Galway & The West

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Dramatic, haunting, and utterly wild, Galway entices with its rich history, bohemian atmosphere, and sublime landscapes. Here, rugged cliffs and craggy countryside meet lively streets with colourful facades, echoing pubs filled with authentic Irish music, a thriving arts scene, and warm-hearted locals. In Galway, tradition, creativity, and hospitality seamlessly intertwine, creating a unique and vibrant destination that leaves a lasting impression on all who experience its wonders.

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Visit a Traditional Celtic Jewellery

Experience the rich heritage and artistry behind a timeless classic handcrafted in Ireland, with a visit to Thomas Dillons, the original makers of the Claddagh ring. Featuring two hands embracing a crowned heart, the Claddagh ring symbolises love, loyalty, and friendship—often used as an engagement ring. This tradition traces its roots back to the quaint fishing village of Claddagh, where a close-knit community of Irish-speaking families continues to elect their own "King."

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Address: 1 Quay Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun noon–4pm
Phone: +353 91 566 365
Internet: claddaghring.ie
Email: info@claddaghring.ie

Take a Day Trip to County Mayo

Located north of Galway, County Mayo is a place of dramatic and rugged charm, characterised by majestic mountains and blissful bays. The main hub for tourism in Mayo is the town of Achill, situated at the northwest edge of Clew Bay. Other notable attractions in the area include the Céide Fields, Croagh Patrick, and scenic coastal trails.

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Address: County Mayo

Discover Roscommon

County Roscommon, located northeast of Galway, is often lauded as 'The Heart of Undiscovered Ireland.' Its wild and unspoilt landscapes make it the perfect destination for adventure and exploration. Roscommon boasts a rich history, with castles and stately homes scattered throughout the county. The memories of bygone times can still be felt and seen in the spectacular landscapes of Roscommon.

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Address: County Roscommon

Experience Music at St Nicholas' Collegiate Church

Ireland's largest medieval parish church, St Nicholas' Collegiate Church dates from 1320 and is famed for its collection of curiosities. These days, traditional Irish Sessions take place

in the church, with the rector playing the flute on summer nights. The church is loved by many, and it's even said that Christopher Columbus prayed here in 1477 before setting off on his voyage to the New World.

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Address: 7 Lombard Street, Galway
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 10am–4pm, Mon & Sun closed
Phone: +353 89 489 8084
Internet: stnicholas.ie
Email: info@stnicholas.ie

Savour Traditional Flavours

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

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THE COUNTY

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Situated on the rugged west coast of Ireland, County Galway is a charming region renowned for its stunning landscapes, vibrant culture, and rich history. As the largest county in the country, Galway presents a wealth of diverse experiences for visitors to indulge in and discover.

Nature lovers will be enchanted by the county's striking scenery — from the majestic Connemara region with its rugged mountains, serene lakes, and quaint villages, to the breathtaking coastline along Galway Bay, dotted with sandy beaches and dramatic cliffs. Offshore, the Aran Islands provide a unique glimpse into traditional Irish island life, with their ancient stone forts and rich Gaelic heritage.

For the history buffs, there's plenty to discover in Galway, with its medieval castles, ancient ruins, and archaeological sites, such as the iconic Dunguaire Castle and the ancient monastic settlement of Clonfert. The county's past is deeply intertwined with the Gaelic culture, and traces of this heritage can be seen in the Irish-speaking areas and traditional customs that are still preserved today.

DO & SEE

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With a young population and a bohemian spirit, Galway's charms are best enjoyed by strolling the Old City lanes and exploring the rugged landscapes that surround it. Known for its artistic spirit, Galway is oozing with culture — from lively traditional music sessions to a calendar brimming with festivals and events, including the world-famous Galway International Arts Festival, the city never fails to captivate and inspire.

Latin Quarter

For a taste of Galway's unique character and charm, be sure to visit the Latin Quarter. A vibrant and historic neighbourhood located in the heart of the city, known for its colourful buildings, bustling pedestrian streets, and lively atmosphere. The Latin Quarter is home to a variety of shops, restaurants, bars, and cultural attractions. Visitors can explore landmarks such as the Spanish Arch and St Nicholas' Collegiate Church, shop for artisanal crafts and souvenirs, and enjoy traditional Irish music and dance performances in the many pubs and venues.

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Address: The Latin Quarter, Galway

Aughnanure Castle

Built in the 16th century as a stronghold of the O'Flaherty clan, Aughnanure Castle — a six-storey tower on the shores of Lough Corrib — crowns the picturesque scenery of Oughterard. Today, visitors can explore the remains of the castle's banqueting hall, a watchtower, an unusual double bawn and bastions, and a dry harbour.

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Address: Aughnanure, Oughterard, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 9:30am–6pm
Phone: +353 91 552 214
Internet: heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/aughnanure-castle/
Email: aughnanurecastle@opw.ie

Brigit’s Garden

Escape into a world of natural beauty and enchantment by visiting Brigit's Garden. Regarded as one of the most picturesque gardens in Ireland, Brigit's Garden is a magical Celtic-themed garden surrounded by 11 acres of wildflower meadows. The nature trail, stone chamber, and nature discovery trail will spirit visitors of all ages into a world of imagination.

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Address: Pollagh, Rosscahill, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm
Phone: +353 91 550 905
Internet: brigitsgarden.ie
Email: info@brigitsgarden.ie

Connemara National Park

Covering about 2,000 hectares of scenic mountains, sprawling bogs, heaths, grasslands, and woodlands, the Connemara National Park offers a glimpse of this rich terrain, which has long been a place of discovery and exploration.

The Park encompasses a section of the Twelve Bens mountain range, including the county's tallest peak, Benbaun, which stands at 725 metres. Four hiking trails are available to visitors. One of its highlights is reaching the summit of Diamond Hill, which rewards you with a breathtaking panorama of Tully Mountain, Kylemore Abbey, and the Twelve Bens.

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Address: Letterfrack, Galway
Opening hours: The Park is open 24/7. The visitor centre is open daily 9am–5:30pm

Phone: +353 76 100 2528
Tickets: Entry to the park is free of charge
Internet: www.nationalparks.ie/connemara

Dún Aonghasa

Perched on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, Dún Aonghasa is the most monumental of the prehistoric stone forts on the Aran Islands. This semi-circular structure, which is over 3,000 years old and enclosed by three massive stone walls, has yielded significant evidence of prehistoric metalworking and various ancient burial sites and settlements through excavations.

