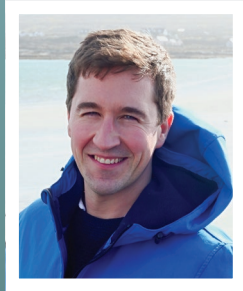
- **BBC Good Food Magazine** has named Galway as its top destination for foodies in 2020.
- **World Travel Magazine** mentioned Galway as a place to watch out for, describing it as 'Ireland's prized city, a gem tucked on the Wild Atlantic Way that simmers'.
- No. 4 in **Lonely Planet's** top 10 best worldwide cities to visit in 2020 – quote 'arguably Ireland's most engaging city'.
- **Conde Nast Traveller** – Voted Galway the **"Friendliest City in Europe"** and one of the **15 best holiday destinations in the World** in 2020 with a quote about 'the city's effervescent sense of tradition'.
- **Rough Guides** – Galway is listed as one of 8 Best cities to enjoy in 2020.
- **World Bank Study** found Galway to be the most efficient Irish city to start a new business.
- **National Geographic** travellers love Galway.
- Galway City holds a 2022 **Tidy Towns silver medal**
- **European Region of Gastronomy** in 2018.
- **European Capital of Culture – Galway 2020.**
- **Global Destination Sustainability (GDS) Index** – in 2018, Galway City was listed among the top 15 green cities in the world to host a business event – the only city in Ireland.
- Galway City is home to Michelin Star Restaurant Aniar and Michelin Bib Gourmand Kai.
- Galway City and the Aran Islands both featured in a new list by **Lonely Planet** of the 20 Most Incredible Places to Visit in Ireland. The travel guide names the Wild Atlantic Way as best for road trippers, with Galway City described as **"best for immersing yourself in Irish culture"**.
- **Condé Nast Traveller** magazine annual Reader's Choice Awards placed Galway at #7 on the list of **The Best Small Cities in the World 2022.**
- **Lonely Planet** named Galway City **"best in world for food"** 2023.
- Galway City is proud of its status as Ireland's only **bilingual city.**
- Conamara voted in **Lonely Planets** Ultimate Travel Lists top 500 **'most thrilling, memorable and interesting travel experiences in the world'** 2020 and 2021.
- The City of Galway ranks **6th among Europe's top ten cities for raising children**, according to learning platform Preply 2022. Galway's high score is largely down to its 'Leisure & Lifestyle' prospects and the city also ranks as **Europe's 7th best for air quality.**

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Galway City Tourism Information Centre Galway City Museum, Spanish Parade, H91 CX5P.
Open year round Monday – Saturday 9am – 5pm, Open Sundays in Summer
Tel 1800 230 330 www.discoverireland.ie

Aran Tourist Information Centre Kiltonan, Árann/Inis Mór, Co Galway, H91 PH96
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