



# Limerick

## “Steeped in History”

Third largest city in Ireland

A Viking City dating from the 9th Century

Medieval Quarter around King John’s Castle

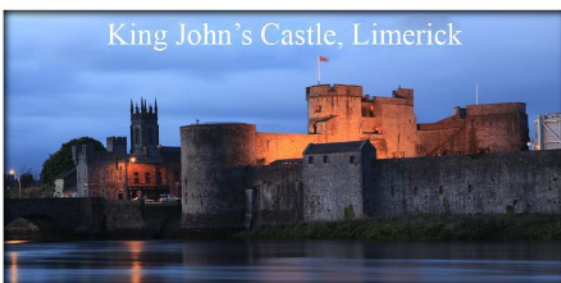
Close to Shannon Airport and the Burren in Co Clare



- 1. King John’s Castle** 800 year old medieval castle
- 2. St Mary’s Cathedral** 12th Century church.
- 3. Adare** historical town with great golf.
- 4. Bruff** ancestral home of President John F Kennedy.
- 5. Bruree** home to the De Valera Museum
- 6. Bunratty Castle** 15th Century fortress with Folk Park
- 7. The Burren** unique nature conservation area
- 8. Craugaunowen** the living past experience
- 9. Foynes** the first trans-Atlantic Air Terminal.
- 10. Lough Gur** Ireland’s version of Stonehenge

All the major sites within Limerick city can be viewed and visited from the Red Viking City Tour, by subscribing to a 3 day membership of the Coca Cola Zero bikes, or take a horse drawn carriage tour. Whatever you select there is plenty to see.

**King John’s Castle** on ‘King’s Island’ in the heart of medieval Limerick City brings to life over 800 years of dramatic local history. Explore the visitor center with state of the art interpretive activities and exhibitions and discover tales of siege and warfare.



**St Mary’s Cathedral** the oldest and most historic building in Limerick. The Cathedral of Saint Mary Blessed Virgin has a long and eventful history. Founded in 1168 on the site of a palace donated by Donal Mor O'Brien King of Munster. Experts believe that parts of the palace are incorporated into the present structure.



**Adare** Heritage Centre hosts a historical exhibition ( Free Admission – open all year round), which traces Adare’s unique history. The Centre also operates tours of Adare Village and the Desmond Castle, one of the few remaining authentic Norman Castles in Europe. The Adare Manor Golf resort is one of the best in the country.



**Bruff** rural town located in the heart of the Golden Vale of Munster. The town is full of fascinating historical buildings and features, and it is rich in local heritage and culture, contributing significantly to the story of Ireland. Bruff is also famed for its contribution to the history of the United States of America, as the ancestral home of one of America’s most famous dynasties – the Fitzgerald Kennedys.



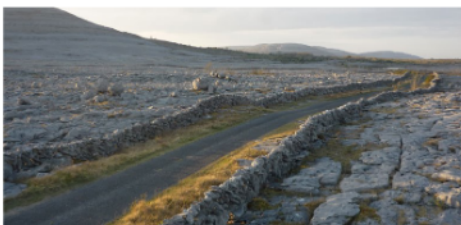
**Bruree** Heritage Centre and the De Valera Museum is dedicated to Eamon de Valera [1882-1975], former president of Ireland and one of the country’s most famous statesmen, it houses a unique collection of personal belongings of this historic figure, as well as a wide range of articles which record life in Bruree in the early 20th century.



**Bunratty Castle & Folk Park** is the most complete and authentic medieval fortress in Ireland. Built in 1425 it now contains mainly 15th and 16th century furnishings, tapestries, and works of art. At the Folk Park you’ll experience a living reconstruction of the homes and environment of the Ireland of over a century ago. The park features over 30 buildings in a ‘living village’ and rural setting.



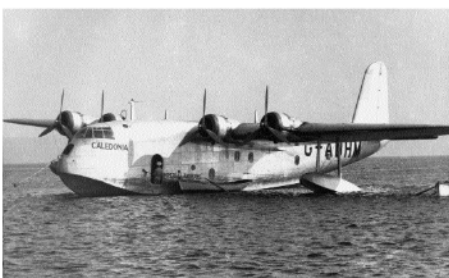
**The Burren** National Park is approximately 1500 hectares in size. The Park land was bought by the Government for nature conservation and public access. It contains examples of all the major habitats within the Burren: Limestone Pavement, Calcareous Grassland, Hazel scrub, Ash/Hazel Woodland, Turf mounds, Lakes, Petrifying Springs, Cliffs and Fen.



**Craggaunowen** the Living Past Experience, Ireland’s original award winning Pre-historic Park. Come and explore the roots of the people, homesteads, animals and artifacts of our Celtic ancestors of over 1,000 years ago which have touched and shaped how we live today.



**Foynes Flyingboat Museum** in the original Foynes Airport Terminal Building. Travel back to the 1930s, when Foynes played a pivotal role in establishing commercial transatlantic passenger flights. Learn the history of Flying Boats and the diverse range of people who arrived and departed from Foynes through our interactive exhibits and memorabilia.



**Lough Gur Heritage Centre** is a magical and mysterious place that is rich in folklore along with a wealth of archaeology and history dating back to Stone Age times. The Heritage Centre provides a fascinating interpretation of the sites associated with Lough Gur. The Heritage Centre is located 5 km’s from the Great Grange Stone Circle - Ireland’s largest stone circle! The Centre boasts a 5 star state of the art facility.

