



Galway

“The City of Tribes”

Galway City, so called for the 14 Merchant families that controlled the medieval city.

Gateway to the picturesque beauty of the area.

Discover the magical panorama of Connemara and the rough Aran Islands.

Where the Irish language and traditions are found to be strongest.



1. Aran Islands Regular ferry service from Rossaveal and Doolin (Co Clare).

2. Cliffs of Moher spectacular 700 foot high sea cliffs in northwest Co Clare, overlooking the Aran Islands.

3. Connemara the ideal place to visit if you want to experience all things Irish.

4. Coole Park has been designated a Special Area of Conservation.

5. Dunguaire Castle the most photographed castle in Ireland!

6. Kylemore Abbey built in the 1860s, now a Benedictine nunnery.

7. Oranmore Castle The enchanting view is enhanced by its reflection on Galway Bay

8. Portumna Castle was carefully and extensively restored and preserved .

Aran Islands Inishmore is the largest of the three islands. The islands are famous for their prehistoric and Christian monuments including the spectacular Dún Aengus fort that is one of best examples of this type of fort in all of Europe.



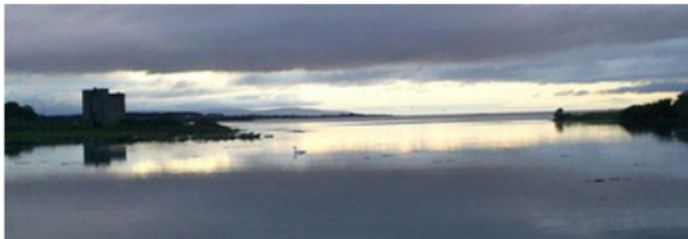
Connemara a breathtaking landscape mixture of unspoiled rivers, lakes, woodlands, rich meadowlands, rugged hills, dramatic mountains and stunning coastline. Connemara is an Irish-speaking area, rich in culture, heritage and traditions. The main town is Clifden.



Dunguaire Castle built in 1520 by the Hynes Clan who were a prominent family in the area since 662. In the 17th century the castle was passed onto the Martyn clan of Galway who remained in the stronghold until 1924. From mid-April to mid-October each year, the castle hosts medieval banquets .



Oranmore Castle is a wonderful experience for people of all ages. This enchanting castle sparks the imagination and is perfect for artistic retreats. Come and join in the fun and mystery or create your own history at Oranmore Castle, a place steeped in magic, tradition and eccentricity.



Cliffs of Moher located between the villages of Liscannor and Doolin, one of Ireland's most spectacular natural wonders. The grass roofed Visitor Centre is set into the hillside and offers an all weather experience. The Atlantic Edge Exhibition Area brings to life the story of the Cliffs of Moher.



Cooles Park Once the focal point of early 20th century Irish literature—look for the signatures on the “Autograph tree”. The most unique features of Cooles Park are the turloughs (seasonal lakes) which are said to be the best examples of turloughs in the world.



Kylemore Abbey a former castle with a magnificent neo-gothic church built in 1877 (which looks like a miniature cathedral!). The Victorian Walled Garden is another must see attraction at the Abbey. A stream runs through the heart of the garden and divides it into Flower Garden and Kitchen Garden.



Portumna Castle Take a tour of this twice rebuilt castle and see the interior, gardens and kitchen for yourself and also the ruins of a Dominican Friary. There are some interesting exhibitions too which tell the story of the De Burgo family and the castle itself which was the main seat of this powerful family for over 200 years.