Visiting Dún Aonghasa requires a short hike over uneven terrain and natural rock formations, so it's recommended to wear sturdy walking shoes or boots. Also, be extremely careful when approaching the cliff's edge since there is no fence or barrier at the edge of the 87-metre drop.

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Address: Inishmore, Aran Islands, Galway
Opening hours: April–October: daily 9am–7pm.
November–March: daily 9:30am–4pm
Phone: +353 99 61008
Internet: heritageireland.ie/places-to-visit/dun-aonghasa/
Email: dunaonghasa@opw.ie

Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Garden

Home of the Benedictine nuns for the past 100 years, the 1000-acre-wide Kylemore estate is a perfect day trip destination. Take a guided tour and discover an award-winning Victorian Walled Garden, which often hosts musical performances.

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Address: Kylemore Abbey, Pollacappul, Galway
Opening hours: November–March: daily 10am–4:30pm.
April–July: daily 9am–6pm. July–August: daily 9am–7pm.
September–October: daily 9:30am–5:30pm
Phone: +353 95 52001
Internet: www.kylemoreabbey.com
Email: info@kylemoreabbey.com
More Info: Opening hours change periodically so do check current ones on the website before visiting.

Druid Lane Theatre

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

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Address: Druid Lane, Galway
Phone: +353 91 568 660
Internet: druid.ie
Email: info@druid.ie

Galway Atlantaquaria — National Aquarium of Ireland

The National Aquarium of Ireland is home to the country’s largest collection of aquatic life, with over 150 species of fish and invertebrates. The exhibits provide a unique insight into native marine and freshwater habitats, a perfect opportunity to learn more about the sea which characterises Galway.

Photo: visavietnam/Pixabay
Address: Seapoint Promenade, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Sat & Sun 10am–6pm
Phone: +353 91 585 100
Internet: nationalaquarium.ie

Email: info@nationalaquarium.ie

Galway City Karting

Galway City Karting is Galway's only indoor karting venue. A fun and safe environment to chase high speeds, the venue is family-friendly with karting options for children from 7 years and up.

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Address: Liosban Industrial Estate, Tuam Road, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 1–9pm, Sat & Sun 10am–9pm
Phone: +353 87 920 5300
Internet: galwaycitykarting.ie
Email: info@galwaycitykarting.ie

Galway City Museum

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

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Address: Spanish Parade, Galway
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 10am–5pm, Mon & Sun closed
Phone: +353 91 532 460
Internet: galwaycitymuseum.ie
Email: museum@galwaycity.ie

Athenry Heritage Centre

Enjoy an immersive medieval experience in the Athenry Heritage Centre. Get into character by borrowing a medieval costume, and try your hand at Archery. The museum is fun for all ages and offers interactive exhibits as well as guided tours.

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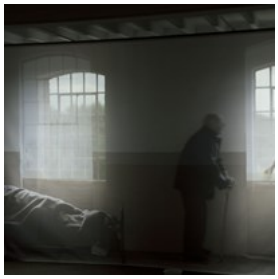
Address: Saint Marys, The Square, Gorteenacra, Athenry, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9:30am–4:30pm, Sat 9:30am–1pm, Sun closed
Phone: +353 91 844 661
Internet: www.athenryheritagecentre.com
Email: athenryheritagecentre@gmail.com

Irish Workhouse Centre



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

Photo: Shelli Jensen/Shutterstock.com
Address: Saint Brigid's Road, Portumna, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 10am–5pm
Phone: +353 90 975 9200
Internet: irishworkhousecentre.ie
Email: info@irishworkhousecentre.ie

Menlo Castle

Nestled in a picturesque location on the banks of the River Corrib lies the secluded Menlo Castle. Built in the 16th century, this historic castle has since been reclaimed by nature, making it a

challenge to spot behind the lush green vegetation that now covers it.

From 1600 to 1910, the castle was home to the Blake family, once described as the richest family in Galway. Sadly, a devastating fire broke out in 1910, claiming the lives of Lord and Lady Blake's daughter, Eleanor as well as two maids. The castle was completely destroyed, leaving only the ivy-covered walls that still stand today as a haunting reminder of the tragedy that occurred.

During the summer months, the riverside walk that follows the former Galway to Clifden railway line is a popular destination for walkers and joggers. If you happen to be in the Galway area, this scenic path is definitely worth a visit.

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Address: Menlo Castle, Galway

Céide Fields

Céide Fields in County Mayo is home to the oldest known stone-walled fields in the world, dating back nearly 6,000 years. The visitor centre offers an opportunity to learn about the spiritual beliefs and culture of the neolithic society which created this landscape. The fields are also worth visiting for their wild ecology — blanket bog, dramatic cliffs, and coastline are accompanied by rare mosses, sedges, lichens, and flora.

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Address: Glenurla, Mayo
Opening hours: Vary by season
Phone: +353 96 43325
Internet: heritageireland.ie/visit/places-to-visit/ceide-fields/

Croagh Patrick — Ireland's 'Holy Mountain' or 'The Reek'

Croagh Patrick is a 764-metre-high cone-shaped peak that rises above Clew Bay in County Mayo. Known as Ireland’s ‘Holy Mountain’ or ‘The Reek’ among locals, it’s a site steeped in history, religion, and mythology.

The mountain is believed to have been a pilgrimage site for pagans as far back as 3000 BC. It’s thought that pagans gathered here to celebrate the start of the harvest season. Later, it became associated with the worship of the Celtic sun god, Lugh. And then in the 5th century, Saint Patrick is said to have fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before banishing the snakes from Ireland.

Today, Croagh Patrick remains a popular pilgrimage site, with around 20,000 to 25,000 pilgrims climbing the mountain each year on the last Sunday in July, closest to the pagan festival of Lughnasa.

The trek to the summit is a rewarding experience, with panoramic views of the hundreds of tiny, green drumlin islands in Clew Bay, the Wild Atlantic Way, the town of Westport, and surrounding mountain ranges.

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Address: Teevenacroaghy, Mayo

EVENTS

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Galway is renowned for its vibrant calendar of events throughout the year, offering something for everyone. From cultural festivals to music and sports events, Galway embraces its reputation as a hub of entertainment and celebration.

Galway International Oyster Festival

Get ready to indulge in a weekend of fun and mouth-watering seafood where the oyster takes centre stage at the Galway International Oyster & Seafood Festival.

Held annually on the last weekend of September in the heart of Galway City, this festival features the freshest seafood that your taste buds have ever experienced, live music, oyster opening competitions, as well as cookery demos by both national and local chefs, making sure that there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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Phone: +353 91 394 637
Internet: www.galwayoysterfestival.com
Email: info@galwayoysterfestival.com

Galway International Arts Festival

Since 1978, the Galway International Arts Festival has been a highlight of Ireland's cultural calendar. For two weeks every July, Galway becomes a hub of artistic expression, as the festival presents a diverse range of programmes across theatre, music, visual arts, opera, street spectacle, dance, discussion, and comedy. So mark your calendar and get ready for an unforgettable experience!

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Phone: +353 91 509 700
Internet: www.giaf.ie
Email: info@giaf.ie

Galway Races

Regarded as Ireland's largest horse racing festival, the Galway Races is an exciting event featuring thrilling horse racing, fashionable outfits, live bands and DJs, and an unforgettable atmosphere that draws crowds from far and wide.

Starting on the last Monday of July every year, the festival lasts for over seven days, making it an extended celebration of sport, entertainment, and style.

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Address: Ballybrit Racecourse, Galway
Internet: galwayraces.com
Email: information@galwayraces.com

Gaelforce West

Held in mid-June, in the Connemara region, Gaelforce West stands as the world's largest one-day adventure race of its kind. This multi-sport event combines cycling, running, hiking, and kayaking, offering competitors a one-of-a-kind test of endurance.

Spanning approximately 66km, the course winds its way from the breathtaking Lough Inagh Valley in Connemara all the way to Westport. Participants will encounter notable challenges along the route, including crossing the majestic Killary Fjord and conquering the renowned holy mountain of Croagh Patrick.

Photo: Alextype/Shutterstock.com
Internet: gaelforceevents.com/en/gaelforce-west-gaelforce-west
Email: Info@gaelforceevents.com

DINING

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

Donnelly's of Barna Restaurant & Bar

Nestled in the scenic seaside village of Barna, Donnelly's has been a beloved food and drink spot among locals and visitors alike since 1892. Its menu showcases the best of traditional Irish cuisine, featuring freshly caught Connemara seafood, locally sourced meats, and seasonally inspired sides. Donnelly's offers an array of delightful dining options, from the sun-soaked sunroom featuring nautical decor to the flower-decorated outdoor patio, providing the perfect setting to enjoy a summer evening sunset.

Photo: ilolab/Shutterstock.com
Address: Freeport, Bearna, Galway
Opening hours: Mon 12:30pm–11:30pm, Tue–Thu 1pm–11:30pm, Fri 1pm–12:30am, Sat 12:30pm–12:30am, Sun 12:30pm–11pm
Phone: +353 91 592 487
Internet: www.donnellysofbarna.com

Aniar

Committed to honouring local and wild ingredients in contemporary Irish cuisine, Aniar, the only Michelin-starred restaurant in the west of Ireland, offers an inventive, farm-to-plate Irish menu and an extensive wine list in a bright, homey interior.

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Address: 53 Lower Dominick Street, Galway
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 5:30pm–10pm, Sun & Mon closed
Phone: +353 91 535 947
Internet: www.aniarrestaurant.ie
Email: food@aniarrestaurant.ie

Ard Bia at Nimmos

Located near the iconic Spanish Arch, Ard Bia at Nimmos is a trendy café and restaurant renowned for its quirky interior and diverse culinary offerings. They serve breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner, making it an ideal one-stop destination for foodies. The ever-changing menu boasts a fusion of Irish, Moroccan, and North African cuisine, keeping things exciting and fresh for diners.

Photo: Maksym Prykhodnyuk/shutterstock
Address: Spanish Arch, The Long Walk, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 10am–3pm / 6pm–9pm
Phone: +353 91 561 114
Internet: www.ardbia.com

McDonagh's

McDonagh's, a traditional family-run fish and chips restaurant, has been a favourite in this seaside town since 1902. Their whimsical maritime-themed dining room is the perfect setting to enjoy a classic fish and chips or to try out one of the many other seafood dishes on their menu, ranging from Clarenbridge oysters to salmon, mussels, scallops and hake.

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Address: 22 Quay Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat noon–10pm, Sun 1pm–9pm
Phone: +353 91 565 001

The Forge Gastrobar

The Forge Gastrobar is located in the charming village of Moycullen, the gateway to Connemara. Using locally-sourced ingredients, the team of chefs at The Forge craft a delectable menu of traditional Irish dishes that are sure to delight your taste buds. This gastrobar is also a popular live music venue, drawing a diverse range of musicians to perform in its inviting atmosphere.

Photo: Alias Studiot Oy/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ballycuirke West, Moycullen, Galway
Opening hours: Mon & Tue closed, Wed & Thu noon–11pm, Fri & Sat noon–midnight, Sun noon–11pm
Phone: +353 91 868 944
Email: forgeandvenue@gmail.com

Tulsi

Tulsi is one of Galway's foremost Indian restaurants. With a vast selection of flavoursome cuisine, you can enjoy a true taste of India, as spicy or mild as you like. Indulge in menu staples like Chicken Tikka Masala, Boti Kebab, and Tandoori Chicken, or try their delicious Biryani. Tulsi also offers a special vegetarian selection, so everyone can enjoy the rich and bold flavors of Indian cuisine.

Photo: hlphoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Buttermilk Walk, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 5pm–11pm, Sun 4pm–10pm
Phone: +353 91 564 831
Internet: tulsi-galway.com

The Seafood Bar at Kirwan's

The Seafood Bar at Kirwan's is an award-winning bistro-style restaurant located in the heart of medieval Galway. The chic 2-floor restaurant features pine furnishings, tiled floors, and rustic autumnal shades, providing a classy setting for a romantic dinner. Guests can indulge in fresh seafood delicacies and pair them with a selection of red or white wine. Framed pictures adorn the walls, and occasional live jazz music adds to the restaurant's charm.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Kirwan's Lane, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 12:30–2:30pm / 6pm–10pm; Sun closed
Phone: +353 91 568 266
Internet: www.kirwanslane.ie
Email: kirwanslane@gmail.com

Freddy's

For over 30 years, Freddy's has been delighting Galway City with its authentic Italian pizza and fresh pasta. As the oldest pizzeria in town, it has become a beloved family-favourite spot. Situated in the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter, this quaint restaurant exudes a quaint ambience, with its walls adorned with vintage memorabilia.

Photo: Pinar Kucuk/Unsplash
Address: 15 Quay Street, Galway
Opening hours: Daily noon–10pm
Phone: +353 91 567 279
Internet: www.freddys.ie

Martine's Restaurant & Winebar

Martine's Restaurant and Winebar is a small, family-run bistro specialising in steak and seafood. The snug eatery features an outdoor terrace and serves up modern Irish cuisine made with locally-sourced ingredients. Additionally, Martine's boasts an extensive wine list to pair with your meal.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com
Address: 21 Quay Street, Galway
Opening hours: Wed–Sun 8am–noon / 5pm–10pm; Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +353 91 565 662
Internet: martines.ie
Email: info@martines.ie

Brasserie On The Corner

Brasserie On The Corner is a multi-award-winning restaurant where guests can indulge in a menu of locally sourced fish, premium steaks, and deli boards, all prepared using seasonal ingredients. The restaurant's world-class wine selection is hand-picked and primarily sourced from boutique family-owned vineyards, and the chic exposed brick and dark wood interior radiates warmth and hospitality, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere for you to enjoy.

Photo: nazarovsergey/Shutterstock.com
Address: 25 Eglinton Street, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 11am–11:30pm
Phone: +353 91 530 333
Internet: brasseriegalway.com
Email: info@brasseriegalway.com

CAFÉS

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Galway's cosy cafés offer refuge from the unpredictable weather of the Wild Atlantic. Enjoy traditional Irish homemade cakes, baked goods, and midday treats such as warm fluffy brown scones, jam-laden soda bread, Irish fruit cake, and open crab sandwiches. For a taste of authentic Irish cuisine, try the boxty — a savoury potato pancake that has been a staple of Irish cuisine for generations — or the soda farls, a Northern Irish quick bread made with baking soda and buttermilk that is both hearty and delicious.

Corrib House Tea Rooms

Overlooking Galway's famous Salmon Weir, this exquisitely restored Georgian Townhouse boasts two spacious tearooms that offer a scrumptious selection of freshly baked cakes and treats, made in-house each morning. Amidst the lively and bustling town centre, this charming oasis provides a peaceful retreat.

Photo: petereleven/Shutterstock.com
Address: 3 Waterside, Woodquay, Galway
Opening hours: Wed–Sun 9:30am–4:30pm, Mon & Tue closed
Phone: +353 91 446 753
Internet: corribhouse.com
Email: info@corribhouse.com

PoppySeed Cafe

PoppySeed Cafe is committed to serving fresh and healthy food. Drop in at any time of day to enjoy all-day specials, as well as breakfast, lunch, and irresistible homemade pastries. Start your day right with a bowl of freshly made Irish porridge, or if you're in the mood for something heartier, a Traditional Full Irish Breakfast will surely hit the spot.

Photo: Lolostock/Shutterstock.com
Address: Castlecourt, 8 Castle Road, Oran More, Oranmore, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8:30am–4pm, Sat 9am–4pm
Phone: +353 91 795 191
Internet: poppyseed.ie
Email: info@poppyseed.ie

Food 4 Thought

Food 4 Thought is a popular, family-run café known for serving up healthy, fresh, and delicious meals that are sure to satisfy even the most health-conscious diners. One of the unique offerings at Food 4 Thought is their vegan shepherd's pie. Additionally, the café offers a variety of vegan soups and salads, all made with fresh ingredients and cooked on the premises. Located just a stone's throw away from Lynch's Castle in the city centre, Food 4 Thought is a convenient and welcoming spot to grab a bite to eat after a day's sightseeing.

Photo: PPstock/Shutterstock.com
Address: Unit 4, Abbeygate Street Lower, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–5pm, Sun noon–4pm
Phone: +353 91 565 854
Email: food4thoughtgalway@gmail.com

High Cafe

High Cafe is a family-owned café, smack in the heart of High Street, serving up a wide variety of Mediterranean and Moroccan dishes. It offers everything from classic pizzas to a range of tagines and even paella. Plus, coffee, Moroccan tea, and a range of tasty desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Photo: Shebeko/Shutterstock.com
Address: 2 High Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 4pm–10:30pm, Fri 3pm–10:30pm, Sat 1pm–10:30pm, Sun noon–9pm
Phone: +353 91 532 648
Internet: www.highcafe.ie

Butlers Chocolate Café

If you're a fan of delicious chocolate and coffee, you won't want to miss out on Butlers, a specialist chocolatier and coffee chain that's loved both at home and abroad. With a focus on handmade sweets, pastries, and sandwiches, this iconic Irish brand offers the perfect indulgence after a long day of exploring.

At Butlers, you'll find a wide selection of delectable chocolates, from classic milk chocolate bars to more exotic flavours like chilli and lime or dark chocolate with orange and almond. And if you're in the mood for something hot, their hot chocolate and coffee drinks are sure to hit the spot.

Photo: nadyatess/Shutterstock.com
Address: 40 William Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–6pm, Sun 9am–6pm
Phone: +353 91 569 901
Internet: www.butlerschocolates.com/en
Email: chocolate@butlers.ie

Upstairs at McCambridge's

Located right next door to the historic Lynch's Castle on Shop Street, Upstairs at McCambridge's is a cosy café serving up a range of modern Irish dishes with a Mediterranean twist. From Irish meat to seafood, cheese to charcuterie, including their own baked ham, the menu features an array of mouthwatering options. And what's more, any wine from the wine shop downstairs can be chosen to accompany your meal upstairs, ensuring the perfect pairing every time.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 36-40 Shop Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8:30am–6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +353 91 562 259
Internet: www.mccambridges.com/pages/cafe

The Secret Garden

The Secret Garden is a family-owned tea shop and cafe offering more than 100 types of tea from around the world, plus coffee and scrumptious homemade cakes and pastries.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com
Address: 4 William Street West, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 8am–9pm, Sat 9am–9pm, Sun 10am–9pm
Phone: +353 85 758 3927
Internet: www.secretgardengalway.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE

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Galway is a city that knows how to have a good time, and its eclectic collection of pubs is a true testament to that. From cosy, traditional watering holes to lively, hopping bars, Galway is renowned for its thriving nightlife. As a vibrant university town, it attracts a diverse crowd of young students and travellers looking to experience the city's festive spirit.

The Kings Head

Located in the heart of the Latin Quarter, The Kings Head is a true piece of living history — with a building that dates back over 800 years, this place exudes a sense of timeless charm.

This historic pub and bistro offer a menu of nostalgic and comforting food, including home-cooked favourites like Beef and Guinness Stew with creamy Mash, a delightful choice for any day in Galway.

When it comes to the bar, The Kings Head features a wide selection of beverages. Alongside the usual options, you'll find signature whiskeys, gins, and craft beers. As an exclusive feature, they have crafted their own preservative-free, small-batch, traditional ale known as Blood Red Ale.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com
Address: 15 High Street, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 11am–10pm
Phone: +353 91 567 866
Internet: www.thekingshead.ie
Email: info@thekingshead.ie

Trappers Inn & Jackson's Restaurant

Trappers Inn & Jackson's Restaurant is a beloved establishment that perfectly embodies the essence of an authentic Irish pub and restaurant. With its warm and inviting atmosphere, it has become a favourite among both locals and tourists alike.

Trappers Inn has earned its reputation as a popular breakfast spot, offering a delightful start to the day with a hearty Irish breakfast. Not only does the establishment excel in culinary delights, but it also boasts a selection of great drinks to complement your experience. Whether you prefer a pint of locally brewed beer or a perfectly crafted cocktail, the bar at Trappers Inn has you covered.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com
Address: Tuam Road, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 8am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 8am–12:30am, Sun 9am–11pm
Phone: +353 91 751 228
Email: emmet@trappersinn.ie

Taaffes Bar

Steeped in history, Taaffes Bar has been a gathering place for locals and visitors alike for many years. Step inside and experience its warm and cosy atmosphere, complete with rustic decor, wooden furnishings, and traditional Irish music in the background.

One of the highlights of Taaffes is its live music sessions. Throughout the week, talented local musicians take the stage, entertaining guests with traditional Irish music and lively performances.

The bar offers an impressive selection of beverages, including an extensive range of Irish whiskeys and a well-stocked bar featuring local and international beers. To complement your drinks, Taaffes serves delicious pub grub, with a menu featuring a mix of traditional Irish dishes and international favourites, from hearty stews and fish and chips to gourmet burgers and vegetarian delights.

Photo: PopTika/Shutterstock.com
Address: 19 Shop Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10:30am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 10:30am–12:30am, Sun 12:30pm–11pm
Phone: +353 91 564 066
Internet: taaffesbar.ie
Email: taaffesbar@gmail.com

Busker Brownes

A Galway institution dating back to 1615, Busker Brownes has served as a meeting place for the Tribes of Galway, a soldiers' barracks, a Dominican convent, and a gathering spot for the Galway Society. Today, it stands as one of the city’s premier bars and restaurants.

Its impressive design seamlessly blends medieval stonework with contemporary furnishings, and includes multiple bars and floors, creating an inviting and dynamic atmosphere. However, the true magic of Busker Brownes is unleashed on weekends, when talented DJs take the stage, filling the air with energetic beats that bring the entire pub to life.

Photo: DisobeyArt/Shutterstock.com
Address: 5 Cross Street Upper, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–2am, Sun noon–2am
Phone: +353 91 563 377
Internet: www.buskerbrownes.com

Murty Rabbitt's

Just off Eyre Square, Murty Rabbit's is a beloved pub featuring a heated beer garden, where you can bask in the outdoors while savouring your favourite drink, TVs scattered throughout the pub, so you can catch up on the latest sports events, and regular live music performances, ensuring an unforgettable night. And when hunger strikes, indulge in their hearty pub grub, including mouthwatering delights like fish and chips and comforting cottage pie.

Photo: Master1305/Shutterstock.com
Address: 23 Forster Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 1pm–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 1pm–2am, Sun 1pm–11pm
Phone: +353 91 566 490
Internet: www.instagram.com/murtyrabbitts

The Cellar

The Cellar Bar is a beloved, two-storey venue that transforms from a busy restaurant by day to a buzzing late bar by night. With its modern interior featuring exposed stonework and an open fire, it provides a cosy and inviting atmosphere, where you can enjoy all-day comfort food, a variety of drinks, live music on the weekends, and catch the latest sports games on TV.

Photo: DonnaSenzaFiato/Pixabay
Address: 12 Eglinton Street, Galway
Opening hours: Sun–Thu 11am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 11am–12:30am
Phone: +353 91 563 966
Internet: thecellar.ie
Email: info@thecellar.ie

The Quays

Experience the charm and legacy of The Quays, an iconic and multi-award-winning venue, which has been serving both Galwegians and visitors to the city for nearly four centuries.

Recognised with multiple awards, including "Best Live Entertainment Bar" in 2022, The Quays is a renowned and historic music-drinking establishment adorned with stained glass, inlaid woods, Gothic arches, and church pews. It offers a vibrant ambience for enjoying live music, having some drinks, and indulging in delicious pub grub.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com
Address: Quay Lane, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 11:30am–2am, Sun noon–1am
Phone: +353 91 568 347
Internet: quaysgalway.ie
Email: info@quaysgalway.ie

The Huntsman Inn

The Huntsman Inn is a premier destination, conveniently situated just a 12-minute walk from Galway's city centre. This elegant establishment is a combination of an upscale pub, a refined restaurant, and a charming boutique hotel featuring 12 stylish rooms. Renowned among the locals, The Huntsman’s modern restaurant delights diners with a diverse menu featuring both beloved Irish classics and tantalising international selections.

For those seeking entertainment, the lively bar boasts two flat-screen TVs, so sports enthusiasts can catch their favourite games, and hosts live music performances and quiz nights creating an energetic ambience.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com
Address: 164 College Road, Galway
Opening hours: Daily 8am–midnight
Phone: +353 91 562 849
Internet: www.huntsmaninn.com
Email: info@huntsmaninn.com

Massimo Bar

Immerse yourself in the lively energy of Galway's Westend at Massimo, a spacious pub that lies at the beating heart of this vibrant neighbourhood. Step inside and discover a modern menu featuring a delightful array of brunch options and locally sourced dishes along with cask ales while you cheer for your favourite sports teams

on the TV screens scattered throughout the venue.

Photo: Rawpixel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 10 William Street West, Galway
Opening hours: Sun–Thu 5–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 5pm–12:30am
Phone: +353 91 582 239
Internet: massimogalway.com
Email: massimogalway@gmail.com

The Dáil Bar

In the heart of Galway's Latin Quarter, The Dáil Bar is a firm favourite of foodies and cocktail connoisseurs alike. As the sun sets, the bar comes alive with live bands gracing the stage five nights a week and top DJs on weekends, creating a lively atmosphere that lasts well into the night.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com
Address: 42-44 Middle Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat noon–2am, Sun noon–1am
Phone: +353 91 563 777
Internet: thedailbar.com
Email: info@thedailbar.com

The Front Door Pub

Located in the heart of Galway's bustling social scene, the Front Door is a popular and long-standing pub featuring five bars spread over two floors. It is known for its assortment of cocktails and whiskeys, as well as a diverse menu of hearty pub grub, including burgers, steak, pizza, and seafood. Adding to the lively atmosphere, live music is offered daily, making The Front Door Pub a great spot for those looking for an entertaining night out in Galway.

Photo: Syda Productions/Shutterstock.com
Address: 8 Cross Street Upper, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10:30am–2am, Sun 11pm–1am
Phone: +353 91 563 757
Internet: www.frontdoorpub.com
Email: info@frontdoorpub.com

Tigh Chóilí

Tigh Chóilí is a popular pub famous for its impromptu traditional Irish music sessions, attracting talented musicians who pop in for a pint and end up joining the lively fun. Mingle with locals and experience the old-world charm in this iconic pub.

Photo: TORWAISTUDIO/Shutterstock.com
Address: Mainguard Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10:30am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat 10:30am–12:30am, Sun 12:30pm–11pm
Phone: +353 91 561 294
Internet: tigchoiligalway.com

Monroe's Tavern

Monroe's Tavern is a historic family-owned bar and music venue, proudly standing as the cornerstone of Galway's Westend since 1964. This iconic establishment exudes a vibrant atmosphere, complete with open fires that add to its charm. Notably, Monroe's remains the sole pub in the city to host regular Irish dancing (on Tuesdays), offering a unique experience for visitors. And if you're feeling peckish, the attached Monroe's Pizza Cabin is the go-to spot, allowing guests to enjoy their pizzas right at the bar.

Photo: JayMantri/Pixabay
Address: 14 Dominick Street Upper, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 10:30am–11:30pm, Fri & Sat

10am–midnight, Sun noon–11pm
Phone: +353 91 583 397
Internet: monroes.ie
Email: info@monroes.ie

SHOPPING

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When it comes to shopping, Galway boasts a mix of high-street stores, boutique shops, markets, and independent retailers, making it an excellent destination for shopping enthusiasts.

Its main shopping area is along Shop Street, a pedestrianised street lined with shops, restaurants, and cafés. Here you can find popular high-street stores such as H&M, River Island, and Zara, as well as local boutiques offering unique and handcrafted items.

Galway also has a number of markets, including the Galway Market, which is held every Saturday and Sunday in the city's historic St Nicholas Church.

And if you're looking for a more upscale shopping experience, the city also has the Eyre Square Shopping Centre, which has over 70 shops, including department stores, fashion boutiques, and speciality shops.

Galway Market

The Galway Market is a vibrant and bustling open-air market that has been a fixture of Galway's city centre for centuries. Every Saturday and Sunday, local traders and artisans gather in the historic St Nicholas Churchyard to sell their goods — from fresh produce to handmade crafts. The Market is also a hub of community activity, where locals and visitors come together to socialise, listen to live music, and soak up the lively atmosphere.

Photo: Milada Vigerova/Unsplash
Address: 7 Lombard Street, Galway
Opening hours: Sat 8am–6pm, Sun noon–6pm
Phone: +353 83 847 8930
More Info: In July and August, the market is also open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from noon–6pm and every day during the Galway Arts Festival from noon–6pm

Charlie Byrne's Bookshop

Located in the vibrant heart of Galway City, Charlie Byrne's is Ireland's most cherished independent bookshop. Embark on a literary adventure through their labyrinthine maze, featuring a remarkable collection of over 100,000 books—from new releases to second-hand treasures to bargain gems, and rare antiquarian works. As a bustling cultural outpost, Charlie Byrne's is a hub for literary events, playing host to book launches, author signings, readings, and a delightful Saturday-morning storytime tradition.

Photo: Don Pablo/Shutterstock.com
Address: The Cornstore, Middle Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Thu 9am–6pm, Fri 9am–8pm, Sat

9am–6pm, Sun noon–6pm
Phone: +353 91 561 766
Internet: charliebyrne.ie
Email: info@charliebyrne.com

Eyre Square Centre

Located in the heart of Galway, Eyre Square Centre is a bustling retail destination and social hub featuring over 70 shops, including a mix of local Irish retailers as well as international brands, plus a variety of dining options. The centre also boasts a dynamic entertainment scene, hosting live performances, cultural events, and exhibitions throughout the year.

Photo: NaiyanaB/Shutterstock.com
Address: Eyre Square, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Wed 8:30am–7pm, Thu & Fri 8:30am–9pm, Sat 8:30am–7pm, Sun 10:15am–7pm
Phone: +353 91 568 302
Internet: www.eyresquarecentre.com

O'Máille — The Original House of Style

Founded in 1938 in the heart of Galway City, O'Máille has become a household name when it comes to Irish traditional clothing and crafts. Their fame largely comes from their hand-knitted Aran sweaters — a quintessential Irish souvenir for anyone visiting Ireland.

But the shop offers more than just this iconic garment. O'Máille also boasts a wide selection of Irish knitwear, tweed caps and hats, wool throws, and unique designs for men, women, and children.

Photo: Uximetc pavel/Shutterstock.com
Address: 16 High Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 10am–6pm
Phone: +353 91 562 696
Internet: www.omaille.com
Email: shop@omaille.com

Brown Thomas

Founded in 1849 in Dublin, Brown Thomas has become Ireland's leading department store, providing customers with the finest fashion, beauty, and homeware products for over 170 years. The store has become synonymous with impeccable style, exceptional quality, and unparalleled customer service.

Step inside any of the Brown Thomas stores across Ireland, and you'll be wowed by the stunning displays of designer clothing, accessories, and beauty products from the world's leading brands. From designer handbags and shoes to luxury skincare and makeup, Brown Thomas has got it all.

Photo: Creative Lab/Shutterstock.com
Address: 1-29 William Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Wed & Fri 10am–7pm, Thu 10am–8pm, Sat 9am–7pm, Sun 11am–6pm
Phone: +353 91 565 254
Internet: www.brownthomas.com

Cobwebs

Located by the Spanish Arch in Galway, Cobwebs is the ultimate destination for jewellery enthusiasts. As the most renowned jeweller in the west of Ireland, it offers an extensive collection of high-quality antique and contemporary pieces, including dazzling engagement rings.

Photo: freestocks/Unsplash
Address: 7 Quay Lane, Galway
Opening hours: Tue–Sat 10am–4:30pm
Phone: +353 91 564 388
Internet: cobwebs.ie
Email: info@cobwebs.ie

Connemara Smokehouse

Since its foundation in the 1970s by John and Bridget Roberts, Connemara Smokehouse has stood as one of Ireland's most esteemed and time-honoured smokehouses. The Roberts family has even achieved global recognition as masters of the traditional Irish fish-smoking craft.

At Connemara Smokehouse, only the utmost quality wild and organic salmon, tuna, mackerel, trout, and herrings sourced from the wild Atlantic Ocean are carefully selected for smoking.

Located on the picturesque Connemara coast in County Galway, the smokehouse has evolved into a cherished destination for visitors. Year after year, enthusiasts of fine cuisine gather to witness firsthand the meticulous craftsmanship of the Roberts family, as they continue to create the world's most exquisite smoked seafood delicacies.

Photo: Hans/Pixabay
Address: The Pier, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Fri 9am–1pm / 2pm–5pm
Phone: +353 95 23739
Internet: smokehouse.ie
Email: info@smokehouse.ie
More Info: Tours available.

TOURIST INFORMATION

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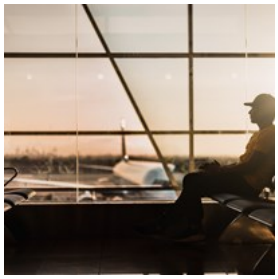
Airports

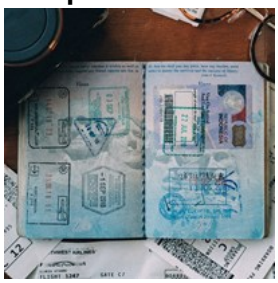


Since its closure in 2011, Galway Airport no longer offers direct flights to the city. However, Galway is easily accessed from alternative airports. Dublin Airport is approximately a 2.5-hour drive away, Ireland West International Airport at Knock is a 1-hour drive, and Shannon International Airport is also just a 1-hour drive from Galway.

To travel from any of these airports to Galway, the most straightforward and cost-effective option is by bus. Bus Eireann provides bus services connecting all three airports to Galway, ensuring a hassle-free journey for travellers.

Photo: Marco López/Unsplash
Internet: www.shannonairport.ie
More Info: www.dublinairport.com

Passport / Visa



Citizens of the European Union, the European Economic Area and Switzerland can enter Ireland without a visa, while holders of a Residence Card of a family member of a Union citizen, or of a red United Nations laissez-passer also enjoy a visa exemption. Other citizens best check whether they need a visa, and what prerequisites and fees may apply:

Photo: ConvertKit/Unsplash
Internet: www.irishimmigration.ie

Best Time to Visit

Galway is a wonderful destination to visit almost all year round, but the period between July and September offers the best weather conditions. This is due to the influence of the Gulf Stream, which results in a mild summer characterised by temperatures ranging from 14 to 16 degrees Celsius (60 to 70 Fahrenheit). During the winter, temperatures drop to 4 to 7 degrees Celsius (30 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit), making it quite cold and wet.

While the city gets lively especially during the warmer months, with numerous events like The Clarenbridge Oyster Festival and The Galway Arts Festival and people sitting outside in restaurants and cafés, the winter can also be cosy, as people gather at pubs for a pint and socialise.

Photo: Wallace Bentt/Unsplash

Public transport

Exploring Galway on foot is the best way to navigate the city. With its maze of narrow streets and pedestrian-only areas, it's easy to reach any destination within the central business district by simply walking.

And while walking is the preferred mode of transportation, there are, however, two bus companies, namely Bus Éireann and Galway City Direct that provide bus services throughout the city. These services can be convenient if you need to travel beyond the central area or explore the outskirts of Galway.

To make your bus travel even easier, both companies accept the Leap Card — a prepaid travel card that simplifies fare payment on public transport across Ireland. Whether you're hopping on a bus, train, DART, or Luas tram in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Limerick, Waterford, Sligo, Athlone, Kilkenny, or Wexford, the Leap Card has you covered. It also extends to city and town services throughout Ireland, making it a versatile option for seamless travel.

Photo: Ant Rozetsky/Unsplash
Internet: citydirect.ie

Taxi

Procabs +353 91 535 353
Big O Taxis Galway +353 91 585 858

Photo: Maik Winnecke/Unsplash

Pharmacy

Pharmacies can be found across Galway City and Galway County, and they are usually marked by a brand logo. University Late Night Pharmacy, near the University of Galway, is open daily.

Below are the directions to Walsh's Pharmacy, which can be found in the Corrib Shopping Centre in the heart of Galway City.

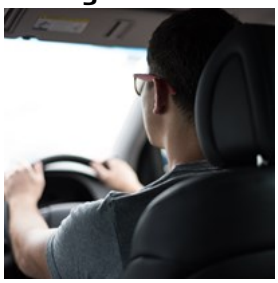
Photo: Serkan Yildiz/Unsplash
Address: Corrib Shopping Centre, Eyre Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Wed 9am–6pm, Thu & Fri 9am–7pm, Sat 9am–6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +353 91 561 605

Post

Offices of Ireland’s national postal service are usually open Mon–Fri 9am–5:30 pm, and Sat 9am–1pm. Offices in bigger cities in Galway County, such as the Galway Post Office in Galway City itself, may have extended Saturday opening hours while other ones can set up individual operating hours as well.

Photo: Sonia Kardash/Unsplash
Address: 3 Eglinton Street, Galway
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9am–5:30pm
Phone: +353 91 534 727
Internet: www.anpost.com

Driving



If you're a resident of the U.S., Canada, or the European Union and you have a valid driving licence, then you will be able to drive in the Republic of Ireland. Drivers from other countries will need to obtain an International Driver's Permit.

Also, make sure to familiarise yourself with the Irish road rules. As a start: Ireland has left-hand traffic and speed limits are determined to be 50 kph (30 mph) in urban areas; 80 kph (50 mph) on single open roads; 100 kph (60 mph) on national roads (marked by a green sign); and 120 kph (74.5 mph) on motorways.

Photo: Art Markiv/unsplash
Internet: www.rsa.ie/en

Telephone

Country code: +353 Area code: 91

Photo: Wesley Hilario/Unsplash

Electricity

In Ireland, the standard plug type is G, which has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern, which is also used in the United Kingdom. The country utilises a 230V supply voltage and operates on a 50Hz frequency.

Photo: Hamish Kale/unsplash

Population
84,572 (2023)

Currency
1 Euro = 100 Cents

Opening hours
Shops normally operate Mon–Fri 9am–6pm, while some larger department stores often extend their opening hours once or twice a week. Banks are generally open Mon–Fri 10am–4pm, and they normally feature ATM machines as well as money exchange offices.

Internet
www.visitgalway.ie

Newspapers
Galway Now — galwaynow.com
The Connacht Tribune — connachttribune.ie
The Irish Independent — www.independent.ie
The Irish Times — www.irishtimes.com

Emergency numbers
Emergency Numbers: 112 or 999

Tourist information
Galway Tourist Information Centre
Galway City Museum, Spanish Parade, Galway
+353 1800 230 330
Opening hours: Mon–Sat 9am–5pm

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LIOSBAUN
BOHERMORE
SHANTALLA
NUNS ISLAND
Lough Atalia
Galway Bay
Corrib River
Terryland River
National University of Ireland, Galway
N6
Moyola Park
Ardilaun Road
Thomas Hynes Road
Snipe Avenue
Distillery Road
Seamus Quirke Road
Seam. Quirke Rd
Newcastle Road Lower
Newcastle Park
Newc. Av
Dyke Road
Headford Road
Sean Mulvoy Road
Cookes Terrace
Liam Mellows Tce
Saint Anthony's Tce
Cill Ard
Water Lane
Bohermore Road
St Bridget's Place
Foster Court
Bothar Na Mban
Bothar Ui Eithir
Bothar Irwin
Prospect Hill
College Road
Forster Street
Station Road
Eyre Square
Eyre Sq
Vict. Pl
Queen St
Lough Atalia Road
Dock Road
Merchants Road
Dock Street
The Long Walk
Nimmes Pier
Waterside
St Vinc. Ave
St Franc. St
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St Brendan's Ave
Eyre St
Rosem. Ave
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Father Griffin Road
Father Burke Road
St Dominick's Rd
Fairhill
Grattan Park
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Taylors Hill Road
Salthill Road Lower
Whitestrand Ave
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Abbeygate Street Upper	C2	Forster Street	D2	Queen Street	C3 D3
Ardilaun Road	A1	Foster Court	D2	Raleigh Road	B3
Beech Court	A4	Fursey Road	A2	Rosemary's Avenue	C2
Bohermore Road	D2	Gaol Road	B2	Saint Anthony's Terrace	D1
Bothar Einde	A2 A3	Grattan Park	B4	Saint Dominick's Road	B3 B4
Bothar Irwin	C2	Grattan Road	A4 B4 C4	Saint Helen's Street	B3
Bothar Na Mban	C2	Headford Road	C1 C2	Saint Mary's Road	A3 B3
Bothar Phadraic Ui Chonnaire	A2	Henry Street	B3	Salthill Road Lower	A3 A4
Bothar Ui Eithir	D2	High Street	C3	Sea Road	B3
Bowling Green	C2	Liam Mellows Terrace	D1	Seamus Quirke Road	A1 A2
Bridge Street	C3	Lombard Street	C3	Sean Mulvoy Road	D1
Canal Road Lower	B2 B3	Lough Atalia Road	D3	Shantalla Road	A3
Canal Road Upper	B2	Market Street	C2 C3	Shop Street	C2 C3
Cill Ard	D1 D2	Mary Street	C2	Snipe Avenue	A1
Claddagh Quay	B3 C3	Merchants Road	C3	St Augustine Street	C3
College Road	D2	Middle Street	C3	St Brendan's Avenue	C2
Colmcille Road	A2	Mill Street	B3	St Bridget's Place	C2 D2
Cookes Terrace	D1	Moyola Park	A1	St Francis Street	C2
Costello Road	A2	Munster Avenue	B3	St Vincent's Ave	C2
Cross Street Lower	C3	New Dock Street	C3	Station Road	D2
Cross Street Upper	C3	New Road	B3	Taylors Hill Road	A3
Distillery Road	B1	Newcastle Avenue	A2 B2	The Crescent	A3 B3
Dock Road	C3 D3	Newcastle Park	A2 B2	The Long Walk	C3
Dock Street	C3	Newcastle Road	B2	Thomas Hynes Road	A1
Doctor Colohan Road	A4	Newcastle Road Lower	A1 B2	University Road	B2
Dominick Street Lower	B3	Newtown Smith	C2	Victoria Place	C2 D3
Dominick Street Upper	B3	Nimmes Pier	C3	Water Lane	C2 D2
Dyke Road	C1	Nun's Island Street	B2 B3	Waterside	C2
Eglinton Street	C2	Ocean Wave	A4	Whitestrand Avenue	A3 A4
Eyre Square	C2 D2	Palmyra Park	B3	Whitestrand Road	A4 B4
Eyre Street	C2	Parkavara	B3	William Street	B3 C2
Fairhill	B4	Presentation Road	B2 B3	Williamsgate Street	C2
Father Burke Road	B3 B4	Prospect Hill	C2 D2	Wood Quay	C2
Father Griffin Road	B3				